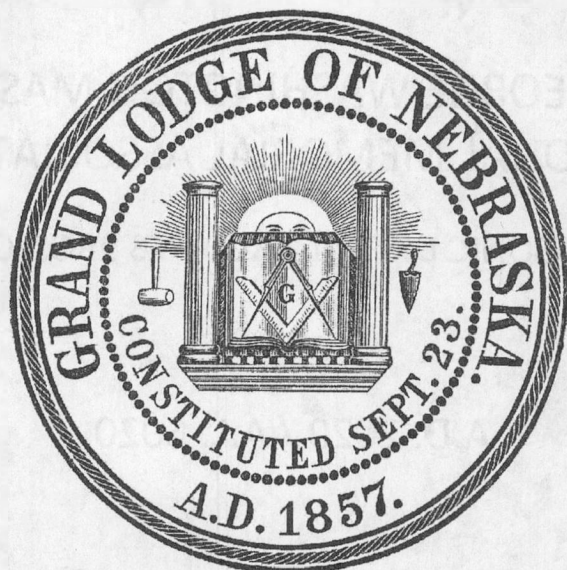


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THE Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska convened and assembled in its twenty-eighth annual communication in Freemasons Hall, Omaha, Nebraska, on Tuesday, June 23, A.:L.: 5885, A.D. 1885, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening, there being present:

M.:W.: JOHN J. WEMPLE .....	Grand Master.
R.:W.: MANOAH B. REESE .....	Deputy Grand Master.
R.:W.: CHARLES K. COUTANT .....	Grand Senior Warden.
R.:W.: MILTON J. HULL .....	Grand Junior Warden.
R.:W.: CHRISTIAN HARTMAN .....	Grand Treasurer.
R.:W.: WILLIAM R. BOWEN .....	Grand Secretary.
V.:W.: JACOB A. HOOD .....	Grand Chaplain.
W.: WILLIAM LEESE .....	Grand Orator.
W.: BENJAMIN F. RAWALT .....	Grand Custodian.
R.:W.: EBEN K. LONG <i>as</i> .....	Grand Marshal.
W.: JAMES F. BURNS .....	Grand Senior Deacon.
Bro.: ROBERT E. FRENCH <i>as</i> .....	Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro.: WILLIAM J. MOUNT .....	Grand Tiler.

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

Brothers Jerome K. Coulter, 25,\* John D. Brewer, 58, and Peter Smith, 75, were appointed the committee on Visitors, and Brothers Benjamin S. Baker, 35, Joseph B. White, 36, and George W. Meredith, 110, the committee on Credentials. These committees were congregated by the Grand Master and entered upon their labors.

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

The Grand Master announced the presence of Worshipful Brothers Albert Pike and William M. Ireland, Past Masters respectively of Arkansas and Pennsylvania, who were welcomed with the grand honors.

The 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:

In calling you to labor in this, our twenty-eighth annual communication, to consider what has been done for the good of our ancient and honorable institution during the past year, and what is thought will be desirable for the future, I cannot refrain from congratulating you on the bright era of prosperity in which you now live. I find many things for us to be grateful for, and few to complain of. I remember distinctly saying to myself, upon entering the official position of Grand Master, that I would stop the wholesale issuing of dispensations for new lodges. How well I have kept this resolve, my report will show. I have only this to fear: We are growing too fast. Our members now reach one hundred and twenty-nine, (eight of which are extinct, one held in abeyance,) to which add eighteen under dispensation and several applicants clamoring for admission.

##### LODGES CONSTITUTED.

The seventeen lodges to which charters were granted at our last annual communication were all properly constituted during the month of August,

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

except one, and this one early in September, thus leaving a large margin on the prescribed ninety days. Owing to personal inability I was obliged to have most of this work done by proxy, much as I would have liked to have done it myself. I issued proxies as follows :

August 12, 1884, To W.:Bro.: Benjamin F. Rawalt, Grand Custodian, to constitute Harlan Lodge No. 116 ; Blue Hill No. 129, and Indianola No. 123.

To R.:W.: Milton J. Hull, Grand Junior Warden, to constitute Superior Lodge No. 121, and Jasper Lodge No. 122.

To M.:W.:Bro.: James A. Tulleys, Past Grand Master, to constitute Guide Rock Lodge No. 128.

To W.:Bro.: James L. Miller, to constitute Hardy Lodge No. 117.

To W.:Bro.: Wm. H. Mann, to constitute Doric Lodge No. 118.

To W.:Bro.: Bradner D. Slaughter, to constitute Mount Nebo Lodge No. 125.

To W.:Bro.: Thornton B. Myers, to constitute Brainard Lodge No. 115.

To W.:Bro.: Charles J. Phelps, to constitute North Bend Lodge No. 119.

To M.:W.:Bro.: Samuel W. Hayes, Past Grand Master, to constitute Wisner Lodge No. 114, and Wayne No. 120.

To R.:W.:Bro.: Manoah B. Reese, Deputy Grand Master, to constitute Stromsburg Lodge No. 126.

August 15, 1884, To W.:Bro.: Wm. H. Lowe, to constitute Globe Lodge No. 113.

August 17, 1884, To M.:W.:Bro.: Robert W. Furnas, Past Grand Master, to constitute Auburn Lodge No. 124.

These brothers all reported to me as soon as the lodges were properly constituted and officers installed, and from their known skill and integrity, I have no doubt the work was done in a manner reflecting credit upon themselves and honor to the Fraternity.

August 21, 1884, in company with the Grand Custodian, I constituted Minden Lodge No. 127, and installed the officers thereof.

#### OFFICIAL VISITS.

I have made the following official visits : July 5, 1884, Doniphan Lodge No. 86; July 16, Rock Bluff No. 20; July 20, Aurora No. 68; Nov. 7, Geneva No. 79; Nov. 20, Ashlar No. 33; Nov. 21, Tuscan U. D.; Nov. 22, Fortitude No. 69; Nov. 22, Lebanon No. 58; Nov. 29, Evening Star No. 49; Nov. 25, Edgar No. 67; Dec. 20, Rob Morris No. 46; Jan. 26, 1885, Juniata No. 42; Jan. 30, Waco No. 80; Jan. 31, Utica No. 96; Feb. 18, Riverton No. 63; Feb. 19, Joppa, No. 76; Feb. 20, Charity No. 53; March 3, Humboldt No. 40; March 4, Covert No. 11; March 6, Crete No. 37; March 21, Clay Centre, U. D.; May 5, Lincoln No. 19; June 2, Harvard No. 44; June 15, Fairfield No. 84.

With few exceptions I find these lodges working well, and deserving of commendation. Following I make special mention of those which needed discipline:

In my official visits I have been accompanied and counseled by such brothers as your Grand Secretary, Grand Custodian, Past Masters Francis E. White, David M. McElHinney, and Fred. J. Benedict and other brethren,

to all of whom I am under obligations for many kindnesses. To Bro.: Francis E. White, not only my thanks but those of the Grand Lodge are due, for his trouble in caring for the property of Rock Bluffs Lodge No. 20. This lodge was referred to me at our last annual communication for particular care and attention, and on July 16, accompanied by Grand Secretary R.:W.:Bro.: Wm. R. Bowen, and W.:Bro.: Frank E. White, I proceeded to Rock Bluffs, and there finding matters in a chaotic condition, I deemed it for the best interests of the Craft to arrest the charter, and, in accordance with the resolution of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary closed the books of the lodge. The property of the lodge was referred to the care of Bro.: Frank E. White, who removed same, shipping to the Grand Secretary, for which expense he has been reimbursed.

November 21, in company with your Grand Custodian, I went to Surprise to enquire into the advisability of renewing the dispensation of Tuscan U.:D.: We were there entertained by W.:Bro.: George Miller. We examined their hall and met many of the brethren who rode in from the country, notwithstanding the extreme cold. After conversing with them and thoroughly discussing their geographical position and the matter of differences brought before the Grand Lodge last year, by Bro.: Pardoe, of No. 69, I deemed it for the good of Masonry that their dispensation be restored. From reports received since from these quarters, I am fully satisfied that my judgment was correct. We then visited Fortitude Lodge, No. 69, where we took occasion to bring the brethren together, between whom trouble had existed, of which doubtless many of you are aware, spending the whole afternoon with them. These troubles were all harmonized and good feeling restored and we left with the repeated promises that they would all redouble their diligence for promoting brotherly love and the welfare of the Craft. Since this time I gave my proxy to W.:Bro.: Rawalt to visit this lodge, and give such advice and instructions as his judgment might direct. His report was indeed gratifying.

January 30, 1885, in company with your Grand Custodian and Past Master David M. McElHinney, I visited Waco Lodge, No. 80, opened a lodge of Master Masons, and proceeded to the business for which the meeting was called, namely, to look into matter of charges against Past Master Bennett, and also the charges preferred by Bro.: Bennett against the sitting Master, W.:Bro.: J. C. Dewey. Bro.: Bennett consented to proceed with the trial and asked for time to procure witnesses, which extension of time was twice granted. After proving conclusively to my own satisfaction and those accompanying me, and of eleven out of seventeen of the brethren present, as to the guilt of Bro.: Bennett, he was declared *not* guilty, by ballot. Bro.: Bennett then withdrew his charges against the Master. It being late at night I closed the lodge, notifying all to meet promptly at nine o'clock in the morning, at which time I would advise them regarding my decision in the matter. Having taken particular pains during the day to inquire into the facts pro and con and discuss the situation fully and freely, I decided there was no cause for action against the Master, and that ill feeling and dissension was existing and was so near evenly divided in two parties, I



further concluded that it was for the good of these brethren, and the Fraternity at large that their charter be arrested. In the morning when calling them together, I advised them that I found no ground for charges against the Master, and that I should be compelled to deprive them of their charter. I ordered the movable property immediately sent to the Grand Secretary. In consideration of the affairs of this lodge, I would call the particular attention of the committee to whom this may be referred to carefully read the records of this lodge, particularly the last forty pages, and should the Grand Lodge see fit to approve my action, I recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to promptly attend to settling up the affairs of Waco Lodge No. 80.

## NEW LODGES.

I have issued dispensations authorizing seventeen new lodges, in addition to the one referred to me at our last annual communication, namely:

July 3, 1884, To eighteen Master Masons at Ainsworth, Brown County, to open and hold Ainsworth Lodge, with Bro.: James G. Ackerman, as Master; Samuel G. Cheney, S.:W.:, and James W. Sullivan, J.:W.:; recommended by Garfield Lodge No. 95.

July 9, 1884, To fourteen Master Masons at Scribner, Dodge County, to open and hold Scribner Lodge, with Bros.: Jesse A. Nason as Master; Chauncey D. Gardanier, S.:W.:, and James Booth, J.:W.:; recommended by Hooper Lodge No. 72.

August 8, 1884, To eight Master Masons at Elm Creek, Buffalo County, to open and hold Elm Creek Lodge, with Bros.: D. C. Bond as Master; T. J. Ball, S.:W.:, and L. D. Irving, J.:W.:; recommended by Rob Morris Lodge No. 46.

August 8, 1884, To nine Master Masons at Clarks, Merrick County, to open and hold Solar Lodge, with Bros.: Franklin Sweet as Master; Wm. R. Morse, S.:W.:, and Wm. T. Dodge, J.:W.:; recommended by Lone Tree Lodge No. 36.

October 6, 1884, To nine Master Masons at McCook, Red Willow County, to open and hold McCook Lodge, with Bros.: Gilbert L. Laws as Master; Samuel L. Greene, S.:W.:, and Wm. W. Fisher, J.:W.:; recommended by Arapahoe Lodge No. 109.

October 6, 1884, To thirteen Master Masons at Long Pine, Brown County, to open and hold Long Pine Lodge, with Bros.: Walter L. Whittemore as Master; Howard H. Cooner, S.:W.:, and Marion P. Wheeler, J.:W.:; recommended by Garfield Lodge No. 95.

November 14, 1885, To nine Master Masons at Burchard, Pawnee County, to open and hold Burchard Lodge, with Bros.: C. G. George as Master, Liberty B. Shin, S.:W.:, and Hezekiah W. Brandt, J.:W.:; recommended by Pawnee Lodge No. 23.

November 15, 1884, To eight Master Masons at Oxford, Furnas County, to open and hold Oxford Lodge, with Bros.: George E. Whitman as Master; Edgar J. Pease, S.:W.:, and Wm. B. Kiser, J.:W.:; recommended by Melrose Lodge No. 60.

December 6, 1884, To fifteen Master Masons at Clay Centre, Clay

County, to open and hold Clay Centre Lodge, with Bros.: L. F. Fryar as Master; Justus E. Wheeler, S.:W.:, and George F. Dickson, J.:W.:; recommended by Harvard Lodge No. 44.

December 6, 1884, To ten Master Masons at Western, Saline County, to open and hold Western Lodge, with Bros.: Wm. S. Grafton as Master; Wm. Bench, S.:W.:, and J. S. Rogers, J.:W.:; recommended by Blue Valley Lodge No. 64.

December 6, 1884, To nine Master Masons at Johnson, Nemaha County, to open and hold Johnson Lodge, with Napoleon B. Talbot as Master; James H. Claggett, S.:W.:, and Daniel E. Douglas, J.:W.:; recommended by Auburn Lodge No. 124.

December 18, 1884, To eight Master Masons at North Loup, Valley County, to open and hold North Loup Lodge, with Bros.: Thomas J. Redlon as Master; Nathaniel K. Redlon, S.:W.:, and James C. White, J.:W.:; recommended by Ord Lodge No. 103.

January 24, 1885, To fourteen Master Masons at Cedar Rapids, Boone County, to open and hold Cedar Rapids Lodge, with Bros.: Lucius P. Judd as Master; Wm. J. Outhwaite, S.:W.:, and Eugene A. Guillemont, J.:W.:; recommended by Albion Lodge No. 78.

January 28, 1885, To ten Master Masons at Kenesaw, Adams County, to open and hold Kenesaw Lodge, with Bros.: Henry E. Norton as Master; J. G. Hayzlett, S.:W.:, and G. W. Wolcott, J.:W.:; recommended by Juniata Lodge No. 42.

February 25, 1885, To eleven Master Masons at Bancroft, Cuming County, to open and hold Bancroft Lodge, with Bros.: Warren Fales as Master; Wm. H. Ransom, S.:W.:, and James A. Handy, J.:W.:; recommended by Oakland Lodge No. 91.

March 31, 1885, To fourteen Master Masons at Holdrege, Phelps County, to open and hold Holdrege Lodge, with Bros.: Isaac E. Austin as Master; Howard Miles, S.:W.:, and James A. McKillip, J.:W.:; recommended by Minden Lodge No. 127.

April 30, 1885, To twelve Master Masons at Stewart, Holt County, to open and hold Siloam Lodge, with Bros.: Andrew H. Runyon as Master; Thomas F. Tracy, S.:W.:, and Jacob A. Shank, J.:W.:; recommended by Garfield Lodge No. 95.

The above seventeen lodges have paid the usual fee of \$15.00 each, excepting Western which remitted \$25.00, and Holdrege \$15.50. The whole amount, \$265.50, has been paid to the Grand Secretary.

November 25, 1885, in my visit to Tuscan Lodge U.:D.: at Surprise I decided to restore the dispensation to the brothers at this point. Accordingly I advised the Grand Secretary to return said dispensation to Tuscan Lodge making the following changes: George H. Miller, S.:W.:, vice Madison Rogers; John A. Furr, J.:W.:, vice Geo. H. Miller, thus making eighteen lodges under dispensation.

All the lodges to which I have issued dispensations, have received, not only the certificate, but the unqualified recommendation of the Grand Custodian, except the first two, which were inspected personally by Past Grand

Master Samuel W. Hayes. I am informed that most, if not all, will apply for a charter at this communication.

## SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted the following special dispensations to confer degrees out of time:

Nov. 20, 1884.	Ashlar No. 33 .....	\$10 00
Dec. 3, "	" No. 33 .....	10 00
" 11, "	Wymore No. 104.....	10 00
April 11, 1885.	North Loup U.:D.:.....	10 00
May 1, "	Guide Rock No. 128 .....	20 00
" 6, "	Corinthian No. 83.....	10 00
June 4, "	Jasper No. 122 .....	10 00
" 6, "	" No. 122.....	10 00
		\$90 00

I have also granted special dispensations to various lodges to elect and install officers which had failed to do so at the proper time:

August 12, 1884, to Springfield, No. 112, to lay the corner stone of the college then in course of erection at that place.

To Charity Lodge No. 53, to examine and if fully qualified, ballot on petition for advancement at a special meeting, provided one lunar month had elapsed since receiving the apprentice degree, notice of such meeting being given at a regular meeting; also the same lodge to ballot on the petition of two fellow crafts, at a special meeting, the proper time having elapsed and due notice having been given. In this I had the hearty support of Past Grand Master Tulleys.

To Clay Centre Lodge, U.:D.:, to officiate at the funeral obsequies of a deceased brother of that young lodge.

To Corinthian Lodge No. 83, to ask relief for an indigent member, the lodge having exhausted its treasury and also assessed its members in the case.

## GRAND LODGES SEEKING RECOGNITION.

September 6, 1884, I received a communication from the Grand Master of Mexico, bearing date of June 28, 1884, seeking recognition and asking the appointment of M.:W.:Bro.: Edwin F. Warren, as their Grand Representative. I replied that it was not in my power to grant the request, and that I would have the matter considered at our next annual communication; as this was before the communication of 5883, I recommend that some definite action be taken at this session.

November 14, 1884, I received a communication from Grand Master J. B. Reges, of Mexico, recommending the appointment of Miguel Reges Forres as our representative near that Grand East, should we establish friendly relations with them. I refer this to the consideration of the incoming Grand Master.

October 16, 1884, I received a circular dated June 30, 1884, from the Grand Lodge of South Australia, asking recognition. To this I replied that t should be brought before our next annual communication.

## REPRESENTATIVES NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

July 9, 1884, I commissioned R. W. Bro. Etheldred Lundy Turner, District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, our representative near that Grand Lodge.

March 28, I commissioned M. W. Bro. Alonzo Bailey, Past Grand Master of Arizona, our representative near that Grand Lodge.

## REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED FOR OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR OUR OWN.

October 6, 1884, I recommended the appointment of Past Master Wm. H. Mann, 64, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory. March 14, 1885, W. Bro. Fred J. Benedict, 50, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arizona; R. W. Bro. Milton J. Hull, 67, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec; R. W. Bro. Chas. K. Coutant, 11, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; Bro. Benjamin F. Barrows, 11, U. S. Consul at Dublin, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. March 19, 1885; R. W. Bro. Manoa B. Reese, 59, Deputy Grand Master, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Dakota. May 22, 1885, Past Master Henry Gibbons, 46, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; all near our own Grand Lodge.

## DECISIONS.

No. 1. *Query:* After a ballot has been taken and the Master declares the result, a brother arises and openly states that he cast a black ball, under the impression that it was altogether a different person. Can the Master under these circumstances re-pass the ballot? *Answer:* Yes. Because it would be a radical injury to the candidate to be excluded on these conditions.

No. 2. *Query:* What can be done in the case where a candidate has been rejected in Illinois, removed to Kansas, in jurisdiction of Belleville Lodge, but nearer in distance to Hubbell Lodge, No. 92, in our own state, and there applies for initiation. Hubbell Lodge, No. 92, procures waiver of jurisdiction from the lodge in Illinois, where he was rejected. Result: rejected in Hubbell Lodge, No. 92, and afterwards applied to Belleville Lodge and elected? *Answer:* You can do nothing, as you have overstepped the law yourselves. We have nothing to do with the matter. You should first have asked and received permission of Belleville Lodge, which permission should have the approval of the Grand Master of Kansas, as well as permission from Illinois.

No. 3. *Query:* Can a half-breed Indian be made a mason? *Answer:* I know of no law prohibiting the same, but question the propriety.

No. 4. *Query:* Is the action of a lodge legal? viz.: A motion is made to levy assessments to pay all indebtedness of the lodge, and there is not a dissenting voice. A brother present, and making no objection, afterwards refused to pay the assessment and asks for a demit, saying, he would not belong to such a blackmailing institution. What is to be done? *Answer:* First, the action of the lodge is legal. Second, the brother being able, ought to be proud to bear his share of the expenses and is liable to masonic discipline for refusing to do so.

No. 5. *Query:* Can a man who has had his hip hurt so as to make one

leg a trifle shorter than the other, be made a Mason? *Answer:* If the defect is so trifling as to be scarcely discernable, and not to interfere with his performing all the requirements of masonry, I can see no reason why he cannot.

No. 6. *Query:* Should the test oath be repeated by the committee or the visitor? *Answer:* The Grand Custodian says, that according to our work as now practiced, the committee should lead; in this I do not agree, and recommend its change, as it is radically wrong and the brother leading would be the best proof of his genuineness.

No. 7. It is necessary for a Royal Arch Mason, who has received the Past Master's degree in a chapter to receive the actual Past Master's degree before being installed Master of a chartered lodge.

No. 8. I find no law making it obligatory to install a master who has been re-elected, but recommend that it be done.

No. 9. A secret ballot is as necessary on a petition for membership as for initiation.

No. 10. It is not according to masonic ideas to hold real estate jointly with Odd Fellows, or with any other organization, and I have enjoined this being done until the action of this Grand Lodge.

No. 11. It is not according with the principles of masonry to participate in promiscuous processions and parades like that of Decoration Day. I have steadily refused to grant permission for this purpose.

No. 12. A master mason cannot "resign" his membership. Our constitution provides the only way to get out of a lodge.

No. 13. A person having been blackballed by a lodge whose charter is afterwards arrested, cannot, during the period that the charter is held in abeyance, petition any other lodge, from the fact that the lodge is not dead, but in a comatose state; but should the Grand Lodge approve the action of the Grand Master, and suspend the charter, he could petition any lodge under whose jurisdiction he should then reside, noting in his petition the fact of his having been blackballed by the lodge whose charter was arrested; his petition could then be acted upon the same as if he had never petitioned.

No. 14. A man having had both the third and fourth fingers of his right hand amputated is not eligible to masonry.

No. 15. A man blind in the left eye is not eligible to masonry.

No. 16. It is not necessary to wait a full year before proceeding with a petition for advancement of a person taking the Apprentice degree in another jurisdiction and afterwards asks and obtains a full waiver of jurisdiction in favor of our jurisdiction.

No. 17. Where a candidate is elected and does not appear for the Apprentice degree, for one year or more, in the absence of by-laws governing the case, I should require the ballot passed again, but should not recommend the forfeiture of the fee already paid.

No. 18. Whenever Apprentices or Fellow Crafts fail to post so as to be proficient in the work, they should still be held in abeyance, as it would not only be an injury to themselves (as if advanced without a knowledge of the work they could not prove themselves and hence the degrees would be of no

benefit to them) but work harm to the Craft the same as the unskilled workman would to the building.

No. 19. I interpret Rule No. 36 to mean ten dollars for *each* degree and have decided that it takes thirty dollars to confer three degrees on the same person without time; twenty dollars for two, ten dollars for one, and this I deem but just and right, from the fact that ten dollars for the degrees is too great an inducement for many to get the degrees, in a short time, thus conceiving a very crude idea of the lectures and hence receiving little benefit thereby, and there is not one candidate in ten, who is not properly posted before proceeding, who will afterwards devote the time necessary to obtain a proper knowledge of the work; further it is unjust to give one person three degrees for the same money that we charge another for one. I call particular attention to this point.

MISCELLANEOUS.

I received the following communication from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky:

GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY F. AND A. M.

JOHN G. ORNDORFF, GRAND MASTER.

RUSHVILLE, KENTUCKY, February 2, 1885.

*M. Worshipful and Dear Brother:* The brethren of this jurisdiction have erected a Masonic Widows and Orphans Home, which occupies a square of ground in the suburbs of Louisville, and has large substantial buildings thereon, which cover an area of 24,600 square feet. There are 185 beneficiaries in the institution who are provided with a home. The children have facilities for education equal to those of the city schools, and a number of industries have been established, among them a printing office wherein is published a semi-monthly paper. I have made request that a copy of the "Masonic Home Journal" be sent you, and would be glad if you could give its object some thought. It is in contemplation to make the Journal an illustrated paper, and to increase its present size as soon as practicable. It has occurred to me that of the 557,000 affiliated Masons in the United States, at least 10 per cent would be glad to become subscribers to this masonic paper. Indeed it is difficult to bring to my mind to believe that there are but few who would not be eager to do so if its objects were fairly understood, being no more than the maintainance of widows and orphans of deceased brethren. Besides this the price (about two cents per week) places it within reach of all and the aim of the managers will be to make it equal to any semi-monthly of its size in point of merit.

By order of our Grand Lodge, I have appointed committees by counties in Kentucky, to solicit subscriptions, and shall address the lodges to urge their co-operation.

My object in writing this letter is to request that we may have the co-operation of the Craft in your Grand Jurisdiction, and to fraternally request that you will favor us with such endorsement of the efforts that may be made therein as you, in your estimate of our cause and its organ, may suggest, and your wisdom and masonic love may dictate.

With great respect and esteem, I am yours in the Bonds of Fraternity,

JOHN G. ORNDORFF, *Grand Master.*

I replied to this that it would be submitted for your fraternal consideration at this communication.

January 28, 1885, I received an invitation from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, inviting all lodges and Masons in good standing in our Grand Jurisdiction to be present at and assist in the ceremonies at the completion and dedication of the Washington monument. I promptly replied in a fraternal and courteous manner, and notified all Nebraska lodges.

I have approved amendments to by-laws of various lodges where they

were made to conform to masonic law and usage. I have also approved seals of various lodges, the Grand Secretary having certified that each was distinctive. I have approved orders on the Grand Treasurer, Nos. 252 to 285, inclusive.

I have authorized the Grand Secretary to subscribe for a copy of the History of Freemasonry in Maryland; this work, coming from the pen of so eminent a masonic historian as Bro.: E. T. Schultz is a warranty that the work is one which our Grand Lodge can ill afford to be without. Also to subscribe for Bro.: Rob Morris's new work; also to complete the set of Grand Lodge jewels, all of which I am informed he has done.

I have also approved the bond of Grand Treasurer.

I have notified all lodges that the rule regarding insurance would be enforced, and am glad to say a large majority are properly insured. If this matter is closely looked after each year, we will have little or no complaints regarding loss by fire.

Our system of *returns* at the close of the year is now working admirably, as our Grand Secretary informs me all returns were this year received by him before the 31st of May, thus enabling him to close his accounts by June 16, something never accomplished before in this Grand Lodge.

#### FRATERNAL DEAD.

July 19, 1884, I received the sad intelligence of the death of M.:W.:Bro.: Isaac B. Sharp, Past Grand Master of the Grand Jurisdiction of Kansas, which occurred June 21st, only two days before our last annual communication; also the same day the death of R.:W.:Bro.: James A. Scott, the representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

May 23, 1885, intelligence of the death of M.:W.:Bro.: Wm. Nassau Kennedy, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, who died in the city of London, on May the 3rd, while on his way home from Egypt, whither he had been to serve his country. These notices have all received proper attention, and I recommend that suitable action be taken by this Grand Body, regarding these illustrious Masons and also any other of the Craft who may have passed away during the year just closing.

During the year, on March 16, while temporarily at Denver, our R.:W.:Bro.: George D. Graff, M. D., suddenly and painlessly passed away from us. His first appearance in our Grand Lodge was in '61, and for many years thereafter his genial and courteous presence largely added to the pleasure of our annual meetings. He was a member of our Omadi Lodge No. 5, Grand Senior Warden in '63, '64 and '65, Deputy Grand Master in '65, '66 and '67, and Grand Treasurer from '68 to '73. His sincere and sympathetic mood, his earnest and sanguine temperment, and his vigorous manliness endeared him to many of the Freemasons of Nebraska.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

I find many things well calculated to tax the energies and talent of the Grand Master. Our law is in a lamentable condition, the various rulings and decisions accumulating from year to year, are left in a promiscuous and

chaotic state, and in consequence I make the following recommendations, to which I call the especial attention of the Grand Lodge.

1. I urge the creation of a committee whose duty should be to take the decisions of the various Grand Masters after being reported on by the committee on Jurisprudence, and mold them into by-laws and have same approved by the Grand Lodge and printed in the proceedings each year, on a page devoted to that particular purpose, and every three years, at farthest, reprint the law. This would do away with a long list of decisions to study over, and would do away with many that are mere repetitions, as indeed I consider nearly all of my own this year. I trust you will readily see the utility of this committee. The committee on Jurisprudence make their report on decisions; it is approved by the Grand Lodge; the committee on Law take the report, mold all the approved decisions into the form of by-laws; the by-laws are approved by the Grand Lodge; it is so recorded and then we have a foundation to work from. As it is now, the report of the committee on Jurisprudence is accepted, and were it not for our efficient Grand Secretary, nothing more would be heard from them.

For example, I ask you where is the law on the liquor problem in our jurisdiction. In 5872, there was a decision that to deal in liquors (for instance, as a saloon keeper) was unmasonic. This decision was approved, and when our law was codified, this was left out. We find two or three places where it reads "It is the *sense* of this Grand Lodge," but I ask you "*where is the law?*" I have been asked repeatedly for opinions on this subject, and my reply has steadily been, "It is the sense of the Grand Lodge that it is unmasonic." But I have not urged the preferring and prosecuting of charges, except in flagrant cases, for the reason that we have no fundamental law to work from.

The matter of Master Masons being engaged in the wholesale liquor traffic is also claiming attention, *particularly so*, and to this I call *especial* attention, and ask that the law regarding the liquor traffic be arranged at this session so plainly that the "wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein."

I recommend that our law read that the habitual frequenting of saloons or drinking resorts be sufficient grounds for discipline, and that all we need be obliged to prove, is that one does habitually frequent such resorts.

2. Some of our lodges are habitually dropping from their rolls *as dead*, brothers from whom nothing has been heard for years. I met a brother this last winter, who had been away from his lodge for twenty-five years and complained that he could hear nothing from it. I enquired into the matter and found his name erased and reported *dead*. This is all wrong, and no lodge has any right to erase a name until they *know* the brother is dead, *not merely reported so*.

3. I find in our Grand Secretary's office a vast collection of masonic works, which are rapidly going to waste for the want of a proper place to keep them. This matter should be carefully and promptly considered, as they are valuable. His office is wholly insufficient for the work we are requiring him to do, and I recommend that the committee on Ways and Means



be instructed to take action in this line, also that he be provided with a supply of suitable filing boxes and various other things which space forbids me to mention.

4. That the rule requiring Masters to cause to be read in open lodge, the constitution, rules, decisions and proceedings of the Grand Lodge, be so emphasized as to make it obligatory, taking no excuse for its not being done. This would help the Grand Master, as each one will find that nine-tenths of the questions asked are already answered in the law, and all that is necessary is to read.

5. That prompt action be taken regarding our committee on Foreign Correspondence. We are sadly behind all other jurisdictions, and we are now in a condition where it is expected of us to be in the front rank and reasonably so too. That an appropriation be made the Grand Secretary for office help, that he may have time in which to see that this report is made, for if it is put upon him to do, you can depend upon its being done.

6. I recommend an appropriation for compiling a suitable analytical index to subjects considered by the Grand Masters, as recorded in their copies of letters sent.

7. That section 2, article XII constitution, be amended so as to terminate the warrant of lodges under dispensation on April 30, the same as chartered lodges. We are growing so fast that it is hard work to complete the reports on returns in time for Grand Lodge, and it is desirable to do before instead of after the annual communication, much work pertaining to the issuance of charters.

8. That all old lodges needing books of demits, diplomas and compendiums be furnished same at one-half cost. We furnish them free to all new lodges, and it would be no more than fair that old lodges be furnished at half price, thus inducing their use and securing system and uniformity.

9. That immediate steps be taken to induce other Grand Lodges, in connection with our own, to require traveling Masons to carry a regular diploma and that the same be verified every year at most. The *tramp* is abroad and at times works upon the generous inclined brethren, if nothing more serious.

10. That the committee on Returns, whose work is more laborious than others, be compensated.

11. That the name or title "Grand Custodian" be changed to "Grand Instructor," which he really is.

12. That the committee on Jurisprudence take proper action on the queries left over from last year.

13. That all Master Masons read carefully and thoroughly a letter printed in the proceedings of 5880, from Past Grand Master Jordan to M.:W.:Bro.: Oakley, then Grand Master, as it contains much better advice than I am able to give, regarding the hungering and thirsting for other secret organizations, etc.

14. That definite action be taken regarding the monitor to be used. I find many different works in use and as we are laboring for uniformity in work, let us have a standard monitor.

15. That the time of holding the annual communications of the Grand

Lodge be fixed as follows: *The annual communications of the Grand Lodge shall be held on the Wednesday immediately following the fourteenth day of June, of each year, at such hour as the Grand Master may appoint.* This will enable the Grand Custodian to hold a three-days lodge of instruction, one day for each degree, and the standing committees can have time to perform their duties and thus lessen the labor and save the time of the Grand Lodge. This saving of time and labor becomes necessary from the fact that our Grand Lodge is increasing in membership so rapidly as to make it impracticable to hold long sessions, and renders it necessary to do much of the work in committee. Meeting on Wednesday will give sufficient time for committee work, which is not now the case; the Grand Lodge would usually close on Thursday and all could reach home on the morning of June 25, at latest. We would thus revive the Festival of Saint John the Baptist, which is dear to the heart of every true Mason, and I earnestly recommend that this be done by requiring all lodges to install their office-bearers on that day.

Under my orders W. Bro.: B. F. Rawalt, Grand Custodian, has held two lodges of instruction, one at Hastings and the one just closed here; from his reports I am satisfied that we ought to have more of them. I call your attention to the inadequate reward paid our Grand Custodian. It has taken one-half to two-thirds of Bro.: Rawalt's time during the year, and those of you who are not in position to know, have no idea of the detriment it is to one's business; and for this sacrifice, hard work, sleepless nights, long rides on freight trains, etc., we pay his actual expenses and five dollars per day when actually engaged, when we should pay twelve to fifteen hundred dollars per annum and expenses, and then amend our law so his appointment shall be for three years and he be required to devote all his time to the work and visit each lodge during the year, or when this is not practicable, call two or three lodges together, and instruct them. To Bro.: Rawalt I am indebted for many kindnesses and much valuable assistance.

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GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

I cannot close without referring to the efficient help I have received from Brother Bowen. Only those who have labored in the Grand Master's office can appreciate the very efficient help he is, not only capable but willing to give assistance, and to many of his original ideas is this Grand Jurisdiction indebted for the high rank it takes in the masonic world.

SPECIAL SESSIONS.

July 15, '84, I presided over the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of the State Capitol building, a full account of which appears in our 5884 proceedings.

March 3, '85, with the assistance of Past Grand Master James R. Cain and your Grand Custodian, I dedicated Freemasons Hall at Humboldt. After the ceremonies were concluded, we were conducted to the Opera House,

where a banquet was spread, after which suitable toasts were responded to. It was truly a "feast of reason and flow of soul."

Owing to the fact that Past Grand Master Furnas has been absent from Nebraska nearly all the time since our last communication, I have not been able to collect as perfect a history of the Orphans Educational Fund as I had determined to. Brother Furnas will present a detailed statement. It has been impossible for this dear brother to attend to this matter, as he himself wished, overburdened as he has been with official duties for the last year, and I hope suitable resolution will be passed at this communication concerning the valuable official labors, as well as masonic interest, taken on Masons' Day at New Orleans, by this illustrious brother.

#### CONCLUSION.

Finally, brethren of the Grand Lodge, my record is before you. My labors as Grand Master are nearly over and I can say that personally, or by my representative W. Bro. Rawalt, nearly two-thirds of the lodges have been visited, and my only regret is that I could do no more, as I find that the system of official visitations is conducive to more good than one can well imagine.

For seven years I have labored among you to the best of my ability, to promote the greatness of our ancient and honorable institution, and especially the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. I have contributed my mite, my vote and what influence I had for its good. You have honored me more than I deserved or even expected, having bestowed upon me every elective office in your power, excepting secretary and treasurer. I do not expect, having reached the highest honor attainable in Ancient Craft Masonry, to be an idler, but to always be found ready to do my share so far as my ability will permit for the good of masonry and the world. I cannot close without tendering my thanks to this Grand Lodge for its kind and fraternal help; to all the grand officers I am under obligations, as they have steadily shown a desire to assist and strengthen me.

Owing to a long and severe illness, very soon after the closing of the Grand Lodge last year, and business of such nature as to absorb all my time and talent, I have not been able to do what I promised myself to do when installed. I have fallen far short, but feel that I have done my best. What errors I may have committed, have been of the brain and not of the heart. I shall soon restore to you the badge of authority so generously given me one year ago, and my only wish is that it may be given one far more capable and worthy.

JOHN J. WEMPLE,

*Grand Master.*

The Grand Treasurer presented his report as follows, same being before the Grand Lodge in printed form:

## GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

OMAHA, NEB., June 23, 1885.

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

I herewith submit my report of funds received and disbursed to date  
 June 23, 1884, To balance on hand from last report,  
 of which \$258.76 belongs to Charity

Fund .....	\$11,874 07
May 12, 1885, Received of Grand Secretary .....	1,000 00
May 22, 1885, " " " .....	1,000 00
May 26, 1885, " " " .....	1,000 00
May 28, 1885, " " " .....	1,000 00
May 29, 1885, " " " .....	1,000 00
June 8, 1885, " " " .....	1,000 00
June 16, 1885, " " " .....	853 99

\$18,728 06

By Paid Pay Roll, Session 1884 .....	\$ 1,472 88
" Warrants No. 224 .....	29 45
" " 251 .....	57 30
" " 252 .....	7 50
" " 253 .....	90 20
" " 254 .....	4 20
" " 255 .....	5 00
" " 256 .....	63 40
" " 257 .....	100 00
" " 258 .....	85 00
" " 247 .....	50 00
" " 260 .....	85 00
" " 259 .....	362 15
" " 261 .....	85 00
" " 262 .....	73 70
" " 263 .....	85 00
" " 264 .....	85 00
" " 265 .....	100 00
" " 266 .....	58 50
" " 267 .....	698 74
" " 268 .....	50 00
" " 269 .....	85 00
" " 270 .....	17 45
" " 271 .....	92 50
" " 272 .....	85 00
" " 273 .....	85 00
" " 274 .....	200 00
" " 275 .....	119 85
" " 276 .....	85 00
" " 277 .....	2 50

By Paid Warrants No. 278.....	85 00
“ “ 279.....	150 00
“ “ 280.....	50 00
“ “ 281.....	50 00
“ “ 282.....	140 00
“ “ 283.....	5 00
	—————\$ 4,900 32
To balance.....	\$13,827 74
To error in pay-roll of 1883.....	2 00
To balance.....	—————\$13 829 74

Certificate of deposit on Merchants National Bank of Omaha, for amount of balance, is herewith. Fraternaly submitted,

C. HARTMAN,  
*Grand Treasurer.*

The Grand Master's address was, on motion, referred to Brothers Lininger, 3, Hastings, 19, and Lowe, 11, for subdivision and reference, as was also the following report from the Grand Secretary:

IN GRAND LODGE, June 23, 5885.

*To the Grand Lodge:*

I report performance of the duties of the year, including the issuance on September 30, '84, of our June 24 and 25, '84 proceedings, and by August 15, of the last of the seventeen charters ordered at last Grand Lodge, all records having been returned to these lodges before that date, and the new books and blanks having been supplied by August 9. If the Grand Lodge is willing to continue this prompt manner of dispatching its business, this year's charters can be issued a month earlier, by July 15.

Under the rebate-credit system the annual *returns*, in duplicate with appertaining funds, were received in May from all chartered lodges but one, and that lodge sent *one copy* with funds by May 8. Of our one hundred and twenty-one chartered lodges, ninety-eight had their returns with funds in by May 7, thus securing (if the returns were "reasonably accurate and well made)" the full credit of twenty-five cents per capita. The other twenty-three chartered lodges earned smaller credits varying from twenty-four cents to four cents per capita. Under the direction of the Grand Master his eighteen lodges under dispensation promptly sent in their statements of work done, with the appertaining funds. I am therefore enabled to submit the Grand Lodge ledger with every account closed to June 15, '85, and the committee on Accounts, W.:Bro.: John J. Mercer, 4, veteran chairman, has had same in hand for two days. The *returns* and *statements of work* have been referred to R.:W.: Bro.: Eben K. Long, 11, veteran chairman of the committee on Returns; the report of that committee will be submitted to you in printed form. And the records of the eighteen lodges under dispensation have been in the hands

of W. Bro. George B. France, 56, veteran chairman, since yesterday, and I learn that the report of that hard worked committee is now ready for submission to you.

The returns, statements of work, funds, petitions for charters, etc., being promptly received, the above named committees have had time to thoroughly do their work, and the beneficial effects of such promptness will be felt in many ways hereafter. The ethics of our society do not come under the supervision of this office; but as the Craft learn to be prompt in our business matters, so will they become prompt in relief, exacting in morals and foremost in good works.

The efforts of this office have been made effective during the year by the aid afforded by the Grand Master, M. W. John J. Wemple; his interest in the operations of this office has been beneficial to the society and the Grand Secretary; and such supervision by the Grand Master over this office should be continued, especially in so busy a year as this has been.

The Black Book is compiled from the annual returns of the lodges, and had the proofs I sent out for correction been returned a little more promptly I could have submitted the third edition, including all changes up to April 30, '85, at this session. As it is, the book is in type, is partly printed and can be issued at an early day. In this connection I propose the use of a fourth character or arbitrary sign, for the purpose now verbally explained. If authorized by the Grand Lodge, its use will permit the general and speedy publication throughout our jurisdiction of valuable information.

I submit:

The votes on the three amendments to the constitution of the Grand Lodge which were proposed at our last annual communication and ask that same be referred to a committee for verification of my canvass.

[Roman type gives the law as it is, the proposed erasures are so indicated, and the additions are in italics.]

Article XII. Section 4. "No warrant or dispensation for the institution of a new lodge shall be granted for a less sum than ~~fifteen~~ *twenty-five* dollars, and no charter shall be granted for a less sum than ~~thirty-five~~ *fifty* dollars in addition to the dispensation fee herein provided for."

Approved by Lodges No. 3, 4, 6, 9, 12, 14, 15, 17, 25, 27, 30, 33, 40, 41, 42,	
43, 45, 47, 51, 53, 56, 58, 61, 65, 72, 75, 77, 82, 83, 84, 89, 90, 99, 102,	
103, 105, 109, 111, 112, 114, 120, 125, 126 .....	43
Rejected by Lodges No. 10, 11, 21, 23, 29, 31, 32, 34, 36, 37, 38, 44, 48, 50,	
52, 54, 59, 60, 62, 63, 67, 68, 69, 76, 78, 79, 81, 85, 88, 91, 93, 94, 97,	
101, 104, 107, 108, 110, 115, 117, 118, 124, 127 .....	43
Not voted on by Lodges No. 1, 2, 5, 13, 19, 26, 35, 39, 46, 49, 55, 57, 64,	
66, 70, 71, 73, 74, 80, 86, 87, 92, 95, 96, 98, 100, 106, 113, 116, 119,	
121, 122, 123, 128, 129 .....	35
Total .....	121

Article II. The Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy

Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Orator, Grand Custodian, Grand Marshal, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, and Grand Tiler, with such other officers as it may from time to time create; together with the Masters and Wardens, or their proxies, duly constituted, of the chartered lodges under its jurisdiction and such Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters *and Grand Wardens* as shall be present, and are members of a subordinate lodge.

Approved by Lodges No. 3, 4, 6, 12, 14, 15, 23, 27, 33, 36, 40, 41, 42, 47, 48, 51, 56, 58, 60, 61, 63, 68, 72, 75, 77, 78, 79, 81, 82, 83, 84, 89, 90, 93, 94, 99, 101, 103, 104, 105, 107, 109, 111, 112, 114, 117, 120, 125, 126..	49
Rejected by Lodges No. 9, 10, 11, 17, 21, 25, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 37, 38, 43, 44, 45, 50, 52, 53, 54, 59, 62, 65, 67, 69, 76, 85, 88, 91, 97, 102, 108, 110, 124.....	34
Not voted on by Lodges No. 1, 2, 5, 13, 19, 26, 35, 39, 46, 49, 55, 57, 64, 66, 70, 71, 73, 74, 80, 86, 87, 92, 95, 96, 98, 100, 106, 113, 115, 116, 118, 119, 121, 122, 123, 127, 128, 129.....	38
Total.....	121

Article II. The Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Orator, Grand Custodian, Grand Marshal, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, and Grand Tiler, with such other officers as it may from time to time create; together with the Masters and Wardens, or their proxies, duly constituted, of the chartered lodges under its jurisdiction; and such Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters as shall be present, and are members of a subordinate lodge. *And all Past Masters affiliated with the chartered lodges of the jurisdiction shall be entitled to seats and voices in the Grand Lodge.*

Approved by Lodges No. 3, 4, 6, 12, 14, 15, 23, 27, 33, 36, 40, 42, 47, 48, 51, 54, 58, 60, 61, 63, 72, 75, 77, 78, 79, 81, 82, 84, 88, 89, 90, 93, 94, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 112, 114, 117, 118, 125, 126.....	46
Rejected by Lodges No. 9, 10, 11, 17, 21, 25, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 37, 38, 41, 43, 44, 45, 50, 52, 53, 56, 59, 62, 65, 67, 68, 69, 76, 83, 85, 91, 97, 102, 104, 108, 110, 115, 120, 124, 127.....	40
Not voted on by Lodges No. 1, 2, 5, 13, 19, 26, 35, 39, 46, 49, 55, 57, 64, 66, 70, 71, 73, 74, 80, 86, 87, 92, 95, 96, 98, 100, 106, 113, 116, 119, 121, 122, 123, 128, 129.....	35
Total.....	121

I also submit the warrant, statements of work, record books, proposed by-laws, and petition for charter from each of the following lodges under dispensation, viz: Tuscan, Ainsworth, Scribner, Elm Creek, Solar, McCook, Long Pine, Burchard, Oxford, Clay Centre, Western, Johnson, North Loup, Cedar Rapids, Kenesaw and Bancroft; also the warrants, statements of work, record books, and petitions for continuance under

dispensation of Holdrege and Siloam Lodges. These documents were yesterday given to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The financial statements and accounts of this office for the year.

New by-laws from Pawnee Lodge No. 23, Tekamah Lodge No. 31 and Mount Nebo Lodge No. 125.

The appeal of Champion S. Chase from the discipline imposed by Capitol Lodge No. 3.

The appeal of the Junior Warden from the action of Falls City Lodge No. 9, in failing to discipline Bro.: J— R. Reed.



The petition of John W. Tew for restoration from expulsion, with recommendation of Washington Lodge No. 21.

The request of Bro.: William P. Grantham of the late Rock Bluff Lodge No. 20, for remission of dues.

The request of Bro.: Charles H. Barnes, Waco Lodge No. 80, for relief.

The request of Bro.: James H. Stewart, Waco Lodge No. 80, for a demit.

A letter from Dr. John J. Solomon, dated Omaha, January 5, 1885, asking if the accompanying document from "Parcilesis Lodge No. 64, City of Old Mexico," will be received by our Nebraska lodges as a demit; also another letter from Doctor Solomon, dated June 8, 1885; together with letters from the Grand Lodges of Arizona, California, Mississippi and the "Gran Logia de Libres y Aceptados Masones del Mexico."

Documents  and  being the inquiries from Lodges Nos. 84 and 54 recorded on page 40 of our '84 proceedings, which were not reported on at our last annual communication.

A letter from M.:W.: Bro.: Daniel M. Browning, Grand Master of Illinois, returning three hundred dollars relief funds.

A circular letter, May 30, '85, from the Masonic Board of Relief of Baltimore, requesting that a delegate be sent from this Grand Lodge to a convention to be held in Baltimore, August 31, '85, for the purpose of organizing a National Board of Relief.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, June 5, '85, with reference to the use of diplomas, seeking to guard masonic lodges against the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers, while affording as easy access as possible to all true Brethren.

A communication from the Lakeside Home, Toronto, being (in conformity with the deed of gift of R.:W.: Bro.: J. Ross Robertson of the Grand Lodge of Canada) a hospital for sick children *without charge to the children of Freemasons*.

A communication from the "Gran Logia de Libres y Aceptados Masones del Districts Federal" of Mexico, seeking recognition.

Some years since Grand Master Tulleys recommended that new lodges be furnished with the necessary books and blanks, and as that plan has become well established, I propose that it be incorporated in our law. For several years I have been selling to the old lodges *at cost* the books and blanks they needed, the funds going into the Grand Lodge treasury, and



this plan I think should be perpetuated. I therefore offer the following amendments to our by-laws:

Section — Each new lodge on being chartered shall be furnished by the Grand Lodge, (through the Grand Secretary and under direction of the Grand Master) without charge, the following books and blanks, viz: One record book, one ledger, one compendium, one book of one hundred blank demits numbered and with stubs, one book of one hundred blank uniform Nebraska diplomas numbered and with stubs, one book of one hundred blank receipts for dues, one book of one hundred blank orders on treasurer, one visitors register, one hundred blank petitions for initiation, one hundred blank petitions for admission, and one hundred sheets of headed paper.

Section — The Grand Secretary shall keep in stock for sale at cost to the subordinate lodges all the books and blanks enumerated in section — the proceeds to be paid into the treasury of the Grand Lodge; the funds so received may be used, under direction of the Grand Master, for the purchase of further supplies of such books and blanks.

In sending out the blank annual *returns* this year I entered thereon the number of each class of Masons remaining on the rolls May 1, 5884, and also entered the debtor and credit balances of each lodge. As a consequence but eight chartered lodges now owe the Grand Lodge anything. That this excellent feature in our domestic affairs may be continued I offer the following amendment to our by-laws:

Section — The Grand Secretary shall annually notify the secretaries of the sums remaining due from or to each subordinate lodge on the twentieth day of April. And on the tenth day of June of each year he shall close the account of each subordinate lodge preparatory to submitting same to the Grand Lodge at its annual communication.

I again invite the attention of the Grand Lodge to the necessity of sooner or later reprinting its proceedings from 5857 to 5874 a period of seventeen years. During the earlier years of my service the Grand Lodge could not afford to largely engage in this work, and during late years I have been too busy to urge the undertaking. The work should be undertaken while Brothers Jordan, Armstrong, Wheeler, Furnas, Deuel, Hill, Dunham and I are still living, we having been residents of Nebraska since, or earlier than, 1857; some who could have greatly aided in this work, Brothers Irish, Welch, Graff and others, have already departed, and the time will soon come when uncertainties cannot be decided. I recommend that a certain appropriation be made annually to be expended by the Grand Secretary in stereotyping, not printing, a reprint, *such expenditure to be under the supervision of the Grand Master*. My idea of a reprint is that of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, with like copious indexes of subjects and names.

During the year I have prepared the authorized blank pay-rolls, being assisted by W. Bro. Francis E. White, 6, veteran chairman of the committee on Pay-roll.

\* Fraternaly,

WM. R. BOWEN,

*Grand Secretary.*

At nine o'clock Brother Albert Pike began an address, continuing three hours, on Freemasonry, its secrets and symbolism, which received the undivided attention of the five hundred Masons present, and for which the hearty thanks of the Grand Lodge were returned.

Whereupon the Grand Lodge was called to refreshment until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 5885.

At nine o'clock the Grand Lodge resumed its labors under direction of M.:W.:John J. Wemple, Grand Master.

W.:Bro.:Baker, 35, submitted a report from the committee on Credentials, which was adopted, subject to amendment. The report, as amended, was as follows:

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

Your committee on Credentials report that the following named Brothers are present and entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge:

### GRAND OFFICE-BEARERS.

M.:W.: JOHN J. WEMPLE	Grand Master.
R.:W.: MANOAH B. REESE	Deputy Grand Master.
R.:W.: CHARLES K. COUTANT	Grand Senior Warden.
R.:W.: MILTON J. HULL	Grand Junior Warden.
R.:W.: CHRISTIAN HARTMAN	Grand Treasurer.
R.:W.: WILLIAM R. BOWEN	Grand Secretary.
V.:W.: JACOB A. HOOD	Grand Chaplain.
W.: WILLIAM LEESE	Grand Orator.
W.: BENJAMIN F. RAWALT	Grand Custodian.
W.: ASBERRY TOWNSEND	Grand Marshal.
W.: JAMES F. BUENS	Grand Senior Deacon.
W.: LEWIS H. KENT	Grand Junior Deacon.
BRO.: WILLIAM J. MOUNT	Grand Tiler.

### PAST GRAND OFFICE BEARERS.

M.:W.: ROBERT C. JORDAN	Past Grand Master.
M.:W.: GEORGE ARMSTRONG	Past Grand Master.
M.:W.: DANIEL H. WHEELER	Past Grand Master.

M. W. ROBERT W. FURNAS	Past Grand Master.
M. W. HARRY P. DEUEL	Past Grand Master.
M. W. MARTIN DUNHAM	Past Grand Master.
M. W. ALFRED G. HASTINGS	Past Grand Master.
M. W. GEORGE H. THUMMEL	Past Grand Master.
M. W. GEORGE W. LININGER	Past Grand Master.
M. W. EDWARD K. VALENTINE	Past Grand Master.
M. W. ROLLAND H. OAKLEY	Past Grand Master.
M. W. JAMES A. TULLEYS	Past Grand Master.
M. W. JAMES R. CAIN	Past Grand Master.
M. W. EDWIN F. WABREN	Past Grand Master.
M. W. SAMUEL W. HAYES	Past Grand Master.

REPRESENTATIVES.

LODGE.	No.	MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Nebraska	1	William F. Martin.*		
Western Star	2	Lewis Dunn	Henry F. Cady*	Fred. H. Brauer*
Capitol	3	William R. Bowen	Milo C. Wilson	Jacob Samler
Nemaha Valley	4	John J. Mercer	Alfred G. Burnett	David H. Mercer*
Omadi	5	Thomas J. King*		
Plattsmouth	6	Velosco V. Leonard	Justus G. Richey	Albert W. Crites*
Falls City	9	James R. Wilhite	Allen Gardner*	Clark Shelly
Solomon	10	Edwin N. Grenell	William C. Vaughan	
Covert	11	Frederick B. Lowe	John N. Westberg	Silas S. Auchmoody
Nebraska City	12	David R. Thompson	James W. Chaddock*	
Orient	13			
Peru	14	Benjamin W. Knott		
Fremont	15	Asberry Townsend*		
Tecumseh	17	Samuel P. Davidson	Cornelius Woodley*	
Lincoln	19	Rolland H. Oakley*		
Washington	21	Nathan Carter*	Edward C. Jackson	
Pawnee	23	Charles E. Pierce		
Saint Johns	25	Jerome K. Coulter	Fred. J. Borthwick	George F. Mahood
Beatrice	26	Henry N. Blake*		
Jo dan	27	George Romberg		
Hope	29	James A. Titus		
Blue River	30	Elam H. Landis*	Charles M. Turner*	
Tekamah	31	James P. Latta		
Platte Valley	32	Charles McDonald	John I. Nesbitt	
Ashlar	33	Charles F. Rollins		
Acacia	34	George H. Wells*		Charles C. Cannon*
Fairbury	35	Benjamin S. Baker		
Lone Tree	36	Joseph B. White		John S. Wright
Crete	37	Horace S. Fuller		
Oliver	38	William Leese		
Papillion	39	Newton R. Wilcox	Benjamin N. Bond*	Allen L. Bartlett
Humboldt	40	Joseph Sarbach		
Northern Light	41	John A. Ehrhardt	Francis McGiverin	Hiram W. Clark
Juniata	42	Edwin M. Allen		
Hebron	43	William J. Hanna		J. Addison Bowdle
Harvard	44	Ezra Brown*	Ezra Brown	
Palmyra	45	John O. Moore	William L. Loper	Henry Michel*
Rob Morris	46	Frederick J. Switz	Robert E. French	George Ellis
Salem	47	Joshua Vandervoort		
Fairmont	48	Julius O. Chase		Virgil A. Stuart*
Evening Star	49	Francis M. Brown	Albert K. Marsh*	John B. Dinsmore*
Hastings	50	Joseph Myers		D'd M. McElhinney*
Fidelity	51	Henry Spher		
Hiram	52	John Hammang	Lewis C. Weber*	
Charity	53		John R. Willcox	
Lancaster	54			
Mosaic	55	William Gerecke		
York	56	Emmett H. Dorr	John Zeigler	Robert Armstrong
Mount Moriah	57	George W. McKee		

LODGE.	No	MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Lebanon	58	John D. Brewer.....	Henry Anderson*.....	Ebenezer Pickett*.....
Wahoo	59	Jacob C. Polesley.....	Henry Wenholz.....	
Melrose	60	Lewis H. Kent.....	Frank H. Young*.....	James P. Carr*.....
Thistle	61	John F. Kutz.....	Alonzo W. Price.....	Sauuel Spanogle*.....
Keystone	62	Alonzo W. Price*.....	Alfred B. Stevens.....	
Riverton	63			
Blue Valley	64	William G. Hastings.		
Osceola	65	Thomas H. Saunders.		
Livingstone	66	Luther R. Horrum ..		
Edgar	67	John G. Prosser*.....	John G. Prosser.....	John L. Ward*.....
Aurora	68	Frederick J. Bricker.	William L. Stark*.....	
Fortitude	69	Sunmer Darnell.....		
Sterling	70			
Trowel	71			
Hooper	72	Henry Schwab.....		
Friend	73	Robert Connell.....		
Alexandria	74	James H. Enslow*.....	James H. Enslow.....	
Frank Welch	75	Peter Smith.....		
Joppa	76	James P. A. Black.....	Edward H. Marshall.	
Nelson	77			
Albion	78	John L. St. Clair*.....	John L. St. Clair*.....	John L. St. Clair*.....
Geneva	79	James H. Dempster.....	Jacob L. Houchin*.....	Frank H. Briggs .....
Waco	80			
Composite	81	Frederick E. Wilson.	James W. Combs*.....	
Saint Paul	82	Colin E. Forbes.....		
Corinthian	83	Cyrus E. Hunter.....		
Fairfield	84	Benjamin F. Rawalt*.....	Benjamin F. Rawalt*.....	
Tyre	85		William N. Spellman.	
Doniphan	86	Martin Ennis*.....		
Ionic	87	Solomon Draper.....		
Star	88	James Ashley.....	Robert G. Tangley.....	
Cedar River	89	Bradner D. Slaughter	Geo. D. Meicklejohn.....	Ammi L. Bixby*.....
Elk Creek	90	Julius L. Young.....		
Oakland	91	Henry Newman.....		
Hubbell	92	Andrew F. Agnew*.....	Andrew F. Agnew.....	
Beaver City	93			
Bennett	94	Daniel H. Harris.....		
Garfield	95	Neri T. Hoxsie.....		
Utica	96			
Euclid	97	Edw'd A. Kirkpatrick	Anson L. Root*.....	
Republican	98			
Shelton	99	Jno H Hetherington*.....	Rodney Beecher.....	Mark G. Lee.....
Creighton	100	William L. Turner*.....	Jacob M. Miller*.....	William L. Turner .....
Ponca	101	John B. Barnes.....	Frank M. Dorsey*.....	
Waterloo	102	William H. Clark*.....	Frank Whitmore.....	
Ord	103	Aidwin D. Robinson.		
Wymore	104	Elias C. Wilcox.....		Herbert D. Craig.....
Stella	105			
Porter	106	William H. Morris*.....	William H. Morris .....	
Steele City	107			
Table Rock	108	James O. Carlock.....		
Arapahoe	109			
Pomegranate	110	George W. Meredith.	John C. Railsback.....	Alexander Lavery.....
De Witt	111	Leroy J. Cross.....	Harry Millie*.....	Arthur C. White*.....
Springfield	112			
Globe	113	Lewis R. Bickley.....		
Wisner	114	Clark C. McNish.....	Edwin M. Kirton.....	John W. McLaughlin
Brainard	115	John T. McKnight ..		John R. Fox .....
Harlan	116	James Bradford.....	George Deans.....	John W. Burnside*..
Hardy	117	Nathaniel M. Ayers.	Charles A. Hayes.....	Johnson Barker*.....
Doric	118	John C. Thurston.....		
North Bend	119	Michael Dowling.....		
Wayne	120	James Britton.....	John T. Bressler.....	
Superior	121		Joseph Carson*.....	
Jasper	122	John W. Bowen.....		John Bealor.....
Indianola	123	Sol'n W. Stilgebauer.	George S. Bishop*.....	
Auburn	124	Charles H. Willard.....	Frank C. Richards*.....	Church Howe*.....
Mount Nebo	125	Okeley E. Green.....	John J. Truman*.....	James M. Kennedy .....
Stromsburg	126	James D. Edwards.....	Corbin E. Grennell*.....	
Minden	127	Byron W. Marsh.....	Lewis A. Kent.....	
Guide Rock	128			
Blue Hill	129	Edward Cornet*.....		

\*Proxy.

Bro.: Jefferson H. Foxworthy, of Lancaster Lodge, No. 54, is present without any credentials, and we submit the matter to the Grand Lodge as to the Brother representing said lodge.

Your committee would recommend that a new blank report for this committee be prepared by the Grand Secretary each year, inserting in small type the names of the Masters and Wardens of chartered lodges, leaving space below each name to write name of proxy if officer is absent. This would save much time and labor.

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.
Colorado .....	JOSIAH B. REDFIELD.
Connecticut .....	ALFRED G. HASTINGS.
Dakota .....	MANOAH B. REESE.
England .....	GEORGE W. LININGER.
Georgia .....	EDWIN F. WARREN.
Idaho .....	JAMES A. TULLEYS.
Illinois .....	HARRY P. DEUEL.
Indiana .....	GEORGE H. THUMMEL.
Indian Territory .....	BRADNER D. SLAUGHTER.
Iowa .....	ROBERT W. FURNAS.
Kansas .....	ROBERT C. JORDAN.
Kentucky .....	HENRY GIBBONS.
Manitoba .....	EDWIN F. WARREN.
Maryland .....	GEORGE ARMSTRONG.
Michigan .....	DANIEL H. WHEELER.
Minnesota .....	ROBERT C. JORDAN.
Montana .....	CHARLES F. GOODMAN.
New Jersey .....	JAMES R. CAIN.
North Carolina .....	ROBERT W. FURNAS.
Ohio .....	ROBERT W. FURNAS.
Pennsylvania .....	WILLIAM R. BOWEN.
Quebec .....	MILTON J. HULL.
Texas .....	MARTIN DUNHAM.
Vermont .....	WILLIAM R. BOWEN.
Wisconsin .....	ALEXANDER ATKINSON.
Wyoming .....	ROLLAND H. OAKLEY.

A motion, with reference to the foregoing report, to permit Brother Foxworthy to represent Lancaster Lodge, No. 54, was ruled out of order.

The Grand Master now filled the vacancies in the stand-

ing committees (appointed and published April 13, 5885), leaving the committees constituted as follows:

*On Visiting Brethren*—Bros.: Jerome K. Coutler, 25, John D. Brewer, 58, Peter Smith, 75.

*On Credentials*—Bros.: Benjamin S. Baker, 35, Joseph B. White, 36, George W. Meredith, 110.

*On Accounts*—Bros.: John J. Mercer, 4, Horace S. Fuller, 37, Joseph Myers, 50, Neri T. Hoxsie, 95, James Bradford, 116. [This committee met at 9 a. m. Monday, June 22.]

*On Charters and Dispensations.*—Bros.: George B. France, 56, Solomon Draper, 87, James R. Wilhite, 9, Charles E. Pierce, 23, Edward H. Marshall, 76. [This committee met at 9 a. m. Monday, June 22.]

*On By-Laws from Chartered Lodges*—Bros.: William G. Hastings, 64, Bradner D. Slaughter, 89, Ezra Brown, 44, Joseph Sarbach, 40, Frederick J. Switz, 46.

*On Ways and Means*—Bros.: David M. McElHinney, 50, John B. Dinsmore, 49, James P. A. Black, 76, Charles F. Rollins, 33. [This committee met at 9 a. m. Monday, June 22.]

*On Charity*—Bros.: Louis Dunn, 2, Julius O. Chase, 48, Frederick J. Bricker, 68, George D. Meicklejohn, 89, James A. Carlock, 108.

*On Grievances*—Bros.: Rolland H. Oakley, 19, George H. Thummel, 33, Colin E. Forbes, 82, George W. Enslow, 74.

*On Unfinished Business*—Bros.: John F. Kutz, 61, John R. Willcox, 53, Martin Ennis, 86, John O. Moore, 45, Edwin M. Allen, 42.

*On Pay Roll*—Bros.: Francis E. White, 6, Samuel P. Davidson, 17, James P. Latta, 31, William J. Hanna, 43, Robert E. French, 46.

*On Jurisprudence*—Past Grand Masters Samuel W. Hayes [chairman] James R. Cain, Edwin F. Warren, James A. Tulleys, Alfred H. Hastings.

*On Returns*—Bros.: Eben K. Long, 11, Frank H. Young, 61, Frederick B. Lowe, 11, Charles P. Needham, 25, Jacob C. Polsley, 59.

*On Correspondence*—Bros.: Robert W. Furnas, 4, Martin Dunham, 3, John A. Ehrhardt, 41.

W.:Bro.: France, 56, chairman of the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report, which was adopted:

*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 sixteen lodges under dispensation, and the petitions of two others for continuance under dispensation, having carefully examined and considered the same, fraternally report, recommending:

1. The issuance of charters to the following lodges heretofore under dispensation, viz.: Tuscan, Ark and Anchor (Ainsworth, U.:D.:), Scribner, Elm Creek, Solar, McCook, Long Pine, Upright (Burchard, U.:D.:), Rawalt

(Oxford, U.:D.:), Clay Centre, Western, Summit (Johnson, U.:D.:), Anchor (North Loup, U.:D.:), Crescent (Cedar Rapids, U.:D.:), Kenesaw and Bancroft Lodges; and that Holdrege and Siloam Lodges be continued under dispensation.

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

3. That hereafter lodges under dispensation petitioning for charters adopt substantially the code of by-laws prepared by our Grand Secretary, writing their adoption on the printed copies sent each year by the Grand Secretary to lodges that petition for charter.

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

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

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

As chairman of the Board of Trustees, Orphans School Fund, I hereby submit this the annual report for the masonic year ending May 31, 1885 :  
Loan No. I—Lushbaugh and Graff—

As reported last year.....	\$1,751 63
Interest on same at 8 per cent. to May 31, 1885.....	140 13
Total to May 31, 1885.....	\$1,891 76

Loan No. II—Furnas—

As reported last year.....	\$ 527 77
Interest 8 per cent. to October 31, 1884.....	21 11
Total to October 31, 1884.....	\$ 548 88

This loan with interest to date as indicated was paid and the amount deposited in bank.

Loan No. III—Furnas—

As reported last year.....	\$ 587 04
Interest on same 8 per cent. to October 31, 1884.....	23 48
Total to October 31, 1884.....	\$ 610 52

This loan, with interest to date indicated, was paid, and the amount was deposited in bank.

Loan No. IV—Furnas—

As reported last year.....	\$1,515 35
Interest 8 per cent. on same to May 31, 1885.....	121 23
Total to May 31, 1885.....	\$1,636 58

Loan No. V—Omaha Temple Craft—

As reported last year.....	\$6,087 33
Interest 8 per cent. to May 31, 1885.....	486 89
Total to May 31, 1885.....	\$6,574 22

## Loan No. VI—Bowen—

As last year reported.....	\$2,632 88
Interest 8 per cent. to May 31, 1885.....	210 63
Total to May 31, 1885.....	\$2,843 51

Out of the \$1,384.70 on hand at date last report, \$478.29 was, October 11, 1884, loaned to Brother D. C. Cole for 5 years at 8 per cent. interest, payable annually, secured by mortgage on real estate—farm property, improved, near Peru, Nebraska.

Amount on hand as per last report. \$1,384.70, less \$478.29 loaned Brother Cole, being.....	\$ 906 41
Amounts, Loans II and III collected.....	1,159 40
Total on hand May 31, 1885.....	\$2,065 81

## RECAPITULATION.

Loan No. I—Graff.....	\$ 1,891 76
Loan No. IV—Furnas.....	1,636 58
Loan No. V—Temple Craft.....	6,574 22
Loan No. VI—Bowen.....	2,843 57
Loan No. VII—Cole.....	478 29
Amount on hand.....	2,065 81
	\$15,490 17

Loan No. IV—Furnas—\$1,636.58 will be paid soon—at least before next session of Grand Lodge.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

ROBT. W. FURNAS.

M.:W.:Bro.: Lininger, 11, presented the following report, which was adopted; the recommendation, that a standing committee on the Doings of the Grand Office-Bearers be created, was referred to Bros.: Lininger, 3, Young, 61, and White, 6, for consideration:

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

Your special committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand Master, have hastily considered same, and make the following recommendations:

That so much of the address as relates to our Fraternal Dead be referred to a special committee of seven. [M.:W.:Bros.: Wheeler, 6, Valentine, 27, Thummel, 33, Deuel, 11, Dunham, 3, Jordan, 33, and Lininger, 3, 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 relates to arrest of charters of Rock Bluff Lodge, No. 20, and Waco Lodge, No. 80, be referred to the committee on Grievances.

That so much as refers to the granting of dispensations for the formation of new lodges, be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much as refers to the communications of the Grand Master of Mexico, and the Grand Lodge of South Australia, asking recognition by this Grand Lodge, be referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

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

That so much as refers to the communication from the Grand Master of Kentucky, be referred to the committee on Charity.

Your committee are in hearty sympathy with your Grand Master in all his recommendations, and we would at once recommend their adoption were they in form to become law; we ask that they be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence, trusting they may be put in form to be adopted by this Grand Lodge, except that recommendation No. 7 be referred to the committee on Returns, No. 8 to the committee on Charters and Dispensations, No. 9 to the committee on Charity, No. 10 to the committee on Accounts, No. 12 to the committee on Jurisprudence, and No. 15 to a special committee of seven [Bros.: Lininger, 3, Hastings, 19, Furnas, 4, Barnes, 101, Kenny, 21, Long, 11, and Gibbons, 46, were appointed].

There are many valuable suggestions and recommendations made by our Grand Masters from year to year which do not receive the consideration due them for want of time. Your committee therefore recommend that a standing committee of three be appointed on the Doings of Grand Officers, to which these addresses and reports could be referred, and by said committee be considered in advance of their reception by the Grand Lodge; much time would be thus saved the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

G. W. LININGER, 3,	} <i>Special Committee.</i>
A. G. HASTINGS, 19,	
FREDERICK B. LOWE, 11,	

Several inquiries were received at different times during the communication, which were referred to the committee on Jurisprudence, and will appear with the report of that committee later in this record.

W..Bro.: Young, 61, proposed the following amendment to the by-laws, asking that same be not now acted on:

Amend section IX of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge to read:

Every subordinate lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge the following Grand Lodge dues, viz:

- For each initiation the sum of.....\$5.00
- For each member the sum of..... 60

R.:W.:Bro.: Long, 11, chairman of the committee on Returns, presented the following report (in printed form) which was adopted :

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

Your committee on Returns submit, that they have examined the reports of the various lodges, both chartered and under dispensation, and find them in the main correct.

Your committee would commend the excellent manner in which the secretaries have performed their duties in furnishing reports so nearly correct, and their promptness in forwarding them to the Grand Secretary, enabling him to present the committee's report in print at this session of the Grand Lodge.

Great credit is due the Grand Secretary for the earnestness with which for the past twelve years he has labored to get a perfect blank for these reports and to instruct the secretaries in their proper use, and in the success he has attained in this direction all the Masons of Nebraska may take just pride.

The results of the work of the past year as shown by the accompanying statistical sheet may be summarized as follows:

No. Initiated .....	525	
Passed .....	441	
Raised .....	—	428
Admitted .....		592
Reinstated .....		20
Gain by other causes .....		25
		1,065
No. Demitted .....	221	
Died .....	41	
Suspended .....		53
Expelled .....		3
Loss by other causes .....		23
		341
Gained during the year .....		724
Amount paid for dues .....	\$3,901.50	
Fees .....	2,575.00	
		\$6,476.50
Less surplus of credits over debits .....		882.90
		\$5,593.60
Less credits allowed this year .....	1,222.69	
Amount available to use of Grand Lodge .....	\$4,370.91	

Your committee recommend the following credits be allowed, for

general correctness of returns, and promptness in forwarding them to the Grand Secretary's office:

No. 1.....	\$ 7 50	No. 62.....	7 75
" 2.....	29 75	" 63.....	7 50
" 3.....	54 00	" 64.....	14 75
" 4.....	14 25	" 65.....	11 75
" 5.....	12 00	" 66.....	4 20
" 6.....	25 75	" 67.....	14 50
" 9.....	22 25	" 68.....	9 25
" 10.....	6 75	" 69.....	8 00
" 11.....	32 50	" 70.....	9 25
" 12.....	8 75	" 71.....	8 88
" 13.....	5 00	" 72.....	7 80
" 14.....	4 00	" 73.....	10 75
" 17.....	21 50	" 74.....	7 75
" 19.....	40 50	" 75.....	10 25
" 21.....	22 25	" 76.....	7 00
" 23.....	13 25	" 77.....	5 92
" 25.....	39 75	" 78.....	12 00
" 26.....	23 75	" 79.....	9 25
" 27.....	8 50	" 81.....	6 44
" 29.....	10 75	" 82.....	14 50
" 30.....	9 75	" 83.....	7 00
" 31.....	16 25	" 84.....	8 75
" 32.....	23 75	" 85.....	11 25
" 33.....	30 00	" 86.....	4 00
" 34.....	15 75	" 87.....	2 21
" 35.....	12 75	" 88.....	4 75
" 36.....	22 00	" 89.....	9 50
" 37.....	13 32	" 90.....	4 08
" 38.....	16 75	" 91.....	4 50
" 39.....	4 84	" 92.....	7 50
" 40.....	12 00	" 93.....	8 00
" 41.....	5 25	" 94.....	3 75
" 42.....	6 40	" 95.....	4 50
" 43.....	13 00	" 96.....	7 50
" 44.....	12 25	" 97.....	9 00
" 45.....	6 25	" 98.....	3 25
" 46.....	20 79	" 99.....	4 50
" 47.....	7 50	" 100.....	6 46
" 48.....	10 50	" 101.....	8 75
" 49.....	16 25	" 102.....	6 00
" 50.....	24 50	" 103.....	7 25
" 51.....	13 00	" 104.....	8 50
" 52.....	8 50	" 105.....	6 75
" 53.....	16 80	" 106.....	6 25
" 54.....	26 75	" 107.....	4 00
" 55.....	11 75	" 108.....	3 74
" 56.....	14 25	" 109.....	4 25
" 57.....	13 00	" 110.....	7 00
" 58.....	12 00	" 111.....	5 25
" 59.....	15 25	" 112.....	56
" 60.....	11 00		
" 61.....	11 50		

\$1,222.69

All of which is fraternally submitted for your consideration and approval.

# ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF

LODGES.	No. of Lodges.	ENTERED APPRENTICES.							FELLOW CRAFTS.							SUSP.		
		Gain.			Loss.				Gain.			Loss.				Gain.		
		No. May 1, 5884. By Initiation. Otherwise. Total.	By Passing. Adv. Elsewhere. By Death. Other Causes. Total.	No. on Rolls April 30, 5885.	No. May 1, 5884. By Passing. Otherwise. Total.	By Raising. Adv. Elsewhere. By Death. Other Causes. Total.	No. on Rolls April 30, 5885.	No. May 1, 5884. By Suspension. Total.	No. on May 1, 5884. By Suspension. Total.									
Nebraska.....	1	2																
Western Star	2	3																
Capitol.....	3	30	7		7												16	
Nebraska Valley	4	14	2		2												47	
Omaha.....	5	2															5	
Plattsmouth.....	6	19	2	1	3												17	
Falls City.....	9	14	2		2												1	
Solomon.....	10	4	1		1												7	
Covert.....	11	21	16		16	9		9	28	9	10		10	13		63		
Nebraska City	12	7							6	1	1			3		10		
Orient.....	13	12	1		1				12	2	2	1	1	1		9		
Fern.....	14	5							2	1	1			1		6		
Fremont.....	15	9							4	2	2			2		12		
Tecumseh.....	17	9							4	1	1	3	3	3		19		
Lincoln.....	19	12	2		2	3		3	11	6	3	3	3	6		40		
Rock Bluff.....	20																	
Washington.....	21	7	5		5	9		9	3	4	5	9	9	9	4	5		
Pawnee.....	23	7							5	1	5	5	5	5	1	8		
St. Johns.....	25	28	9		9	14		16	21	5	14	14	11	11	8	2	5	
Beatrice.....	26	17	4		4	1		1	20	2	1	1	2	2	2	23		
Jordan.....	27	8	2		2	5		5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	2	2	
Hope.....	29	4	1		1	1		1	4	3	1	1	1	1	3	8		
Blue River.....	30	5	3	1	4	4		4	5	4	4	3	3	3	1	1		
Tekamah.....	31	2	1		1				3	2			2	2		2		
Platte Valley.....	32	6	1		1				7	1				1		18		
Ashlar.....	33	20	13		13	10		11	22	3	16	10	10	10		13		
Acacia.....	34	12	1		1	4		4	3	3	4	4	3	3	4	2	2	
Fairbury.....	35	10							9	9				2	2	4		
Lone Tree.....	36	6	3		3	4		4	2	2	4	4	3	3	8	3	3	
Crete.....	37	4	2		2	1		1	3	4	1	1	1	1	12			
Oliver.....	38	6	4		4	3		3	7	3	3	3	5	5	4	1	1	
Papillon.....	39	2	3		3	3		3	3	6	2	2	2	3	5	2	2	
Humboldt.....	40	5	3		3	5		5	3	2	5	5	5	5	2	1		
Northern Light.....	41	5				2		2	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	13		
Juniata.....	42	9	5		5	3		3	11	4	3	3	5	5	4	7		
Hebron.....	43	6	7		7	8		8	9	1	4	4	4	4	1	1		
Harvard.....	44	2	1		1	2		2	3	1	3	3	3	3	2	2		
Palmyra.....	45	1	2		2	2		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2			
Rob Morris.....	46	12	3		3	5		5	10	2	5	5	5	5	2	11		
Salem.....	47	3							3	2					2	1	1	
Fairmont.....	48	9	2		2				11	1				1	16			
Evening Star.....	49	5	1		1	2		2	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	2		
Hastings.....	50	9	2		2	4		4	6	4	4	1	6	6	8			
Fidelity.....	51	9	3		3	3		3	9	7	3	3	4	1	5	6		
Hiram.....	52	4							4	2				2	2	1	1	
Charity.....	53	9	3		3	4		4	8	4	4	4	7	7	4	7	7	
Lancaster.....	54	7	15		15	12		12	10	2	12	12	6	6	8	3	9	
Mosaic.....	55	4	4		4	3		3	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	5		
Yok.....	56	13	4		4	3		3	13	1	3	3	3	3	1	6		
Mt. Moriah.....	57	2	1		1				3	1				1	1			
Lebanon.....	58	9	1		1				9	2	1	1	1	1	4	2		
Wahoo.....	59	2	14		14	9		9	7	1	9	9	4	4	6	3	4	
Melrose.....	60	11	3		3	2		2	10	1	2	2	2	2	1	1		
Thistle.....	61	5	5		5				5		5	5	5	5	5	3		
Keystone.....	62	4	5		5	6		6	3		3	6	5	5	3	1		
Riverton.....	63	6	6		6	3		3	8	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	1	
Blue Valley.....	64	3	4		4	4		4	3	3	4	4	2	2	2	4		
Osceola.....	65	6	6		6	5		5	2	2	5	5	6	6	1	1		
Livingstone.....	66	2	3		3	3		3	2	3	3	3	3	3				
Edgar.....	67	7	4		4	4		4	7	4	1	5	4	4	4	1		
Aurora.....	68	5	2		2	1		1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Fortitue.....	69	2				1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	
Sterling.....	70	3	3		3				6						2			
Trowel.....	71	7	5		5	1		1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Hooper.....	72	7	3		3				7	3	3	3	4	4	4	2		
Friend.....	73	2	7		7	4		4	5	3	4	4	6	6	1			
Alexandria.....	74	1	2		2	2		2	4	2	2	2	2	2				
Frank Welch.....	75	3	2		2	2		2	3	2	2	2	3	3	4	1		
Joppa.....	76	5	4		4	5		5	4	1	5	5	5	5	4	1		
Nelson.....	77	5	2		2	2		2	5	5	2	2	2	2	2			
Albion.....	78	6	4		4	3		3	2	3	3	3	3	3	2			
Geneva.....	79	3	4		4	5		5	2	1	5	5	5	5	2			
Waco.....	80	4	1		1				5	1				1	1			

NEBRASKA FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1885.

MASTER MASONS.		GRAND LODGE DUES, FEES, ETC.	
Loss.	Gain.	Loss.	Gain.
By Death.	By Raising.	By Demission.	Fees on Initiation.
By Expulsion.	By Admission.	By Suspension.	Am'ts Due Gr. Lodge April 30, 1885.
Total.	Reinstatement.	By Expulsion.	No. of Lodges.
No. on Rolls April 30, 1885.	Other Causes.	Other Causes.	
No. May 1, 1884.	Total.	Total.	
	No. on Rolls April 30, 1885.	No. on Rolls April 30, 1885.	

30	119	30	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	29	123	4 62	22 50	17 88	1
16	51	216	3	6	2	1	1	1	1	13	212	52 25	89 25	70 75	2
17	57	48	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	212	15 40	42 75	144 75	3
2	48	103	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	46	10 25	36 00	10 00	37 55
7	89	27	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	105	28 75	28 75	77 25	58 50	4
63	130	10	9	19	1	1	1	1	1	3	4 35	26	20 25	5 00	5
25	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	146	31 75	97 50	80 00	145 75	10
19	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	33	8 42	26 25	26 25	17 50	11
6	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	5 00	12 00	5 00	74 50	12
12	118	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	29 49	83 50	83 50	91 50	13
10	86	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	21 50	64 50	10 00	33 50	14
40	162	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	180	42 25	121 50	10 00	83 25	15
22	22									22	18 90	29 25	29 25	33 75	16
5	89	9	5	3	2	4	3	3	3	98	18 19	29	66 75	25 00	17
11	139	11	3	15	6	10	10	10	10	163	38 00	1 76	39 75	65 00	18
22	22	22	2	17	17	17	17	17	17	100	18 75	119 25	71 25	122 50	19
5	34	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	33	13 25	25 50	10 00	22 25	20
6	43	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	42	11 77	32 25	5 00	22 25	21
1	9	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	43	10 75	26	29 25	33 75	22
2	65	2	4	6	1	3	4	4	4	67	14 90	48 75	5 00	38 50	23
18	18	10	6	13	3	8	9	9	9	92	26 50	71 25	50 00	50 00	24
1	11	13	1	17	18	17	17	17	17	135	68 75	21 21	90 00	107 51	25
4	4	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	66	10 74	47 25	5 00	42 62	26
1	11	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	54	13 25	38 25	15 00	28 25	27
11	51	3	3	6	6	6	6	6	6	87	19 25	66 00	20 00	61 75	28
12	74	7	5	12	12	12	12	12	12	72	15 79	55 50	20 00	49 71	29
1	31	6	3	6	6	6	6	6	6	75	10 00	36 00	15 00	31 62	30
4	4	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	88	6 02	35 00	15 00	44 98	31
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	4 75	15 75	11 00	11 00	32
13	21	1	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	63	12 00	30 00	25 00	39 00	33
7	4	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	44 25	39 00	35 00	62 00	34
4	49	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	26	18 75	3 00	34 50	35
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	127	27 50	1 00	7 00	54 50	36
11	99	5	7	13	13	13	13	13	13	127	27 50	23 25	15 00	60 50	37
15	30	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	47	7 10	31 50	5 00	32 50	38
6	65	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	150	1 50	26	31 50	10 00	39
8	98	6	6	11	11	11	11	11	11	109	23 47	73 50	10 00	60 50	40
6	34	3	3	7	7	7	7	7	7	58	12 50	39 00	15 00	41 50	41
1	11	3	3	10	10	10	10	10	10	34	8 00	25 50	15 00	17 50	42
11	12	17	1	22	22	22	22	22	22	97	15 23	52 50	52 50	55 38	43
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	119	20 02	1 10	80 25	75 00	44
4	5	4	4	8	8	8	8	8	8	82	8 72	35 25	20 00	46 53	45
5	52	4	4	10	10	10	10	10	10	63	12 50	42 00	20 00	50 77	46
5	52	4	4	8	8	8	8	8	8	68	40 25	44 28	48 00	48 03	47
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	10 44	40	30 56	30 56	48
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	51	10 44	40	30 56	30 56	49
7	61	4	4	11	11	11	11	11	11	36	1 56	33 00	15 00	46 44	50
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	57	10 75	34 50	25 00	48 75	51
46	31	5	6	11	11	11	11	11	11	35	9 00	23 25	25 00	48 33	52
32	22	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	42	13 43	44 25	42 50	77 93	53
4	4	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	26	22 25	42 50	39 00	79 53	54
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	13 20	13 20	13 00	54 76	55
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	2 18	13 00	15 00	52 18	56
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	37	5 75	14 50	20 00	48 03	57
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	10 44	40	30 56	30 56	58
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	10 44	40	30 56	30 56	59
46	31	5	6	11	11	11	11	11	11	36	1 56	33 00	15 00	46 44	60
32	22	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	42	13 43	44 25	42 50	77 93	61
4	4	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	26	22 25	42 50	39 00	79 53	62
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	13 20	13 20	13 00	54 76	63
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	2 18	13 00	15 00	52 18	64
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	37	5 75	14 50	20 00	48 03	65
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	10 44	40	30 56	30 56	66
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	10 44	40	30 56	30 56	67
37	32	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	34	3 74	27 75	10 00	46 54	68
37	32	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	34	3 74	27 75	10 00	46 54	69
37	32	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	34	3 74	27 75	10 00	46 54	70
37	32	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	34	3 74	27 75	10 00	46 54	71
39	39	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	40	13 25	29 25	15 00	46 50	72
43	43	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	49	9 97	6 50	30 25	59 75	73
43	43	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	49	9 97	6 50	30 25	59 75	74
43	43	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	49	9 97	6 50	30 25	59 75	75
41	41	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	47	7 82	5 00	29 00	53 50	76
37	37	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	44	8 85	36 00	20 00	46 17	77
37	37	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	44	8 85	36 00	20 00	46 17	78
31	31	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	2 40	27 75	20 00	45 61	79
31	31	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	2 40	27 75	20 00	45 61	80

## ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF

Lodges.	No. of Lodges.	ENTERED APPRENTICES.						FELLOW CRAFTS.						SUSP.					
		GAIN.			LOSS.			GAIN.			LOSS.			GAIN.					
		By Initiation.	Otherwise.	Total.	By Passing.	Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	Other Causes.	Total.	By Passing.	Otherwise.	Total.	By Raising.	Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	Other Causes.	Total.	By Suspension.	Total.
		No. on Rolls April 30, 5884.						No. on Rolls April 30, 5885.						No. on Rolls April 30, 5885.					
Composite.....	81	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
Saint Paul.....	82	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
Corinthian.....	83	3	1	4	4	4	4	5	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1
Fairfield.....	84	4	1	5	4	4	4	5	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1
Tyre.....	85	3	4	7	4	4	4	5	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1
Doniphan.....	86	3	2	5	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1
Ionic.....	87	3	1	4	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1
Star.....	88	6	3	9	3	3	3	4	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1
Cedar River.....	89	6	1	7	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1
Elk Creek.....	90	2	2	4	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1
Oakland.....	91	4	4	8	4	4	4	5	1	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1
Hubbell.....	92	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
Beaver City.....	93	5	5	10	5	5	5	6	1	1	1	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1
Bennett.....	94	4	1	5	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1
Garfield.....	95	2	3	5	3	3	3	4	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1
Utica.....	96	1	7	8	7	7	7	8	1	1	1	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1
Euclid.....	97	1	3	4	3	3	3	4	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1
Republican.....	98	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
Sheiton.....	99	3	5	8	5	5	5	6	1	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1
Creighton.....	100	2	2	4	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1
Ponca.....	101	2	6	8	6	6	6	7	1	1	1	6	6	6	6	6	1	1	1
Waterloo.....	102	1	4	5	3	3	3	4	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1
Ord.....	103	6	6	12	6	6	6	7	1	1	1	6	6	6	6	6	1	1	1
Wymore.....	104	2	7	9	7	7	7	8	1	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1
Stella.....	105	2	2	4	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
Porter.....	106	6	2	8	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
Steele City.....	107	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
Table Rock.....	108	2	1	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
Arapahoe.....	109	4	4	8	4	4	4	5	1	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1
Pomegranate.....	110	5	5	10	5	5	5	6	1	1	1	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1
De Witt.....	111	4	6	10	6	6	6	7	1	1	1	6	6	6	6	6	1	1	1
Springfield.....	112	1	2	3	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
Globe.....	113	4	2	6	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
Wisner.....	114	2	2	4	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
Brainard.....	115	1	2	3	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
Harlan.....	116	6	6	12	6	6	6	7	1	1	1	6	6	6	6	6	1	1	1
Hardy.....	117	4	4	8	4	4	4	5	1	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1
Doric.....	118	2	2	4	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
North Bend.....	119	5	5	10	5	5	5	6	1	1	1	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1
Wayne.....	120	3	3	6	3	3	3	4	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1
Superior.....	121	1	2	3	3	3	3	4	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1
Jasper.....	122	2	2	4	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
Indianola.....	123	2	3	5	3	3	3	4	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1
Auburn.....	124	2	2	4	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
Mount Neba.....	125	1	6	7	6	6	6	7	1	1	1	6	6	6	6	6	1	1	1
Stromsburg.....	126	1	6	7	6	6	6	7	1	1	1	6	6	6	6	6	1	1	1
Minden.....	127	7	7	14	7	7	7	8	1	1	1	7	7	7	7	7	1	1	1
Guide Rock.....	128	1	4	5	4	4	4	5	1	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1
Blue Hill.....	129	1	2	3	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
Tuscan.....	U. D.	4	4	8	4	4	4	5	1	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1
Ainsworth.....	U. D.	12	12	24	12	12	12	13	1	1	1	12	12	12	12	12	1	1	1
Scribner.....	"	5	5	10	5	5	5	6	1	1	1	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1
Elm Creek.....	"	5	5	10	5	5	5	6	1	1	1	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1
Solar.....	"	4	4	8	4	4	4	5	1	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1
McCook.....	"	9	9	18	9	9	9	10	1	1	1	9	9	9	9	9	1	1	1
Long Pine.....	"	3	3	6	3	3	3	4	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1
Burchard.....	"	3	3	6	3	3	3	4	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1
Oxford.....	"	6	7	13	7	7	7	8	1	1	1	7	7	7	7	7	1	1	1
Clay Centre.....	"	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Western.....	"	8	8	16	8	8	8	9	1	1	1	8	8	8	8	8	1	1	1
Johnson.....	U. D.	8	8	16	8	8	8	9	1	1	1	8	8	8	8	8	1	1	1
North Loup.....	"	16	16	32	16	16	16	17	1	1	1	16	16	16	16	16	1	1	1
Cedar Rapids.....	"	11	11	22	11	11	11	12	1	1	1	11	11	11	11	11	1	1	1
Kenesaw.....	"	10	10	20	10	10	10	11	1	1	1	10	10	10	10	10	1	1	1
Bancroft.....	"	12	12	24	12	12	12	13	1	1	1	12	12	12	12	12	1	1	1
Holdredge.....	"	2	2	4	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
Siloam.....	"	3	3	6	3	3	3	4	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1
Grand Sec. return of extinct Lodges												1	1	1	1	1	15	15	15
<b>Total.....</b>		<b>626</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>1140</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>1033</b>	<b>1452</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>5441</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>60</b>

NEBRASKA FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 5885.

MAST. MASONS.				MASTER MASONS.							GRAND LODGE DUES, FEES, ETC.										
Loss.				Gain.				Loss.													
Reinstatement.	By Death.	By Expulsion.	Total.	By Raising.	By Admission.	Reinstatement.	Other Causes.	Total.	By Demission.	By Death.	By Suspension.	By Expulsion.	Other Causes.	Total.	No. on Rolls April 30, 5885.	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, 5885.	No. of Lodges
				No. May 1, 5884.																	
28	2	2	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	6 75	21 00	5 00	19 25	81	
58	2	2	4	14	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	70	8 75	29	35 00	70 04	82	
29	2	2	4	3	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	26	3 98	89	15 00	32 91	83	
35	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	37	7 25	26	26 25	34 26	84	
75	5	1	6	2	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	74	12 25	20	56 25	66 20	85	
16	1	1	2	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	22	3 64	1 38	12 00	10 00	74	86
17	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	15 00	7 65	12 75	5 00	10 40	87
19	3	3	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	24	3 75	26	14 25	15 00	25 76	88
38	3	1	4	1	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	38	8 4	1 24	28 50	10 00	38 90	89
17	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	21	19 29	12 75		*	90	90
18	4	1	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	10 50	26	13 50	20 00	23 26	91
30	5	2	7	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	1 00	22	22 50	5 00	26 50	92
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\* Overpaid, \$6.54. † Overpaid, \$20.00.

The Grand Custodian, W.:Bro.: Rawalt, submitted the following report, which was ordered filed:

*To the M.:W.: Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A.:F.: and A.:M.:*

BRETHREN:—I have the honor to make the following report of my labors of the Masonic year just closing:

August 21, in company with M.:W.: John J. Wemple, Grand Master, I visited Minden and assisted in constituting Minden Lodge in form under their charter, and publicly installing their officers.

Acting under the orders of the Grand Master and armed with his proxy, I visited and instituted the following lodges on the following dates, and installed their officers: August 23, Blue Hill Lodge No. 128, at Blue Hill: August 25, Harlan Lodge No. 116, at Alma: August 26, Indianola Lodge No. 129, at Indianola. At all these places I found the officers elected well up in the work and lectures.

I personally visited the following places and examined the proposed officers and halls for lodges under dispensation, and made full report of such visits to the M.:W.: Grand Master at the time: July 19, Aurora Lodge No. 68, conferred M.:M.: degree. August 6, Elm Creek. August 7, Clarks, Merrick County. August 28, McCook. September 17, Western, Saline County. September 27, Long Pine. October 31, Burchard. November 1, Oxford. November 27, Clay Centre. December 5, Johnson. December 15, North Loup. January 15, Kenesaw. January 21, Cedar Rapids. February 22, Bancroft. February 26, Holdrege. April 23, Stewart, Holt County. April 21, Tobias, Saline County. April 26, Ewing, Holt County.

In company with the Grand Master we visited the following lodges and gave instructions in the several degrees and lectures: October 25, Edgar Lodge, No. 67, and conferred M.:M.: degree. November 20, Ashlar Lodge, No. 33, and conferred F.:C.: and M.:M.: degrees. November 21, Fortitude Lodge, No. 69. November 22, Tuscan Lodge, U.:D.: November 23, Mosaic Lodge, No. 53. November 29, Evening Lodge, No. 49. December 20, Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46. January 26, Juniata Lodge, No. 42, conferred E.:A.:, F.:C.: and M.:M.: degrees. January 30, Waco Lodge, No. 80. January 30, Utica Lodge, No. 96. February 18, Riverton, No. 63, and conferred M.:M.: degree. February 19, Joppa Lodge, No. 76. February 20, Charity Lodge, No. 53. March 3, Humboldt Lodge, No. 40. March 21, Clay Centre Lodge, U.:D.: June 2, Harvard Lodge, No. 44. June 15, Fairfield Lodge, No. 84, and conferred M.:M.: degree.

On the following dates I visited the following lodges and gave instructions and conferred the degrees: July 15, '84, Lincoln Lodge, No. 54, conferred M.:M.: degree. August 11, Alexandria Lodge, No. 74, conferred M.:M.: degree. September 1, Fairfield Lodge, No. 84, instructed. September 18, DeWitt Lodge, No. 111. December 10, Capitol Lodge No. 3. December 27, Tyre Lodge, No. 85, conferred M.:M.: degree. December 29, Hastings Lodge, No. 50, conferred E.:A.: and M.:M.: degrees. March



10, Hebron Lodge, No. 43, instruction. March 11, Fairfield Lodge, No. 84, instructed. March 24, Edgar Lodge, No. 67, conferred E.:A.: degree. March 24, Hastings Lodge, No. 50, conferred M.:M.: degree. April 6, Fairfield Lodge, No. 84, instructed. April 8, Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46, conferred F.:C.: degree. April 11, Oxford Lodge, U.:D.:, conferred M.:M.: degree. April 25, McCook Lodge, U.:D.:, conferred F.:C.: and M.:M.: degrees. May 2, Fairmont Lodge, No. 48, instructed.

March 23, by request of Clay Centre Lodge, U.:D.:, I attended and took charge of the lodge and buried Brother Burt, of Clay Centre Lodge, U.:D.:, with the honors of masonry.

March 29, by order of M.:W.: John J. Wemple, and bearing his proxy, I visited Fortitude Lodge, No. 69, and gave instructions, and found the lodge in a flourishing condition, and made full report to the Grand Master at that time.

February 7, Oxford Lodge, U.:D.:, conferred F.:C.: degree.

February 9, opened Grand Custodian's Lodge of Instruction in hall of Hastings Lodge, No. 50, and held same for six days and nights, and exemplified the work and lectures, giving two days and nights to each of the degrees. There were fifty-two M.:M.: in attendance, and nineteen lodges represented. We had the presence of the Grand Master most of the time and I realize that much good was accomplished.

On October 22 and 23, and December 22, I gave instructions to the Senior Deacons of Fairfield Lodge, No. 84, Clay Centre Lodge, U.:D.:, and Juniata Lodge, No. 42, they having come to Hastings for that purpose to become proficient in the work of Senior Deacon.

On February 24, I visited Freemasons Hall in Omaha, and found a number of brethren of the several lodges of the city there present for social conversation and instruction, and by request we opened a lodge of instruction, and the evening thus passed was to me one of the most pleasant during the year.

I have the pleasure to report that I find a general prosperity existing throughout the jurisdiction, that great advancement has been made towards the uniform work, which is encouraging. It gives me pleasure to report that I find all ready, willing and anxious to become proficient in the established work and lectures as ordered by the Grand Lodge, and I can see the lodges are rapidly approaching a uniform work; and if I have been instrumental in bringing about the approach of a uniform work and lectures I shall feel that I have not labored in vain, for this one object is what I have given time and hard study to bring about, realizing that in a uniform work harmony would prevail in its perfection. In my labors of the year I have been greatly assisted by the Grand Master and other Grand Officers, and especially to Bro.: A. Campbell, of McCook, for kindness in granting permits to ride on trains that do not carry passengers regular. This has on several occasions enabled me to reach places on time which I could not have done otherwise.

In closing this report, I desire to say that my experience convinces me that general schools are not a success; that there is not enough good ac-

complished to justify the time and expense; that the instructor should visit the several lodges, and there give the instruction, then all present hear for themselves and not by proxy: thus would the entire membership be stimulated to perfect themselves. And to the Grand Officers and brethren that I have met and labored with during the year, I thank you for the kindnesses you one and all have extended to me. At times the load has been heavy, but with all the cares and trials, you one and all have always met me with smiles and encouraging words, and this has and still cheers me to fight on the great battle of life, ever remembering in whom we have trusted. Our trust being in God, he will bring us at last to that Grand Lodge that is far above.

Fraternally yours,  
 BENJAMIN F. RAWALT,  
*Grand Custodian.*

W. Bro.: Mercer, 4, submitted the following report from the committee on Accounts, which was adopted:

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

Your committee beg leave to make the following report:

That we have carefully examined the books of our Brother Grand Secretary and compared the accounts with the receipts and disbursements from June 19, 5884, to June 19, 5885, 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 \$13,772.98.

We would further report that we have also examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and find balance in his hands to the credit of the Grand Lodge as shown by his accounts to be \$13,829.74—which is correct.

The difference between balance of Grand Secretary and that of Grand Treasurer consists of following items:

Warrants drawn by Grand Secretary and not yet presented or paid	
by Grand Treasurer.....	\$34 40
Interest on Charity Fund not reported to Grand Secretary.....	22 36
Making the difference.....	<u>\$56 76</u>

Your committee would also recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to open an account with the Charity Fund, and that the Grand Treasurer report to him annually any increase which may be made during each year.

Your committee also report that the Grand Treasurer has turned over to them as a part of his report, a certificate of deposit of the Merchants National Bank of Omaha, for the amount found due by this committee, which is to be endorsed to his successor in office.

Your committee has examined and found correct the following accounts and we recommend that they be allowed, viz: the Grand Secretary's statement of office expenses during year just closed, excess of expenditure over appropriation \$136.13; the Grand Master's statement of expenses

incurred, \$154.64; the Grand Custodian's account, \$48.70; Rees Printing Company, printing the Grand Master's address and sundry reports for use at this communication, \$41.00; Omaha Republican, stationery for use at this communication, \$22.75; Max Meyer & Bro., four jewels to complete the set for Grand Officers, \$50.00.

W.:Bro.: William Hastings. 64 made the following report which was adopted:

*To the M.:W.: Grand Master and Wardens of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.:, Nebraska*

We, your committee on By-Laws from Chartered Lodges have examined the proposed amendments to Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 125, and would recommend that the amendment to section 6, chapter 5, of said lodge be approved; also the amendment to section 7, chapter 5, be approved. Your committee would also recommend that section 1, of chapter 5, be stricken out and section 6, of article 4, of the prescribed form be inserted in place thereof.

Your committee further recommend that the proposed by-laws of Tekamah Lodge, No. 31, adopted by that lodge June 9, 5885, be approved.

Your committee also recommend the approval of the by-laws adopted by Pawnee Lodge, No. 23, and submitted for action this session.

The Grand Lodge was now called to refreshment until two o'clock this afternoon.

## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 5885.

The Grand Lodge resumed its labors at the appointed hour, M.:W.:Bro.: John J. Wemple, Grand Master, presiding.

M.:W.:Bro.: Hastings, 19, duly seconded, offered the following amendment to the by-laws; by unanimous vote it was immediately acted upon and was adopted:

*Resolved*, That section seventeen (17), article five (5), of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, relative to Masonic offenses be amended by striking out all after the word "unnecessary" in the third line in said section and adding the following:—"and the lodge shall proceed to decide the degree of punishment as provided in section two (2), article six (6), of these by-laws."

Section 17, Article V, of the by-laws relative to Masonic offenses now reads as follows:

"In case an accused brother shall plead guilty, such plea may be accepted as evidence, and shall render the taking of further proof unnecessary; but such plea shall not excuse the lodge from voting upon the question of guilt or innocence and the lodge shall proceed to decide the degree of punishment as provided in Section two (2), Article six (VI), of these by-laws.

The following report was received from the committee on Unfinished Business, Bro.: Kutz, 61, chairman:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

We, your committee on Unfinished Business would fraternally report and call attention to the following matters:

1st. The matter of the dispensation of Tuscan Lodge, U.D., left unfinished at last annual communication, we find by report of Most Worshipful Grand Master and statement of Grand Secretary Bowen, has been attended to.

2d. We invite attention to the proposed amendment to Sec. 4, Art. XII, of the constitution, page 47, proceedings of '84.

3d. To the two proposed amendments to Art. II, of the constitution, pages 59 and 60, proceedings of '84.

4th. To the unanswered query of Bro.: Warren, 2, as to the power of the Grand Master and the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge in appeals from subordinate Lodges, page 66, proceedings of '84.

5th. To the report of the committee on Jurisprudence, on the recommendation of Grand Secretary Bowen, in regard to the standing committee on the Law, page 66, proceedings of '84.

6th. To the query of Bros.: Randall, 84, and Carter, 54, as to Masons who are engaged in the wholesale or retail liquor trade, page 40, '84.

W.:Bro.: Lowe, 11, presented the following report from the special committee on the Grand Master's address, which report was adopted:

*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, and Grand Treasurer R.:W.: C. Hartman, having considered the same, report and recommend as follows:

That so much thereof as relates to furnishing of subordinate lodges with books and blanks, together with the preparing a reprint of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, be referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

That so much thereof as relates to changing the by-laws be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much thereof as relates to the papers and communications received from other Grand Lodges, be referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

That so much thereof as relates to the return of \$300 relief funds, by the Grand Master of Illinois, be referred to the committee on Charity.

That so much thereof as relates to the appointment of a delegate, and the organization of a National Board of Relief, be referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

That so much thereof as relates to the preparation and completion of the Black Book, be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

That the canvass of votes on proposed amendments to by-laws be referred to a special committee of three [Bros.: Stark, 68, Wilson, 3, Ehrhardt, 41, were appointed].

That the financial statement and accounts of the Grand Secretary, be referred to the committee on Accounts.

That the matter of appeals be referred to the committee on Grievances.

That the request of Bro.: Charles Barnes, of Waco Lodge, No. 80, be referred to the committee on Charity.

That the letter from Dr. John J. Solomon be referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

That inquiries from Lodges 84 and 54 be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

That the report of the Grand Treasurer be referred to the committee on Accounts.

G. W. LININGER,	} <i>Special Committee.</i>
FREDERICK B. LOWE,	
A. G. HASTINGS,	

Bros.: Stark, 68, Wilson, 3, and Ehrhardt, 41, were accordingly appointed a special committee to verify the Grand Secretary's canvass of votes of lodges on the proposed amendments to the constitution of the Grand Lodge.

W.:Bro.: Mercer, 4, submitted the following report from the committee on Accounts; on motion of Bro.: Crites, 6 its consideration was made the special order of business for half-past seven o'clock this evening [see pages 149, 171 and 186]:

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

Your committee on Accounts fraternally report that we have examined the report of the Orphan Educational Fund and find it mathematically correct.

R.:W.:Bro.: Long, 11, presented the following report from

the committee on Returns; unanimous consent was given to consideration of the proposed change in the law, and the amendment was adopted without dissent:

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

Your committee on Returns, to whom was referred recommendation No. 7, Grand Master's address, have considered the subject, and would recommend that Section 2, Article XII, be amended as follows: Strike out, commencing with the word "first," in line eighteen, up to and including the word "holden," line nineteen, and insert "upon the 30th of April preceding the annual communication of the Grand Lodge."

M.:W.:Bro.: Warren, 2, introduced the following report from the committee on Jurisprudence; the Grand Lodge consented to the immediate consideration of the proposed amendment of the by-laws, and the proposed amendment was adopted:

In accordance with the recommendation of the Grand Master, your committee on Jurisprudence presents the following amendment to the by-laws of this Grand Lodge:

Insert at the end of Section one (1), the following, "a committee on codification of the law."

Add to Section two (2), the following paragraph:

"It shall be the duty of the committee on codification of the law, to digest the various decisions of the Grand Master and committee on Jurisprudence, reconcile the same, and incorporate them into the law in the form of additional by-laws or rules."

M.:W.:Bro.: Hayes, 55, presented the following report from the committee on Jurisprudence, which was considered by sections and was adopted, except so much as recommends disapproval of the Grand Master's decision No. 1. A motion to sustain the committee's disapproval of decision No. 1 was lost, and on motion the Grand Master's decision No. 1 was approved.

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

Your committee on Jurisprudence fraternally report:

1. Regarding the decision of the M.:W.: Grand Master, we approve decisions Nos. 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18 and 19, and disapprove Nos. 1, 15, and would approve No. 3 after striking out the words "but question the propriety."

2. As to decision No. 6, we approve the construction placed upon the law by the Grand Custodian, and recommend no change.

3. Your committee can conceive of circumstances where it might be right and perfectly proper for lodges to own real estate jointly with other organizations, but recommend that it only be done with the knowledge and consent of the M.:W.: Grand Master.

4. Replying to the following query of Bro.: John W. Bowen, of Jasper Lodge, No. 122, we answer in the negative:

Does it require a special dispensation for a public installation?

J. W. BOWEN, Jasper Lodge, No. 122.

5. To the following query of Bro.: H. A. Spiher, of Fidelity Lodge, No. 51, we also answer in the negative:

After a petition for initiation has been reported on by the committee, can said petition be returned without a ballot?

H. A. SPIHER, Fidelity Lodge, No. 51.

6. To the following query of Bro.: Henry A. Guild, Pomegranate Lodge, No. 110, we reply: Where a petitioner shows that he has been rejected by another lodge, all proceedings should be delayed until a waiver of jurisdiction has been received from the rejecting lodge. A waiver of jurisdiction under such circumstances is a withdrawal of objections. Upon receipt of such waiver the petition can be referred as in other cases. The secretary of the lodge, under the direction of the master, should ask for such waiver over the petitioner.

A. B. petitions for initiation into lodge C. In his petition he admits that he lives within the jurisdiction of lodge D., by which lodge he has been rejected. His petition is received and referred. Subsequently, a report from the committee is called for, when a member of the committee moves that its chairman be instructed to inform the petitioner that it will be necessary for him, before lodge C. can do anything in his case, that he procure a waiver of jurisdiction from lodge D., and also a withdrawal of objection to his initiation, the ground taken being, that it is the duty of a lodge to see that candidates come possessed of the requisite qualifications, and not to *possess* them of the same.

The Master, however, refused to entertain the motion, and directed the secretary to write to lodge D., asking for a waiver of jurisdiction, and a withdrawal of objection, in the case of A. B.

Now, query: Was such action on the part of the Master regular, and in harmony with the law and usages of Freemasonry?

H. A. GUILD, Pomegranate Lodge, No. 110.

With regard to the following queries, found on page 40, of our '84 proceedings, your committee report that they can see no difference in principle between wholesale and retail liquor dealers. But so far as this committee can ascertain there is now no law in this jurisdiction prohibiting Master Masons from engaging in the liquor traffic.

Does a Master Mason of this jurisdiction, engaging in the wholesale liquor business, subject himself to Masonic discipline?

2d. Should charges be made against a Brother Master Mason who does engage in the wholesale liquor business?

WM. S. RANDALL, Master Fairfield Lodge, No. 84.

Does the rule in regard to saloon keepers apply to persons engaged in the wholesale liquor business?

C. M. CARTER, Lancaster Lodge, No. 54.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

Bro.: Crites, 6, offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that it is a Masonic offense for a Mason to engage in the retailing of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

M.:W.:Bro.: Hastings, 19, moved to amend by inserting the words, "*or wholesaling*;" and as thus amended the resolution was adopted.

A resolution prescribing the duties of lodges under the above resolution was introduced and laid on the table.

The following report, from the committee on Charity, was adopted:

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

Your committee on Charity, to whom was referred the subject matter of the letter of Grand Master Orendorf, of Kentucky, would report that we have had the same under consideration, and that we heartily concur in the object and purposes of the magnificent charity organized and being carried out by the Masons of Kentucky. It reflects credit upon them, and honor upon the whole Fraternity. We recommend the newspaper—*The Masonic Home Journal*—to the consideration of the members of this Grand Lodge, and suggest that they subscribe for the same, and thus contribute to the building up of one of the noblest charities in existence, and at the same time procure for themselves a journal replete with literary merit.

We further recommend that the three hundred dollars received from M.:W.: D. M. Browning, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, be covered into the Relief Fund of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Regarding the matter of diplomas or credentials to be furnished to traveling brethren, we would recommend that the matter be referred to a committee of three, of whom the Grand Secretary shall be one, to correspond with the various Grand Lodges relative to the advisability of requiring each Master Mason in good standing in their jurisdictions to be furnished with a diploma. We would further recommend that each subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction be *required* to furnish each Master Mason in good standing with a diploma, and that the same be verified each year.

We further recommend that the prayer of Bro.: C. N. Barnes, of Waco Lodge, No. 80, applying for aid, be not granted.

We further recommend that one hundred (100) dollars be donated to Corinthian Lodge, No. 83, to be expended for the relief of Bro.: Peter L. Frazer, an indigent brother, eighty-four years of age.

Bro.: Stark, 68, presented the following report from the special committee of which he was chairman; the report was received:



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

Your special committee beg leave to report that they find the following to be the votes of approval and rejection, on the following proposed amendments to our constitution:

To Section 4, Article XII, page 57, proceedings of '84.

Lodges vote approval.....	43
Lodges vote rejection.....	43
Lodges not voting.....	35
	121

To Article II, page 59, proceedings of '84.

Lodges vote approval.....	49
Lodges vote rejection.....	34
Lodges not voting.....	38
	121

To Article II, page 60, proceedings of '84.

Lodges vote approval.....	46
Lodges vote rejection.....	40
Lodges not voting.....	35
	121

W. L. STARK, 68,	}	<i>Special Committee.</i>
MIL0 C. WILSON, 3,		
JNO. A. EHRHARDT, 41,		

The Grand Master then put the questions:

“Shall the proposed amendment to Section 4, Article XII of the constitution, [increasing fees for dispensations and charters for new lodges] be adopted?” which proposed amendment was concurred in.

“Shall the proposed amendment to Article II, of the constitution, [making Past Grand Wardens members of the Grand Lodge] be adopted?” which proposed amendment was not concurred in.

“Shall the proposed amendment to Article II, of the constitution, [making Past Masters members of the Grand Lodge] be adopted?” which proposed amendment was lost.

Bro.: Dinsmore, 49, presented and read the following report from the committee on Ways and Means; it was reread and considered by sections, and was adopted:

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

We, your committee on Ways and Means, make the following report:

We find the Grand Secretary's office so crowded from floor to ceiling that there is not adequate space left for the prompt and ready dispatch of the duties devolving on him as Secretary. But few if any of us would think we could work in so close quarters.

We find his office deficient in the matter of filing pigeon hole cases, filing case, tables, desks, etc., the tables now in use being borrowed. We also find that our Grand Secretary has so labeled and numbered all papers, cases and packages that any matter wanted can be readily found; in fact, we find the system as near perfection as is usually found in the best regulated offices. We recommend that immediate steps be taken to secure a more commodious office; that steps be taken to procure a fire proof vault for the storage of the most valuable papers and documents of the Secretary's office; we recommend that from the unexpended balance in the Grand Treasurer's hands the following appropriations be made and expended by the Grand Secretary, with the consent and approval of the Grand Master, viz.:

For commencing the reprinting, indexing and stereotyping of the proceedings of this Grand Body from 1857 to 1874, or such a portion of the same as may be, the sum of.....	\$500.
For one pigeon-hole filing case.....	65.
For one gross manila filing cases.....	50.
For one office stove.....	35.
For one rack for charters and other large sheets.....	65.

We find that the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions in the Secretary's office are being badly damaged, if not entirely destroyed, for the want of proper binding. We therefore recommend that the sum of \$250 be appropriated to commence the binding of such reports, to be expended by the Grand Secretary upon the approval of the Grand Master.

We recommend that \$800 be appropriated to defray the miscellaneous expenses of the Grand Secretary's office for the coming year. For the payment of clerk hire employed by our Grand Master, which he is too modest to charge in his bill of expenses, the sum of \$50. For the payment of assistant employed by Grand Secretary during the year 1884, \$100; for assistant to Grand Secretary for the year 1885, the sum of \$250. For Grand Tiler for present session, \$10.

That part of the Grand Master's address referred to us, relating to the compiling an analytical index to letters sent, we would recommend that the sum of \$50 be appropriated to pay for the same, when compiled under the direction of our Grand Secretary.

That part of the Grand Secretary's report referred to us, relating to the furnishing of books, blanks and other supplies to old lodges, we would recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish blanks and books required for the old lodges at one-half cost; that the sum of \$250 be appropriated, to be expended by him with the consent of the Grand Master to carry this recommendation into effect.

We recommend that the sum of \$200, to be expended in procuring necessary assistance in preparing for reprint the proceedings of this Grand Body from 1857 to 1874, as suggested by that portion of the report of the Grand Secretary referred to your committee.

We are assured by the Masonic Temple Craft of Omaha that they will erect during the present year a building adjoining this which will contain a fire-proof office, which will be duly tendered to this Grand Body as a Grand Secretary's office, rent free. Should this be done, it will not only be desirable, but almost a necessity that the same be at once accepted, and to make the same available, we would recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer for the furnishing and equipping the same in a convenient manner, all expenditures to be made with the approval of the Grand Master. We recommend that the sum of \$50 be appropriated to pay Bro.: E. K. Long for his time in compiling the report on lodge returns.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M.:W.:Bro.: Oakley, 19, laid before the Grand Lodge the following report from the committee on Grievances, which was concurred in, excepting the last part [numbered 5,] which was not adopted:

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

Your committee on Grievances submit the following report:

1. In the case of William P. Grantham, a suspended member of Rock Bluffs Lodge, who asks for a remission of dues, amounting to six dollars at date of suspension, we recommend that the dues be remitted and that the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue a demit to the said Bro.: William P. Grantham.

2. Your committee to whom was referred the application of Bro.: James H. Stewart, of Waco, for demit, would recommend that upon payment of Grand Lodge dues, if any, the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, authorized to grant a demit.

3. In the matter of application for reinstatement of John W. Tew, expelled from Washington Lodge, No. 21, of Blair, Neb., on the 8th day of January, 1884; we recommend that the matter be laid over for one year, and the application be referred back to said Washington Lodge for re-application.

4. Your committee to whom was referred the matter of appeal of Bro.: Clark Shelly, J.:W.:, of Falls City Lodge, No. 9, beg leave to report: that they have had the same under consideration, and find that the accused plead guilty as charged, and the lodge erred in not proceeding to pass some grade of punishment under the laws. The appeal of Bro.: Clark Shelly, J.:W.:, of said Falls City Lodge, is hereby sustained, and Falls City Lodge, No. 9, is hereby directed and required to take up the case and find

the brother guilty according to his pleadings and proceed to pass some degree of punishment upon him.

All subordinate lodges should understand that when a brother is clearly found guilty, either by confession or by positive proof, it is the bounden duty of the lodge to proceed to pass sentence, and that a verdict of *not guilty* in such cases is highly irregular and censurable.

5. Your committee to which has been referred the appeal of Champion S. Chase from the decision of Capitol Lodge No. 3, wherein said Capitol Lodge expelled said appellant from membership therein, beg leave to report: that we have carefully examined the same, and in the judgment of your committee the punishment inflicted was excessive, whereupon your committee recommend that the sentence of said lodge be modified and said Champion S. Chase be indefinitely suspended.

The following report was received, and, by unanimous consent, the proposed changes in the law were considered and were adopted:

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

Your special committee, to which was referred the fifteenth recommendation of the Grand Master, regarding the time of holding the annual communications of the Grand Lodge, and reviving the Festival of Saint John the Baptist, fraternally report in favor of the change and recommend the adoption of the following:

That the time of holding the annual communications of this Grand Lodge shall be on the Wednesday on or immediately following the fourteenth day of June of each year at such hour as the Grand Master may appoint.

That all chartered lodges be required to install their office-bearers on the anniversary of Saint John the Baptist, June twenty-fourth.

Fraternally submitted,

G. W. LININGER, 3, } *Of the Special*  
H. GIBBONS, 46, } *Committee.*

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

And the Grand Lodge was called from labor until half past seven o'clock this evening.

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## SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1885.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, Grand Master Wemple presiding.

The special order of the hour being the consideration of the report of the committee on Accounts, finding mathematically correct the report on the Orphan Educational Fund, that matter was taken up and the original report returned to the trustees of the fund for a more detailed report. [See pages 149, 163 and 186].

The Grand Lodge now proceeded to choose its office-bearers for the new year: Bros.: Slaughter, 89, Young, 61, and Ehrhardt, 41, were appointed tellers: and the following were chosen:

- BRO.: MANOAH B. REESE, 59.....Grand Master.
- BRO.: CHARLES K. COUTANT, 11.....Deputy Grand Master.
- BRO.: MILTON J. HULL, 67.....Grand Senior Warden.
- BRO.: GEORGE B. FRANCE, 56.....Grand Junior Warden.
- BRO.: CHRISTIAN HARTMAN, 11.....Grand Treasurer.
- BRO.: WILLIAM R. BOWEN, 3.....Grand Secretary.

Later in the session the Grand Master-elect appointed

- BRO.: CHARLES W. SAVIDGE, 25.....Grand Chaplain.
- BRO.: CHARLES J. PHELPS, 34.....Grand Orator.
- BRO.: BENJAMIN F. RAWALT, 84.....Grand Custodian.
- BRO.: FRANCIS E. WHITE, 6.....Grand Marshal.
- BRO.: JOHN J. MERCER, 4.....Grand Senior Deacon.
- BRO.: ELIAS C. WILCOX, 104.....Grand Junior Deacon.
- BRO.: WILLIAM J. MOUNT, 11.....Grand Tiler.

The appointments were, on motion, confirmed.

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

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

Your committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to report:

- 1. \* \* \* \* \*
- 2. \* \* \* \* \*

3. To the following query of Bro.: Gerecke, of Mosaic Lodge, No. 55, we answer, until the next regular meeting.

A brother having passed a satisfactory examination in the Entered Apprentice degree, a Master Mason in good standing lodges a verbal objection to the advancement of the brother without giving any reason for objecting; how long does the objection hold?

W. GERECKE, Mosaic Lodge, No. 55.

To the following query of Bro.: E. B. Carter we answer, a waiver of jurisdiction must be obtained from the lodge rejecting him.

Two or more lodges hold concurrent jurisdiction. An applicant for the degrees of Masonry is rejected by one of the lodges. After proper time he wishes to apply again but concludes to place his application with one of the other lodges.

Must he get the consent of the lodge rejecting him before the second lodge can act on his application?

E. B. CARTER, St. Johns Lodge, No. 25.

We also earnestly recommend the adoption of the three sections, amendments to the by-laws, proposed by the R.:W.: Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge took up the three amendments to the by-laws proposed by the Grand Secretary [regarding blanks and blank books, and the annual closing of accounts of subordinate lodges—see pages 142 and 143] and recommended in the foregoing report; unanimous consent was given to their consideration at this time, and the three amendments were adopted.

M.:W.:Bro.: Wheeler, 6, presented the following resolution from Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, and moved that the Grand Secretary be instructed to draw orders on the Grand Treasurer in favor of each lodge for the amounts of the rebate-credits less any debit balances, within thirty days from the close of this communication: no action was taken at this time. [See page 186.]

HALL OF PLATTSMOUTH LODGE, No. 6, A.:F.: AND A.: M.:

PLATTSMOUTH, JUNE 15, 1885.

At a stated communication of said lodge, held at the above date, on motion of Bro.: F. E. White, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the representatives of this lodge be, and they are hereby instructed to use their best efforts at the next stated communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, to procure such legislation as will cause the immediate return to the respective constituent lodges of such sums as they shall be entitled to receive as rebates on dues to said Grand Lodge."

[SEAL]

Witness my hand and seal of said Plattsmouth Lodge, No. 6, A.:F.: and A.:M.: at the date first above written.

ALBERT W. CRITES, *Secretary*.

The following query presented by Bro.: Crites, 6, was not entertained. Near the closing of the Grand Lodge, the query was, on motion of W.: Bro.: Lowe, 11, referred to the committee on Jurisprudence for consideration and report at the next annual communication:

QUERY:—While the Grand Lodge is in session, can an appeal to the Grand Lodge be taken from the decision of the Grand Master on a question of parliamentary law?

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M.:W.:Bro.: Lininger, 3, moved to amend Section I, of the Grand Lodge by-laws by adding "*and the committee on Doings of Grand Office-Bearers;*" unanimous consent was given to its immediate consideration and the amendment was adopted, thus creating another standing committee of the Grand Lodge.

W.:Bro.: Lowe, 11, duly seconded, offered the following amendments to the constitution, on which the action of the chartered lodges is required:

Amend Article XIII, by striking out the last three lines thereof, to-wit: "Provided that any subordinate lodge or lodges, failing to act upon proposed amendments and report the same as herein provided, shall be counted as voting in the affirmative."

W.:Bro.: Lowe, 11, also offered the following amendment to the by-laws of the Grand Lodge and asked that same be not considered at this session:

Amend Section I, Article 1, by striking out the words "the committee on Charity."

Amend Section II by striking out Article 7, and renumbering Articles 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 respectively as follows: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Amend Section VIII, by the adoption of the following, and renumbering Articles 1 and 2 of said section as it now stands, respectively as follows: 7 and 8.

#### AMENDMENT TO SECTION VIII

1. The Master, Wardens, and other officers, according to their precedence, of each subordinate lodge shall be representatives from their respective lodge, to the Nebraska Masonic Relief Committee, provided that each lodge shall be entitled to one representative for every seventy-five members of the lodge, or fractional part thereof.

2. It shall be the duty of the Nebraska Masonic Relief Committee, under the direction of the Grand Master, to take cognizance of all charities incumbent upon this masonic jurisdiction, consider the best means to provide therefor, receive and disburse all funds pertaining thereto, and dispense at such times and in such manner as shall be considered most practicable and effective all charity, relief and assistance, and make annual return to the Grand Lodge of their proceedings and accounts.

3. It shall be the duty of the Nebraska Masonic Relief Committee to provide such system as will best prevent imposition upon the several subordinate lodges, and result in a perfect co-operation in all matters of charity.

4. Its officers shall be as follows: The Grand Master shall be ex-officio president. There shall be elected annually at such time as the Grand Master shall designate a secretary and a treasurer, at which time the Grand Master may select one vice president for each lodge.

5. The representatives of any lodges holding concurrent jurisdiction shall constitute subordinate committees and shall annually elect a president and secretary, and in all things be subordinate to the Nebraska Masonic Relief Committee, and be governed by such regulations as it may impose.

M.:W.:Bro.: Oakley, 19, submitted the following reports from the committee on Grievances, which were adopted:

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

Your committee on Grievances, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address, wherein the charter of Rock Bluff Lodge No. 20. was arrested, beg leave to report that in their opinion the action of the Grand Master was for the best interests of the Craft, and we recommend the cancellation of the charter and number, and that the Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to grant demits to such of the brethren as are entitled to them.

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

Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of arrest of charter of Waco Lodge No. 80, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report that they fully endorse the action of the M.:W.: Grand Master, and recommend that the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to settle up the affairs of the said lodge, granting demits to such of the brethren as may be entitled to them. We further recommend that the charter and number of said lodge be cancelled.

On motion of Bro.: Crites, 6, it was

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to issue demits to brothers of the late Rock Bluff Lodge, No. 20, who are not in arrears for dues for more than three years, and are otherwise in good standing, without collecting such dues.

A communication was received from W.:Bro.: W. E. Pattison, Master of Red Oak Lodge, No. 162, Iowa, inviting the Grand Lodge to join in the dedication of the Temple of that lodge and the installation of its office-bearers on Saint John's Day (to-day). The communication was referred to



the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, whose report thereon was adopted, as follows :

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

Your committee, to whom was referred the invitation of the brethren of Red Oak Lodge, of Red Oak, Iowa, would fraternally report, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

WHEREAS, This Grand Lodge have received a friendly invitation from the masonic brethren of Red Oak Lodge, No. 162, of the Grand Jurisdiction of Iowa, requesting the presence of this Grand Body at the celebration of St. John's day, and to join them in the dedication of their Masonic Temple and the installation of their office-bearers ; and

WHEREAS, Owing to the press of business on hand it is impossible for us to accept their kind invitation ; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, By this Grand Lodge, that while we cannot comply with this fraternal request, we extend to our brethren at Red Oak our most cordial greeting and best wishes for the success of their lodge, and express our regret that we cannot participate in the festivities, and thereby draw closer the bonds of fraternal intercourse.

That the Grand Secretary furnish a copy of this preamble and resolution to Red Oak Lodge under the seal of this Grand Lodge.

M.:W.:Bro.: Furnas, 4, referring to the matter presented in the Grand Master's address [\* \* \* \* \*  
\* \* \* \* \*], moved that the whole matter be referred to M.:W.:Bro.: Wemple, 50, with request that he investigate same and report his findings to the Grand Master ; and that on such report the Grand Master take such action as he may deem best for the interests of the Fraternity ; the motion prevailed.

M.:W.:Bro.: Hayes, 55, presented the following report from the committee on Jurisprudence, in which the Grand Lodge concurred :

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

Your committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to report that we find no question of Masonic Law in M.:W.: Grand Master's recommendation No. 2, and therefore have no suggestions to make.

Recommendation No. 4 is already an edict of this Grand Lodge, and no action of this committee or of the Grand Lodge can make it more effective.

No. 5.—We recommend that no change be made in the name or title of "Grand Custodian," as suggested in recommendation No. 11.

A number of brothers were now excused from further attendance.

And the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until half past eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

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### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 5885.

M.:W.: John J. Wemple, Grand Master, called the Grand Lodge to labor at the appointed hour this morning.

M.:W.:Bro.: Furnas, 4, submitted the following report from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, which was adopted:

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

Your committee on Foreign Correspondence, to which was referred that portion of the M.:W.: Grand Master's address pertaining to the recognition of the Grand Lodges of Mexico and South Australia, has performed its duty as well as the limited time given it would permit and report as follows:

The application of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Mexico for recognition, comes before us in proper form and with features strongly recommending it to our favor. But without here entering into details, your committee is of opinion further information should be in possession of this Grand Lodge before recognition is extended. To this end we ask that the Grand Secretary be instructed to obtain all possible information on this question, more particularly as to the existence of other masonic organizations in the Republic and communicate the same to this Grand Lodge at its next annual communication.

As to the application from South Australia the committee are of opinion we should first know the position and action, if any, of the Grand Lodge of England before this Grand Lodge acts in the matter.

In the matter of Dr. John J. Solomon making certain claims on the Fraternity, your committee, after a careful examination of all the papers placed in its hands, can find no legitimate claims as to membership in the Fraternity, and therefore recommend the dismissal of the whole matter from further consideration in this jurisdiction.

As to the matter of a National Relief Association your committee is,

with the light before it, unable to see the propriety of this Grand Lodge entering into that line of work.

The Grand Orator W.:Bro.: William Lecese, 38, now delivered the following oration; on motion a copy was requested for publication with these proceedings, and thanks returned for the interesting and carefully prepared address.

*Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

The twilight of another masonic year has grown dim in the horizon, and the softening touch of time has concealed within her bosom the pleasing memories and the bitter disappointments of another year.

As we peruse the pages of the old historians, we find various periods mentioned as the starting point of our time-honored institution. Some have based their arguments on solid, indisputable, fixed facts, while others have wreathed them with the bright flowers of fancy, surrounded them with the halo of song, and peopled them with creatures of their own bright imagination. And yet, when I look back on the path that has been trod by so many illustrious men, notwithstanding so many landmarks are visible to guide me on my way for information, I hesitate and pause as on the brink of some dreadful abyss. When I realize to what depths of antiquity they have penetrated, the work that has been performed, delving among the musty records and archives of ancient Freemasonry, and the rich fruits of their toil brought forth, I start out on my journey with fear and a trembling footstep.

Freemasonry is the oldest institution on the earth, its advocates date its origin at the creation, and this the A. D. 1885, is the 5885th Masonic year; and that our institution has ever been held in the same high estimation as at the present time, is evidenced by the fact that Kings, Princes and Potentates, the highest, best and wisest men of every age and country, have leveled themselves with the fraternity, patronized their assemblies, and when designated as a Freemason always considered themselves honored.

We read in the book of Genesis that the earth was peopled with the descendants of Noah, and at this early time Freemasonry was known. We read in chapter 11, 3rd verse, these words: "And they said to one another, 'go to, let us make brick and burn them thoroughly, and we will build a tower, whose top may reach unto the heavens, and let us make us a name lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the earth.' And the Lord came down to see the tower which the children of men builded and said, 'Behold, the people are one, and they have all one language, and this they begin to do,' and for their vanity the Lord confounded their language and scattered them abroad upon the face of the earth." And thereby occasioned that which they had endeavored to avoid, and hence the tower was called Babel or confusion.

Herodotus says, upon the top of this tower was an observatory, by the use of which the Babylonian masons advanced their skill in geometry and astronomy beyond all other nations, for we learn that in the year B. C. 331, when Alexander took Babylon, Calisthenes, the wise philosopher who accompanied him, found that the people had astronomical observations for 1903 years before their time, which carries the account back as far as 115 years after the flood and 15 years after the building of the tower of Babel. And we will show you that after the dispersion from Shinar, they still carried with them their knowledge of masonry and advanced it to a greater degree of perfection, and we will trace from this time, its history as a continued and connected whole, by symbols, similar customs, the sciences, arts and laws.

Nimrod, the son of Cush, the grandson of Ham, began to be a mighty one on the earth. He founded the first great empire in Shinar or Babylon and became the Grand Master or overseer of all the Masons after the general migration. He built many cities in the empire of Shinar, as described in Genesis, chapter 10, and under him flourished a learned class of mathematicians, whose successors were styled magi or wise men, by way of eminence for their superior knowledge.

The people dispersed from Shinar at various times, commencing 154 years after the flood, and traveling north, south, east and west, aided by their superior knowledge and skill, notwithstanding their language had been confounded, as they had agreed upon certain signs and grips whereby they might know each other should they meet in distant parts of the earth, which gave rise to the univereal custom among Masons conversing with each other without speaking, and of recognizing each other by certain signs and tokens.

The second son of Ham, noted for his skill and might, first settled in Egypt and was the progenitor of the line of native kings called Pharaohs. The era of Mizriam or Menes varies in time from 2188, according to the bible, to 3643 B. C., according to Bunsen, one of the most learned writers of Germany. The first dynasty lasted for 253 years from Mizriam to Hespū, comprising five kings. Mizriam or Menes, the second son of Ham, leads the colonies into Egypt and was the founder of the first Egyptian empire, 2188 years B. C. which lasted 1663 years. His skill in masonry is exemplified by his works. Memphis, founded by Mizriam, who according to Herodotus, changed the bed of the Nile and made a high embankment fourteen miles above the city to protect it from inundation. The remains of this embankment still exist. Thebes, the beautiful city described by Homer as the city of 100 gates, was celebrated for its many magnificent palaces and temples. It supplanted Memphis, the ancient capital of the Pharaohs.

At the Persian conquest Cambyses obtained from this city two million pounds, and ruined many of the noblest monuments of masonry, and its grandeur departed when Alexander laid the foundation of the city of his name.

Recent excavations have brought to light many valuable remains as far

oak as the eleventh dynasty. The great pyramids of Egypt, being the supposed sepulchres of ancient kings, the greatest being considered the first of the seven wonders of the world. It measures 481 feet in height and is 764 feet square at its base. In its construction 100,000 masons were employed for 30 years, or what is more probable, for 50 years, during the whole reign of Cheops, which is dated at 2123 B. C. Some writers say it was built of Arabian marble and others say it is artificial stone made on the spot. The operations of General Vise recently gave rise to the discovery of hieroglyphics of red ochre on the blocks of granite. They contained the names and titles of kings, numerals and directions for the position of materials and many masonic emblems, and no doubt can remain but that masonry was well known at that time, carried hither by Menes or Mizriam from Shinar.

The offspring of Shem traveled into the south and east of Great Asia and preserved their original skill and much cultivated the arts.

Abram was born two years after the death of Noah. He had become well skilled in the arts and sciences before leaving Ur. He traveled into the land of the Canaanites, but because of a famine that prevailed in that country he was forced with his family down into Egypt in the year B. C. 1920, according to Usher's chronology of the Hebrew text. He communicated his skill to the Canaanites, for which they honored him as a prince. He transmitted his knowledge of masonry to all of his offspring. Isaac did the same to his sons, and Jacob communicated his knowledge to his family, of which we have an illustrious example in his son Joseph, who, when he was sold into Egypt as a slave, retained such strong ideas of the early instructions received that he excelled the Egyptian masons in knowledge and was installed by the command of Pharaoh, the Grand Master over all the masons of Egypt.

The descendants of Japheth occupied the Isles of the Gentiles, the coast lands of the Mediterranean sea in Europe and Asia Minor, whence they spread northwest over the whole continent of Europe and a considerable portion of Asia.—Gen. x, v. Josephus identifies the descendants of Tubal, the son of Japheth, with the Iberians that are the inhabitants of a tract of country between the Caspian and Euxine seas.

Some writers contend that the mysteries of masonry can be traced from Egypt to India, by Brahma; to China and Japan, by Buddha; to Gaul and Britain, by Gomer. But be this as it may, I can find no account of how long the posterity of Japheth in the north and west of Europe had lost their skill, or how the knowledge thereof first came into the British Isles, the earliest histories of the country being so interwoven with fables, and perplexed with contrarities that authors cannot agree where to begin, how to go on, or where to end, so that the several parts of it may hang together with the color of truth. This, however, we do know, the Druids of Britain had many of the masonic usages in their time. They believed in the immortality of the soul. They held their assemblies in the woods and groves, or under the branches of some wide-spreading oak, and what they taught was committed to memory, and not on any account allowed

to be written. And it is certain that the first inhabitants of Britain must have brought with them no small knowledge of masonry, as is evidenced by some very admirable skill displayed in architecture, the remains of which are described by our very earliest writers, and in their day were so defaced by the ravages of time that it was hard to determine what might have been their original use.

In the year 1491 B. C., Moses, released from bondage, marched out of Egypt with 600,000 men, besides the children, and for their sake, God divided the Red Sea by that miraculous east wind, when they were pursued by Pharoah and his hosts. This hegrira of Moses occurred 430 years after the first pilgrimage of their ancestors. Exodus 13th chapter. "And God inspired Moses, Bezaleel and Aholiab with wisdom of heart." See Exodus, 31st chapter. And they raised that curious tabernacle and situated it due east and west to perpetuate that miraculous east wind by which their mighty deliverance was wrought. Although it was not of stone or brick, it was framed by geometry, and constructed according to the pattern that God discovered unto Moses on Mount Sinai, and that was afterwards the model of King Solomon's temple.

Joshua succeeded Moses as the ruler and he marshalled the Israelites and led them over Jordan into the promised land B. C. 1451. Having finished his wars with the Canaanites, he fixed the tabernacle at Shiloe in Ephraim, ordering the chiefs of Israel to worship God, cultivate the land, and carry on the grand design of architecture in the best Mosaic style.

The Israelites made prodigious progress in the study of masonry, having many expert artists in every tribe, who met in lodges or societies for that purpose. We also learn from the old writers that the Romans were pre-eminently an architectural race, and that the sciences and arts connected with architecture include a vast range and are connected intimately with the other attainments of an advanced civilization.

We can easily comprehend the progress that the lodges in those early times made, when states were formed after the model of families, and the religious and political constitution confusedly mingled. This character was retained by the lodges, particularly the lodges of architecture, until the fall of the Roman empire.

The city of Tyre was founded by the Sidonians B. C. 1252, and was repaired and extended by Hiram in the year B. C. 1056 under whom it flourished. Being a Mason, he enlarged Tyre, and extended it over a small island. This part, rebuilt and fortified by Hiram, withstood the long siege of the Assyrians, and successfully resisted a longer siege by Nebuchadnezzar. It was finally overcome by Alexander the Great, who filled the space from the main land to the island and thus succeeded in reducing the whole city.

During the reign of Hiram, the Israelites, on account of their proximity to the Masons of Tyre and Sidon, had splendid opportunities for improving their knowledge of the arts and at last attained to a very high degree of perfection, not alone in masonry, but also in the regularity and discipline of their well formed lodges, which through all succeeding ages

has been followed with no material changes. Thus link by link, and step by step, we trace the forms of masonry from the year 101 after the flood. For 1200 years we trace a similarity in their customs, arts, sciences, lodges and discipline. Also by their signs and tokens as Masons, agreed upon before their language was confounded at the building of the tower of Babel. The general uniformity of the works of art in their appearance, and especially in the early times, indicates most strongly the relation that existed before the dispersion, and that the knowledge of Masonry acquired at the building of the tower of Babel was retained and carried to the most distant parts of the earth. See 1st Chron. Chap. xi, 7. In the year B. C. 1015 David was king of Israel and being old and stricken in years, and the day was drawing nigh that he would die, and having taken Jebus the stronghold of Zion, which was called for him the city of David, but afterwards and in his time, acquired the name of Jerusalem, he assembled the people of Israel and informed them that he had an intention for a long time to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and had made great preparations for the building, but being a man of war and had shed blood, the privilege of building it was denied him, and that it was the divine will that the building should be undertaken by his son Solomon, and requested them to assist him in so laudable a work. On the death of David, B. C. 1012, and the succession of Solomon to the throne, Hiram, king of Tyre, who had ever been a lover of David, sent an embassy to Solomon expressing great joy at Solomon's succession. Solomon was much pleased with this and wrote to Hiram saying, "Thou knowest how that David, my father, could not build a house unto the name of the Lord, for the wars that were on him on every side, and the work had been left to me to begin and finish in time of peace, and requested Hiram to let some of his people go with his own workmen to Mount Lebanon to assist in hewing the cedar trees, observing that "there is not among us any that has skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians" and promised for the workmen's wages whatever Hiram should consider reasonable. When Hiram heard the words of Solomon he rejoiced greatly, and wrote to Solomon saying, "I have considered the things which thou sendest to me for, and I will do all things concerning timber of cedar and timber of fir. My workmen shall bring them down from Lebanon unto the sea and I will convey them by sea in floats unto the place that thou shalt appoint me. And thou shalt accomplish my desire in giving food for my household." And Solomon, much pleased with this answer of the Tyrian king, ordered him a yearly present of 20,000 measures of wheat and oil for his own household. See 1st Kings, Chap. v: 1-11, and the same quantity of wheat, wine and oil for Hiram's masons. Hiram sent the timber all hewed, squared and numbered on floats by sea to Joppa where they were received by Solomon's men and conveyed by land to Jerusalem. He also sent him a man of his own name, a Tyrian by birth, but of Israelitish descent, who was a second Bezaleel and honored by his king with the title of father. He is described in two places in Holy Writ. In 1st Kings, chapter vii: 13th, 14th and 15th verses, and in 2nd Chronicles, chapter ii: 13th and 14th verses. In the first he is

called a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and in the other, a son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, but in both, that his father was a man of Tyre. That is, that she was of the daughters of the city of Dan in the tribe of Naphtali, and is called a widow of Naphtali as her husband was a Naphthalite. See Numbers, chapter ii, verses 25-29. He is not called a Tyrian by birth or descent, but a man of Tyre by habitation, as the Apostle Paul was a man of Tarsus.

But the conclusions testify that God had endued Hiram with wisdom, understanding and mechanical cunning to perform everything that Solomon required. Not only in building the temple with all its costly magnificence, but also in founding, fathoming and framing all the Holy utensils thereof according to geometry, and to find out every device that shall be put to him. And that great light of masonry assures us that he fully maintained his character in far larger works than those of Aholiab and Bezaleel in building the tabernacle, and for which he will be loved and honored in all masonic lodges until the last stroke of the pendulum of time. In Solomon's absence, he filled the chair as Deputy Grand Master, and in his presence was his Grand Warden, or principal overseer, the master of all the artists, as well those whom David had formerly procured from Tyre and Sidon, as those Hiram should now send. The fellow-crafts were ordered to be partitioned into lodges of a certain number, with a Master and Wardens in each, to be duly paid, fed and clothed, and to take care of their succession by educating the entered apprentices. Thus a lasting foundation was laid for perfect harmony, love and friendship.

To carry on the stupendous work with greater ease and speed, Solomon caused all the craftsmen to be numbered as follows: Rulers, 300; overseers, that were expert Master Masons, 1 Kings, 16th chap., 3,300; stone squarers, polishers and sculptors, and hewers in the mountain and in the quarries being able and ingenious fellow-craftsmen, 80,000; the levy out of all Israel appointed to work in Lebanon one month in three, 10,000 each month, 1 Kings, chap. v, verse 13th, 30,000. Besides the men of burthen, the remains of the old Canaanites, 70,000, who were not included, there were 113,000 Freemasons employed in the temple, and all were so arranged and classed by the wisdom of Solomon that he was able to level the footstones of this vast structure in the fourth year of his reign, the third after the death of David, and the four hundred and eightieth after the children of Israel passed the Red Sea. 1st Kings, 6th chapter, 1st verse.

The work was begun on Mount Moriah on Monday, the second day of the month of Zif, which answers to the 21st of our April, and was carried on with such wonderful speed, that it was finished in all its parts in little more than seven years, which happened on the 8th day of the month Bul, which answers to 23rd of our October. See 1st Kings, 6th chapter, 38th verse. And what is still more astonishing, every piece of it, whether timber, stone or metal was brought ready cut and framed and polished to Jerusalem, so that no other tools were wanted, or heard, than those which were necessary to join the several parts together. All the noise of axe, hammer and saw was confined to Lebanon, the quarry, and the plains of



Zaradtha, that nothing might be heard among the Masons of Mount Zion, save harmony and peace.

Solomon carried on other grand works by which he kept the fraternity employed. He erected two palaces at Jerusalem for himself and his queen, the stately hall of Judicature with his ivory throne, the Royal Exchange, made by filling up the gulf between Mount Moriah and Mount Zion, with strong arches, upon which many beautiful piazzas were erected, with lofty colonnading at each side, and between the columns, a spacious walk from Zion castle to the temple. Besides many more costly edifices, and several cities. And last of all, Tadmor, in the desert towards Syria, one day's journey from the Euphrates and six from Babylon. This place was in later days called by the Greeks, Palmyra. The vast and glorious ruins of this once great city, comprising marble pillars, arches and other grand remains have been described at large and are to be seen by the traveler to this day. All these and many more were finished in the short period of thirteen years after the completion of the temple. Masonry was carried on to a great extent throughout the kingdom of Israel, and many lodges were instituted under Grand Master King Solomon, who annually assembled the Grand Lodge at Jerusalem, to preserve and cement the fraternity, and transmit their affairs to the remotest posterity. Three years before he died he composed his penitential songs, the "Ecclesiastes," and died in the year B. C. 975, aged 58 years. 2nd Chronicles, 9th chapter, 30th and 31st verses; 1st Kings, 11th chapter, and 41st and 42d verses.

Time will not permit, or we would follow step by step the progress of masonry from the consecration of the temple by Solomon until its destruction by Nebuchadnezzar and the captivity of the Jews, 416 years after it was finished; the progress of the fraternity under Cyrus; his order to rebuild the temple B. C. 536, and the succession of Cambyses, Artaxerxes and Darius, and the completion of the temple by Zerubbabel 20 years after founding the same. The tearing down the temple by Herod and rebuilding it anew for the purpose of reconciling to himself the affection of the Jews. Josephus described the temple of Herod as a most admirable and magnificent fabric of marble set off with the greatest profusion of rich and costly decorations, and as the finest building on earth since the days of Solomon. It being larger than the temple of Zerubbabel, besides having advantages of the Grecian and Corinthian styles of architecture with all their later improvements.

We could show you the state of masonry from the birth of the Saviour to the restoration of the Augustan style in Italy, and from the landing of Julius Cæsar in Britian B. C. 55, until the accession of James 1st to the crown of England in 1424, and from thence down to the union of the two crowns A. D. 1756, but time will not permit, and I thank you all for your kind attention.

W.:Bro.: Davidson, 17, submitted the following from the committee on Payroll, which was adopted:

NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE	LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	MILES.	MILEAGE.	DAYS.	PR. DIEM.	TOTAL.
W. F. Martin.....	Nebraska.....	1	Bellevue.....	10	60	3	6 00	6 60
Lewis Dunn.....	Western Star.....	2	Nebraska City.....	50	3 00	3	6 00	9 00
Wm. R. Bowen.....	Capitol.....	3	Omaha.....			3	6 00	6 00
D. H. Mercer.....	Nemaha Valley.....	4	Brownville.....	100	6 00	4	8 00	14 00
T. J. King.....	Omaha.....	5	Dakota City.....	121	7 26	3	6 00	13 26
V. V. Leonard.....	Plattsmouth.....	6	Plattsmouth.....	20	1 20	3	6 00	7 20
J. R. Wilhite.....	Falls City.....	9	Falls City.....	112	6 72	4	8 00	14 72
W. C. Vaughan.....	Solomon.....	10	Fort Calhoun.....	18	1 08	3	6 00	7 08
F. B. Lowe.....	Covert.....	11	Omaha.....			3	6 00	6 00
D. R. Thompson.....	Nebraska City.....	12	Nebraska City.....	50	3 00	3	6 00	9 00
	Orient.....	13	Rulo.....					
B. W. Knott.....	Peru.....	14	Peru.....	68	4 08	3	6 00	10 08
Asberry Townsend.....	Fremont.....	15	Fremont.....	46	2 76	3	6 00	8 76
S. P. Davidson.....	Tecumseh.....	17	Tecumseh.....	115	6 90	3	6 00	12 90
R. H. Oakley.....	Tecumseh.....	19	Lincoln.....	68	4 08	3	6 00	10 08
Nathan Carter.....	Washington.....	21	Blair.....	30	1 80	3	6 00	7 80
C. E. Pierce.....	Pawnee.....	23	Pawnee City.....	138	8 28	4	8 00	16 28
J. K. Coulter.....	Saint Johns.....	25	Omaha.....			3	6 00	6 00
Henry N. Blake.....	Beatrice.....	26	Beatrice.....	124	7 44	3	6 00	13 44
George Romberg.....	Jordan.....	27	West Point.....	70	4 20	3	6 00	10 20
J. A. Titus.....	Hope.....	29	Nemaha City.....	90	5 40	3	6 00	11 40
E. H. Landers.....	Blue River.....	30	Milford.....	95	5 70	3	6 00	11 70
J. P. Latta.....	Tekamah.....	31	Tekamah.....	50	3 00	3	6 00	9 00
Charles McDonald.....	Platte Valley.....	32	North Platte.....	291	17 46	3	6 00	23 46
C. F. Rollins.....	Ashlar.....	33	Grand Island.....	155	9 30	4	8 00	17 30
G. H. Wells.....	Acacia.....	34	Schuyler.....	76	4 46	3	6 00	10 56
B. S. Baker.....	Fairbury.....	35	Fairbury.....	224	13 44	3	6 00	19 44
J. B. White.....	Lone Tree.....	36	Central City.....	133	7 98	3	6 00	13 98
H. S. Fuller.....	Crete.....	37	Crete.....	93	5 58	4	8 00	13 58
William Leese.....	Oliver.....	38	Seward.....	94	5 64	3	6 00	11 64
N. R. Wilcox.....	Papillion.....	39	Papillion.....	15	90	3	6 00	6 90
Jos. Sarbach.....	Humboldt.....	40	Humboldt.....	138	8 28	3	6 00	14 28
J. A. Ebrhardt.....	Northern Light.....	41	Stanton.....	120	7 20	3	6 00	13 20
E. M. Allen.....	Juniata.....	42	Juniata.....	176	10 56	3	6 00	16 56
W. J. Hanna.....	Hebron.....	43	Hebron.....	212	12 72	3	6 00	18 72
Ezra Brown.....	Harvard.....	44	Harvard.....	154	9 24	3	6 00	15 24
J. O. Moore.....	Palmyra.....	45	Palmyra.....	90	5 40	3	6 00	11 40
F. J. Switz.....	Rob Morris.....	46	Kearney.....	195	11 70	3	6 00	17 70
J. Vandervort.....	Salem.....	47	Salem.....	153	9 18	3	6 00	15 18
J. O. Chase.....	Fairmont.....	48	Fairmont.....	121	7 26	3	6 00	13 26
F. M. Brown.....	Evening Star.....	49	Sutton.....	136	8 16	3	6 00	14 16
Joseph Myers.....	Hastings.....	50	Hastings.....	175	10 50	4	8 00	18 50
Henry Spilher.....	Fidelity.....	51	David City.....	96	5 76	3	6 00	11 76
John Hamming.....	Hiram.....	52	Arlington.....	46	2 76	3	6 00	8 76
J. R. Wilcox.....	Charity.....	53	Red Cloud.....	210	12 60	3	6 00	18 60
	Lancaster.....	54	Lincoln.....	68				
W. Gerecke.....	Mosaic.....	55	Norfolk.....	150	9 00	3	6 00	15 00
E. H. Dorr.....	York.....	56	York.....	140	8 40	3	6 00	14 40
G. W. McKee.....	Mount Moriah.....	57	Syracuse.....	102	6 12	3	6 00	12 12
J. D. Brewer.....	Lebanon.....	58	Columbus.....	92	5 52	3	6 00	11 52
J. Polsley.....	Wahoo.....	59	Wahoo.....	54	3 24	3	6 00	9 24
Lewis H. Kent.....	Melrose.....	60	Orleans.....	257	15 42	3	6 00	21 42
John F. Kutz.....	Thistle.....	61	Plum Creek.....	230	13 80	3	6 00	19 80
A. W. Price.....	Keystone.....	62	St. Joe.....	171	10 26	3	6 00	16 26
A. B. Stevens.....	Riverton.....	63	Riverton.....	224	13 44	3	6 00	19 44
W. G. Hastings.....	Blue Valley.....	64	Wilber.....	98	5 88	3	6 00	11 88
T. H. Saunders.....	Osceola.....	65	Osceola.....	121	7 26	3	6 00	13 26
L. R. Horrum.....	Livingstone.....	66	Firth.....	88	5 28	3	6 00	11 28
J. G. Prosser.....	Edgar.....	67	Edgar.....	193	11 58	3	6 00	17 58
F. J. Bricker.....	Aurora.....	68	Aurora.....	140	8 40	3	6 00	14 40
S. Darnell.....	Fortitude.....	69	Ulysses.....	102	6 12	3	6 00	12 12
	Sterling.....	70	Sterling.....					
	Trowel.....	71	Neligh.....					
H. Schwab.....	Hooper.....	72	Hooper.....	63	3 78	3	6 00	9 78
R. Connell.....	Friend.....	73	Friend.....	106	6 36	2	4 00	10 36
J. H. Enslow.....	Alexandria.....	74	Alexandria.....	220	13 20	3	6 00	19 20
Peter Smith.....	Frank Welch.....	75	Sidney.....	414	24 84	3	6 00	30 84
J. P. A. Black.....	Joppa.....	76	Bloomington.....	231	13 86	4	8 00	21 86
	Nelson.....	77	Nelson.....					
J. L. St. Clair.....	Albion.....	78	Albion.....	145	8 70	3	6 00	14 70
J. H. Dempster.....	Geneva.....	79	Geneva.....	130	7 80	3	6 00	13 80
	Waco.....	80	Waco.....	108				
F. E. Wilson.....	Composite.....	81	Rising.....	100	6 00	3	6 00	12 00
C. E. Forbes.....	Saint Paul.....	82	Saint Paul.....	172	10 32	3	6 00	16 32



Bros. . Bowen, 3, Tulleys, 53, and Lowe, 11, were appointed as the special committee on securing the general use of diplomas or certificates for traveling Freemasons.

On motion the following resolution was adopted, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to withhold demit:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to look over the evidence in reference to the charges against Bro.: John S. Bennett, a member of Waco Lodge No. 80, and report to this Grand Lodge what action ought to be taken in the premises in reference to said brother.

On motion of M.:W.:Bro.: Wheeler, 6, [see pages 149, 163 and 171] it was

*Resolved*, That the trustees of the Widows and Orphans "Educational Fund" be and they are hereby requested to make the following detailed statement of the funds in *hand* and *loaned* belonging to said fund:

1st. The date of each loan and rate of interest, and how much interest has been paid on each, and the date when interest was last paid.

2nd. To whom (full name) each loan was made.

3rd. The description of property given as security for loan.

4th. The present cash value of property.

5th. The amount of life insurance policy given as security, on whose life, and who is the beneficiary, and in whose custody is such policy, the annual premium, when premium was last paid, what assurance of future payments and what company issued such policy.

6th. What bonds are given by the trustees, who are their surety, by whom approved, and in whose custody are such bonds.

7th. All reports to be made up to and including May 31, 1885.

8th. Such report to be made to Grand Master Reese, within thirty days, and be printed in journal of this session of Grand Lodge.

The proposed instructions to the Grand Secretary (see page 172) to return the amount of credits earned by chartered lodges for prompt rendition of annual returns, were now taken up. M.:W.:Bro.: Warren, 2, made the point of order that the by-law regarding such credits could not be amended by a resolution, and the Grand Master sustained the point of order.

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M.:W.:Bro.: Cain, 9, submitted 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 that portion of the Grand Secretary's report regarding the Black Book and the use of a fourth character as verbally explained would recommend its adoption.

Regarding recommendation No. 14 of the M.:W.: Grand Master your committee would report that the Webb Monitor has heretofore been adopted by this Grand Lodge and we can see no good reason for any change.

That in relation to the salary of the Grand Custodian your committee recommend that the subject matter thereof be referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

W.:Bro.: McElHinney, 50, presented the following from the committee on Ways and Means:

That we appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars as salary and his actual expenses be paid, for our Grand Custodian for the faithful performance of his duties during the incoming year.

The recommendation of the committee was modified by the adoption of the following:

*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.

M.:W.:Bro.: Lininger, 3, assisted by M.:W.:Bro.: Furnas, 4, now obligated, instructed and installed all the newly chosen office-bearers of the Grand Lodge, excepting the Grand Orator who was not present.

The Grand Master, M.:W.: Manoah B. Reese, appointed M.:W.:Bro.: Robert W. Furnas, 4, trustee of the Orphan Educational Fund\*; Bros.: George W. Lininger, 3, William H. Munger, 15, and Newton R. Wilcox, 39, as the committee to investigate the evidence in case of Bro.: John S. Bennett, 80.

The following resolution, offered by M.:W.:Bro.: Cain, 9, was adopted by a rising vote:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to M.:W.:Bro.: John J. Wemple, for able, efficient and highly satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the many duties pertain-

\*NOTE. The trustees of the Orphan Educational Fund are Bro.: Charles L. Lamb, 41, until June, 5886; Bro.: Edwin F. Warren, 2, until June, 5887; and Bro.: Robert W. Furnas, 4, until June, 5888.

ing to his high office, during the past year, and that his zeal for the institution of masonry be fraternally commended to succeeding Grand Masters.

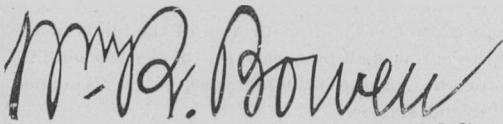
On motion of W.:Bro.: Rawalt, 84, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the Master Masons of the several lodges of Omaha for the courtesies extended this Grand Lodge.

M.:W.:Bro.: Wheeler, 6, chairman of the committee on the Fraternal Dead, asked and obtained permission to submit such report to the Grand Master within ten days, to be printed with the record of this annual communication.

The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at eleven o'clock.

MANOAH B. REESE,  
*Grand Master.*

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. R. Bowen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the Grand Secretary.

*Grand Secretary.*

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. Roskrige .....	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.....	Jonas W. Brown .....	Boise City.
Illinois.....	Loyal L. Munn.....	Freeport.
Indiana.....	William H. Smythe .....	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory.....	Joseph S. Murrow.....	Atoka, Choctaw Nation.
Iowa.....	Theodore S. Parvin.....	Cedar Rapids.
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.....	Winnepeg.
Maryland.....	Jacob H. Medairy.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Sercno 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.....	A..... A. Keen.....	Las Vegas.
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. Bringham.....	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.

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.
Arizona.....	Alonzo Bailey.....	.....	March 28, 1885.
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.....	B-ackstone 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.....	Eward 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. Parthen.....	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.....	Ethelred L. Turner.....	.....	July 9, 1884.
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, 12.....	Nebraska City.....	September 22, 1869.
Arizona.....	Fred J. Benedict, 50.....	Hastings.....	
Arkansas.....	Samuel W. Hayes, 55.....	Norfolk.....	March 6, 1878.
British Columbia.....	William Adair, 5.....	Dakota City.....	May 12, 1874.
California.....	John J. Wemple, 50.....	Hastings.....	March 24, 1883.
Canada.....	Robert C. Jordan, 33.....	Omaha.....	August 1, 1878.
Colorado.....	Josiah B. Redfield, 25.....	Omaha.....	May 11, 1874.
Connecticut.....	Alfred G. Hastings, 19.....	Lincoln.....	February 20, 1877.
Dakota.....	Manoah B. Reese, 59.....	Wahoo.....	
Delaware.....	Edwin A. Allen, 142.....	North Loup.....	December 1, 1869.
District of Columbia.....	Charles F. Catlin, 11.....	Omaha.....	September 18, 1869.
England.....	George W. Lininger, 3.....	Omaha.....	June 23, 1883.
Florida.....	Hiram C. Rider, 37.....	Crete.....	February 1, 1877.
France.....	Robert R. Livingston, 6.....	Plattsmouth.....	September 30, 1869.
Georgia.....	Edwin F. Warren, 2.....	Nebraska City.....	March 31, 1883.
Idaho.....	James A. Tulleys, 53.....	Red Cloud.....	February 1, 1877.
Illinois.....	Harry P. Deuel, 11.....	Omaha.....	September 8, 1869.
Indiana.....	George H. Thummel, 33.....	Grand Island.....	September 2, 1872.
Indian Territory.....	Bradner D. Slaughter, 89.....	Fullerton.....	August 4, 1879.
Iowa.....	Robert W. Furnas, 4.....	Brownville.....	October 1, 1883.
Kansas.....	Robert C. Jordan, 33.....	Omaha.....	
Kentucky.....	Henry Gibbons, 46.....	Kearney.....	May 27, 1885.
Louisiana.....	J. Newton Wise, 3.....	Plattsmouth.....	October 25, 1869.
Maine.....	N. S. Harding, 2.....	Nebraska City.....	December 1, 1869.
Manitoba.....	Edwin F. Warren, 2.....	Nebraska City.....	March 24, 1877.
Maryland.....	George Armstrong, 3.....	Omaha.....	February 2, 1877.
Michigan.....	Daniel H. Wheeler, 6.....	Plattsmouth.....	January 3, 1870.
Minnesota.....	Robert C. Jordan, 33.....	Omaha.....	
Missouri.....	J. Newton Wise, 3.....	Plattsmouth.....	August 17, 1869.
Mississippi.....	John M. Burks, 19.....	Lincoln.....	December 31, 1869.
Montana.....	Charles F. Goodman, 3.....	Omaha.....	August 14, 1878.
Nevada.....	James R. Reed, 31.....	Tekamah.....	February 14, 1870.
New Brunswick.....	Edwin A. Allen, 142.....	North Loup.....	September 22, 1869.
New Hampshire.....	Frank W. Hayes, 15.....	Fremont.....	February 8, 1879.
New Jersey.....	James R. Cain, 9.....	Falls City.....	September 24, 1878.
New Mexico.....	Henry E. Palmer, 6.....	Plattsmouth.....	April 25, 1879.
New York.....	Robert R. Livingston, 6.....	Plattsmouth.....	September 13, 1869.
North Carolina.....	Robert W. Furnas, 4.....	Brownville.....	September 20, 1869.
Nova Scotia.....	Charles F. Catlin, 11.....	Omaha.....	June 10, 1871.
Ohio.....	Robert W. Furnas, 4.....	Brownville.....	September 10, 1869.
Oregon.....	Henry Brown.....	Nebraska City.....	
Pennsylvania.....	William R. Bowen, 3.....	Omaha.....	May 5, 1882.
Prince Edward's Isl'd	William H. Platt, 33.....	Grand Island.....	February 19, 1877.
Rhode Island.....	William M. Knapp, 56.....	York.....	April 9, 1877.
South Carolina.....	Frank E. Bullard, 32.....	North Platte.....	January 14, 1881.
Tennessee.....	J. Newton Wise, 3.....	Plattsmouth.....	June 24, 1869.
Texas.....	Martin Dunham, 3.....	Omaha.....	February 22, 1877.
Utah.....			
Vermont.....	William R. Bowen, 3.....	Omaha.....	June 13, 1877.
Virginia.....	William E. Hill, 2.....	Nebraska City.....	October 21, 1879.
Washington Territ'ry	Charles A. Holmes, 17.....	Tecumseh.....	February 15, 1877.
West Virginia.....	Henry T. Davis.....	Lincoln.....	October 12, 1866.
Wisconsin.....	Alexander Atkinson, 3.....	Omaha.....	January 29, 1877.
Wyoming.....	Rolland H. Oakley, 19.....	Lincoln.....	March 7, 1877.

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## At Rest.

I AME.	LODGE.	DATE OF DEATH.
D—W. MCFARLAND.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..... Feb. —, '85
HOSEA B. HORTON.....	Western Star,	" 2..... Nov. 18, '84
OSCAR P. INGALLS.....	Capitol,	" 3..... Jan. 6, '84
LUDWIG M. ANDRESEN.....	Capitol,	" 3..... Apl. 17, '84
GEORGE F. WILKINS.....	Capitol,	" 3..... July —, '84
JOHN G. OGDEN.....	Omadi,	" 5..... Aug. 31, '84
GEORGE B. GRAFF.....	Omadi,	" 5..... Mch. 17, '85
CLARENCE W. KING.....	Plattsmouth,	" 6..... Oct. 9, '84
GEORGE W. FOSTER.....	Plattsmouth,	" 6..... Oct. 18, '84
MARTIN B. CUTLER.....	Plattsmouth,	" 6..... Mch. 29, '85
EDWIN POLLOCK.....	Covert,	" 11..... —, —
JACOB SHOFF.....	Orient,	" 13..... Aug. 4, '84
GUSTAVUS STEVENSON.....	Saint Johns,	" 25..... Mch. 30, '85
GEORGE STARK.....	Beatrice,	" 26..... Sept. 7, '84
ROBERT SELBY.....	Blue River,	" 30..... Aug. 3, '84
WILLIAM B. WHITE.....	Tekamah,	" 31..... Aug. 9, '84
C—L. SACKETT.....	Tekamah,	" 31..... Sept. 30, '84
GEORGE ZANNER.....	Tekamah,	" 31..... Oct. 19, '84
HOMER HOLCOMB.....	Acacia,	" 34..... May 1, '84
SAMUEL WOOD.....	Lone Tree,	" 36..... Jan. 3, '85
WILLARD H. STORMS.....	Crete,	" 37..... May 26, '84
WILLIAM GASSER.....	Crete,	" 37..... Nov. 3, '84
EDWARD CRANE.....	Oliver,	" 38..... Jan. 16, '85
THOMAS T. JONES.....	Juniata,	" 42..... —, —
WILLIAM A. TOWN.....	Hebron,	" 43..... Apl. 11, '85
WILLIAM H. STROHM.....	Charity,	" 53..... Nov. 11, '84
HENRY O. GRIGGS.....	Lancaster,	" 54..... Mch. —, '85
LEWIS F. TAYLOR.....	Mosaic,	" 55..... Aug. 25, '84
JOHN D. JOHNSON.....	Wahoo,	" 59..... Sept. 24, '84
BENJAMIN ALLEN.....	Livingstone,	" 60..... —, —
WILLIAM J. SHAFFER.....	Edgar,	" 67..... June 22, '84
JASPER ROBERTS.....	Fortitude,	" 69..... Oct. 15, '84
PENROSE D. S. ROMIG.....	Trowel,	" 71..... May 16, '84
WALDO E. ADAMS.....	Trowel,	" 71..... Oct. 26, '84
JAMES THOMPSON.....	Friend,	" 73..... Feb. 4, '82
JOHN G. MACKAY.....	Albion,	" 78..... Sept. 1, '84
ALEXANDER D. BRAINARD.....	Albion,	" 78..... Feb. 28, '85
WALTER C. SCOTT.....	Geneva,	" 79..... —, —
HENRY W. WARNER.....	Tyre,	" 85..... Aug. 9, '84
JAMES B. KESTERSON.....	DeWitt,	" 111..... Nov. 27, '84
SEWARD S. JONES.....	Springfield,	" 112..... Dec. 18, '84

## ROLL OF LODGES.

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WITH OFFICE-BEARERS FOR YEAR 5885-6.

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### 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.
William Robinson, Senior Warden.	William D. Rowles, Senior Deacon.
Silas B. Bachelder, Junior Warden.	George Clifton, Junior Deacon.
Jacob Slothour, Treasurer.	Lemuel H. Case, Tiler.

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### 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.	Samuel H. Morrison, Secretary.
Benjamin J. Ewing, Senior Warden.	Herbert C. Freeman, Senior Deacon.
Fred. H. Brauer, Junior Warden.	O N. Nelson, Junior Deacon.
William A. Cotton, Treasurer.	Granville H. Hail, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—First Monday evening in each calendar month.

SEAL—The first capitol building in Nebraska.

Milo C. Wilson, Master.	William J. Carroll, Senior Deacon.
George M. Nattinger, Senior Warden.	Reuben Chichester, Junior Deacon.
Frederick W. White, Junior Warden.	William R. Bowen, Senior Steward.
Myer Hellman, Treasurer.	Gustav A. Engle, 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.	Joseph L. Roy, Senior Deacon.
Thomas L. Jones, Junior Warden.	Thomas F. Perry, Junior Deacon.
Andrew R. Davison, Treasurer.	Albert D. Marsh, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before the full moon.

William Adair, Master.	Thos. J. King, Secretary.
N E. Cowles, Senior Warden.	William Cheeny, Senior Deacon.
William Bouton, Junior Warden.	Julius Mesenheoler, Junior Deacon.
Dennis Armour, Treasurer.	Joachim Oesterling, Tiler.

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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.	Wellington W. Drummond, Senior S.
Alfred W. White, Treasurer.	Edward S. Grensel, Junior Steward.
Albert W. Crites, Secretary.	William B. Brown, Tiler.

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SUMMIT LODGE, NO. 7, PARKVILLE, COLORADO.

(Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado.)

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DECATUR LODGE, NO. 7, DECATUR, BURT COUNTY.

(Extinct.)

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

(Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado.)

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COLUMBUS LODGE, NO. 8, PLATTE COUNTY.

(Extinct.)

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.

George W. Holland, Master.	Joseph C. Yutzy, Secretary.
Clark Shelly, Senior Warden.	Henry C. Lapp, Senior Deacon.
Donald W. Campbell, Junior Warden.	Jacob N. Herbst, Junior Deacon.
Thomas C. Shelly, Treasurer.	Edward R. L. Stoughton, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday in each month.

William C. Vaughan, Master.	Edwin N. Grenell, Treasurer.
Austin W. Beales, Senior Warden.	Elias H. Clark, Secretary.
William Wulff, Junior Warden.	John B. Kuony, Senior Deacon.
W F. Green, Junior Deacon.	

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COVERT LODGE, NO. 11, DOUGLAS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Wednesday evening of each month.

SEAL—Mosaic pavement.

John N. Westberg, Master.	George E. Gibson, Senior Deacon.
Silas S. Auchmoedy, Senior Warden.	Adolph C. Lichtenberger, Jr. Deacon.
Charles F. Driscoll, Junior Warden.	Michael O. Maul, Senior Steward.
Henry C. Akin, Treasurer.	August Benson, Junior Steward.
James S. Bennett, Secretary.	Frank C. Harris, Tiler.

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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.
James W. Chadduck, Senior Warden.	James B. Northcutt, Senior Deacon.
Oliver D. Waterman, Junior Warden.	Charles B. Bickel, Junior Deacon.
George M. Brinker, Treasurer.	Casper Lauer, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Monday on or before the full moon.

Tyler C. Hoyt, Master.	George D. Kirk, Secretary.
Z J. Parsons, Senior Warden.	George Bowker, Senior Deacon.
William A. Jones, Junior Warden.	Jonathan B. Samuel, Junior Deacon.
Isaac H. Jones, Treasurer.	Davis H. Graham, Tiler.

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

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

Benjamin W. Knott, Master.	George W. Heywood, Secretary.
Jacob Zaring, Senior Warden.	Daniel C. Cole, Senior Deacon.
John H. F. Scott, Junior Warden.	, Junior Deacon.
Sterling P. Majors, Treasurer.	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.	Julius Beckman, Senior Deacon.
Isaac M. Goodspeed, Senior Warden.	Peter D. Denney, Junior Deacon.
Lewis M. Keene, Junior Warden.	Valentine S. Hoy, Senior Steward.
John V. N. Biles, Treasurer.	Frederick C. Walker, Junior Steward.
William C. Brady, Secretary.	Joel Green, Tiler.

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

(Extinct.)

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

REGULAR MEETING—First Saturday in each month.

Samuel P. Davidson, Master.	Charles A. Holmes, Senior Deacon.
Daniel F. Osgood, Senior Warden.	Alfred Canfield, Junior Deacon.
John Wilson, Junior Warden.	Henry Muhlenbrock, Senior Steward.
Cornelius Woodley, Treasurer.	Jacob S. Dew, Junior Steward.
T. W. Milks, Secretary.	Peter Platt, Tiler.

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

(Extinct.)

## 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.

Earl A. Cooley, Master	Frank M. Glenn, Senior Deacon.
Edwin O. Miller, Senior Warden.	Thomas J. Pierson, Junior Deacon.
Elias W. Beghtol, Junior Warden.	John H. McClay, Senior Steward.
Lucien B. Treeman, Treasurer.	George J. Hendry, Junior Steward.
Irving L. Lyman, Secretary.	Ernest Hunger, Tiler.

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

(Extinct.)

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

REGULAR MEETING—Second Tuesday in each month.

William H. Palmer, Master.	Frederick W. Kenny, Secretary.
Edward C. Jackson, Senior Warden.	Nathan Carter, Senior Deacon.
Frederick Morgan, Junior Warden.	James Thorndike, Junior Deacon.
Frank Harriman, Treasurer.	Henry Newell, Tiler.

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

(Extinct.)

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

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday on or before the full moon.

Charles E. Pierce, Master.	Oscar E. Hall, Senior Deacon.
Joseph B. Brooks, Senior Warden.	James M. Galligher, Junior Deacon.
Wesley W. Woodward, Jun. Warden.	Charles E. Casey, Senior Steward.
Albert Peckinpugh, Treasurer.	Thomas B. Ross, Junior Steward.
John H. Cummins, Secretary.	Samuel S. Shannon, Tiler.

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

(Extinct.)

ST. JOHN'S 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.

Fred J. Borthwick, Master,	Frank S. Hayes, Senior Deacon
George F. Mahood, Senior Warden.	Thomas K. Sudborough, J. Deacon.
Evrett Buckingham, Junior Warden.	William F. Manning, Sen. Steward.
Enoch B. Carter, Treasurer.	Harry S. Macloon, 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."

Jesse Richards, Master.	Harney H. Harrington, Sen. Deacon.
Oliver M. Enlow, Senior Warden.	Benjamin W. Davis, Junior Deacon.
Benjamin D. Harkrader, J. Warden.	William B. Conlee, Senior Steward.
Silas W. Wadsworth, Treasurer.	Charles A. Murray, Junior Steward.
Henry N. Blake, Secretary.	William F. Heikes, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Tuesday in each month.

Allen D. Beemer, Master.	William E. Krause, Senior Deacon.
Edwin J. Romig, Senior Warden.	Daniel G. Giffert, Junior Deacon.
Albert Wobig, Junior Warden.	Joshua A. Johnson, Senior Steward.
Henry Luhens, Treasurer.	Fred Leffert, 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.
David Tourtelott, Senior Warden.	James Linn, Junior Deacon.
William Hawxby, Junior Warden.	Henry Williams, Senior Steward.
Henry A. Brand, Treasurer.	James Linn, Junior Steward.
J. Lambert Melvin, Secretary.	William Sutton, Tiler.

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

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

George W. Brandon, Master.	Kimel Barnes, Senior Deacon.
Thomas H. Bishop, Senior Warden.	Charles Newton, Junior Deacon.
Alfred Hiller, Junior Warden.	Elisha Courtright, Senior Steward.
Elam H. Landis, Treasurer.	Ezra Newton, Junior Steward.
George E. Salladin, Secretary.	George E. Tindall, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Wednesday of each month.

William B. Roberts, Master.	William H. Marshall, Senior Deacon.
Cornelius M. Kryger, Senior Warden.	Daniel Harrington, Junior Deacon.
Robert A. Smith, Junior Warden.	David B. Huston, Senior Steward.
Melville R. Hopewell, Treasurer.	Allen B. McCoskey, Junior Steward.
John Palmquist, Secretary.	James E. Hildreth, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Second Tuesday of each month.

John I. Nesbitt, Master.	George R. Hammond, Secretary.
Frederick H. Longley, Sen. Warden.	Arch. M. Mason, Senior Deacon.
Charles F. Ormsby, Junior Warden.	John Sorenson, Junior Deacon.
Platte J. Gilman, Treasurer.	Emmet W. Hammond, Tiler.



ASHLAR LODGE, NO. 33, GRAND ISLAND, HALL COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Thursdays of each month.

SEAL—The letter "G."

Charles F. Rollins, Master.	Robert J. Barr, Senior Deacon.
Christian Schlodfeldt, Sen. Warden.	Willis L. Davison, Junior Deacon.
Elbert S. Lamon, Junior Warden.	James B. Ferguson, Senior Steward.
Edward Hooper, Treasurer.	Munro Taylor, Junior Steward.
Oscar Wells, Secretary.	William H. West, Tiler.

ACACIA LODGE, NO. 34, SCHUYLER, COLFAX COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Thursday of each month.

SEAL—A sprig of acacia.

Charles J. Phelps, Master.	John R. Stewart, Senior Deacon.
Fred J. Joyce, Senior Warden.	John Nieman, Junior Deacon.
Jacob A. Hood, Junior Warden.	Venzel Maly, Senior Steward.
George H. Wells, Treasurer.	Charles F. Kreymborg, Jun. Steward.
Benjamin F. Arnold, Secretary.	Thomas Wilson, Tiler.

FAIRBURY LODGE, NO. 35, FAIRBURY, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

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

SEAL—Virgin weeping over a broken column: on the left a tree.

Philemon H. Hanchet, Master.	Benjamin S. Baker, Senior Deacon.
John Lauterbach, Senior Warden.	Scott S. Lewis, Junior Deacon.
John Gellatley, Junior Warden.	J. R. Nelson, Senior Steward.
Roswell A. Kennedy, Treasurer.	Robert Christian, Junior Steward.
Samuel G. Thomas, Secretary.	George Fornoff, Tiler.

LONE TREE LODGE, NO. 36, CENTRAL CITY, MERRICK COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Saturdays in each month.

SEAL—Square and compasses, with letter "G" in center, over a tree, growing.

John Patterson, Master.	John W. Sparks, Senior Deacon.
John H. Wright, Senior Warden.	Alexander S. Bleyer, Junior Deacon.
Daniel Dawson, Junior Warden.	David Thomas, Senior Steward.
James Vieregg, Treasurer.	Frank A. Craig, Junior Steward.
Bell E. Berryman, Secretary.	James H. Berryman, Tiler.

CRETE LODGE, NO. 37, CRETE, SALINE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Friday of each month.

SEAL—The All-Seeing Eye, radiant, above a lamb.

George H. Hastings, Master.	John C. Snively, Senior Deacon.
Horace M. Wells, Senior Warden.	William A. Bridges, Junior Deacon.
Charles Band, Junior Warden.	Oliver W. Baltzley, Senior Steward.
William T. Buchanan, Treasurer.	Charles G. Cone, Junior Steward.
James S. Boice, Secretary.	Roscius J. Tambling, 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 M. Beaver, Master.	William Rosborough, Senior Deacon.
John H. Simmons, Senior Warden.	Levi A. Weldon, Junior Deacon.
Elijah K. Dunbaugh, Junior Warden.	James Read, Senior Steward.
West B. Barrett, Treasurer.	Charles N. Emilton, 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.	Joseph D. Patterson, Secretary.
Benjamin F. Bond, Senior Warden.	Shade C. Bond, Senior Deacon.
Allen L. Bartlett, Junior Warden.	Edgar Howard, Junior Deacon.
Orrin W. Royce, Treasurer.	John Thorpe, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Thursday on or before full moon.

Joseph Sarbach, Master.	Henry A. Scott, Senior Deacon.
Gustavus A. Acken, Senior Warden.	James L. Linn, Junior Deacon.
Charles E. Nims, Junior Warden.	E. Curtis Hill, Senior Steward.
Orange L. Bantz, Treasurer.	Samuel B. Bobst, Junior Steward.
William M. Patton, Secretary.	Samuel H. Williamson, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday on or before full moon.

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 McKinsey, Junior Deacon.
Hiram W. Clark, Junior Warden.	Henry C. Sharp, Senior Steward.
Julius Poessnecker, Treasurer.	Lorenza A. Kimball, Junior Steward.
William T. Sharp, Secretary.	J. R. J. Appleby, Tiler.

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

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

Enos J. Hanchett, Master.	Samuel L. Salsbury, Senior Deacon.
G. N. McGonigal, Senior Warden.	Henry Edmonson, Junior Deacon.
Herbert E. Wells, Junior Warden.	Benjamin F. Kellogg, Senior Steward.
Edwin M. Allen, Treasurer.	Charles Kentzer, Junior Steward.
Samuel J. Shirley, Secretary.	Daniel R. Ball, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—First Saturday evening of each month.

William J. Hanna, Master.	John W. Hughes, Senior Deacon.
Adam D. Werner, Senior Warden.	William D. Galbraith, Junior Deacon.
Daniel T. Scoville, Junior Warden.	George W. Loeber, Senior Steward.
J. Addison Bowdle, Treasurer.	Charles L. Richards, Junior Steward.
Benjamin F. Berkey, Secretary.	Joseph Mall, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Tuesdays of each month.

W J. Turner, Master.	Nathan H. Lewis, Senior Deacon.
Leslie G. Hurd, Senior Warden.	Perry H. Sherrard, Junior Deacon.
Arthur D. Davison, Junior Warden.	John Morrow, Senior Steward.
Olivan J. Riley, Treasurer.	John H. Robertson, Junior Steward.
Levi B. Munger, Secretary.	L 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. Loper, Senior Warden.	Edwin H. Burrows, Senior Deacon.
Robert O. Self, Junior Warden.	Isaac N. Foster, Junior Deacon.
William S. White, Treasurer.	Joseph Rudge, 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.

Robert E. French, Master.	George M. Hull, Senior Deacon.
George Ellis, Senior Warden.	James L. Tout, Junior Deacon.
Richard M. Crosby, Junior Warden.	Samuel M. Nevius, Senior Steward.
Frederick J. Switz, Treasurer.	Herbert W. Scott, Junior Steward.
Walter W. Barney, Secretary.	John B. Flint, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

J Vandervoort, Master.	Henry W. Kennon, Secretary.
Henry H. Pierce, Senior Warden.	, Senior Deacon.
Wells C. McCool, Junior Warden.	Joseph D. Baker, Junior Deacon.
John R. Brooks, Treasurer.	Oliver W. Dunning, 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.	Sanford H. Oldham, Secretary.
William A. Putney, Senior Warden.	Charles H. Kitridge, Senior Deacon.
William E. Smith, Junior Warden.	Joseph G. Dennis, Junior Deacon.
Everette C. Sawyer, Treasurer.	James J. Bock, 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.

John C. Merrill, Master.	George H. Van Duyne, Sen. Deacon.
Henry Lehrman, Senior Warden.	Kersey T. Jones, Junior Deacon.
Orrin H. Parsons, Junior Warden.	Marcus Wittenberg, Senior Steward.
Edward W. Woodruff, Treasurer.	Frederick J. Hoerger, Jun. Steward.
George Mitchell, Secretary.	William Rawson, Tiler.

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

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

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.

David M. McElhinney, Master.	William A. Dilworth, Senior Deacon.
Edwin C. Webster, Senior Warden.	Elroy Petteys, Junior Deacon.
Charles C. Rittenhouse, Jun. Warden.	Jacob Fisher, Senior Steward.
Alexander H. Cramer, Treasurer.	Frank D. Taggart, Junior Steward.
William S. McKinney, 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.

James Evans, Master.	Orin W. Boston, Senior Deacon.
William H. Fuller, Senior Warden.	John Harper, Junior Deacon.
, Junior Warden.	William Richie, Senior Steward.
John T. Myers, Treasurer.	William J. Koon, Junior Steward.
John A. Ayres, Jr., Secretary.	Henry A. Spiher, Tiler.

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

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

SEAL—The plumb.

William R. Turner, Master.	John Hammang, Senior Deacon.
Omer Whitney, Senior Warden.	Samuel G. Glover, Junior Deacon.
Hiram Culp, Junior Warden.	Sherman J. Hadley, Senior Steward.
John A. Unthank, Treasurer.	Joseph C. Blackburn, 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.

John R. Willcox, Master.	Frank R. Gump, Senior Deacon.
Ancil L. Funk, Senior Warden.	William D. Forrester, Junior Deacon.
Robert M. Cochrane, Junior Warden.	William Parkes, Senior Steward.
William N. Richardson, Treasurer.	, Junior Steward.
John P. Bayha, Secretary.	, 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.	John Ames, Senior Deacon.
John C. Stire, Senior Warden.	William H. Graham, Junior Deacon.
Thomas H. Benton, Junior Warden.	Sven. Pearson, 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.	Edwin M. Norton, Senior Deacon.
Harry C. Brome, Senior Warden.	Augustus Sattler, Junior Deacon.
Harry E. Hardy, Junior Warden.	Charles P. Mathewson, Sen. Steward.
Morris Mayer, Treasurer.	Alex Bear, Junior Steward.
Charles B. Burrows, Secretary.	Charles Eble, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—First Friday in each month.

SEAL—A shield, bearing a tau 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.

John Zeigler, Master.	William T. Scott, Senior Deacon.
Robert Armstrong, Senior Warden.	Julius F. Hale, Junior Deacon.
Edgar M. Westervelt, Junior Warden.	George Peabody, Senior Steward.
Elon Granger, Treasurer.	John L. Hutcherson, Junior Steward.
Willard L. Whedon, 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 Horne, Senior Warden.	Charles B. Page, Senior Deacon.
Jasper K. Griffith, Junior Warden.	Ted. D. Slosson, Junior Deacon.
Josiah Rogers, Treasurer.	John A. Webber, 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.	Henry P. Coolidge, Senior Deacon.
John W. Early, Senior Warden.	Fred. W. Reimer, Junior Deacon.
Julius Rasmussen, Junior Warden.	Gustavus G. Becher, Senior Steward.
John P. Becker, Treasurer.	Ephraim O. Wells, Junior Steward.
Andrew Anderson, Secretary.	Michael Weaver, Tiler.

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

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

Joseph N. Davis, Master.	Frank P. McCutchen, Senior Deacon.
Melville W. Stone, Senior Warden.	William G. Keefer, Junior Deacon.
George J. Wright, Junior Warden.	George J. Moyer, Senior Steward.
Ebenezer Pickett, Treasurer.	John Beermaker, Junior Steward.
Charles L. Mielenz, Secretary.	Daniel McLennan, 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.
Herbert T. Ferguson, Sen. Warden.	Calvin Bowman, Junior Deacon.
Oscar K. Olmstead, Junior Warden.	Henry Wenholz, Senior Steward.
John H. Olson, Treasurer.	Christian D. Rupp, Junior Steward.
Joshua L. Roberson, Secretary.	Joseph Lester, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—The first Tuesday in each month.

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

John F. Kutz, Master.	Frank H. Young, Senior Deacon.
Herbert M. Cotton, Senior Warden.	David Hanna, Junior Deacon.
William V. Whitten, Junior Warden.	Benjamin F. Krier, Senior Steward.
William T. H. Tucker, Treasurer.	Richard F. James, Junior Steward.
George Gillespie, Secretary.	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.

Alonzo W. Price, Master.	Daniel E. Price, Senior Deacon.
Samuel Spanogle, Senior Warden.	Charles L. Crane, Junior Deacon.
Edward Dearing, Junior Warden.	John N. Brack, Senior Steward.
Benjamin Wilson, Treasurer.	Charles Tompkins, Junior Steward.
Ozro B. Foster, Secretary.	Jacob Wintermute, 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.	Sanford R. Razer, Senior Deacon.
Willis P. Fulton, Senior Warden.	Joseph Merriott, Junior Deacon.
Thomas F. Ashby, Junior Warden.	Samuel B. Sears, Senior Steward.
Frank M. Plumb, Treasurer.	David Eastwood, Junior Steward.
Rufus M. Stark, Secretary.	Edgar VanDuesen, 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.

James A. Paddock, Master.	Frank V. Shabata, Senior Deacon.
John N. Van Duyn, Senior Warden.	Fred. Herman, Junior Deacon.
Joseph H. Grimm, Junior Warden.	Charles W. Meeker, Senior Steward.
John K. Mallet, Treasurer.	Frank Chaloupka, Junior Steward.
Frank J. Sadilek, Secretary.	Edward J. Weaver, 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.	Levi L. Snider, Senior Deacon.
Hervey W. Kennard, Senior Warden.	Anson S. Potter, Junior Deacon.
William J. Mossholder, Jun. Warden.	Napoleon C. Foy, Senior Steward.
James Matthews, Treasurer.	William F. Linger, 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.
William W. Barnhouse, Jun. Warden.	Charles L. Bates, Senior Steward.
Christopher Bailey, Treasurer.	George G. Beams, Junior Steward.
John W. Schmidt, Secretary.	Albert R. Touvelle, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Mondays from September to May; second 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.

John G. Prosser, Master.	Henry W. Stout, Senior Deacon.
Otis E. Reynolds, Senior Warden.	John J. Walley, Junior Deacon.
John L. Ward, Junior Warden.	William Barnes, Senior Steward.
John G. Glazier, Treasurer.	James F. Johnston, Junior Steward.
Samuel J. Whitten, Secretary.	John P. Stark, Tiler.

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

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

SEAL—Sheaf of wheat.

Frederick J. Bricker, Master.	William H. Streeter, Senior Deacon.
Eugene J. Hainer, Senior Warden.	Adolph Rueler, Junior Deacon.
William L. Stark, Junior Warden.	Martin Haunawalt, Senior Steward.
William C. Wentz, Treasurer.	Willis J. Buel, Junior Steward.
Charles J. McKee, Secretary.	Homer C. Van Boskirk, 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.	Henry C. Byam, Senior Deacon.
Eli B. Jones, Senior Warden.	Hiram S. Craig, Junior Deacon.
Thomas D. Shields, Junior Warden.	Galamous McCarty, Senior Steward.
Robert Reed, Treasurer.	John W. Shields, Junior Steward.
James B. Pardoe, Secretary.	William J. 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.

Thomas P. Renshaw, Master.	William Kneeland, Senior Deacon.
Nicholas F. Hitchcock, Sen. Warden.	William W. Borland, Junior Deacon.
Charles C. Reed, Junior Warden.	John W. Pratt, Senior Steward.
George W. Grimes, Treasurer.	Joseph Smith, Junior Steward.
William Freeburn, Secretary.	Albert H. Dollarhide, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Wednesday in each month.

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

John J. Roche, Master.	Robert Wilson, Secretary.
William C. Estes, Senior Warden.	A J. Anderson, Senior Deacon.
James M. Coleman, Junior Warden.	Carl Roben, Junior Deacon.
H B. Hanser, Treasurer.	Joseph Eisely, 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.	Edward H. Airis, Treasurer.
John F. Briggs, Senior Warden.	Thomas W. Lyman, Secretary.
William H. Aldrich, Junior Warden.	



FRIEND LODGE, NO. 73, FRIEND, SALINE COUNTY.

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

SEAL—A winged hour glass, surrounded by two sprigs of acacia.

Robert Connell, Master.	Frank M. Woodruff, Senior Deacon.
William Burke, Senior Warden.	Charles W. Hurd, Junior Deacon.
Mathew McDougall, Junior Warden.	Orin L. Alexander, Senior Steward.
William Porter, Treasurer.	Frank Unkless, Junior Steward.
Charles W. Doty, Secretary.	Richard Dine, Tiler.

ALEXANDRIA LODGE, NO. 74, ALEXANDRIA, THAYER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Mondays in each month.

SEAL—A rough ashlar, bearing the letter "G" and a gavel, with a cable tow.

George H. Danforth, Master.	David A. Sherwood, Senior Deacon.
Edward H. Burnham, Senior Warden.	George L. Archer, Junior Deacon.
Joseph G. Burnett, Junior Warden.	James H. Enslow, Senior Steward.
George W. Enslow, Treasurer.	Joseph Martin, Junior Steward.
Edgar M. Jenkins, Secretary.	George Hale, Tiler.

FRANK WELCH LODGE, NO. 75, SIDNEY, CHEYENNE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday in each month.

SEAL—A bust of Frank Welch.

James J. McIntosh, Master.	Louis Cohn, Senior Deacon,
Robert Shuman, Senior Warden.	Henry St. Raynor, Junior Deacon.
Robert S. Oberfelder, Junior Warden.	Charles H. Fields, Senior Steward.
Moritz Urbach, Treasurer.	Devine M. Carley, Junior Steward.
J. Albert Borie, Secretary.	John B. Walker, Tiler.

JOPPA LODGE, NO. 76, BLOOMINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Friday on or before full moon.

SEAL—A shield, bearing the square, plumb and level.

Edward H. Marshall, Master.	George W. Sheppard, Secretary.
Seth S. Pickering, Senior Warden.	William E. Hatch, Senior Deacon.
Charles W. Morrow, Junior Warden.	Ashley Patch, Junior Deacon.
William T. Britton, Treasurer.	James P. A Black, Tiler.

NELSON LODGE, NO. 77, NELSON, NUCKOLLS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before full moon.

SEAL—The level.

Edwin H. Dowland, Master.	Jacob Ritterbush, Senior Deacon.
David A. Gibson, Senior Warden.	Hiram H. Merrill, Junior Deacon.
Joseph Van Valin, Junior Warden.	Abraham Chenoweth, Sen. Steward.
Daniel Miner, Treasurer.	Daniel W. McClurg, Junior Steward.
John C. Miner, Secretary.	Henry N. Banks, 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 gauge.

John C. Mann, Master.	Samuel H. Bollman, Secretary.
Frederick H. Smith, Senior Warden.	Thompson F. Martin, Senior Deacon.
Homer Wager, Junior Warden.	Paul A. Krause, Junior Deacon.
Joseph L. Anderson, Treasurer.	Rollins W. King, 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.	Edward O. Lemmon, Senior Deacon.
Frank H. Briggs, Senior Warden.	Theodore L. Williams, Jun. Deacon.
Walter I. Haskins, Junior Warden.	Joseph M. Fisher, Senior Steward.
Adoniram J. Baals, Treasurer.	John A. Dempster, Junior Steward.
Jacob L. Houchin, Secretary.	Major D. Williams, Tiler.

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

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

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday on or before full moon.

SEAL—The rising sun within the square and compasses.

Aurolius Roberts, Master.	Nelson T. Holderness, Sen. Deacon.
James W. Combs, Senior Warden.	Jesse H. Rising, Junior Deacon.
Joseph L. Cyphers, Junior Warden.	Kellogg C. Bartlett, Senior Steward.
Luke L. Carson, Treasurer.	John W. Hart, Junior Steward.
Lucius A. Warren, Secretary.	George W. Kebaugh, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Thursday on or before each full moon.

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

Edward R. Fletcher, Master.	Cassius B. Manuel, Senior Deacon.
William W. Kendall, Senior Warden.	James L. Johnson, Junior Deacon.
Herman W. Merrill, Junior Warden.	Ebenezer B. Needham, Sen. Steward.
Telman N. Bennett, Treasurer.	Samuel B. Castle, Junior Steward.
William K. Gray, Jr., Secretary.	Joseph Q. Oviatt, Tiler.

## CORINTHIAN LODGE, NO. 83, WAKEFIELD, DIXON COUNTY.

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

SEAL—A Corinthian column.

Cyrus E. Hunter, Master.	John T. Marriott, Secretary.
William Boeckenhauer, Sen. Warden.	Joshua C. Will, Senior Deacon.
John W. Cook, Junior Warden.	William Park, Junior Deacon.
Harvey H. Rowling, Treasurer.	David P. Jones, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Mondays in each month.

SEAL—A perfect ashlar.

Albert A. Randall, Master.	Horace A. Ewell, Secretary.
James M. Farley, Senior Warden.	Oliver P. Alexander, Senior Deacon.
Dyer B. Gillett, Junior Warden.	William S. Randall, Junior Deacon.
John Tweed, Treasurer.	Edward J. Jenkins, Senior Steward.
George M. Noble, Junior Steward.	

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

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Saturdays in each month.

William N. Spellman, Master.	Alfred Perkins, Senior Deacon.
James H. Clapp, Senior Warden.	John L. Davis, Junior Deacon.
Charles J. Lane, Junior Warden.	John V. Roop, Senior Steward.
Josiah M. Rumbaugh, Treasurer.	John W. Farley, Junior Steward.
James H. Casebeer, Secretary.	Abraham B. Smith, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

Irving M. Cole, Master.	Isaac Winchell, Senior Deacon.
Samuel Beidelman, Senior Warden.	John Parrott, Junior Deacon.
Charles S. Haines, Junior Warden.	William H. McCulloch, Sen. Steward.
Thomas B. Robb, Treasurer.	Charles F. Raymer, Junior Steward.
George Downs, Secretary.	Martin Ennis, Tiler.

## IONIC LODGE, NO. 87, NIOBRARA, KNOX COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A shield bearing an Ionic column.

Solomon Draper, Master.	John F. Lenger, Secretary.
George W. Douglas, Senior Warden.	James A. Cooley, Senior Deacon.
Vac Randa, Junior Warden.	Benj. F. Chambers, Junior Deacon.
S Hardin, Treasurer.	Charles J. Kadish, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday in each month.

SEAL—A blazing star.

Robert G. Langley, Master.	Henry Roe, Senior Deacon.
Henry C. McHirron, Senior Warden.	Henry C. Baird, Junior Deacon.
Merton N. Snyder, Junior Warden.	Robert E. Nourse, Senior Steward.
James Ashley, Treasurer.	Byron L. Wilder, Junior Steward.
John N. Peebles, Secretary.	John T. Choyce, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Mondays in each month.

SEAL—A river with cedars growing.

George D. Meiklejohn, Master.	George B. Hoit, Senior Deacon.
Ammi L. Bixby, Senior Warden.	James G. Cayton, Junior Deacon.
Bruce T. Harman, Junior Warden.	James W. Zibbell, Senior Steward.
Orson D. Fitch, Treasurer.	Clay M. Wheeler, Junior Steward.
Hugh C. Bullard, Secretary.	George D. Dorsey, 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.

George W. Woolsey, Master.	Samuel G. Wright, Senior Deacon.
Daniel W. McClure, Senior Warden.	William H. Woolsey, Junior Deacon.
William H. Phelan, Junior Warden.	Thomas McClure, Senior Steward.
Henry N. Libby, Treasurer.	Hiram Tittsworth, Junior Steward.
Julius L. Young, Secretary.	Joseph Duncan, 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.	Charles K. Cull, Senior Deacon.
Less Roberts, Senior Warden.	John G. Preston, Junior Deacon.
August Titze, Junior Warden.	Ira Thomas, Senior Steward.
Osian A. Farley, Treasurer.	Theo. Uhrling, Junior Steward.
Edward F. Pontius, Secretary.	August Lundvall, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

SEAL—The Tiler's sword.

Andrew F. Agnew, Master.	Alfred L. Elder, Senior Deacon.
George W. Edwards, Senior Warden.	Leonard P. Luce, Junior Deacon.
Zachariah T. Stock, Junior Warden.	Alexander Wilson, Senior Steward.
Charles Parks, 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.

Marion McDonald, Master.	Manley R. Hadley, Treasurer.
Thomas J. Mayo, Senior Warden.	Philip Reiterman, Secretary.
John T. Sumny, Junior Warden.	

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

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—Two clasped hands above XCIV.

John P. Bratt, Master.	Daniel H. Harris, Senior Deacon.
Alfred Bratt, Senior Warden.	Walter M. Self, Junior Deacon.
William Nelson, Junior Warden.	James B. Taylor, Senior Steward.
Thomas Hansen, Treasurer.	Owen G. Norton, Junior Steward.
Judson E. Vanderlip, Secretary.	Joseph Sævar, 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.

Charles C. Millard, Master.	William D. Mathews, Secretary.
Aug. J. Handlan, Sen. Warden.	Charles E. Butler, Senior Deacon.
Ozias J. Root, Junior Warden.	Thomas M. Morris, Junior Deacon.
Neri T. Hoxsie, Treasurer.	William S. Wisegarver, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—The beehive.

Joseph Jones, Master.	Howard N. Colman, Senior Deacon.
Samuel Runyan, Senior Warden.	Alexander C. Virgin, Junior Deacon.
Thomas E. Standard, Junior Warden.	Thomas C. Allen, Senior Steward.
James E. Hibbard, Treasurer.	Frank M. Cougill, Junior Steward.
Thomas J. Brant, Secretary.	James E. Murphy, 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.

Arlington O. Ashley, Master.	Jacob P. Dickson, Senior Deacon.
James Johnson, Senior Warden.	Thomas K. Clark, Junior Deacon.
Philemon S. Barnes, Junior Warden.	Junius N. Black, Senior Steward.
Joseph M. Beardsley, Treasurer.	Elijah Ratnour, Junior Steward.
John T. Marshall, Secretary.	Charles L. Bates, 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. Muir, Senior Deacon.
Clarence A. Luce, Junior Warden.	Thomas C. Hance, Junior Deacon.
Lycurgus K. Morris, Treasurer.	James F. Kelly, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Friday on or before full moon.

SEAL—Three steps within square and compasses.

Mark G. Lee, Master.	Charles M. Wallace, Senior Deacon.
John H. Heatherington, Sen. Warden.	George L. Thomas, Junior Deacon.
George Mortimer, Junior Warden.	Benjamin F. Sammon, Sen. Steward.
Charles S. Bailey, Treasurer.	Shield R. Smith, Junior 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."

William L. Turner, Master.	Eugene A. Crum, Senior Deacon.
George L. Jameson, Senior Warden.	Truman C. Stinson, Junior Deacon.
George E. Cheney, Junior Warden.	Nathan L. Raymond, Senior Steward.
Robert M. Peyton, Treasurer.	Carl Hoffer, Junior Steward.
Orvill M. Closs, Secretary.	William C. Schreve, 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.	Alfred E. Barnes, Senior Deacon.
Edward J. Berry, Senior Warden.	Thomas R. Orr, Junior Deacon.
William T. Chapman, Junior Warden.	Bernard C. De Sombre, Sen. Steward.
Frank M. Dorsey, Treasurer.	Gustav Franz, Junior Steward.
William M. Wheeler, Secretary.	John R. Thompson, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Second Tuesday of each month.

SEAL—The trowel.

Isaac A. Arnold, Master.	John M. Hopper, Senior Deacon.
Frank Whitmore, Senior Warden.	Charles A. Mitchell, Junior Deacon.
George Johnson, Junior Warden.	Otto Vogt, Senior Steward.
Bayard T. Thompson, Treasurer.	Gustave Kaessner, Junior Steward.
William H. Clark, Secretary.	John C. Weston, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday on or before each full moon.

Daniel S. Bartlett, Master.	Spencer H. Webster, Senior Deacon.
William D. Ogden, Senior Warden.	Herbut Thurston, Junior Deacon.
John G. Sharpe, Junior Warden.	Daniel B. Jenckes, Senior Steward.
Ed K. Harris, Treasurer.	Paul H. Marley, Junior Steward.
James F. Colby, Secretary.	Duncan J. Feeley, 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.	Benjamin Carpenter, Senior Deacon.
Herbet D. Craig, Senior Warden.	Julius A. Hamm, Junior Deacon.
Elisha P. Reynolds, Jr., Jun. Warden.	Seth A. Craig, Senior Steward.
Leonidas H. Bramwell, Treasurer.	James E. Hays, Junior Steward.
Thomas P. D. Simmons, Secretary.	Ellis Snuffin, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday on or before full moon.

SEAL—A hand pointing to the All-Seeing Eye.

Harvey M. Conover, Master.	Joseph A. W. Hull, Senior Deacon.
Lewis G. Ciphers, Senior Warden.	Henry Paul, Junior Deacon.
Thomas W. Moore, Junior Warden.	Benjamin F. McDonough, Sen. St.
Darwin H. Hull, Treasurer.	Thomas R. Mason, Junior Steward.
Milton F. Mahin, Secretary.	James H. Overman, Tiler.

## PORTER LODGE, NO. 106, LOUP CITY, SHERMAN COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday on or before full moon.

William H. Morris, Master.	Arthur M. Bennett, Senior Deacon.
Joseph F. Simpson, Senior Warden.	J Phil. Jaegur, Junior Deacon.
Joseph S. Pedler, Junior Warden.	Marshall A. Hartley, Senior Steward.
John C. Edmonson, Treasurer.	James Gouley, Junior Steward.
James W. Landers, Secretary.	Robert Walker, Tiler.

## STEELE CITY LODGE, NO. 107, STEELE CITY, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Saturdays in each month.

SEAL—A slipper under two crossed rods.

John M. Millholland, Master.	Louis T. Wright, Secretary.
Frank B. Thompson, Senior Warden.	William H. Druery, Senior Deacon.
Alexander Bell, Junior Warden.	Edwin F. Lyons, 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.

Ralph J. Wheaton, Master.	Chauncy H. Norris, Senior Deacon.
Will L. Scism, Senior Warden.	William Boggs, Junior Deacon.
Crowel L. Wimple, Junior Warden.	James B. Phillips, Senior Steward.
Gabriel R. Martin, Treasurer.	Owen T. Crisler, Junior Steward.
James A. Carlock, 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.

Alcinous Y. Wright, Master.	Thomas Bloodworth, Senior Deacon.
Frank C. Condon, Senior Warden.	James Stewart, Junior Deacon.
Lucius T. Roberts, Junior Warden.	Charles S. Albee, Senior Steward.
Dexter M. Tomblin, Treasurer.	Thomas B. McPherson, Jun. 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.

John C. Railsback, Master.	John C. Tylee, Senior Deacon.
Alexander Laverty, Senior Warden.	John K. Clarke, Junior Deacon.
William F. Hill, Junior Warden.	Byron F. Whitney, Senior Steward.
Gilford J. Railsback, Treasurer.	Richard E. Butler, Junior Steward.
Hugo A. Wiggenhorn, Secretary.	Samuel G. Bryan, Tiler.

## DE WITT LODGE, NO. 111, DE WITT, SALINE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Monday on or before each full moon.

Enoch Hastings, Master.	Albert H. Denison, Senior Deacon.
Joseph Suiter, Senior Warden.	William H. Staley, Junior Deacon.
Harry Millie, Junior Warden.	Thomas W. Moore, Senior Steward.
William H. Leacock, Treasurer.	Jerome B. Dann, Junior Steward.
Frank M. Suiter, Secretary.	Martin T. Vachou, Tiler.

## SPRINGFIELD LODGE, NO. 112, SPRINGFIELD, SARPY COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

SEAL—The plumb crossed by the square.

Bird S. Brawner, Master.	Thomas D. Roberts, Secretary.
James T. Ringo, Senior Warden.	Robert S. Anglin, Senior Deacon.
Howard T. Parlier, Junior Warden.	Joseph H. Oxley, Junior Deacon.
Edward T. Huff, Treasurer.	William Burns, Tiler.

## GLOBE LODGE, NO. 113, MADISON, MADISON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday on or before full moon.

SEAL—A globe.

Sylvester O. Campbell, Master.	James Stuart, Senior Deacon.
William L. Ramey, Senior Warden.	William H. Shaver, Junior Dea
William M. Bickley, Junior Warden.	Charles C. Wyatt, Senior Steward.
Edwin F. Prince, Treasurer.	Henry C. Twing, Junior Steward.
Albert M. Koechig, Secretary.	Francis H. L. Willis, Tiler.



WISNER LODGE, NO. 114, WISNER, CUMING COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

	, Master.	Samuel Hagerty, Senior Deacon.
Edwin M. Kirton,	Senior Warden.	Frank C. Evans, Junior Deacon.
John W. McLaughlin,	Jun. Warden.	, Senior Steward.
	, Treasurer.	Solomon S. Krake, Junior Steward.
William Nicholson,	Secretary.	, Tiler.

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BRAINARD LODGE, NO. 115, BRAINARD, BUTLER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday on or before full moon.

John T. McKnight,	Master.	J. M. Taylor, Secretary.
William H. Taylor,	Senior Warden.	Albert Farnsworth, Senior Deacon.
John R. Fox,	Junior Warden.	Byron Adkinson, Junior Deacon.
Clarkson M. Cooper,	Treasurer.	W. J. Larson, Tiler.

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HARLAN LODGE, NO. 116, ALMA, HARLAN COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Friday on or before full moon.

SEAL—"Sit Lux," with aurora.

James Bradford,	Master.	John A. Randall, Secretary.
John W. Burnside,	Senior Warden.	William Campbell, Senior Deacon.
Benjamin M. Simms,	Jun. Warden.	Clinton M. Fletcher, Junior Deacon.
Charles W. Stewart,	Treasurer.	John F. Bartels, Tiler.

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HARDY LODGE, NO. 117, HARDY, NUCKOLLS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before full moon.

Nathaniel M. Ayers,	Master.	William H. Shore, Senior Deacon.
Charles A. Hayes,	Senior Warden.	Griffin Barber, Junior Deacon.
Johnson Barker,	Junior Warden.	George Hull, Senior Steward.
William Hayes,	Treasurer.	Henry Kepfield, Junior Steward.
Noah W. Slater,	Secretary.	Thomas C. Wheeler, Tiler.

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DORIC LODGE, NO. 118, DORCHESTER, SALINE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before full moon.

SEAL—A Doric column.

William R. Bolding,	Master.	Alfred N. Mosier, Secretary.
Samuel Dainton,	Senior Warden.	Daniel D. Linn, Senior Deacon.
John Barton,	Junior Warden.	Frederick M. Potter, Junior Deacon.
George Oberlies,	Treasurer.	George Gallup, Tiler.

## NORTH BEND LODGE, NO. 119, NORTH BEND, DODGE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Second Tuesday in each month.

SEAL—The Holy Bible, square and compasses.

Michael Dowling, Master.	Dunham M. Strong, Senior Deacon.
David A. Hopkins, Senior Warden.	Christopher Cusack, Junior Deacon.
Tejerec J. Chapin, Junior Warden.	John Cusack, Senior Steward.
Peter Gillis, Treasurer.	Herbert Williams, Junior Steward.
George C. Hickok, Secretary.	Joseph E. Newsom, Tiler.

## WAYNE LODGE, NO. 120, WAYNE, WAYNE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Fridays of each month.

John T. Bressler, Master.	Frank A. Dearborn, Senior Deacon.
Anson A. Welch, Senior Warden.	William T. Mettlin, Junior Deacon.
Arthur P. Childs, Junior Warden.	Frank Fuller, Senior Steward.
De Grasse W. Britton, Treasurer.	Alvin T. Witter, Junior Steward.
Benjamin F. Feather, Secretary.	Isaac P. Martin, Tiler.

## SUPERIOR LODGE, NO. 121, SUPERIOR, NUCKOLLS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday on or before full moon.

J W. Mitchell, Master.	C H. McHugh, Senior Deacon.
F J. Padden, Senior Warden.	E J. Percell, Junior Deacon.
Joseph Carson, Junior Warden.	S E. Wilson, Senior Steward.
Bert Curtis, Treasurer.	E F. Drake, Junior Steward.
L W. Hart, Secretary.	N O. Spencer, Tiler.

## JASPER LODGE, NO. 122, ODELL, GAGE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

Levi C. Lenon, Master.	William H. Earnist, Senior Deacon.
Norman C. Myers, Senior Warden.	Frank E. Stiles, Junior Deacon.
Leonidas A. Scroggs, Junior Warden.	George C. Ferguson, Senior Steward.
James D. Myers, Treasurer.	Harry M. Bryson, Junior Steward.
John W. Bowen, Secretary.	William J. Manley, Tiler.

## INDIANOLA LODGE, NO. 123, INDIANOLA, RED WILLOW COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Thursday on or before full moon.

Solomon W. Stilgebauer, Master.	John W. Maiken, Senior Deacon.
Henry Crabtree, Senior Warden.	George S Bishop, Junior Deacon.
Fred G. Thompson, Junior Warden.	Samuel P. Baker, Senior Steward.
Bradley B. Duckworth, Treasurer.	Samuel R. Messner, Junior Steward.
James Hetherington, Secretary.	Zeri H. Sherman, Tiler.

AUBURN LODGE, NO. 124, AUBURN, NEMAHA COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—

SEAL—A sword pointing at a naked heart.

Charles H. Willard, Master.	George W. Martin, Senior Deacon.
Granville B. Beveridge, Sen. Warden.	Frank C. Richards, Junior Deacon.
David Campbell, Junior Warden.	James K. Curzon, Senior Steward.
Jeremiah H. Taylor, Treasurer.	Edward M. Boyd, Junior Steward.
George H. Butler, Secretary.	James L. Eversole, Tiler.

MOUNT NEBO LODGE, NO. 125, GENOA, NANCE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Saturdays in each month.

SEAL—The square and compass above a mountain.

Okeley E. Green, Master.	H. Ezra Adams, Senior Deacon.
John J. Truman, Senior Warden.	Henry H. Eyman, Junior Deacon.
James M. Kennedy, Junior Warden.	Frank D. Goodwin, Senior Steward.
Edwin G. Cook, Treasurer.	Louis G. Stocks, Junior Steward.
Gustave A. Mollin, Secretary.	Andrew Netzell, Tiler.

STROMSBURG LODGE, NO. 126, STROMSBURG, POLK COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Saturdays after the full moon.

SEAL—The All-Seeing Eye, above the ballot box.

James D. Edwards, Master.	Edmund D. Rarey, Senior Deacon.
Calmar McCune, Senior Warden.	Albert G. Hoffman, Junior Deacon.
Peter T. Buckley, Junior Warden.	George H. Butler, Senior Steward.
Isaac Boostrom, Treasurer.	Corbin E. Grennell, Junior Steward.
Dyer Ford, Secretary.	John Hamilton, Tiler.

MINDEN LODGE, NO. 127, MINDEN, KEARNEY COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday on or before full moon.

Lewis A. Kent, Master.	Asa Smith, Senior Deacon.
Fred. R. Kingsley, Senior Warden.	George W. Harding, Junior Deacon.
Rush H. Palmer, Junior Warden.	Galusha L. Godfrey, Senior Steward.
Alexander G. Rylander, Treasurer.	Frank M. Saunders, Junior Steward.
Frank Taylor, Secretary.	Frank M. Hawkins, Tiler.

GUIDE ROCK LODGE, NO. 128, GUIDE ROCK, WEBSTER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before full moon.

Isaiah B. Hampton, Master.	John S. Stratton, Senior Deacon.
Noah H. Peters, Senior Warden.	Evan James, Junior Deacon.
Samuel B. Newmeyer, Jun. Warden.	Jacob H. Shugart, Senior Steward.
Abram Garber, Treasurer.	William Pettit, Junior Steward.
Irving W. Crary, Secretary.	John B. Fisk, Tiler.

## BLUE HILL LODGE, NO. 129, BLUE HILL, WEBSTER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Fridays in each month.

I	O. Martin, Master.	William Arnold, Secretary.
	Edward Cornet, Senior Warden.	W W. Hogate, Senior Deacon.
A	A. Frame, Junior Warden.	A Kopisch, Junior Deacon.
A	B. Canfield, Treasurer.	L J. Spickelmier, Tiler.

## TUSCAN LODGE, NO. 130, SURPRISE, BUTLER COUNTY.

	George Miller, Master.	Abraham Towsner, Senior Deacon.
	George H. Miller, Senior Warden.	Richard W. Morison, Junior Deacon.
	John A. Furr, Junior Warden.	Frank D. C. Miller, Senior Steward.
	David Reed, Treasurer.	James F. McCoy, Junior Steward.
	Van L. Wilson, Secretary.	Edger Lewis, Tiler.

## ARK AND ANCHOR LODGE, NO. 131, AINSWORTH, BROWN COUNTY.

	James G. Ackerman, Master.	Leroy Hall, Senior Deacon.
	Samuel G. Chaney, Senior Warden.	Nathaniel D. Walker, Junior Deacon.
	John C. Sullivan, Junior Warden.	Frederick F. Merrithew, Sr. Steward.
	Lewis P. Albright, Treasurer.	Oscar J. Mosely, Junior Steward.
	Bert A. Miller, Secretary.	Augustus Oakley, Tiler.

## SCRIBNER LODGE, NO. 132, SCRIBNER, DODGE COUNTY.

	Jesse A. Nason, Master.	Joachim J. Barge, Senior Deacon.
	Chauncey D. Gardanier, S. Warden.	William B. Gardanier, Jun. Deacon.
	James Booth, Junior Warden.	William A. King, Senior Steward.
	Charles Inches, Treasurer.	Lewis H. Neff, Junior Steward.
	Gustave A. Diels, Secretary.	Henry Paasch, Tiler.

## ELM CREEK LODGE, NO. 133, ELM CREEK, BUFFALO COUNTY.

	Daniel C. Bond, Master.	Delbert G. Webster, Treasurer.
	Nathan O. Calkins, Senior Warden.	David I. Brown, Secretary.
	Robert K. Potter, Junior Warden.	Lewis B. Irvin, Senior Deacon.
		Charles J. Carper, Tiler.

## SOLAR LODGE, NO. 134, CLARKS, MERRICK COUNTY.

	Franklin Sweet, Master.	Adam McPherson, Treasurer.
	William R. Morse, Senior Warden.	Hiram M. Dexter, Senior Deacon.
	Isaac H. Castle, Junior Warden.	Ethel A. Richardson, Jun. Deacon.
	Thomas Hatch, Secretary.	Hans M. Kokjer, Tiler.

McCOOK LODGE, NO. 135, McCOOK, RED WILLOW COUNTY.

Samuel L. Green, Master.	Andrew J. Willey, Senior Deacon.
Isaac J. Starbuck, Senior Warden.	Carlos N. Batcheller, Junior Deacon.
Justin S. Wilcox, Junior Warden.	George M. Chenery, Senior Steward.
, Treasurer.	, Junior Steward.
Frank L. McCrackin, Secretary.	John Roxby, Tiler.

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LONG PINE LODGE, NO. 136, LONG PINE, BROWN COUNTY.

William Banister, Master.	Albert C. Shaliar, Senior Deacon.
Walter L. Whittemore, Sr. Warden.	John H. A. Thomas, Junior Deacon.
Howard H. Coonen, Junior Warden.	John Laverty, Senior Steward.
Andrew Lowe, Treasurer.	, Junior Steward.
Charles R. Glover, Secretary.	Granville E. Butler, Tiler.

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UPRIGHT LODGE, NO. 137, BURCHARD, PAWNEE COUNTY.

Liberty B. Shinn, Master.	Charles G. George, Secretary.
James A. Cope, Senior Warden.	David A. Harrah, Senior Deacon.
George J. Stafford, Junior Warden.	David Gudtner, Junior Deacon.
David C. Stitt, Treasurer.	David Shepherd, Tiler.

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RAWALT LODGE, NO. 138, OXFORD, FURNAS COUNTY.

George E. Whitman, Master,	Neal A. Pettygrove, Senior Deacon.
Edgar J. Pease, Senior Warden.	Aaron J. Cole, Junior Deacon.
William B. Kiser, Junior Warden.	Cyrus A. Arnsberger, Senior Steward.
Adam Walter, Treasurer.	Joel J. Pennington, Junior Steward.
Edwin E. Wild, Secretary.	Henry H. Ballard, Tiler.

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CLAY CENTRE LODGE, NO. 139, CLAY CENTRE, CLAY COUNTY.

Louis F. Fryar, Master.	Henry B. Strong, Senior Deacon.
Justus E. Wheeler, Senior Warden.	George A. Shike, Junior Deacon.
Guy W. Secord, Junior Warden.	Hugh Loudin, Senior Steward.
James Leitch, Treasurer.	Jesse F. Eller, Junior Steward.
Charles J. Martin, Secretary.	William M. Walters, Tiler.

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WESTERN LODGE, NO. 140, WESTERN, SALINE COUNTY.

William Grafton, Master.	Jonas S. Pusey, Secretary.
John S. Bartos, Senior Warden.	William McMaster, Senior Deacon.
James S. Rogers, Junior Warden.	Olney McDonald, Junior Deacon.
William Mullen, Treasurer	William Shultz, Tiler.

## SUMMIT LODGE, NO. 141, JOHNSON, NEMAHIA COUNTY.

Daniel E. Douglas, Master.	Edward O. Crocker, Senior Deacon.
David D. Adams, Senior Warden.	George A. Buerstetta, Jun. Deacon.
Isaac H. Claget, Junior Warden.	Simon Miller, Senior Steward.
Daniel Casey, Treasurer.	William B. Green, Junior Steward.
Thomas J. Alexander, Secretary.	Hiram Alderman, Tiler.

## ANCHOR LODGE, NO. 142, NORTH LOUP, VALLEY COUNTY.

Edwin A. Allen, Master.	James H. Ager, Senior Deacon.
Nathaniel K. Redlon, Sen. Warden.	Edward J. Cullen, Junior Deacon.
James C. White, Junior Warden.	Eaton S. Sears, Senior Steward.
Charles H. Wellman, Treasurer.	James E. Baldwin, Junior Steward.
Norman W. Latham, Secretary.	John B. Gowen, Tiler.

## CRESCENT LODGE, NO. 143. CEDAR RAPIDS, BOONE COUNTY.

Lucius P. Judd, Master.	Levi D. Groom, Senior Deacon.
William J. Outhwaite, Sen. Warden.	J. Daton Stires, Junior Deacon.
Eugene A. Guillemot, Jun. Warden.	Orlando M. Newell, Senior Steward.
Charles L. Harris, Secretary.	Henry Emerson, Junior Steward.
Peter J. Files, Treasurer.	Charles Martin, Tiler.

## KENESAW LODGE, NO. 144. KENESAW, ADAMS COUNTY.

Henry E. Norton, Master.	Samuel H. Smith, Senior Deacon.
John G. Hayzlett, Senior Warden.	Frank H. Cole, Junior Deacon.
Luther B. Partridge, Junior Warden.	Eben L. Dutton, Senior Steward.
Ely N. Crane, Treasurer.	Truman P. Booth, Junior Steward.
Robert B. Ground, Secretary.	Abel S. Thompson, Tiler.

## BANCROFT LODGE, NO. 145, BANCROFT, CUMING COUNTY.

Warren Fales, Master.	Frank Chandler, Senior Deacon.
George H. Ransom, Senior Warden.	Christian Valder, Junior Deacon.
William Collins, Junior Warden.	Thomas M. Senter, Senior Steward.
Orrin D. Bassinger, Treasurer.	Isaac J. Coons, Junior Steward.
Howard J. Cone, Secretary.	John W. Watson, Tiler.

## HOLDREGE LODGE, U. D., HOLDREGE, PHELPS COUNTY.

Isaac E. Austin, Master.	Howard Miles, Senior Warden.
	James A. McKillip, Junior Warden.

## SILOAM LODGE, U. D., STUART, HOLT COUNTY.

Andrew H. Runyon, Master.	Thomas F. Tracy, Senior Warden.
	Jacob A. Shank, Junior Warden.