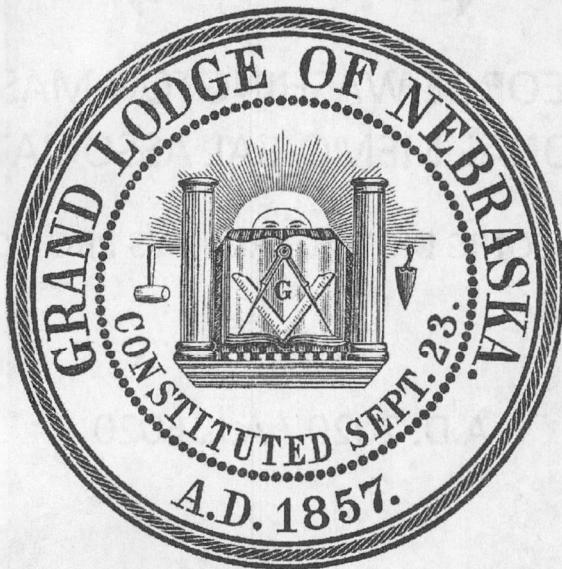


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THE Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska convened and assembled in Freemasons Hall, Omaha, on Wednesday, June 17, A.:L.: 5891, A.D. 1891, at four o'clock in the afternoon, there being present

M.:W.:ROBERT E. FRENCH	Grand Master.
R.:W.:BRADNER D. SLAUGHTER	Deputy Grand Master.
R.:W.:SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON	Grand Senior Warden.
R.:W.:LEWIS A. KENT.....	Grand Junior Warden.
R.:W.:CHRISTIAN HARTMAN.....	Grand Treasurer.
R.:W.:WILLIAM R. BOWEN.....	Grand Secretary.
R.:W.:GEORGE W. MARTIN, 46* (P.:G.:C.:Ill.)	as Grand Chaplain.
R.:W.:LEE P. GILLETTE (P.:D.:G.:M.:)	Grand Custodian.
W.:FRANCIS E. WHITE	Grand Marshal.
W.:HENRY H. WILSON	Grand Senior Deacon.
W.:GEORGE E. HAWKINS.....	Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro.:JACOB KING	Grand Tiler.

and representatives from one hundred and seventy-two of the one hundred and eighty-eight chartered lodges of the jurisdiction.

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

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

anthem was sung by the quartette of Saint Johns Lodge, No. 25.

It was ascertained by roll call that a constitutional number of lodges were represented. The Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge open for the despatch of business, and due proclamation thereof was made by the Grand Marshal.

The courtesy of the floor was extended to all Master Masons in good standing.

The Grand Master congregated the committees on Visitors and on Credentials, and they entered upon their duties.

The Grand Master now delivered his

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

Another year has rolled away into the eternal past, another summer with its bright sunshine and fragrant flowers of sweet perfume, another autumn with its golden fruits, another winter with its chilly blasts and its driving snow, another spring with its budding trees, its green fields, bringing to some joy and gladness, to others sorrow and pain. Some have gone never to return again. Some of those whom we have met in former years have removed to distant lands; some are here and some have gone to try the stern realities of an unknown future. And the time has now arrived, my brethren, when it is my duty to report to you my official acts, and render to you a complete statement of all my doings pertaining to the management of the affairs of this Grand Lodge, as its executive.

Your generous choice of me as your Grand Master demands my thankful acknowledgment, though at the same time I sincerely wish my abilities had been more adequate to the charge which your kind partiality elected me to. But this has always been, and still is, my greatest consolation, that however deficient I may have been in the discharge of my duty, no one can boast of a heart more devoted to the good of the institution in general, and the reputation of this Grand Lodge in particular.

I have devoted my entire time to the duties of the office. I have written over two thousand letters; I have investigated as thoroughly as I possibly could the true condition of the Craft, and will in due time report the same to you.

To those of you whom I have had no previous acquaintance, it may not be improper for me to say I am only a plain, common mechanic, having left the anvil to fulfill the duties of this office. I commenced

the battle for bread at the age of ten years; at the age of thirteen I commenced my apprenticeship as a cunning workman in metal, and learned to blow the coals in the fire and brought forth an instrument for my work. And inasmuch as I am possessed of only a very limited education, I must be permitted to present my report to you in my own plain way. When I served my apprenticeship, the boss I learned under did not spend any money on files, drills or chisels. We were compelled to forge our work by the eye under the hammer; from the anvil and from the hammer came the skilled work; not from the vise or the file. Whoever heard of a horse nail being filed to give it form, strength or beauty? And yet it is considered one of the greatest feats of the smith to forge a perfect horse nail.

So it is, brethren, with my report—it comes directly to you as forged from the anvil under the swinging hammer. I never learned the art of finishing. It is for you to file, polish and finish as you in your wisdom may see proper.

The prosperity or perpetuity of Freemasonry does not depend to any considerable degree upon the eloquence or literary attainments of its followers, and it is considered more important by the Craft at large to encourage by precept and example the zeal, which has ever existed among its votaries, to faithfully preserve its mysteries, than to multiply words, however artistically they may be arranged.

If I have succeeded in doing one act or said one word that a brother may carry away and treasure up in the archives of his memory as a truism, or to relieve the tedium of labor by whiling away a moment or so in fond recollection thereof, I will feel satisfied with my effort. If they do not shine out with rhetorical splendor, or glitter with pearls of thought strung upon golden threads of grammatically construed speech.

NECROLOGY.

We are called upon to mourn the loss of V. W. Bro. Jacob A. Hood, our Grand Chaplain, who was summoned from his labors on this earth to everlasting refreshment in the paradise of God, July 9, 1890.

Rev. Jacob A. Hood was born at Marblehead, Essex County, Massachusetts, May 5, 1822. He graduated at the Salem Latin school, a well known classical school, at Salem, Massachusetts, in 1840, and entered the same year Dartmouth College, from which he graduated in 1844. Taught the classics and music for two years at Buffalo and Brooklyn, New York. Entered Union Theological Seminary, New York City in 1846, and graduated in 1849. During the three years he was in the seminary was organist at Dr. Adams Presbyterian Church, New York City. Was licensed to preach by the Fourth Presbytery of New York City. Became pastor of church at Middleton, Massachusetts, from 1850 to 1854; at Pittsfield, New Hampshire, from 1854 to 1862; at London,

New Hampshire, from 1862 to 1867. Pastor Presbyterian church, Maroa, Illinois, from 1867 to 1875; pastor at Schuyler from 1875 to May, 1889, when he was taken with progressive locomotor ataxia, gradually running down with that disease.

He was honored in this state by being chosen Moderator of the Nebraska Synod in the year 1878. And also by his own Presbytery, the Omaha, by being elected Stated Clerk, which office he served for some years, until sickness compelled him to resign.

Rev. Jacob A. Hood became M. M. at Maroa, Illinois, March 9, 1869. He became Royal Arch Mason, March 6, 1873, at Clinton, Illinois.

He became a member of Acacia Lodge No. 34, by affiliation May 16 1878, and from that time an active member in all Masonic work in Schuyler. He was appointed and installed Chaplain December 27, 1878, and filled that place during most of the time thereafter during his life.

He was installed Secretary December 27, 1882, and held that place for several years and left a record so complete, with marginal notes and indices, that any event occurring during his time can readily be found by reference to the records.

He was installed J. W. July 2, 1885, and W. M. June 24, 1886. His active solicitude contributed very largely in placing the Order in Schuyler upon a very good footing.

In the Chapter he was Scribe U. D., named in the dispensation April 16, 1886, and was installed H. P. December 27, 1888.

He was appointed Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A. L. 5883, 5884, 5887, 5888, 5889 and 5890, and was its honored and loved Grand Chaplain at the time of his death.

As a citizen he was just; as a Christian exemplary; as a Mason he always acted on the square, and his zeal for the Order knew no abatement, and his efforts to promote its welfare ceased only with his life. He was respected by all who knew him, and loved most by those who knew him best. He died lamented by all, yet the grave contains only the dust of the departed, the immortal soul is in sweet communion with the loved and saved in Heaven above. Brethren wouldst thou again see him, emulate his virtues and the example of him who said: "Follow me and when the Great Reaper cometh his kind voice will welcome thee above."

Farewell Father Hood, thy trials are o'er,
We miss thy words of wisdom of the days of yore;
Thy seat is vacant, for thee we all sigh,
Friend of our hearts how sad this good bye.
Thou art gone from our midst to the mansions above,
To receive the reward for thy labor of love;
May we so live that we may grasp thy hand,
On that evergreen shore in that far happy land.

FRATERNAL DEAD OF OUR JURISDICTION.

I have received notice of the death of eighty Bro.: Master Masons in good and regular standing throughout our jurisdiction. This includes the report from one hundred and seventy-three lodges. Fifteen have not reported up to the date of this report.

"DEATH"—this mysterious messenger whose foot-step is not heard, but whose coming nevertheless is sure, has called many of our brethren to the silent land. Youth, manhood and age alike have been cut down by the all devouring Scythe of Time and gathered to the Spirit Land, where there are no more mysteries for them to solve; no more designs upon the trestle board for their guidance; for their work is done and ready for the inspection of the Supreme Architect above. Earnestly, truly, sincerely we hope all is well with them; each has taken his last degree of mortality, the one that is blended with the initiation into immortality; for them, the shadowy valley has been passed and to them the glory of eternity has begun.

Though you have passed the beautiful gates ajar,
And left our number that's tried by the square;
Though you have gone, to that heaven above
To receive the reward for your labors of love.
May sweet rest be yours in that beautiful clime,
In the presence of God, the Architect Divine;
Soon we hope to meet you when our labors are o'er,
Yes meet you, and greet you on the evergreen shore.

The pale rider has been abroad in other lands with his relentless scythe cutting the brittle thread of life, and has summoned the distinguished of other jurisdictions to appear before that Supreme Judge from whom not the most minute act of our lives is hidden.

November 4, 1890, I received the sad intelligence of the death of R.: W.: Bro.: Rev. J. A. Galbraith, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, near the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Bro.: Galbraith was throughout his career a man greatly beloved by those who had the good fortune to know him well; he was ever gentle, kindly disposed and ready to aid his friends with his counsel and his purse in the Masonic Order, and in its charities he took a deep interest. He was for some time Grand Chaplain, and he visited this country to see the workings of the Order. On his return, he was if possible more than ever an ardent and enthusiastic Freemason.

November 14, 1890, I received the official notice of the death of M.: W.: Bro.: A. T. C. Pierson, P.: G.: M.:, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. Bro.: Pierson was a good man and his record is on high; his work is done and his labors approved; he rests in peace.

On the same date I received notice of the death of M.: W.: Bro.: J. H. Brown, and M.: W.: Bro.: Caleb Henry Barton, Past Grand Master of the Grand Jurisdiction of Minnesota. Surely our fellow Grand Jurisdiction has been sorely afflicted. The good, the great are not

exempt from the stern decree, but there is a world "where death comes not."

November 17, 1890, I received official notice of the death of M.:W.: Bro.: Hiram Bassett, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. Bro.: Bassett was also Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky from 1877 to 1887. He was especially distinguished for his courtesy and thorough knowledge of the law and work of the Craft, and died as he lived, justly honored and beloved.

December 1, 1890, I received official notice of the death of M.:W.: Bro.: George H. Mead, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, who departed this life on Saturday, October 18, 1890, in the sixtieth year of his age. Bro.: Mead had been the honored Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas for thirteen consecutive years, and was always found faithful to the trust reposed in him and scrupulously exact in the discharge of his duties.

December 20, 1890, I received official notice of the death of R.:W.: Bro.: Robert M. C. Graham, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, near the Grand Lodge of New York.

"No more shall we clasp thy faithful hand;
No more will we hear thy welcome voice;
Thou art gone to dwell in Beulah Land,
And o'er thy trials and troubles rejoice."

January 12, 1891, I received official notice of the death of R.:W.: Bro.: Alexander G. Abell, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California. He was one of the oldest Craftsmen in the West, a faithful brother, a good man and is now immortal.

March 25, 1891, I received official notice of the death of R.:W.: Bro.: John F. Niblack, Sr., Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Florida, who died in the prime of life with the most brilliant prospects for honor and usefulness before him.

April 12, 1891, I received official notice of the death of Albert Pike, the world-wide distinguished Mason. Albert Pike breathed his last at 8 o'clock P. M., April 2, 1891, at his residence at Washington, D. C. He was the supreme head of certain branches of Masonry, in all the world; and his scholarship and profound erudition earned for him a world-wide fame. The greatness of his mental gifts has become a matter of general history and he has left behind many works to enrich the literature of the age—both that which pertains to our Order and that which relates to the world at large.

April 17, 1891, I received official notice of the death of M.:W.: Bro.: George Baird, P.:G.:M.: of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia. On the same date and under the same cover, was the sad announcement of the death of another distinguished brother of the same jurisdiction, M.:W.: Bro.: Charles H. Collier, P.:G.:M.: and Past Grand Lecturer. Eminent in their respective daily avocations, zealous in all their Masonic labors,

faithful to every trust confided to their keeping, they have been gathered like golden sheaves of the harvest and with calmness and peace rest with their fathers awaiting the dawn of the resurrection morn.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

In the United States of America there are fifty Grand Lodges, while in British America there are seven, in Great Britain, three, and others elsewhere. And while each Grand Lodge of the Craft is supreme and sovereign within its own jurisdiction, I am pleased to report to you the Grand Lodge of Nebraska is in Fraternal harmony with all these Grand bodies. There is one chain of fraternal brotherhood running through the six hundred and fifty thousand affiliated Freemasons on the continent or North America and throughout the whole world. We are in peace and harmony with each and every jurisdiction. It has not been my pleasure to have very much correspondence with other jurisdictions, but what I have had has been of the most pleasant and fraternal nature.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

Of the lodges chartered at the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge—nine in number—accompanied by our R.:W.:Bro.: Lee P. Gillette, P.:D.:G.:M.: and present Grand Custodian, whose valuable services would be hard to dispense with in this work, the following lodges were constituted according to the rules and regulations of this Grand Lodge.

The work of constituting these lodges in person, consumed the entire month of July, as they were located in nearly every corner of this jurisdiction, involving over 2,000 miles travel by rail and overland.

Some of these lodges are starting out under very flattering and encouraging prospects, but I regret to say others are not. Owing to their present surroundings and existing circumstances, it were better the brethren would have delayed the matter of asking for dispensations until the jurisdiction of their respective lodges were more thickly settled. Time will prove the truth of this assertion :

Signet Lodge, No. 193, Leigh, Colfax County, Nebraska, by the Grand Master, in person, July 8, 1890.

Minnekadusa Lodge, No. 192, Valentine, Cherry County, Nebraska, by the Grand Master, in person, July 11, 1890.

Arcana Lodge, No. 195, Gordon, Sheridan County, Nebraska, by the Grand Master, in person, July 12, 1890.

Crystal Lodge, No. 191, Scotia, Greeley County, Nebraska, by the Grand Master, in person, July 14, 1890.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 197, Gresham, York County, Nebraska, by the Grand Master, in person, July 16, 1890.

Level Lodge, No. 196, Stockville, Frontier County, Nebraska, by the Grand Master, in person, July 18, 1890.

Purity Lodge, No. 198, Imperial, Chase County, Nebraska, by the Grand Master, in person, July 19, 1890.

Amethyst Lodge, No. 190, Gandy, Logan County, Nebraska, by the Grand Master, in person, July 24, 1890.

Highland Lodge, No. 194, Cortland, Gage County, Nebraska, by the Grand Master, in person, July 29, 1890.

LODGES CREATED.

One year ago the Grand Lodge renewed the following dispensations, viz:—

Armada Lodge, U. D., at Armada, Buffalo County, Nebraska.

Carlton Lodge, U. D., at Carlton, Nebraska.

Under this head I am forced to the same conclusion of many of my learned predecessors, in this and other jurisdictions. I find, in many instances, the petitioners seem to labor under the impression that if they are enabled to obtain eight or ten members and a few candidates with which to begin, that this is about all that is necessary to form a lodge of Master Masons; and apparently little or no thought is taken of the future of such proposed lodge; whether the jurisdiction of the said lodge is sufficiently large from which to obtain material, or whether the material is of such character as will serve to build up and maintain a lodge in a creditable manner.

Neither do they take into consideration that, although the lodge, whose prerogative it is to recommend, thereby weakens itself in so doing.

My judgment is, brethren, that we have about as many lodges in this jurisdiction at this time as the good of the Order will warrant, and I believe that if, instead of creating new lodges, there were some consolidations effected among the lodges already in existence, Masonry would be greatly benefited and the demand for new lodges decreased instead of increased.

I am fully convinced now, in my own mind, that I have not used the proper precaution in some particular cases of brethren asking for dispensation. And while I admit I have erred in this respect, there are extenuating circumstances surrounding some individual cases. Before issuing a dispensation I forwarded the following blank statement, to be filled out and returned to me, thereby obtaining valuable information that I could not have secured from any other source or in any other manner. For instance: If an applicant or a petitioner is past the meridian of life and resides some twelve or fifteen miles from the proposed new lodge, the chances are he will not attend very regular, thereby endangering the constitutional number to transact business in a lawful manner.

I fraternally submit the following blank statement for your consideration, a copy of which is now in the hands of the committee on Charters and Dispensations, filled out and signed from each lodge

I have required each lodge to forward me their records, and have made such changes as I knew ought to be. I have forwarded to each lodge a form for their records, also rules of order. Have defined the duties of the Master and also the duties of the secretary. It is my opinion your committee on Charters and Dispensations will find the brethren have faithfully performed the trust reposed in them.

You will observe, I have not issued a dispensation to a less number than fourteen, and to that number only in one case, and in that case they were recommended by two lodges, as well as our valuable and esteemed Grand Custodian, who has guarded the interests of Masonry carefully and conscientiously in this matter, invariably cutting out all applicants, who were, you might say, borrowed from some other lodge to make out the requisite number.

In addition to the two lodges mentioned, I have issued dispensations as follows:

On August 5, 1890, to Horatio N. Leech, W.:M.:; William R. Bell, S.:W.:; Thomas L. Hall, J.:W.:; and thirteen other Master Masons, under the name and title of Blazing Star Lodge, U.:D.:, at Burwell, Garfield county, Nebraska. They were recommended by Ord Lodge, No. 103 and R.:W.:Bro.: Lee P. Gillette, Grand Custodian.

On August 8, 1890, to William H. Johnson, W.:M.:; Edward Thornton, S.:W.:; John Stilts, J.:W.:; and nineteen other Master Masons, under the name and title of Scotts Bluff Lodge, U.:D.:, in the town of Gering, Scotts Bluff county, Nebraska. They were recommended by Frank Welch Lodge, No. 75, and R.:W.:Bro.: Lee P. Gillette, Grand Custodian.

On August 29, 1890, to Orin McCrary, W.:M.:; Sidney O. Reese, S.:W.:; Lucian H. Bruner, J.:W.:; and fourteen other Master Masons, under the name and title of Golden Sheaf Lodge, U.:D.:, in the town of Randolph, Cedar county, Nebraska. They were recommended by Evergreen Lodge, No. 153, and R.:W.:Bro.: Lee P. Gillette, Grand Custodian.

On August 30, 1890, to James M. Curry, W.:M.:; Martin N. Snyder, S.:W.:; James Weiser, J.:W.:; and fourteen other Master Masons, under the name and title of Roman Eagle Lodge, U.:D.:, in the town of Pender, Thurston county, Nebraska. They were recommended by Bancroft Lodge, No. 145, and R.:W.:Bro.: Lee P. Gillette, Grand Custodian.

On September 1, 1890, to John F. Hecht, W.:M.:; Able Buckingham, S.:W.:; Harrison Hammond, J.:W.:; and twelve other Master Masons, under the name and title of Plainview Lodge, U.:D.:, in the town of Plainview, Pierce county, Nebraska. They were recommended by Creighton Lodge, No. 100, and R.:W.:Bro.: Lee P. Gillette, Grand Custodian.

On September 2, 1890, to George T. Kendall, W.:M.:; Jacob Keifer, S.:W.:; Albert B. Persinger, J.:W.:; and fourteen other Master Masons,

under the name and title of Golden Fleece Lodge, U.:D.:, in the town of Chappell, Deuel county, Nebraska. They were recommended by Frank Welch Lodge, No. 75, and R.:W.:Bro.: Lee P. Gillette, Grand Custodian.

On December 31, 1890, to Alga D. Willy, W.:M.:; Adrian H. Walker, S.:W.:; John Bixby, J.:W.:; and eleven others, under the name and title of Naphthali Lodge, U.:D.:, in the town of Diller, Jefferson county, Nebraska. They were recommended by Steel City Lodge, No. 107, Jasper Lodge, No. 122, and R.:W.:Bro.: Lee P. Gillette, Grand Custodian.

On January 31, 1891, to Frank H. Young, W.:M.:; Michael Connely, S.:W.:; Andrew J. McMurty, J.:W.:; and seventeen other Master Masons, under the name and title of Parian Lodge, U.:D.:, in the town of Callaway, Custer county, Nebraska. They were recommended by Merna Lodge, No. 171, and R.:W.:Bro.: Lee P. Gillette, Grand Custodian.

In the case of Armada Lodge, U.:D.:, they having changed the officers from those who had governed them in the past year, I requested R.:W.:Bro.: Lee P. Gillette, Grand Custodian, to visit them before they commenced their labors and examine the proposed officers and see if they possessed the necessary qualifications, as the law requires governing the forming of new lodges. In due time Bro. Gillette, forwarded me a very favorable report as to the proficiency and qualifications of the new officers.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS TO CONFER DEGREES WITHOUT WAITING THE
REQUISITE TIME AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

I have granted seven dispensations under this class; I have refused about the same number. Here, again, am I forced to say that I have been, as it were, compelled to change my mind, having always been of the opinion that it was not for the best interest of Masonry to turn out work uncompleted before the world—a brother unable to prove himself what he claims to be, thereby placing himself in a very embarrassing position, as well as disgracing the lodge of which he is a member.

I regret to say that oftentimes brothers receiving the degrees by special dispensation, seem to think they have fully recompensed the lodge by paying the extra fee as required by law governing such cases; but it is a question not solved satisfactorily to my mind, what would be the best course to pursue under this head.

I now recall one case in particular, where I deemed it for the best interest of Masonry to grant such a dispensation, and I am officially informed my conclusions were correct. Some of the lodges I have refused, after giving them my reasons for not granting their request, thanked me for denying the request and fully endorsed and coincided with me for so doing.

June 23, to Wahoo Lodge, No. 59, Wahoo, Nebraska, to ballot and confer M.:M.: degree on F.:C.: Edwin Busick, without requiring the said brother to be proficient as required by paragraph 4, section 111, page 49, by-laws relating to lodges. Fee of \$10 received.

December 5, to Barneston Lodge, No. 165, Barneston, Nebraska, to ballot and confer M.:M.: degree on F.:C.: William Wilson, without requiring the said brother to be proficient as required by paragraph 4, section 111, page 49, by-laws relating to lodges. Fee of \$10 received.

December 8, to Ashler Lodge, No. 33, Grand Island, Nebraska, to ballot and confer M.:M.: degree on F.:C.: Frank S. Brown, without requiring the said brother to be proficient as required by paragraph 4, section 111, page 49, by-laws relating to lodges. Fee of \$10 received.

April 2, to Porter Lodge, No. 106, Loup City, Nebraska, to ballot and confer F.:C.: and M.:M.: degrees on Bro.: Samuel G. Matthews, an E.:A.:, of Porter Lodge, No. 106, without requiring the said brother to be proficient as required by paragraph 4, section 111, page 49, by-laws relating to lodges. Fee of \$20 received.

April 13, to Aurora Lodge, No. 68, Aurora, Nebraska, to ballot and confer E.:A.: degree on Mr. Charles M. Sears, without waiting the requisite time as required by law. Fee of \$10 received.

April 16, to Aurora Lodge, No. 68, Aurora, Nebraska, to ballot and if elected to confer F.:C.: and M.:M.: degrees on Charles M. Sears, an E.:A.:, of said lodge, without waiting the requisite time as required by law. Fee of \$20 received.

May 2, to Plainview Lodge U.:D.:, Plainview, Neb., to ballot and if elected to confer M.:M.: degree on Marcus R. Dutchar, an F.:C.: of said lodge, without waiting the requisite time as required by law. Fee of \$10 received.

As I stated before, there are so many peculiar circumstances surrounding individual cases, that it is almost impossible to draw a distinctive line that would govern each case alike. If I have been too lenient in this respect, it has been caused by an over-anxiety to please my brethren who have so earnestly sought these favors. Most every case the officers of the lodge have assured me they would take particular pains to post the brethren before they moved away, and I have the utmost confidence in them and fully believe they have kept their promise to me.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS TO ELECT AND INSTALL OFFICERS.

I find the recommendation of my esteemed predecessor, M.:W.: John J. Mercer, as adopted last year taken as a whole to be a good one, although in some particular cases, it works a hardship to the lodge. If the law could be so administered to reach those guilty of negligence and relieve those who are in no way to blame, of course it would be more in accordance with justice, but it is an old and true saying, "That most any law enforced and one that will reach every case, works

an injustice in some particular cases." And brethren of the Grand Lodge, and especially the Representatives of the subordinate lodges, it is a matter that is with yourselves, elect and install your officers as the law provides and you will thereby save your lodge this unnecessary expense, and your Grand Master a vast amount of correspondence, at a time when the duties of the office demand his attention in constituting the new lodges.

In the case of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, I issued this dispensation free of any charge from said lodge, their charter being suspended at the time the law requires for the annual election and installation of officers of subordinate lodges. I hope my action in this matter will meet with your approval.

In the case of Parallel Lodge, No. 152, I issued a special dispensation for the transaction of business not work, without the requisite fee November 15, 1890, their former lodge room being destroyed by fire.

On November 17, 1890, I issued my special dispensation to Parallel Lodge, No. 152, Liberty, Nebraska, to work and transact business in the absence of their charter, until the meeting of this Grand Lodge, the same being destroyed by fire; taking the precaution to send our R. W. Bro. Lee P. Gillette, Grand Custodian, to make a careful investigation as to the security of the room they proposed to meet and transact their future labors in. I hope to meet your approval, in the course that I have pursued in this matter, and that you will render such aid in the premises as will give these brethren to feel and know, that you sympathize with them in their misfortune and are willing to render them such aid as you can, to encourage them in their future efforts.

June 21, to Peru Lodge, No. 14, to elect and install officers. Fee of \$10 received.

June 26, to Crescent Lodge, No. 143, to install officers. Fee of \$10 received.

June 27, to Nemaha Valley Lodge, No. 4, to install officers. Fee of \$10 received.

June 28, to Robert Burns Lodge, No. 173, to elect and install W. M. Fee of \$10 received.

July 5, to Ark and Anchor Lodge, No. 131, to install officers. Fee of \$10 received.

July 16, to Crete Lodge, No. 37, to install officers. Fee of \$10 received.

July 23, to Prudence Lodge, No. 179, to install officers. Fee of \$10 received.

July 24, to Oliver Lodge, No. 38, to install W. M. Fee of \$10 received.

July 25, to Utica Lodge, No. 96, to install officers. Fee of \$10 received.

July 26, to Falls City Lodge, No. 9, to install officers. Fee of \$10 received.

August 7, to Talmage Lodge, No. 162, to install W.:M.: Fee of \$10 received.

August 8, to Hubbell Lodge, No. 92, to install officers. Fee of \$10 received.

August 20, to Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, to elect and install officers. No fee charged.

August 23, to Harvard Lodge, No. 44, to install J.:W.: Fee of \$10 received.

August 25, to Alliance Lodge, No. 183, to install officers. Fee of \$10 received.

October 23, to Arapahoe Lodge, No. 109, to elect and install officers. Fee of \$10 received.

November 3, to Faith Lodge, No. 181, to install officers. Fee of \$10 received.

November 15, to Parallel Lodge, No. 152, to hold meeting in public hall for business, not work. No fee charged on account of loss of former lodge room by fire.

November 17, to Paralell Lodge, No. 152, to meet, work and transact business the same as a chartered lodge, until meeting of the Grand Lodge. No fee charged on account of loss of charter by fire.

January 31, to M.:W.: James A. Tulleys, P.:G.:M.: to congregate and preside over Charity Lodge, No. 53, Red Cloud, Nebraska, during the absence of the master and wardens of said lodge. No fee charged.

April 2, to Edward C. Wilson, J. K. Smith and..... of Armada Lodge, U.:D.: to continue and work under as a lodge U.:D.: until April 30, 1891, in accordance with the rules and regulations of this Grand Lodge governing lodges U.:D.: This dispensation was granted on account of their former dispensation and all their effects being destroyed by fire. No fee charged.

REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED.

As soon as my labor of constituting the lodges chartered at our last annual communication was completed, I immediately revised the list of representatives of Fellow Grand Lodges near our Grand Lodge; and in every case where I found the representative had not been in attendance for a period of three years, I have recommended some other brother for the position. And when it has come to my knowledge that any brother, a representative of a Fellow Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, has permanently removed to some other jurisdiction, I have immediately recommended a brother residing in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska to fill said vacancy.

I have had the pleasure of recommending for appointment as representatives of other Grand Lodges near that of Nebraska the following:

M.:W.:Bro.: John J. Morcer, Iowa.

W.:Bro.: John A. Ehrhardt, North Dakota.

- R.:W.:Bro.:William R. Bowen, reappointment, Vermont.
 W.:Bro.:Charles J. Phelps, Colorado.
 W.:Bro.:James M. Kennedy, Indian Territory.
 W.:Bro.:David M. McElhinney, California.
 R.:W.:Bro.:Bradner D. Slaughter, District of Columbia.
 W.:Bro.:Albert W. Crites, Louisiana.
 W.:Bro.:George E. Whitman, Prince Edwards Island.
 Bro.:William Cleburne, Ireland.
 M.:W.:Bro.:Daniel H. Wheeler, sr., reappointment, Michigan.
 R.:W.:Bro.:Lewis A. Kent, Arizona.
 W.:Bro.:Thomas K. Sudborough, Maine.
 W.:Bro.:Frank E. Bullard, West Virginia.
 W.:Bro.:John D. Moore, Nova Scotia.

REPRESENTATIVES COMMISSIONED.

During the year I have commissioned the following brothers as Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near other Grand Lodges, the same being issued under the proper recommendations.

July 25, 1890, Bro.:William H. Gannon, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

October 28, 1890, Bro.:Richard Dennis Foley, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

December 22, 1890, Bro.:Thomas G. Cassidy, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of New York.

April 2, 1891, Bro.:R.S. Reeves, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

April 2, 1891, Bro.:J. C. Caywood, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

CORNER-STONES.

On July 4, 1890, M.:W.:John J. Mercer, P.:G.:M.: acting as my proxy, laid, with imposing ceremonies, the corner-stone of the County Court House at David City, Butler County, Nebraska. Bro.:Mercer reports that there were many visiting brethren present and that the occasion was a very enjoyable one, and that the brethren of Fidelity Lodge, No. 51, know how to entertain visitors and make them feel welcome.

September 4, 1890, an emergent Grand Lodge was opened in Freemasons Hall, Beatrice, Nebraska, and assisted by R.:W.:Lee P. Gillette as D.:G.:M.:, R.:W.:Samuel P. Davidson, G.:S.:W.:, R.:W.:Lewis A. Kent, G.:J.:W.:, Rev. Henry A. Guild, as Grand Chaplain, Wor.:Bro.:Henry H. Wilson, G.:S.:D.:, Wor.:Bro.:George E. Hawkins, G.:J.:D.:, Bro.:Henry L. Blake, Grand Marshal, and the Masonic fraternity of Beatrice and visiting lodges, I laid the corner-stone of the Court House at Beatrice, Nebraska. Judge Broady delivered a masterly address. The occasion was enjoyed by all present. The brethren of Beatrice Lodge, No. 26, under whose auspices the ceremony was per-

formed, having made ample arrangements to entertain all present. Beatrice Lodge, No. 26, cannot be excelled in her hospitality. You can rest assured they never undertake anything but what it will be well done.

October 7, 1890, an emergent Grand Lodge was opened in Freemasons Hall in Geneva, Nebraska, and assisted by R.:W.:Bradner D. Slaughter, D.:G.:M.:; R.:W.:Samuel P. Davidson, G.:S.:W.:; R.:W.:Lewis A. Kent, G.:J.:W.:; R.:W.:William R. Bowen, Grand Secretary, Rev. Bro.:William T. Whitmarsh, as Grand Chaplain, Wor.:Bro.:Henry H. Wilson, G.:S.:D.:; R.:W.:Lee P. Gillette, as Grand Marshal, and the Masonic fraternity of Geneva and visiting lodges, I laid the corner-stone of Trinity Church, Geneva, Nebraska. There were also present with us on this enjoyable occasion, M.:W.:Robert W. Furnas, P.:G.:M.:; M.:W.:Martin Dunham, P.:G.:M.:; M.:W.:John J. Mercer, P.:G.:M.:. The citizens of this beautiful city turned out en masse. Every detail was promptly executed in the most proficient manner, the brethren of Geneva having perfected all the necessary arrangements beforehand. There was not one discord to mar the occasion.

November 24, 1890, an emergent Grand Lodge was opened in Freemasons Hall, Callaway, Nebraska. Assisted by R.:W.:Lee P. Gillette as D.:G.:M.:; and the brethren of Emmet Crawford Lodge, No. 148, and Merna Lodge, No. 171, I laid the corner-stone of Trinity Church, at Callaway, Nebraska, in accordance with the sublime principles of our Order. I desire to return my sincere thanks to the brethren of Emmet Crawford Lodge, No. 148, and the brethren of Merna Lodge, No. 171, for the valuable assistance rendered by them on this occasion.

DEDICATING HALLS.

October 7, 1890, I had the pleasure of dedicating the new hall of the Temple Craft, of Geneva, Nebraska. I had the valuable assistance of R.:W.:Bradner D. Slaughter, D.:G.:M.:; R.:W.:Samuel P. Davidson, G.:S.:W.:; R.:W.:Lewis A. Kent, G.:J.:W.:; R.:W.:William R. Bowen, G.:S.:; W.:H. H. Wilson, G.:S.:D.:; and R.:W.:Lee P. Gillette, G.:C.:; who acted in the capacity of Grand Marshal and under whose supervision the ceremonies were conducted from beginning to end without the least discord to mar the eventful occasion.

We were also honored by the presence of M.:W.:Robert W. Furnas, P.:G.:M.:; M.:W.:Martin Dunham, P.:G.:M.:; and M.:W.:John J. Mercer, P.:G.:M.:; Bro.:Mercer being toast master for the evening.

After the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of Trinity Church and previous to the dedicatory service, all present were invited to attend a royal banquet prepared for this eventful occasion. To equal it is perfection, to excel it is impossible, and I cannot render the praise due the brethren of Geneva for the magnanimous and courteous treatment they extended to all who were present with and participated with them in their beautiful home on that pleasant October evening, one of

the best in this jurisdiction, and one that no Mason can look upon without feeling his heart swell with pride, to know that he belongs to an Order, that has the zeal, industry and ability to erect such a magnificent edifice for the promotion of the welfare and happiness of mankind.

After the banquet and dedicatory services, Bro. Mercer, P. G. M., assumed control as toast master and conducted his part of the work with that executive ability which cannot be excelled.

Toasts were responded to by Bros. Furnas, Slaughter, Bowen, Kent, Wilson, Ong, Sloan and others. The spacious rooms of the temple were crowded with the members of the fraternity, their wives, daughters and invited guests, the wealth, beauty and intelligence of the city being fully represented, and with music and social converse the evening passed, one long to be remembered by all who were present.

"Long may it stand for coming years its excellence to prove,
And may its members find delight in offices of love;
'Till summoned hence the glory of that upper lodge to see,
Where the Grand Master shall confer on each his last degree."

November 27, 1890, assisted by R. W. Lee P. Gillette, Grand Custodian, and the brethren of Hooper Lodge No. 72, Hooper, Nebraska, I dedicated the Freemasons Hall, Hooper, Nebraska.

Here again the brethren have a beautiful and commodious home, gorgeously furnished in a grand style, showing exquisite taste and good judgment by those who were intrusted to this part of the work.

We were cordially received by the brethren of Hooper and everything passed off in the most pleasant manner. May no discord or confusion ever disturb the peace and harmony of this bright and zealous lodge.

DECISIONS.

I think the distribution of the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska of 1889, has relieved me of a great many queries and has been of great service to the officers and the lodges throughout the jurisdiction; yet there are many cases where brethren still propound questions, and I suppose will for all time to come, that are adjusted in the law. In almost every case I have repeated the law to them as well as citing them to the page, section and paragraph.

In the beginning of my official labors, I found it necessary to adopt a similar rule as my learned and esteemed predecessor, M. W. George B. France, P. G. M., resorted to, to protect himself from unofficial correspondence, thereby saving myself many complications and misunderstandings. I returned the following letter to all unofficial correspondence:

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

GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE, KEARNEY, NEB.,.....589...

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Owing to the complications and misunderstandings that have already arisen, and are liable to arise in the future, from unofficial correspondence

from members of subordinate lodges, it becomes necessary in order to protect myself and the best interests of Masonry, that you send your correspondence through your lodge officially; that is, signed by the Secretary and under the seal, and I will give the same my immediate attention. Hoping this will not inconvenience you any in the matter I am

Yours fraternally,

ROBERT E. FRENCH,

Grand Master.

In order that you may know the disadvantages that a Grand Master is laboring under, in not knowing who he is corresponding with, and the indiscretions some brethren use. A certain brother unthoughtedly, no doubt, had his wife correspond with me, relative to the law of demission. I returned the communication and requested, as I supposed, the brother to forward his communication signed by the proper officers and under the seal of the lodge of which he was a member at that time; when he, "she" I mean, informed me she could not comply with my request, as the Secretary would not place his name and the seal of the lodge on correspondence of hers.

I hope that this Grand Lodge will so instruct the committee on codification of the law, that all recent decisions of Grand Master's approved and adopted by the Grand Lodge, will be incorporated in a proper place in the proceedings of each year, so that the Craft may be fully informed from year to year of the decisions that have become law in this jurisdiction.

I will not repeat decisions that are answered in the law, except when they are not incorporated in the law of 1889.

DECISIONS.

A lodge is in charge of the W.:M.: during the hours of labor; in charge of the J.:W.: when at refreshment. Masons are either at labor or refreshment. At ease or the right of the floor are improper terms and should not be used.

2. *Query*—Can a Past Master, who has been Master of a lodge in Iowa, but not having received the Past Master's degree, be present at the conferring of the Actual Past Master's degree in this jurisdiction?

Answer—No. He must receive the degree of Actual Past Master in a regular convocation of Actual Past Masters to entitle him to be present at the conferring of the Actual Past Master's degree of this jurisdiction.

3. *Query*—If a brother applies for a demit over his signature, stating that it is for the purpose of joining another lodge, and his dues are all paid to date, and there are no charges against him nor none pending, and he is neither a Master or a Warden, should the lodge refuse the brother a demit?

Answer—Not according to our law, the brother complying in full with the law, the lodge should grant the brother a demit.

4. A lodge cannot divide or dispose of its monies between its members for any purpose. Lodge funds are sacred to Masonic uses and

when it seeks to misapply them, the Grand Lodge or Grand Master may interfere.

5. No lodge of this jurisdiction can surrender its charter without the consent of this Grand Lodge or of the Grand Master during the interim, as long as there are eight Master Masons duly qualified members thereof, who desire to work under said charter according to the regulations of this Grand Lodge and the usages of Masonry.

6. *Query*—Has a lodge any right to receive a petition under six months of a person that has been rejected for initiation?

Answer—No. After the petition has been rejected for initiation, no new petition can be received from said applicant under six months.

7. *Query*—A brother is charged with unmasonic conduct, would the lodge be justified in admitting a certified transcript of the case in the District Court as evidence in a Masonic trial?

Answer—The trial of any Mason accused, if the offence charged be a crime by the civil law and Masonic law, the record of his conviction in the courts of the State or a certified copy thereof, shall be competent evidence and prima facie proof of guilt; but in order to establish the matter of proof beyond a doubt, if possible, I would have the same corroborated by other evidence.

8. The whole or any part of a building may be dedicated under Masonic usage, when used exclusively for Masonic purposes, and this may be whether the building or rooms are owned by the lodge or leased for a term of years. Halls occupied jointly by Masons and others, cannot be dedicated for Masonic purposes.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

I desire to call the attention of the officers of the subordinate lodges to the law governing amendment to by-laws:

“They must be presented at a regular meeting, lay over not less than one lunar month or the next regular meeting, then if adopted by a two thirds vote of all members present, forward to the Grand Master for approval.” And the secretary should state the fact to the Grand Master that the same has been adopted as required by law, thereby saving unnecessary correspondence and delay.

I have approved the by-laws of the following lodges: No. 39, 128, 90, 142, 180, 9, 93, 1, 102, 100, 137, 9, 40, 121, 127, 99, 1, 184, 15, 75, 112.

SEALS APPROVED.

Under this head I fraternally call your attention to the law as found on page 39 of section 105, paragraph 18: “Each lodge upon being chartered shall submit to the Grand Secretary its proposed seal; and when that officer shall certify that the device proposed is distinct from the seals already adopted by the other lodges of the jurisdiction, the proposed seal shall be submitted to the Grand Master for his approval.”

Most generally the secretary of the subordinate lodge reverses the

law by submitting the proposed device to the Grand Master first, then the Grand Master has to refer the same to the Grand Secretary to know if the same is distinctive, thereby causing unnecessary delay and correspondence.

I have approved the seals of the following lodges: No. 198, 27, 190, 185, 195.

NEBRASKA LODGE, NO. 1.

On June 30, 1890, by special request of a member of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, I directed the Grand Secretary to forward to each individual member of said lodge the resolutions as adopted by the Grand Lodge, June 20, A. L. 5890.

Member Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska:

DEAR BROTHER—At the request of a member of your lodge, sanctioned by our Grand Master, I herewith furnish you a copy of resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska at its annual communication of June 18 to 20, 5890. Please acknowledge receipt.

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM R. BOWEN,

Grand Secretary.

Resolved, That we unequivocally approve, sustain and endorse the Grand Master in the issuance of Edict No. 1, of July 20, 5889, his subsequent arrest of the charter of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, and the suspension from office of the three principal officers thereof for insubordination and contumacy.

Resolved, 1. That the Grand Master within sixty days convene Nebraska Lodge No. 1, to restore the charter thereof to such of its members as shall before such time file with the Grand Secretary a written renunciation of the action of said lodge in issuing its circular of August 6, 5889.

2. That such restoration of such charter shall be upon condition that the action of said lodge of said date, and the resolution passed at that time, be rescinded and expunged.

3. That unless Bros.: Alexander Atkinson, Master; Augustus C. Osterman, Senior Warden; and William D. McHugh, Junior Warden of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1 shall within said time file a statement in writing with the Grand Master, expressing contrition for their conduct in connection with Edict No. 1, and the circular issued by said lodge in connection therewith, which said statement shall be satisfactory to the Grand Master and be approved by him, the Grand Master shall cause charges and specifications for unmaasonic conduct to be preferred by the Grand Junior Warden against the said brethren, which shall be tried before a commission of the Grand Lodge as provided in the regulations.

It gives me the most sincere pleasure to report to you that all the members have fully complied with the above resolution, except, perhaps, four or five. There is no doubt in my mind they also would have complied had they known anything was required of them, but being non-residents and their present address not known, their notices were returned to the writer.

Wor.: Bro.: Alexander Atkinson, Master; Bro.: Augustus C. Osterman, Senior Warden, and Bro.: William D. McHugh, Junior Warden, of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, have fully complied with paragraph 3 of said resolution by filing their written statement with me, expressing contrition for their conduct with Edict No. 1 and the circular issued by said lodge in connection therewith to my entire satisfaction. And I am pleased to inform you, that the matter was all adjusted in the most fraternal and harmonious manner possible. Not one discordant

word or line passed between us in all the correspondence connected with the subject under consideration and adjustment.

On August 11, 1890, there was still remaining a number of brethren who had not complied with the resolution. Our Grand Secretary issued the second notice to all such, as follows:

DEAR BROTHER:—I invite your attention to my letter of June 30, 1890, informing you of the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge regarding Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, to which letter no reply has been received. As the sixty days have nearly expired, I think you had better make your reply direct to the Grand Master, whose address is on the upper left hand corner of this sheet.

Fraternally,

WM. R. BOWEN,
Grand Secretary.

On or about the 14th day of August, 1890, the three first officers and a majority of the members of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, having complied with the resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge, I issued the following letter from my office to each member of said lodge, to all the present officers of the Grand Lodge, and to every Past Grand Master of this jurisdiction.

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA, ANC.: FREE AND ACC.: MASONS.
GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE, KEARNEY, NEB., August 14, A.:L.:5890.

Brother.....

You will take due notice that we, Robert E. French, Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, will convene Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, A.:F.: and A.:M.:, on Wednesday evening, August 20, A.:L.:5890, at 8 o'clock P. M. at Freemasons Hall, No. 1608 Capitol Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska, in accordance with the resolution adopted at the thirty-third annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, held in Freemasons Hall, Omaha, on June 20, A.:L.:5890.

To restore the charter thereof to such of the members of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, A.:F.: and A.:M.:, as shall, within sixty days from the above date, file with the Grand Secretary a written renunciation of the action of said lodge in issuing its circular of August 6, A.:L.:5889.

That such restoration of such charter shall be upon condition that the action of said lodge of said date and the resolutions passed at that time be rescinded and expunged.

All such members of said lodge who have not complied with aforesaid resolution of the Grand Lodge will remain in abeyance until further action of the Grand Lodge, or until they comply with the aforesaid resolutions.

Of this you will take due notice and govern yourself accordingly.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT E. FRENCH,
Grand Master.

Attest:

WM. R. BOWEN, Grand Secretary.

On Wednesday evening, August 20, A.:L.:5890, on or about 8 o'clock P. M., complying with the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge and in accordance with my notice of August 14, I convened Nebraska Lodge, No. 1 in Freemasons Hall, Omaha, Nebraska, when the following resolutions in addition to their written statements were signed by all those who were present, some twenty in all.

OMAHA, NEBRASKA, August 20, 1890.

WHEREAS, We the members of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, A.:F.: and A.:M.:, convened on this 20th day of August, A. D. 1890, A.:L.:5890, by direction of the M.:W.: Robert E.

French, Grand Master, and in compliance of the following resolution of the M. W. Grand Lodge enacted at its 33d annual communication, held at Omaha, June 18 19-20, A. L. 5890.

1. That the Grand Master within sixty days convene Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, to restore the charter thereof to such of its members as shall before such time file with the Grand Secretary a written renunciation of the action of said lodge in issuing its circular of August 6, A. L. 5889.

2. That such restoration of such charter shall be upon condition that the action of said lodge of said date, and the resolution passed at that time, be rescinded and expunged. Therefore, be it

Resolved, By the undersigned, members of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, A. F. and A. M., that we renounce the action of said lodge in issuing its circular of August 6, A. L. 5889; and be it further

Resolved, That the action of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, of August 6, A. L. 5889, and the resolution passed at that time, is hereby rescinded and expunged from the records of said lodge, this 20th day of August, A. D. 1890, A. L. 5890.

The action of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, of August 6, A. L. 5889, and the resolutions passed at that time were rescinded and expunged from the records of said lodge by a motion unanimously adopted by all present on that evening. There were also present the following officers of the Grand Lodge: R. W. Bro. Samuel P. Davidson, G. S. W., R. W. Bro. Lewis A. Kent, G. J. W., R. W. Bro. Lee P. Gillette, P. D. G. M. Grand Custodian, and Wor. Bro. Francis E. White, Grand Marshal. After a full compliance of the resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge, I issued my special dispensation as follows:

To All Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

Know ye that we, Robert E. French, Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, do hereby grant this my special dispensation to Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., at Omaha, Nebraska, authorizing and empowering said lodge to elect and install their officers, Wednesday, August 20, A. L. 5890, at Freemasons Hall in Omaha.

This dispensation is granted in compliance with the action of the Grand Lodge without any cost to Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M.

ROBERT E. FRENCH,
Grand Master.

After which they proceeded to elect their officers for the ensuing year. After election, assisted by the proper officers of the Grand Lodge, I installed their officers elect into their proper stations. Previous to installing their officers, assisted by the proper officers, I conferred the Past Masters degree on their Master elect. Before closing the lodge, however, I instructed the Master that any members who had not complied with the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge, June 20, A. L. 5890, relative to the action of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, would remain in abeyance until they did comply or until further action of this Grand Lodge. But all those who would comply as provided by the resolutions of the Grand Lodge, were to be restored to all rights and privileges of said lodge.

I fraternally submit for your favorable consideration, all the correspondence and papers connected with my action in the matter, hoping the same will meet with your approval.

HEBRON LODGE, NO. 43.

I suppose there is no one present who has not heard of the sad misfortune that befell Brothers L. O. Secrist and J. J. Werner, Representatives of Hebron Lodge, No. 43, during their attendance at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge. Immediately after the closing of the Grand Lodge I took the matter in charge in person believing and knowing it to be my duty as the representative of the Craft of this jurisdiction, first of all things to relieve the distressed. Having to return home at once in order to discharge the many duties that are incumbent on the Grand Master at the beginning of his labors, I placed the matter of looking after Brother Secrist's comfort and wellfare in the hands of the Masonic Relief Association of Omaha, directing them to do everything in their power for Brother Secrist, keeping me fully informed as to his condition from day to day as they might deem best. I was in constant correspondence with Wor.:Bro.: T. K. Sudborough, whom I personally directed to attend to the care and keeping of our unfortunate brother. I called to see Brother Secrist in person on the morning of July 8, 1890, but he was still unconscious. According to his own evidence he remained so for fifty-five days. As soon as it was safe to remove the brother he was taken to his home in Hebron, Nebraska, where he has resided since 1884, an honored and respected citizen, a zealous and true Mason; being Junior Warden of Hebron Lodge No. 43, at the time of this unfortunate accident. After being removed home I entered into correspondence with Wor.:Bro.: James Dinsmore, Master of Hebron Lodge No. 43, relative to the expenses that were incurred in Omaha in the way of medical attendance, nursing, etc. Wor.:Bro.: Dinsmore informed me that Brother Lewis O. Secrist was Junior Warden of Hebron Lodge No. 43, a representative of the Grand Lodge, that he was a worthy man and Mason and in sad distress, financially unable to pay the expenses incurred in Omaha, and that as a lodge they could not, but that they would try to take care of the brother from the time he was removed from Omaha to Hebron. After receiving this communication officially from Brother Dinsmore, I immediately requested Wor.:Bro.: T. K. Sudborough, whose valuable assistance to me in this unfortunate affair places me under lasting obligations to him, and whose kindness to those in distress will never be forgotten, to forward me all the expenses incurred in Omaha itemized in full. After receiving the bills of account I had them all audited by a competent committee before adjustment. I then directed the Grand Secretary to draw orders for the several amounts on the relief fund. I could not see any other course for me to pursue for the best interest of Masonry and the reputation of this Grand Lodge of which Brother Secrist was a member when this accident befell him.

I have carefully investigated this unfortunate affair in person and have for your inspection and consideration the evidence of Bros.: L. O.

Secrist, Werner, Dinsmore, Finch and Cooley, all of which I fraternally submit for your consideration and investigation before closing on this matter. I deemed it my duty to Bro.: Secrist, Bro.: Werner and the good name of Masonry to make a careful investigation and inquiries from every source that I thought I could gain any information.

I am truly glad so state to this Grand Lodge I have not heard one word detrimental to their characters as men or Masons but on the opposite, that they are men of honor and integrity and whose friendship to each other has been indeed that of one brother to another. Ever kind, sincere and affectionate, and in my opinion there is not the least doubt but what they told the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, that is, that they do not know how it happened and neither do I believe any one knows, except him that knoweth all things and doeth all things well.

I hope you will give this matter a careful investigation and make such report to this Grand Lodge that no stigma will ever remain against these brethren or our ancient and honorable fraternity.

Command me freely if you think I can give you any further information or light on the subject. If my investigation has not been thorough enough, take such action as you may deem for the best in the premises for the best interest of all and the good name of Masonry.

SALEM LODGE, NO. 47.

August 22, 1890, Bro.: Bowen, Grand Secretary, referred a communication to me from Wor.: Bro.: J. Vandervort, Master of Salem Lodge, No. 47, Salem, Neb., relative to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Bro.: Vandervort states in this communication of August 18, 1890, to the Grand Secretary, that the charter of Salem Lodge, No. 47, was surrendered to my honored and esteemed predecessor M.: W.: John J. Mercer, P.: G.: M.:, in the month of February, 1890. The brother also complains that the matter was not brought before the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge for adjustment. I immediately entered into correspondence with M.: W.: John J. Mercer, P.: G.: M.:, R.: W.: William R. Bowen, Grand Secretary, Wor.: Bro.: J. Vandervort and other members of Salem Lodge, No. 47, to give me all the facts and information possible in connection with this matter. After a lengthy correspondence with all parties concerned I deemed it for the best interest of Masonry and all interested, that I officially visit said lodge for a more careful investigation of the matter then pending. In the meantime I requested M.: W.: Bro.: William E. Hill, P.: G.: M.:, and R.: W.: Lee P. Gillette, P.: D.: G.: M.:, Grand Custodian, to accompany me to Salem, Neb. Having written Wor.: Bro.: Vandervort that we were coming on a certain date given in my communication, and to notify all the resident members of Salem Lodge, No. 47, of said official visitation. Having received a favorable reply from Bros.: P.: G.: M.: Hill and R.: W.: Lee P. Gillette of their willingness to accompany me to adjust this

matter. We visited Salem Lodge, No. 47, October 29, 1890. On arriving there late in the evening we found there had been no arrangements to the best of my knowledge to meet us. The lodge room was all closed and dark, we started out to find the Master. Going to his place of business we were there informed that he had gone to Falls City to attend a political meeting. We finally succeeded in finding Bro.:Gist, S.:W.:, and Bro.:Brooke, Treasurer of said lodge, in the store of Bro.:Brooke where a lengthy conversation was had by all present, and the subject matter was discussed in detail. Previous to this meeting Wor.:Bro.:J. Vandervort insisted that their charter was surrendered. Bros.:Gist and Brooke requested me to return their charter and give them an official order to work under the same, which I positively declined to do for the reason that their charter was already in their possession, neither had they any order of the arresting of their charter from the Grand Master. Bros.:Vandervort and Brooke were both present at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge held in Omaha June A. L., 5890, as representatives of Salem Lodge, No. 47, and drew their mileage and per diem as representatives of said lodge, after Bro.:Vandervort claims they had surrendered their charter to M.:W.: Bro.:John J. Mercer in the month of February, 1890, previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge. The query naturally arises, why did not Bro.:Vandervort or Bro.:Brooke bring this matter before the Grand Lodge as was their bounden duty as representatives of their lodge?

With this statement I submit all the correspondence on the subject for your investigation and consideration. Before closing on this subject I desire to express my sincere and fraternal thanks to M.:W.:William E. Hill, P.:G.:M.:, for the good counsel, advice and assistance rendered me on this occasion, and I also extend the same to R.:W.:Bro.:Lee P. Gillette, Grand Custodian.

ARK AND ANCHOR LODGE, NO. 131.

August 29, 1890, I received an official communication from Bro.:R. S. Rising, J.:W.:, of said lodge, appealing from the ruling of Wor.:Bro.:S. G. Chaney, Master of said lodge, in the action of Ark and Anchor Lodge, No. 131, versus John C. Sullivan; also appealing from the decision of Wor.:Bro.:Samuel G. Chaney, Master of said lodge, in granting a demit to Bro.:S.—Backey, when there were charges on file in the Secretary's hands against the said brother Backey. I immediately directed the Secretary of said lodge to forward me a certified transcript of the records of said lodge in the two cases of Bros.:Sullivan and Backey. On receipt of the records I immediately wrote to Wor.:Bro.:Samuel G. Chaney, calling his attention to the errors and irregularity of the proceedings, citing him to the law and directed him to comply with the same, tendering him my counsel, advice and assistance in trying to restore peace and harmony in this factionized lodge, plainly stating to him if he did not I would be compelled to arrest his

jewel. On the 22d of September, 1890, I received by registered mail from Wor.:Bro.:Samuel G. Chaney, the charter of Ark and Anchor Lodge, No. 131, located at Ainsworth, Nebraska. Not recognizing that the Master of a lodge has the prerogative to surrender the charter of his lodge without the knowledge and consent of the members of his lodge, I immediately arrested the jewel of Wor.:Bro.:Samuel G. Chaney, Master of said lodge, suspending him from all the prerogatives of the office of Master of Ark and Anchor Lodge, No. 131. I then directed the S.:W.: and J.:W.: of said lodge to surrender their jewels and all the property of said Ark and Anchor Lodge into the hands of Bro.:Orrin C. Bartlett, Secretary of said lodge. I then immediately ordered and directed the said Bro.:Orrin C. Bartlett, Secretary of said lodge, to take a complete inventory of all the property and effects of said lodge and forward the same to R.:W.:Bro.:William R. Bowen, Grand Secretary, 1608 Capitol Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska, which order has been fully complied with. I desire to call your attention to page 157, proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, 1890. You will there find that this is the same lodge that I visited, under the direction of M.:W.:Bro.:John J. Mercer, P.:G.:M.:, in the month of February, 1890. I desire to call your attention and careful consideration to my report to M.:W.:Bro.: Mercer, and from all the information that I have received, the same state of affairs that existed at that time, and had for some time previous to my visit in the month of February, 1890, are still existing. With this state of facts before me, there is but one course to pursue for the good name of Masonry and to defend her best interest, either hold their charter in abeyance until they can meet, as men and Masons should, and harmonize their differences of opinion and difficulties, or revoke their charter and thereby cease their operations forever.

I fraternally submit, for your investigation and careful consideration, all the correspondence and papers connected with this case.

FORMAL REPORT.

With an earnest desire to promote the best interests of Masonry and to be able to render such a report to this Grand Lodge as to enable them to know the true condition of the Craft throughout this jurisdiction, on December 5, 1890, I issued the following report in blank to each subordinate lodge throughout the jurisdiction. True, there are some statistics of this formal report that can be obtained from the annual returns, but there is other information that is desirable for the knowledge of this Grand Lodge that cannot be obtained in any other manner than requesting the same from each lodge:

Number of members in good standing at this date.....	.....
Number of members suspended for non-payment of dues.....	.....
Number of Entered Apprentices who have not advanced.....	.....
Number of Entered Apprentices who will probably advance.....	.....
Number of Fellow Crafts who have not advanced.....	.....
Number of Fellow Crafts who will probably advance.....	.....

Number of Petitions pending for the mysteries.....
 Number of Petitions pending for membership on demit.....
 Number of members over one year in arrears for dues.....
 Amount of dues per annum "exclusive of Grand Lodge dues"..... \$.....
 Salary allowance to Secretary per meeting \$..... or year..... \$.....
 " " to Tiler per meeting \$..... or year..... \$.....
 Number of officers and members present, "exclusive of visitors," at each stated meeting for last twelve months:

Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	M'ch.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	T'l.	Avg.

How many worthy Master Masons or the widows and orphans of such in the jurisdiction of your Lodge needing any relief or assistance? Master Masons..... Widows..... Orphans.....
 How many non-affiliated Master Masons in the jurisdiction of your Lodge? Give as near an estimate as you can.
 Is your Lodge harmonious in every respect? If not, to what do you attribute the discord?
 Are there any children of Master Masons in the jurisdiction of your Lodge deprived of the privileges of Education? If so, how many?.....
 Are any of your members engaged, directly or indirectly, in the retailing or wholesaling of intoxicating liquors as a beverage?
 Did your Lodge promptly send in returns to Grand Secretary of election and installation of officers? If not, why?
 Do you own the hall you occupy? If not, what rent do you pay?
 What other societies occupy the hall with you?
 What is the distance to the nearest Lodge, East..... West..... North..... South.....
 Has your Lodge subscribed for any stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home? If so, how much? \$.....
 Are there any members of your Lodge in arrears for dues who are not able to pay the same? If so, how many.....
 Is the property and effects of your Lodge fully insured?
 Are all your officers proficient in their work?
 Have you printed By-Laws? Have they been approved by the G.:L.: or G.:M.:?
 Can the officers of the Grand Lodge render you any assistance in any way whatever?

We hereby certify that the foregoing statement is true and correct in every particular.

[SEAL.] W.:M.:
 Secretary.

This communication being official, you will therefore read the same in open Lodge and report to me at once.
 ROBERT E. FRENCH, GRAND MASTER.

The following is a summary statement compiled from the returns of 127 lodges. Fifty-one lodges have never made any returns of the reports:

Suspension for non-payment of dues.....	581
E.:A.: who will probably never advance.....	681
F.:C.: who will probably never advance.....	181
Number of members over one year in arrears for dues.....	1,667
Estimated number of non-affiliates	1,256
Number of members engaged in the liquor traffic.....	15
Amount paid for hall rents.....	\$11,357.83

Number of lodges who occupy halls with other societies.....	67
Uncollected dues	\$12,361.48
Number of lodges not harmonious	10
Number of lodges who failed to promptly send in their returns to Grand Secretary of election and installation of officers	11
Number of lodges who do not own their halls	108
Number of lodges who have no insurance.....	44

Relative to paragraph 7, section 301 of the Law of Freemasonry of Nebraska, which is as follows :

Paragraph 7. " It is a Masonic offence for a Freemason to engage in the retailing or wholesaling of intoxicating liquors as a beverage."

Paragraph 8. " The Master of a lodge is liable to discipline for neglect or refusal to take cognizance of the offence of a Freemason engaging in the liquor traffic; it is the duty of any member to report such refusal or neglect to the Grand Master."

There has been no formal complaint made to me from any source, of the neglect or refusal of a Master to take cognizance of any of their members engaging in the liquor traffic. I received my information through the circular. On receipt of this intelligence I immediately entered into correspondence with the Master of each lodge having members thus engaged, calling their attention to the law governing such cases, directing them to call the attention of the offending brother to the law that he was violating, and what his intentions were, etc.

There has been no disposition on the part of any Master of refusal to enforce the law, and they have all informed me they would take such action in the premises as each case might demand.

INSPECTION OF RECORDS BY GRAND CUSTODIAN.

On page 160, proceedings of 1890, recommendation No. 5 of M.:W.: John J. Mercer, P.:G.:M.:, which was adopted by this Grand Lodge as found on page 226 as follows:

Resolved, That the Grand Custodian in his visits to subordinate lodges be instructed to examine each lodge's record and see if they are properly kept and in accordance with the by-laws of the Grand Lodge, and report to the Grand Master the facts in each case.

Shortly after the Grand Custodian started out on his official visitations, he forwarded me written reports of the manner in which the records, compendiums, etc., were kept. I did not think they were minute enough for me to render such a report to this Grand Lodge as would enable it to understand the true condition and the manner the records and compendium of the subordinate lodges are kept. I compiled the following blank report, containing a series of some twenty-six questions, forwarding the same to the Grand Custodian to fill them out in detail and return the same to me:

RECORD.

- A. Names of officers present.....recorded.
- B. Names of members present.....recorded.
- C. Names of visitors present as shown by Visitor's Register or otherwise.....recorded

- D. Time of opening.....recorded. Closing.....recorded.
 - E. Bills of account.....audited by finance committee before allowed.
 - F. Receipts.....itemized.
 - G. Records.....signed properly by Master and Secretary after approved.
 - H. Secretary.....turn all moneys over to the Treasurer promptly.
 - Remarks.....
- COMPENDIUM.
- I. Part No. 1.....
 - J. Part No. 2.....
 - K. Part No. 3.....
 - Remarks.....
 - L. Ledger.....kept. Dues uncollected, \$.....
 - Remarks.....
 - M. Visitor's Register—Names of visitors.....properly registered.
 - N. Treasurer.....receipts all moneys received from Secretary.
 - O. Secretary.....receipts all moneys received from brethren.
 - P. Account of Treasurer and Secretary are.....audited every year.
 - Q. Proficiency of officers.....
 - R. W. M.:.....2d and 3d 1°.....2d and 3d 3°.....
 - S. S. W.
 - T. J. W.
 - U. S. D.:.....2d 2°.....
 - V. Have.....printed by-laws;approved.....
 - W. Have.....Seal;approved
 - X. Have.....jewels for officers.
 - Y. Have.....emblematic working tools.
 - Z. No. meetings past year: Regular.....Special.....Average attendance.....
 - Remarks.....
- Officially examined.....589... Report forwarded to Grand Master.....589...

Grand Custodian.

This additional labor on the Grand Custodian, of inspecting the of records, etc., involves a large amount of additional correspondence on the Grand Master, for, after receiving the report of the Grand Custodian, it then becomes the duty of the Grand Master to call the attention of the secretary of the subordinate lodge of whom the report is made to the report of the Grand Custodian relative to the errors and irregularities as found by that officer. This I have done until the labors of my office compelled me turn my attention to matters of more importance.

I find, after a careful compilation of all the reports received, the following:

Total number of subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, 188. Of that number the Grand Custodian has reported to me as follows:

RECORDS.

- A. Names of officers present. Twelve lodges are not properly recorded.
- B. Names of members present. Thirteen lodges are not properly recorded.
- C. Names of visitors present as shown by visitor's register and voucher or otherwise. Forty-seven are not recorded.

D. Time of opening. Ninety-four not recorded. Time of closing. One hundred and two not recorded.

E. Bills of account. Forty are not audited by finance committee before allowed.

F. Receipts. Thirteen are not itemized under the three headings, dues, fees and other resources.

G. Records. Thirty-five are not signed properly by Master and Secretary after approval.

H. Secretary. One does not turn all moneys over to Treasurer.

COMPENDIUM.

I. Part No. 1. Twenty-nine are incomplete.

J. Part No. 2. Ninety-two are incomplete.

K. Part No. 3. Ninety-one are incomplete.

L. Ledger. Three are not well kept.

N. Treasurer. Receipts all moneys received from Secretary.

O. Secretary. Receipts all moneys received from brethren.

P. Account of Treasurer and Secretary. Thirteen are not audited every year and spread on record book.

PROFICIENCY OF OFFICERS.

R. Masters. Twenty-eight are not proficient in all their lectures.

S. S.:W.: Fifty-six are not proficient in the Masters work.

T. J.:W.: Sixty-one are not proficient in the Masters work.

U. S.:D.: Forty-four are not proficient in the M.:C.:work.

V. Twenty-four have no printed by-laws: Approved.

W. Three have no seal. Seal, Approved.

X. One has no jewels for officers.

Y. Seven have no emblematic working tools.

SUMMARY OF COMPENDIUMS.

Six lodges have no compendiums.

Three lodges have lost compendiums.

Seventeen lodges have compendium but keep them in blank.

Part 1: Seven are blank.

Part 2: Fifteen are blank.

Part 3: Seventeen are blank.

SUMMARY OF PROFICIENCY OF OFFICERS.

I refer only to the work in the M.:M.: degree. The blank statement, you will perceive, refers to the lectures in each degree, especially the E.:A.: and M.:M.: The Grand Custodian has made a detailed statement in full, as the blank provides, since I have issued the same to him. The proficiency of the S.:D.: refers particularly to the M.:C.:lectures. Please bear in mind that this is not a complete statement of all the lodges, as the Grand Custodian was not provided with the necessary blank for some time after he had been to work, and

then again he has not been able, owing to the number of lodges and the large territory he has to travel, to visit all the lodges.

Brethren, allow me to ask you, are we not expecting and demanding too much work of our able Custodian in requiring him to do this amount of extra work in addition to the instructing of the officers?

An erroneous opinion prevails in many sections of the country, that the office of Master is a school for the requirements of Masonic knowledge. This leads to the serious error of electing individuals to that post, who are unacquainted with Masonry, that they may there acquire it. The true theory is, that the position is a place from whence to disseminate Masonic light, and none but those who have acquired long experience and skillfulness by serving as Warden in the lodge are eligible to it. True, there is much that can only be learned in the East, but much more that must be learned preparatory to a seat there.

Too little attention is in general paid to the qualifications of Masters of lodges. It is not alone sufficient that they are honest, good men; but they must be well acquainted with Masonry as a science, with the principles and doctrines of the Craft, and to be able to teach them; they must be men of education and general information; and such as are esteemed in the community. Virtue and genius must be placed in offices of honor and trust as the reward of merit. Such Masters would make our lodges respectable, instructive and useful, and our fellow citizens would then be obliged to acknowledge it an honor to be enrolled in our number.

How important then, that none but the experienced, the informed, the talented and virtuous, should be placed in this responsible position. The success and permanency of a lodge depend in a very great degree upon the character of the Master. When the first fervor of interest that accompanies the establishment of a new lodge cools down, as cool it certainly will, nothing will keep the fire burning upon the lodge hearth, save the breath, skill and zeal of the W.:M.: How conducive to the stability of the lodge that such a man, once found, should be retained in office so long as his services are available to his brethren. It has been argued in support of the modern practice of rotating Masonic officers annually, or semi-annually, that it tends to enrich the lodge with a stock of zealous Past Masters. Experience does not bear out this assertion. On the contrary, the fact is almost universal, that the lodges which practice rotation in office most assiduously are the dullest and most debilitated.

And the reason of this is not an obscure one. No person can qualify himself in one or two half years to fill the Oriental chair—an office so multifarious and onerous in its duties, so weighty in its responsibilities, with dignity and propriety. But few perform it well even with long experience—none with a brief experience.

Again there must be something to stimulate a man to undertake even the preliminary course of study necessary to prepare himself well. Rotation in office presents nothing of the sort. Permanency in office is more inviting. The democratic feature is sadly out of place in all this business.

Again, it has been said by them of modern time, that every member of a lodge ought to share in Masonic honors. So he ought, and so he does. The Order of Masonry is ancient and honorable, honorable because it tends to render all men who conform to its precepts. But it gives no honor to an incompetent brother to place him in the East; on the contrary, his higher elevation but more clearly exposes his deficiencies. Masonry has no official honors to offer. The idea was first heard of in the uprising of modern affiliated associations, in which it forms an essential part. The poet has well said:

"Honor and shame from no condition rise:
Act well your part; there all the honor lies."

It is well understood that in the Masonic lodges which practice this system, the old and experienced Past Masters are usually placed, sometimes by courtesy, often from sheer necessity to do the work. How derogatory is this to the real Master, if present. What a virtual confession of incompetency.

RELIEF.

In the latter part of November and the early part of December, 1890, I received several petitions of urgent appeal for relief from our brethren in the drouth stricken portion of this jurisdiction, who through no fault or mismanagement of theirs were suffering for the common necessities of life. They tilled the soil, they sowed the seed.

Their labor was in vain
For the harvest never came.

Truly it was a sad state of affairs to receive the information that they had not raised one thing whatever in the way of corn, wheat, potatoes or vegetables of any kind. For once Mother Earth refused to furnish not only luxuries but the necessities of life, not even returning the principal, say nothing of the interest that was committed to her care thereby losing all the seed they had planted as well as their time and labor. With a depleted larder, empty granaries, empty purses on the eve of winter, gaunt hunger staring them in the face, wife and children suffering for the bare necessities of life, with nothing for their stock save what it could subsist upon on the barren plains. With this state of facts plainly before me could I turn a deaf ear to these appeals, some of which were made in the strongest manner known to Masonry and which we would dare not refuse without bringing shame and disgrace upon ourselves as well as violating our obligations. And while it is a lamentable fact that cannot be denied, that unworthy men will take

advantage of these occasions and apply for relief when they are not worthy, because they are not in distress, is that any excuse that I as the representative of an institution whose brightest jewel is "charity," one of whose tenets is to relieve the distressed, one who boasts of its antiquity, one that points with pride to the distinguished men of all ages who are enrolled among its membership, should sit down and fold my arms in idleness and reply to these heart-rending appeals to the shame and disgrace of the Masonic institution, "there is no funds in the treasury?"

What man is there within the hearing of my voice, what true Mason within the tiled precincts of this grand lodge, seated with the wife of his bosom and his happy children around his cheerful fireside, his table spread with the luxuries as well as the necessities of life, amidst all these comforts and surroundings could or would say "I have naught for my brother in distress, what is it to me if the blighting storm causes him and his to suffer with the bitter cold; what though

Gaunt hunger gnaws at his heart like a wolf,
A wolf that is fiercer for blood—
All the live long day, and the night besides,
A gnawing for the lack of food.

What though the little prattling child awakening from its fitful slumber, may say to its anxious and care worn mother:

"I dreamed of bread in my sleep mother,
The sight was heaven to see;
I awoke with an eager famishing lip,
But you had no bread for me."

Would you have approved of me not making an effort to meet these demands? No you would not because you did not. Like good and true men that you are, you have proved yourselves worthy of the name of Masons, in spirit and in truth.

By your liberality in putting in practice the teachings of Masonry you have enabled me to relieve the distressed, feed the hungry and clothe the naked, and that God whom we as Masons revere and serve will surely reward you for your deeds of kindness and acts of mercy.

On receiving the appeals hereinbefore mentioned, I immediately called together all of the officers of the Grand Lodge and the resident Past Grand Masters of Omaha for council and advice as to what course to pursue to meet the appeals of our distressed brethren. There not being any funds belonging to the Grand Lodge that I could command, it was decided to request the lodges to contribute to the Grand Lodge relief fund the sum of fifty cents (50c) per capita for each Master Mason in good standing April 30, 1890. Acting upon the wise counsel and advice of those whose experience and ability render them capable of indicating the proper course to pursue, on December 4,

1890, I issued the following circular to each lodge in this grand jurisdiction.

[To the Master of each lodge in Nebraska.]

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

GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE, KEARNEY, NEB., December 4, 1890.

WORSHIPFUL BROTHER:—There is now the necessity for a practical exhibition of Masonic charity. The demands for relief from our distressed brethren in the western portion of the state are urgent and imperative.

There is no fund that can be used by your Grand Master to relieve these immediate necessities.

Therefore it is hereby requested that your lodge contribute to the Grand Lodge Relief Fund the sum of fifty cents per capita for each Master Mason in good standing April 30, 1890, such funds to be used for the immediate relief of the necessities of our brethren who are living in those sections of the state that have been affected so seriously by the drouth of this and the past two years.

You will at once have a meeting of your lodge (for which this will be your warrant) for the purpose of acting in this matter; send the funds to our Grand Secretary with the least possible delay, as I will at once go to the distressed localities and must draw upon the funds thus called for.

Let no publicity be given to this matter outside our fraternity.

Fraternally,

ROBERT E. FRENCH,
Grand Master.

Attest: WILLIAM R. BOWEN, *Grand Secretary.*

I am glad to inform you that most all of the lodges responded at once and I received many encouraging letters from kind, sympathetic noble hearted brethren, if this call was not sufficient let them know and they would respond again. I visited all the places in person that sent in petitions for relief, except Benkleman, Grant and Cambridge. There were individual cases where I forwarded funds on the written statement of the brother applying, vouched for by the Master, as the expense of visiting the individual brother would have been too great, it was better in my judgment to save the expense for the relief fund than to spend it traveling. For instance there was one case at Chadron and one case at Gordon; it would necessarily involve a considerable expense to have visited these applicants.

As soon as the contributions began to come in to the Grand Secretary I appointed a relief committee to carefully investigate all applicants and to distribute only to those who were worthy and in distress, requiring every applicant to make a written statement upon the following blank.

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

Statement of....., a Master Mason in good and regular standing of
.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M., located at....., a chartered
lodge working under the jurisdiction of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska: Age.....;
Occupation.....; Married.....; Wife.....; Number of children.....;
Ages..... Could.....leave home to obtain employment. Would.....
remove to some other place of residence. Ownshorses;cattle;
hogs; value of other stock, \$..... Value of all stock, \$.....; encumbrance,
if any, \$..... Real estate.....; value, \$; mortgage, \$

ARTICLES FURNISHED	AMOUNT	COST	RECEIVED PAYMENT.
Fuel.....
Provisions.....
Clothing.....
Feed.....
Miscellaneous.....

Remarks :.....
 \$..... Received of M. W. R. E. French, Grand Master, per.....
 the above amount of.....

As such Relief Committee I appointed Wor.:Bro.:David M. McEl-Hinney, Master of Hastings Lodge, No. 50; Wor.:Bro.:George E. Whitman, P.:M.:, of Rawalt Lodge, No. 138; Wor.:Bro.:Clarence A. Luce, Master of Republican Lodge, No. 98; Wor.:Bro.:Charles H. Johnson, Master of Arcana Lodge, No. 195, Gordon, Nebraska, and William Cleburne, of Capitol Lodge, No. 3, Wor.: Bro.: David M. McElHinney as Chairman. After receiving notice from the Grand Secretary of the lodges contributing, I immediately forwarded the following acknowledgment to such lodges:

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

GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE, KEARNEY, NEB.,.....589...

To the Master, Wardens and Brethren of.....A.:F.: & A.:M.::

DEAR BRETHREN:—As Grand Master of Mason of Nebraska, and in behalf of our worthy and distressed brethren who are receiving immediate relief through the kind and fraternal charity extended them by your prompt and immediate action in contributing to their wants, in this, their hour of sad distress, accept my sincere and most fraternal thanks and gratitude, and rest assured that all funds will be expended in the most judicious and careful manner, by a competent committee on relief, appointed for the purpose of purchasing and distributing all supplies to worthy brethren in distress.

Receipts have been taken for all goods disbursed, and in due time I will furnish you a complete statement of my action in this matter.

It is more blessed to give than to receive,—
 To hear the cry, and its distress relieve,—
 To practice the principles of charity and love,
 That will meet the approval of the Grand Master above;
 That will gain us a welcome on that evergreen shore,
 Where our trials will be past and our troubles all o'er.—
 There, on the same level we all will meet,
 And friends that are gone again we will greet.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT E. FRENCH,
 Grand Master.

December 16, 1890.

After the funds were being sent in to the Grand Secretary and received by him to the different lodges, he made the inquiry of me how this account should be entered on the Grand Lodge ledger in account

with each lodge. In accordance with my views of the law as found on page 34, section 104, paragraph 1, the Law of Freemasonry of Nebraska:

The chartered lodges shall have authority to assess such dues upon their members, who are Master Masons in good standing, from time to time as it shall deem just and expedient, and the by-laws of each lodge shall designate the amount so assessed and the time for the payment thereof, etc.

Page 53, section 200, paragraph 2, Law of Freemasonry of Nebraska:

Each chartered lodge has the power, with the consent of the Grand Lodge (or when the Grand Lodge is not in session) of the Grand Master, to require all Master Masons residing within its jurisdiction to contribute pecuniary aid to purposes strictly Masonic, but this power shall not be exercised except with proper caution and deliberation.

Page 48, section 106, Law of Freemasonry of Iowa.

It is the right of a subordinate lodge in fixing the amount of annual dues, to have in view all legitimate demands for charity and provide therefor. It is earnestly recommended that subordinate lodges adopt some system of voluntary contributions, whereby a charity fund may be at hand for the exercise of this greatest of Masonic virtues.

In order that everything might be correctly kept in a business manner and in accordance with justice and equity to all, I directed the Grand Secretary to charge each chartered lodge fifty cents per capita for each Master Mason in good standing on their rolls April 30, A. L. 5890, and credit the same when the amount of fifty cents per capita was received from each lodge, or credit whatever amount they might forward.

My object in so doing, was that every Master Mason in good standing and a member of a chartered lodge of this jurisdiction, on April 30, 1890, would, as it was his duty to, contribute this small amount to this fund for the relief of the distressed. And it was my intention and my expectation, that each lodge would charge fifty cents per capita to each individual member belonging to said lodge in addition to his annual dues, thereby treating each and every one alike. Not causing those alone who bear all the burden and heat of the day, and who are always present to contribute, and allowing those who very seldom attend either regular or special meeting the right of not contributing one farthing because they were not present.

True, I did not demand in my circular of December 5, 1890, in an arbitrary, positive or compulsory manner, that each lodge should and must contribute the amount as above stated. No indeed, for in my opinion charity that is given by compulsion is not the kind of charity that Masonry teaches or requires of us. For he, whose bosom is locked against compassion is a barbarian, his manners are brutal, his mind gloomy and morose, and his passions as savage as the beast of the forest. There may be lodges in this jurisdiction, who have not contributed to this relief fund by reason of their inability to do so. I did not want to take the responsibility of being the judge in these matters, and I leave the matter with this Grand Lodge to adjust as it may in its wisdom see proper, recommending that the same charity be extended to a lodge as we are taught to extend to an individual brother.

It has been my earnest desire to promote peace and harmony, and to that end I have labored unceasingly, and I regret to inform you that there are objections against the course I have pursued in this matter. And I desire to herein state, and I wish it distinctly understood, that of all things it was the farthest from my intention that you should consider that I meant to be arbitrary in this matter, or usurp any power by virtue of the high office you have honored me with. I think I have pursued the right course in justice to all, and if I have committed any error, it was of the brain and not of the heart. And if an error it may be, it is not too late for this Grand Lodge to remedy it, as it has the power to do with all the official acts of its Grand Master.

I desire at this time, in behalf of this Grand Lodge, to extend our fraternal thanks to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, for the very liberal donation of \$1,000, that they contributed so freely to this fund for the relief of our worthy brethren in distress, and to the Order of the Eastern Star and Orient Chapter No. 18, R. A. M., Columbus, Nebraska, for their generous liberality in also contributing to this fund. May the Supreme Architect who presides above reward you for the kind assistance you have rendered those who, in an hour of distress, could not help themselves.

Before closing on this subject I desire to call the attention of this Grand Lodge to the long-continued and arduous duties imposed upon Wor.:Bro.:David M. McElHinney, by reason of being chairman of the Relief committee at this important period. He has spent weeks, days and hours in the performance of his duties under the most trying circumstances. Traveling by night as well as by day, in cold and stormy weather; sacrificing his time and the loss of his accustomed sleep and rest; leaving his business to be done by others or undone, as it might be; performing his duty fearlessly and honestly as a man and Mason, in accordance with the dictates of his own conscience and his obligations as a Mason; laboring to relieve those who by force of circumstances were unable to relieve themselves. And being personally acquainted with all the official acts of this noble-hearted brother in this great and good work, and familiar with his manner of adjusting all appeals made to the Grand Lodge or its Grand Master, I cannot refrain from expressing myself in the strongest manner of my approval of his labors in this matter. And that this Grand Lodge and those brethren who have been recipients of his kindness, owes him a debt of gratitude which it can never repay, and I sincerely hope and recommend that this Grand Lodge will remunerate this brother in such a manner as will show that they appreciate his valuable services in this laborious task. None of us can know, only by experience, what our dear brother has had to encounter and endure in the discharge of the duties incumbent on this office.

And to Bros.:Whitman, Luce, Cleburne and Apple, who have rendered valuable assistance in the matter of purchasing and distributing

these supplies, I desire to return my most fraternal regards. And the thanks of the Grand Lodge are also due Wells-Fargo and Pacific Express companies in transporting free any package to be delivered to those of our brethren who were in distress.

And to you brethren of our order throughout this jurisdiction, who have so generously responded to his call, thereby doing your duty as one brother should to another, showing to the world and thereby demonstrating that the pure principles of Masonry are practiced outside as they are taught inside of our tiled precincts.

And in conclusion, it is my most earnest request that you make a careful and rigid investigation of all my acts as well as the Relief Committee in this matter.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to visit.....of our subordinate lodges.

June 21, I visited Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46, Kearney, Neb., by invitation and installed their officers for the ensuing year, in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives.

July 17, I visited Minden Lodge, No. 127, Minden, Neb., by request, accompanied by R.:W.:Lee P. Gillette, P.:D.:G.:M.:, Grand Custodian, with the assistance of R.:W.:Bro.:L A Kent, G.:J.:W.: Wor.:Bro.:D M. McElHinney and the officers of said lodge, conferred the M.:M.: degree in due and ancient form.

July 26, I visited Elwood Lodge, No. 167, Elwood, Neb., by request, and examined their new proposed lodge room.

These brethren are comfortably located in a very pleasant home and no doubt will prosper as they deserve to.

August 21, I visited Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha, Nebraska, by request, and with their assistance and many brethren of Capitol Lodge No. 3, St. Johns Lodge No. 25, and Nebraska Lodge No. 1, I presided at the funeral obsequies of Bro.: George B. Ayers, a beloved brother of Covert Lodge No. 11, A.:F.:& A.:M.:.

August 26, accompanied by R.:W.: Lee P. Gillette, P.:D.:G.:M.:, Grand Custodian, I visited Porter Lodge No. 106, Loup City, Nebraska, by special request, and presided at the trial of a brother, who was charged with gross unmasonic conduct, for an offense which nothing but expulsion would have been adequate, which resulted in a unanimous vote for expulsion, thereby ridding themselves of an unworthy man and Mason.

August 27, accompanied by R.:W.: Lee P. Gillette, P.:D.:G.:M.:, Grand Custodian, I visited Friend Lodge No. 73, Friend, Nebraska, by special request, and presided at the trial of a brother for violation of paragraph 7, of section 301, of the Law of Freemasonry of Nebraska.

August 30, I visited Kenesaw Lodge No. 144, Kenesaw, Nebraska, by request, and conferred the Master Masons degree in due and ancient

form, assisted by the officers and members of said lodge. I found the officers well informed and very proficient in their work.

October 7, I visited Fairmont Lodge No. 48, Fairmont, Nebraska, during School of Instruction under the immediate supervision of R. W. Lee P. Gillette, P. D. G. M., Grand Custodian. I am truly sorry to say, that Fairmont Lodge No. 48 was laboring under adverse circumstances at that time, but I have been informed recently, that there is a fair prospect of peace and harmony being restored to this once bright and intelligent lodge.

October 17, I visited Incense Lodge No. 182, Ohiowa, Nebraska, by request, and assisted by the officers and members of said lodge, I conferred the Master Masons degree in due and ancient form upon two brothers. I found the brethren of Ohiowa Lodge full of zeal and true spirit of Masonry.

November 20, I visited Indianola Lodge No. 123, Indianola, Nebraska, relative to the distribution of relief to those who might need the same.

November 21, accompanied by R. W. Lee P. Gillette, P. D. G. M., Grand Custodian, I visited Meridian Lodge No. 188, Cozad, Nebraska, by request, and assisted by the officers, members and Grand Custodian, I conferred the Master Masons degree in due and ancient form. The lodge room was filled to its utmost capacity.

November 22, accompanied by R. W. Lee P. Gillette, P. D. G. M., Grand Custodian, I visited Thistle Lodge No. 61, Lexington, Nebraska, by request, and assisted by officers and members of said lodge, I conferred the Master Masons degree in ample form in the presence of a large number of visiting brethren of other lodges.

November 25, accompanied by R. W. Lee P. Gillette, P. D. G. M., Grand Custodian, I visited Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney, Nebraska, by request, and assisted by the officers and members of said lodge, I conferred the Master Mason degree in due and ancient form.

December 11, accompanied by R. W. Lewis A. Kent, G. J. W., and W. Bro. D. M. McElHinne of No. 50, I visited Indianola Lodge No. 123, Indianola, Nebraska, by request, for the purpose of making a thorough and careful investigation as to the number of brethren of said lodge, who were in distress.

December 12, 1890, accompanied by Wor. Bro. D. M. McElHinne, Chairman of Relief Committee, I visited Boaz Lodge, No. 185, Danbury, Neb., for the purpose of investigating an appeal from said lodge for relief of its members who were in distress on account of the drouth and failure of crops.

December 13, 1890, accompanied by my stenographer, I visited Hebron, Neb., to take the evidence of Bros. L. O. Secrist, J. J. Werner and James Dinsmore, relative to the unfortunate accident that befell Bro. Secrist while in attendance as representative of Hebron Lodge, No. 43, at the last annual communication held in this city June

A. L., 5890, of which a detailed account is given in another part of my report.

December 20, 1890, I visited Culbertson Lodge, 174, Culbertson, Neb., for the purpose of investigating an appeal from said lodge for relief of its members, who were in distress on account of the drouth and failure of crops.

January 8, 1891, in response to a telegram, I visited Harvard Lodge, No. 44, Harvard, Nebraska, and conducted the Masonic funeral ceremonies of our late Bro. M. W. Wilcox, Past Grand Orator of this jurisdiction. A large number of brethren were present from the neighboring lodges.

January 10, 1891, I visited Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island, Nebraska, by special request, and conferred the M. M. degree, assisted by the officers and members of said lodge, after which we repaired to their commodious banquet room where refreshments were served with a lavish hand.

January 13, 1891, I visited Fairmont Lodge, No. 48, Fairmont, Nebraska, by special request, to investigate the condition of affairs of said lodge. I labored with the brethren until a late hour trying to harmonize and conciliate matters among them, but without success.

However, I have been informed recently that matters were in a more favorable condition than when I visited them during the winter. It is to be hoped that the brethren of Fairmont Lodge will adjust their personal differences of opinion and that the true spirit of Masonry will prevail "as in ye days of old."

January 25, 1891, I visited Platte Valley Lodge, No. 32, North Platte, Nebraska, by special request, where assisted by the officers and members of said lodge, I conferred the M. M. degree in due and ancient form. I find the brethren well posted in the work and peace and harmony prevails in their midst. After the labors of the evening were completed, we all repaired to a banquet where we spent an hour of pleasant and social communion.

January 26, 1891, I visited Ogalalla Lodge, No. 159, by special request, relative to an appeal from said lodge for relief for those of its members who were in distress by reason of late drouth and total failure of crops.

January —, 1891, I visited Ashlar Lodge, No. 33, of Grand Island, Nebraska, during School of Instruction under immediate supervision of R. W. Lee P. Gillette, P. D. G. M., Grand Custodian.

—————, 1891, I visited Armada Lodge, U. D., at Miller, Nebraska, and with the assistance of the officers and brethren of said lodge and adjoining lodges, I conferred the M. M. degree in due and ancient form. These brethren have been laboring under many disadvantages by reason of a new line of railroad changing their townsites. They have also had the misfortune to lose all their lodge property by fire. Notwithstanding all these misfortunes they persevered through to the end,

doing what I believe to be good work and will in due time become a bright and zealous lodge.

February 22, 1891, I visited Blue Valley Lodge, No. 64, at Wilber, Nebraska, by special request. In the early part of the evening I had the pleasure of witnessing the Fellow Craft degree conferred by the officers of said lodge, after which, assisted by our able Grand Custodian, R.: W.: Lee P. Gillette and the officers of said lodge, I conferred the M.:M.: degree in due and ancient form.

The lodge room was filled to overflowing — over one hundred being present. After the actual work was completed, we all repaired to a royal banquet, where Wor.: Bro.: Grim, Past Master of said lodge, welcomed one and all in that cordial and fraternal manner which alone comes from the heart, causing each and every one to feel and know they were indeed welcome to the hospitalities of Blue Valley Lodge, No. 64.

There were a large number of visiting brethren present from Crete, Dorchester and other neighboring lodges — in fact the occasion was one of the most enjoyable during my term of office. Masonry has fallen on good ground and in the care and keeping of well skilled brethren at Wilber, Saline County, Nebraska.

February 24, 1891, I visited Hebron Lodge, No. 47, Hebron, Nebraska, by special request. Assisted by our Grand Custodian, R.: W.: Lee P. Gillette and officers of Hebron Lodge, No. 47, I conferred the M.:M.: degree in due and ancient form.

The brethren of Hebron Lodge are well skilled in their work and show by their quiet decorum and their accuracy that they must have worked with and under learned and skillful Masters.

Their beautiful lodge room and its surroundings show the intelligence of its membership and sheds a halo of peace and harmony abroad that can only be appreciated by being in their midst. Here again, the brethren, as it were, vied with each other to make our visit a pleasure never to be forgotten.

"Oh great, sublime and mystic art
Thy power can cheer the aching heart."

March 6, 1891, accompanied by Wor.: Bro.: David M. McElHinnay, Chairman of Relief Committee, I visited Robert Burns Lodge, No. 173, Stratton, Nebraska, to investigate a complaint made by a member of said lodge relative to the distribution of coal and corn furnished those of the brethren of said lodge who were in distress by reason of total failure of crops.

After a careful and thorough investigation with the brother who made the complaint, I found every brother who was in need had received aid and was satisfied that the officers in charge of the lodge had complied with the instructions of Bro.: McElHinnay to the letter, and the only ground for a complaint to arise was from the personal opinion of

the complaining brother, "that two brethren had received when they should have not," but upon careful investigation of the written statement of the two brethren and those of the lodge who are personally acquainted with them, I am satisfied no wrong has been committed.

March 10, 1891, I visited Parallel Lodge, No. 152, Liberty, Nebraska, where I met R. W. Bro. Lee P. Gillette, P. D. G. M., Grand Custodian, and with his able assistance and the brethren of said lodge, I conferred the M. M. degree in due and ancient form in the presence of a number of visiting brethren of other lodges and their own members.

The brethren of Parallel Lodge deserve great credit for the zeal they have manifested in securing for themselves such a pleasant home after the loss of their former one by fire, and I have no doubt they will prosper as they deserve in the future, both in acquisition of worthy members and all that pertains to build up and maintain a lodge, that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska may be proud of as being one of her off-spring.

March 12, 1891, I visited Blazing Star Lodge, U. D. at Burwell, Nebraska, where, assisted by the officers of said lodge, I conferred the M. M. degree in due and ancient form. If the brethren of Blazing Star Lodge, U. D. continue as they have begun, success will surely crown their efforts and not only will they have the title but in reality will they be a blazing star, whose brilliancy will shine forth to the admiration of those who were its founders as well as to the pride of this Grand Lodge.

March 14, 1891, I visited Roman Eagle Lodge, U. D. at Pender, Nebraska, where, assisted by the officers of said lodge, I conferred the M. M. degree in ample form. Here, again, I found the brethren in pleasant surroundings with nicely furnished lodge room, full of zeal and laboring with the true spirit of Masonry. I predict for Roman Eagle Lodge, U. D. a brilliant future and hope that as the eagle it will soar high among the lodges of this jurisdiction.

March 23, 1891, I visited Granite Lodge, No. 189, at Gibbon, Nebraska, where I had the pleasure of witnessing the conferring of the M. M. degree by the officers of said lodge in a most creditable manner. The brethren of Granite Lodge are winning laurels for themselves in the interest they are taking to promulgate the correct work of this jurisdiction. It is not true, that perfection in the work or that the higher and better conceptions of Masonry is confined to one or the few lodges. It is not unusual to find a high degree of excellence in the work in a remote corner of the state, or in an unpretentious village or hamlet. The work of many of our small lodges will compare favorably with that of the lodges of more populous cities, and nowhere are the tenets of our grand and illustrious institution more fully exemplified than in these remote but enterprising lodges.

March 31, 1891, I visited Emmet Crawford Lodge, No. 148, at Broken Bow, Nebraska, where, with the assistance of the officers and members present, I conferred the M.:M.: degree in due and ancient form. The brethren of this lodge are well informed as to the correct work and are very zealous in all their Masonic labors and are composed of the best men in their jurisdiction.

April 9, 1891, I visited Northern Light Lodge, No. 41, at Stanton, Nebraska, and with the assistance of the officers of said lodge, I conferred the M.:M.: degree in due and ancient form. Wor.:Bro.:John Ehrhardt did everything in his power to make my visit a pleasant one.

April 15, 1891, I officially visited Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46, at Kearney, Nebraska, of which I have the honor of being a member, where, under the immediate direction and supervision and with the valuable assistance of R.:W.: Lee P. Gillette, P.:D.:G.:M.:, and the officers and members of said lodge, I conferred the M.:M.: degree in due and ancient form on three different candidates in the presence of one hundred and thirty brethren of Rob Morris Lodge and visiting brethren from Omaha, Geneva, Holdrege, Shelton, Minden, Gibbon, Lexington and Elm Creek.

It has been said that a prophet is without honor in his own country. That may be true as far as the individual is concerned, but it will not apply to this particular case to Rob Morris Lodge, for they did themselves proud on this occasion without any exception. It was the Masonic event of my life, never have I seen better decorum or more accurate work than was done on this occasion. We had the pleasure of having with us, R.:W.: Bro.: Lewis A. Kent, G.:J.:W.:, R.:W.: Bro.: William R. Bowen, Grand Secretary and many other distinguished Masons of this as well as other jurisdictions.

"Light were the labors of that eventful night
Working in harmony with the 'Sons of Light.'
Spreading the cement of Brotherly Love.
That will gain us a welcome in the Mansions above."

April 21, 1891, I visited Aurora Lodge, No. 68, Aurora, Nebraska, and with the assistance of our Grand Custodian and the officers of Aurora Lodge, I conferred the M.:M.: degree in due and ancient form. Our Grand Secretary, Bro.:Bowen, was present with us and addressed the brethren in a very interesting manner. I am under lasting obligations to Bro.:Bowen for his genial presence and valuable assistance in visiting several lodges during my term of office. I do not think Bro.:Bowen will regret the loss of time and the additional labor he had to perform to catch up with his work. The brethren of Aurora Lodge, No. 68, have one of the best arranged and nicest furnished lodge rooms in this grand jurisdiction and their Secretary, Bro.:Alden, is one of the best secretaries. Long may Aurora Lodge, No. 68, live, flourish and enjoy the fruits of their labors.

April 27, 1891, I visited Blazing Star Lodge U.:D.: at Burwell, Nebraska, a second time by special request, and with the assistance of officers and members, I conferred the M.:M.: degree in due and ancient form. After the work of the evening was completed, we repaired to the residence of one of the brethren where we found the wives, mothers, sisters and sweethearts awaiting to accompany us to a royal banquet prepared for the occasion. After doing justice to the refreshments, we were highly and pleasantly entertained by Bros.:Coffin, of Ord Lodge, and Hall and others of Burwell.

May 5, 1891, accompanied by R.:W.:William R. Bowen, Grand Secretary, I visited Parian Lodge, U.:D.:, at Callaway, Nebraska, and assisted by the officers of Parian Lodge, U.:D.:, Emmet Crawford Lodge, No. 148, and Merna Lodge, No. 171, I conferred the M.:M.: degree on four candidates, completing our labors at 3:30 A. M., after which we repaired for refreshments, which was timely and good after such protracted hours of labor. This being the last lodge created, they have proved themselves worthy of the confidence reposed and no doubt under the fostering care of Wor.:Bro.:Frank H. Young, their first Master, will attain that state of Masonic perfection which can only be obtained by close application and due diligence.

May 16, 1891, I visited Meridian Lodge, No. 188, Cozad, Nebraska, by special request, to adjust a difference of opinion between some of its members and the Master. I am pleased to state everything was harmoniously adjusted without any discord whatever. A misunderstanding of the law sometimes gives rise to these differences of opinion.

On May 29, 1891, I visited Western Star Lodge, No. 2, Nebraska City, by special request through M.:W.:William E. Hill, P.:G.:M.: and member of said lodge. In the communication received from Bro.:Hill he made a special request that I should inform him on what train I would arrive. Having been informed of some of Bro.:Hill's tricks, I informed him by return mail and earnestly requested him not to make any arrangements of any formal nature whatever, that I was of such a sensitive and nervous temperament that the sound of brass bands and the sight of large crowds would at once put me to sea, like a boat in mid-ocean without a rudder or an oar. But of course I would be pleased to meet him, and he and I would go it afoot and alone. On my way to this beautiful city I fell in with Bro.:John O. Moore and other brethren of Palmyra and other neighboring lodges, in whose company were spent many pleasant moments of fraternal and social converse.

On arriving in Nebraska City the first person I met was Bro.:Hill, who drove me around the city for some time, finally landing me all safe at his palatial residence, where I had the pleasure of enjoying one continual reception by the officers and members of Western Star Lodge, No. 2. Brethren, if there are any of you who have any doubts as to the real grip of a Master Mason, go down to Nebraska City. There is not a single

brother there but what has the grip to perfection. It is not in my power to put it on paper; it is given by one brother grasping the other by the right hand chuck up tight between thumb and index finger, the other four fingers tightly clasping the entire hand. None of this finger-tipping that sends a chill over a man like if he had sit down on the north pole. There is a peculiar sensation comes over you under the influence of this peculiar grip. There is something warm in it; there is something cordial connected with it; you can almost feel the heart beat, as it were, in the palm of your hand. There is language expressed stronger than any words, and to me is far more pleasant than Three times Three. There is a feeling in that grip which plainly says: "We are pleased to meet you, we extend you a fraternal greeting and a hearty welcome to our number."

After participating in a good supper with Bro. Hill — having shaken hands with a good dozen or two of the best of fellows, all of whom can squeeze a man's hand like Ursa-Major himself—we repaired to the lodge room, when the first thing that met my eyes was a banner extending clear across the Masonic East, with the following inscription: "We Welcome Our Grand Master." And there the reception commenced again, without any formalities whatever, and I think I can truthfully say, I was introduced personally and had the pleasure of taking every brother present by the hand. That is the reason that I know they all have the true grip.

After the lodge was congregated, the Master extended me the courtesy of presiding, and with the assistance of M. W. Bros. Hill and Warren, Past Grand Masters, and the officers of Western Star Lodge, I proceeded to confer the M. M. degree in due and ancient form.

After the labors of the evening were completed, we were all invited to a royal banquet prepared for the occasion, of which each and every one participated, after which the brethren all bid me farewell with another one of those peculiar grips, which plainly said: "Happy to meet, sorry to part; may we soon meet again, for it is good to be here."

At six fifteen (6:15) p.m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until eight o'clock this evening.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1891.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, and M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Master, continued the reading of his address, as follows:

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Believing that it would be for the best interest of Masonry, that good results would follow and the social feature of our fraternity be revived, as in "ye olden time," I divided this Grand Jurisdiction into seven districts, assigning about twenty-five lodges to each of the present Grand Lodge officers, who are not otherwise engaged in official duties, directing them to forward the following blank notice to the officers of said lodges in their respective jurisdictions:

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

GRAND MASTERS OFFICE, KEARNEY, NEBRASKA, ————, 5891.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: In pursuance of a request made by the M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, I will make an official visit to your lodge on evening, 1891.

A full attendance is desired, and I would respectfully request you to be present if you can do so without serious inconvenience. Fraternally yours,

Requesting them to investigate the condition of the lodges and to render such advice and admonition, if necessary, as would promote peace and harmony among the Craft and increase the interest and welfare of this Ancient and Honorable Institution.

I have not received any official reports from my associate officers, except R. W. Bro. Bradner D. Slaughter, D. G. M., whose reports confirm me in my opinion that official visitations of Grand Lodge officers would encourage and promote more of a social feeling among the Craft, thereby inspiring a renewed zeal and interest, the result of which would be naught but beneficial in the end. And I sincerely hope that some plan will be adopted at once by this Grand Lodge, whereby every lodge in this jurisdiction can receive at least one official visit every year from some Grand Lodge officer, and let the event be of such a nature that their mothers, wives, daughters, sweethearts, friends and relatives can be present and break bread and eat salt with us; smoke the pipe of peace, join in a hearty hand-shake, spend an hour or so of social converse, without any formality; meeting on one grand fraternal, social level, thereby exemplifying that peace and harmony, that spirit of brotherly love and friendship, that should ever characterize all our meetings and actions toward each other and our fellow men.

It is my earnest desire that you give this subject careful consideration, and as we only have two Masonic anniversaries, those of the two St. Johns, the 24th of June and the 27th of December. Now, brethren, if there are not enough Johns to go round, that is to say, if there is not enough days set apart for social gatherings, let us get some other fellow, even if his name is not John, and have a good; old-fashioned time, "As in ye days of old."

When men of every tongue and land
Would meet and grasp each other's hand,
When it severed, as it were, the strings of the heart
For the hour to come when they must part.

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

On December 5, 1890, I issued the following circular with a series of some thirty interrogations to all the lodges of this jurisdiction, that I might know the true condition of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction, thereby enabling me to make such a report to this Grand Lodge, that they might know and act intelligently on any subject that might be presented to them for their consideration.

Two of those interrogations are as follows :

How many worthy Master Masons or the widows and orphans of such in the jurisdiction of your lodge needing any relief or assistance? Master Masons, widows, orphans?

Are there any children of Master Masons in the jurisdiction of your lodge deprived of the privileges of education? If so how many?

After receiving a number of the returns from the lodges throughout the jurisdiction, the questions were not answered in detail enough to give the information desired. The matter was discussed at the meeting of the stockholders of the Nebraska Masonic Home, held in Omaha, Nebraska, January 23, 1891, when a motion was unanimously adopted that another circular letter be sent to each subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction, requesting them to appoint a competent committee at once to make a careful and thorough investigation in the jurisdiction of their respective lodges and report their findings and conclusions to me at once that I might report the same to this Grand Lodge. In compliance of the above resolution, I issued the following letter and blank statement to be returned to me properly filled with their reports.

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

GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE, KEARNEY, NEB., February 9, 5891.

To the Master of.....Lodge, No....., A.:F.: & A.:M.:

WOR.: SIR AND BROTHER:—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Nebraska Masonic Home, held in Omaha, Nebraska, January 23, 1891, a resolution was adopted requesting the Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, to forward an official communication to each subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction; requesting and requiring each lodge to appoint a competent committee to make due inquiries and a careful investigation in the jurisdiction of each of their respective lodges, as to the Home and to report at once to him their true findings in each case.

Allow me to suggest and urge upon you to take immediate action in this matter, not waiting for a meeting of your lodge but appointing a committee yourself, giving your committee not less than thirty days to make the proper investigation, reporting the same to me officially.

You will ascertain the number of worthy Master Masons in the jurisdiction of your lodge who are in need of a home, such as is contemplated for indigent Master Masons, their wives, widows and orphans, and report the same to me on the blanks sent you under this cover.

Fraternally Yours,

ROBERT E. FRENCH, Grand Master.

HALL OF.....LODGE, NO....., A.:F.: & A.:M.:

.....Neb.,.....5891.

M.: W.:, Robert E. French, Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, Kearney, Nebraska:

M.: W.: SIR AND DEAR BROTHER:—Replying to your Circular Letter of March 9th, in reference to indigent Master Masons, their wives, widows and orphans in the jurisdiction of this lodge, I beg leave to report:

Name.....; age.....years; occupation.....
 Married?.....; wife living?..... No. of Children.....; Boys.....; their ages
; Girls.....; their ages.....
 Name and number of lodge of which he is a member, or was at time
 of his death..... Is he in good and regular standing at the present
 time?..... If dead, was he in good and regular standing at the time of his
 death?..... Are his or their necessities such as require a permanent home?
 If only a temporary one, to what extent?.....
 What are his or their present means of obtaining a livelihood?.....
 What are his or their future prospects of supporting themselves?.....
 What are his or their possessions in the way of monies?.....
 What are his or their possessions in the way of stock?.....
 What are his or their possessions in real estate?.....
 What is the present condition of his health or the family?.....
 If provided with a home could he or they support themselves?.....
 If not to what extent would they require assistance?.....
 Give full information as to number of children or orphans of worthy Master Masons in
 the jurisdiction of your lodge, who are deprived of the privileges of attending school, their
 sex, age, the number of months in a year that they could attend school if provided with a
 home, and to what extent they can assist themselves?.....

Respectfully submitted,

Up to the date of making this report I find the following number of indigent Master Masons, widows and orphans:

One woman, age not given, four boys, respective ages, 8, 12, 14, 15, divorced from her husband, who was a demitted Mason. Porter Lodge No. 106, Loup City, Nebraska.

One woman, age 59. Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron, Nebraska.

One woman, age 70, one son. Osceola, Nebraska.

One woman, age not given. Mystic Tie Lodge No. 166, Tilden, Nebraska.

One man, 96. Crystal Lodge No. 191, Scotia, Nebraska.

One man and woman, age 69. Carlton Lodge, U.:D.:, Carlton, Nebraska.

Total: Two men, five women and four children.

I fraternally submit the reports in full from the above lodges for your careful consideration.

FORMS AND CEREMONIES.

On page 238 proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A.:L.:, 5890, you will find the following:

"On motion of Bro.:Wheeler, No. 1, it was ordered that the ceremonials now with the committee on jurisprudence be referred to the Past Grand Master, residing in Omaha, within thirty days; and that on the Grand Master's approval the Grand Secretary shall have the same printed.

On July 23, A.:L.: 5890, I received the following report. After receiving the following report, I could not see that there was any

further action necessary but to render you the report of the committee:

OMAHA, Nebraska, July 22, 1890.

A meeting of the committee of Past Grand Masters residing in Omaha, was held at the Masonic Hall, Omaha, this date. Present, Bro. Mercer as chairman, Bros. Jordan, Wheeler, Lininger and Coutant.

On motion Bro. Coutant was requested to act as Secretary of the committee.

After consideration of the forms and ceremonies referred to the committee, it was resolved unanimously by the committee, that we recommend that the forms and ceremonies heretofore adopted by the Grand Lodge and the forms and ceremonies contained in Webb's Monitor and now generally in use among the fraternity in this state are ample for the purpose intended, and we deem it inexpedient to adopt or prescribe any further forms or ceremonies as the official action of this Grand Lodge.

JOHN J. MERCER, *Chairman*,
ROBERT C. JORDAN,
GEORGE W. LININGER,
DANIEL H. WHEELER,
Committee.

CHARLES K. COUTANT,
Secretary Committee.

OFFICIAL BONDS.

Shortly after assuming the duties of this office my attention was called to the matter of bonds to be given by the Grand Treasurer and the Custodian of the Orphans Educational Fund. I was very busy until the month of October. Having heard there was a bond for the Orphans Fund I took no action in the matter until January, when M. W. Bro. Furnas informed me that he had given a bond and the same was in the custody of the Grand Secretary. But after making due inquires of Bro. Bowen, he was unable at that time to find any bond.

After consultation with other brethren and in accordance with my own views in the matter, in justice to this Grand Lodge acting as its official head, I requested M. W. Bro. Furnas to give me a bond, as I understand the resolutions adopted by this Grand Lodge in 1888 require. Bro. Furnas and I had a very lengthy correspondence on this subject, which finally terminated by Bro. Furnas informing me that it was almost impossible for him to comply with my request by giving a bond at that time, but that he would comply with any reasonable request that was possible; that he would turn over all the papers to me and resign the custody of this fund. I did not consider then nor do I now, that I had anything to do in the matter further than to demand a bond for the security and protection of this fund. And I honestly think it was right and my duty and a duty I owe to this Grand Lodge to have all its funds amply secured by bonds. The correspondence connected with this matter is very lengthy, commencing on October 28, 1890, and terminating March 3, 1891. I do not deem it proper or necessary to insert it in this report. However I fraternally submit all correspondence relative to the subject for your careful consideration; earnestly recommending that the entire resolution as offered by M. W. Bro. Reese of 59, as found on page 424, proceedings of 1887, be adopted and incorporated in the law of this Grand Lodge to govern this particular subject and fund.

There is not one requirement in that resolution but what is just and right to this Grand Lodge and the protection of its funds. The committee to whom this matter was referred to, in their report on page 589, proceedings of 1888, say: They fully recognize the merits and wisdom of the various suggestions, but decline to recommend its adoption as a whole on account of some enhanced cost. Brethren, the difference in the cost will amply repay you, and the adopting of this resolution as offered at that time, requiring a complete fulfillment of it in all transactions connected therewith will amply secure your fund and will prevent any misunderstanding in the future.

I would further recommend, that a new bond be given annually with such sureties as will amply secure the fund beyond any possible contingencies that may arise of any nature whatever, and this bond to be approved by the Grand Master.

In the month of January, A.:L.: 5891, in accordance with the Law of Freemasonry of Nebraska, page 17, section 2, paragraph 1, I requested our R.:W.:Bro.: C. Hartman, Grand Treasurer, to give me a bond in the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) as provided by law, which request he complied with on the same day and date that I made the request, filing with me the following bond and sureties, which after careful investigation, by correspondence with those who are in positions to know, I found to be more than ample to secure the amount of moneys in the hands of what would likely come in the hands of the Grand Treasurer. After receiving this reliable information, I immediately approved of the following bond:

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I, Christian Hartman, principal, and Frank Murphy and Ben B. Wood, as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Nebraska, in the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), for the payment of which sum we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally.

The condition of this obligation is such that, whereas, the above bounden C. Hartman was on the 19th day of June, A.:L.: 5890, duly elected Grand Treasurer of said Grand Lodge, the year commencing on said day.

Now, if said C. Hartman shall as such Grand Treasurer, faithfully do and perform all the duties and discharge all the obligations devolving upon him by virtue of said office punctually, and in accordance with the laws, rules, usages and regulations of said Grand Lodge, and shall make an accurate report of his doings as such Grand Treasurer to said Grand Lodge at its next annual communication, and shall then lay before said Grand Lodge all his accounts for inspection and adjustment, and shall pay out all monies as lawfully required, and shall immediately pay over and transfer and deliver to his successor at the end of his term of office, all money, securities and property belonging to said Grand Lodge, or coming into his hands or under his control by virtue of said office, including all books, records and papers pertaining to said office; and shall moreover exercise all diligence and care in the preservation and lawful disposition of all money, securities or other property appertaining to said office or belonging to said Grand Lodge, then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force.

Witness our hand this 28th day of January 1891.

Attest: LUTHER DRAKE.

In presence of

The above bond and securities thereto approved this 6th day of February, 1891.

CHRISTIAN HARTMAN,

FRANK MURPHY,

BEN B. WOOD.

ROBERT E. FRENCH, *Grand Master.*

MISCELLANEOUS.

Since the death of our honored and esteemed brother, Jacob A. Hood, Grand Chaplain, I have had the valuable assistance of Rev.: Bro.: Guild, of Lincoln, Rev.: Bro.: Whitmarsh, of Omaha, and late in the winter I appointed Rev.: Bro.: George W. Martin to assist me if necessary in any of the duties pertaining to this office. I did not mean by this appointment in any way to fill the vacancy of our late brother, Jacob A. Hood, Grand Chaplain, as I preferred his seat to remain vacant as his light was extinguished, in token of the esteem and veneration we have for the memory of that dear, good, old brother.

PARIAN LODGE U. D.:

Owing to the brethren of this new lodge not receiving their dispensation until late in January, 1891, thereby only allowing them barely enough time, if nothing intervened to prevent, to receive, initiate, pass and raise a candidate in the requisite time provided by law. I have for the following reason permitted them to retain their dispensation five days over the time as provided by our law governing lodges under dispensation. For in the month of March, when they should have held their regular meeting, when those who were eligible would have been elected to receive the F.:C.: degree, there was a violent blizzard raging, rendering it almost impossible for the brethren to congregate their lodge.

W.: Bro.: Frank H. Young, Master of said lodge, whose entire time is occupied in his official duties pertaining to Masonry, was not a home, and neither Warden being present, it was impossible for those who were present to lawfully congregate the lodge, and they were not enabled to do so for five days, thereby making it impossible for a lunar month to intervene between their regular meeting for the election of candidates as the law provides. For these reasons I gave them permission, without any official formalities whatever, to complete their work five days later than the 30th of April.

IRREGULAR PROCEDURES IN TRIALS.

It has come to my knowledge that there are lodges in this jurisdiction who do not comply with the law governing Masonic offenses. It is not in conformity with Masonic law and usage after charges have been preferred against a brother for unmasonic conduct or violation of Masonic law, to appoint a committee to investigate as to the guilt or innocence of the brother, and then for the said committee to come in with their report with an accompanying resolution to indefinitely suspend said brother, which was carried, no matter if the brother does plead guilty to the charge.

There should be a copy of the charges and specifications served on the offending brother, summoning him to appear at a time set by the Master after the charges have been received by the lodge. Then if the brother does not appear in person or by attorney, the Master should

appoint some competent brother to defend him, and should the brother for the defense plead guilty to the charge, proceed with a secret ballot as to the degree of punishment, commencing at the highest. Otherwise the brother has good grounds for an appeal for irregularity. In trying a brother, every part of the proceedings should be conducted in such a manner as though you were sure an appeal would be taken to the Grand Lodge. As a matter of course you would not wish the decision of your lodge reversed for informalities.

INDIAN QUESTION.

During the excitement of the late Sioux outbreak, I corresponded with the Masters of the lodges at Valentine, Gordon, Hay Springs, Rushville and Chadron offering any needed assistance that was in our power to render them or any members of our Fraternity who might be in distress by reason of any depredations that might have occurred by our red neighbors.

I only heard of one brother who might be in any danger. I instructed the Master to inform the brother to take no chances on the lives of his family or himself but to remove to some place of safety, and if he was not able to do so, we were ready and willing to render him such aid and assistance as he might need. Shortly after receiving this information the trouble came to a speedy termination without one single application being made to us for relief caused by this late uprising among the Sioux.

WACO LODGE, NO. 80, (EXTINCT).

November 24, 1890, I received a statement through the office of R. W. William R. Bowen, Grand Secretary, from Bro. J. C. Dewey, agent of the Grand Lodge. I have also been requested to adjust this matter but there being no appropriation for claims of this kind and knowing the condition of our treasury, I did not feel at liberty to take any further action in the matter without your knowledge and consent.

I submit Bro. Dewey's report for your consideration.

BLACK BOOK.

During the year there have been requests from our chartered lodges for "Black Books." On inquiry of our Grand Secretary, I was informed there were no Black Books on hand of later date than April 30, 1888, not having been published for want of appropriation.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. A member of a lodge under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, in applying to the Grand Master for an official decision must do so through the Master of his lodge.
2. That the committee on Codification of Law inspect the by-laws of each chartered lodge, and that each chartered lodge be required to forward a copy of their by-laws to said committee for inspection and comparison with the law of Freemasonry of this jurisdiction, that there

may be no confliction of law whatever. My reasons for offering this recommendation are as follows: There are lodges in this jurisdiction who are still charging an affiliation fee. Again, I am informed there is a lodge whose by-laws provide that on the reception of a petition for initiation by unanimous consent, they can take action and ballot, and if elected, confer the degree without referring or without any special dispensation from the Grand Master.

3. That no one shall be named in a dispensation creating a new lodge, who is not an affiliated Master Mason. The naming in dispensations those who hold their demit eventually, increases the number of non-affiliates when the lodge fails to get a charter.

No demits whatever should accompany a petition for a new lodge, nothing but diplomas. Would it not be well to start our new lodges on a good foundation composed of Master Masons in good and regular standing; of Masons, who are complying with the ancient law, that requires a Mason to be a member of a lodge.

4. That the demit of a petitioner for affiliation should be cancelled when he is elected, and cancelled in such a manner as to render it useless for Masonic purposes thereafter.

My attention has been called to a disgraceful scene that occurred in a lodge room, where a suspended member began a replevin suit against the lodge to recover possession of a demit deposited by him when he became a member.

5. That all new lodges to whom charters are granted be required to fit themselves with the necessary furniture to do Masonic work in a proper manner, in the way of gavels, columns, jewels, emblematic charts, emblematic working tools, etc., before they are constituted. First impressions, generally speaking, are lasting. How necessary then it is for us to make a favorable impression on our candidates. Operatively speaking, what would you expect of a mechanic without any tools? Speculatively speaking, what kind of an impression can you expect to be made on a candidate entirely by the sense of hearing? Make your lodge rooms cheerful by keeping them neat and tidy. Do not convert your sanctum sanctorum into a bar room, full of cuspidors and tobacco smoke. There are a good many of us who are not particularly fond of second hand goods.

Perfect yourself in the ritual practice outside what you teach inside of your lodges, and in things essential unity in things doubtful liberty in all things charity.

CLOSING.

Brethren, my official record is now before you. I have reported all that I have thought worthy of your notice and consideration, perhaps more than you may deem necessary, the matter is with you. I have labored as I thought for the best interest of this Grand Lodge and Masonry in general. There have been arduous duties fell upon my

shoulders that none of my predecessors have had to encounter : I refer to the distribution of relief. It will not cause me one moment's pain if my official acts are not all approved by you. I was fully conscious one year ago of the grave responsibilities that were resting on my shoulders, and I am confident that I realize more keenly than you my inability to perform the important duties incumbent upon this high office. Others have filled this office with more credit to themselves and honor to the fraternity than I have ; others will perform the important duties with more dignity, with better results than I, but there is none whose motives and intentions were more sincere for the promotion of peace, harmony and good-fellowship among men, and the exemplification of the pure principles of our ancient fraternity. Among the various duties incumbent upon me I have always considered there is none more essential to the preservation, none more efficacious to the welfare of our institution than unanimity. This makes the cement the great principle of cohesion, which gives compactness to all the parts and members, forms them into a regular structure, into one uniform building, and adds harmony and beauty, firmness and stability to the whole.

A cordial affection is the life and soul of all societies, and must be much more so of those who pretend to associate upon the noblest maxims of charity and friendship. Unity is the golden chain which binds our willing hearts and holds together our happy society, the principal on which depends its internal harmony and its outward prosperity.

Jars and discord among the brethren will not only loosen the cement of the well joined fabric, but sap its very foundation. Need I mention the malicious triumph which any schism or contest among us would give to the enemies of our Ancient Craft. A factious spirit would soon check the progress of true Masonry and strengthen every vulgar prejudice against us, as in the erecting of the Temple of Solomon: "Everything was so prepared, that there was neither hammer nor ax nor any iron tool heard in the house while it was building." So of Freemasons. It has always been the boast that they perfect the work of edification by quiet and orderly methods, "without the hammer of contention, the ax of division or any tool of mischief."

I have had but one interest and one object, the benefit and advancement of the whole ; and let there be no other contest among you, than that most honorable of all contests, who shall do the most good.

It has been well observed that no splendor of talents, no endowment of body or mind, can be put in competition with those humble but lovely virtues which serve to make us endearing and endeared. Abilities alone may excite admiration, the tribute of the understanding ; but joined with amenity of manners, they never fail to conciliate affection, the better tribute of the heart.

Let it always be known that we belong to a society cemented by

union and edified with peace: where all the members are inviolably attached to the general good, and harmoniously conspire in its promotion; where every man is the sincere friend of every man; in a word, where all vigorously and cheerfully exert themselves in acts of kindness and labors of love.

Such principles surely will advance and establish the happiness of the whole and the welfare of each individual, and upon such principles our Society hath bidden defiance to opposition and been secured from dissolution and decay.

As useful knowledge is the great object of our desire, let us diligently apply to the practice of the art, and steadily adhere to the principles which it inculcates. Let not the difficulties that we have to encounter check our progress, or damp our zeal; but let us recollect that the ways of wisdom are beautiful, and lead to pleasure. Knowledge is obtained by degrees, and cannot everywhere be found. Wisdom seeks the secret shade, the lonely cell designed for contemplation. There enthroned she sits, delivering her sacred oracles. There let us seek her, and pursue the real bliss. Though the passage be difficult, the farther we trace it the easier it will become.

Union and harmony constitute the essence of Freemasonry; while we enlist under that banner, the society must flourish, and private animosities give place to peace and good fellowship. Uniting in one design let it be our aim to be happy ourselves, and contribute to the happiness of others. Let us mark our superiority and distinction among men, by the sincerity of our profession as masons; let us cultivate the moral virtues, and improve in all that is good and amiable; let the genius of Masonry preside over our conduct, and, under her sway, let us perform our part with becoming dignity; let us preserve an elevation of understanding, a politeness of manner, and an evenness of temper; let our recreations be innocent, and pushed with moderation; and never let irregular indulgences lead to subversion of our system, by impairing our faculties, or exposing our character to derision. In conformity to our precepts, as patterns worthy of imitation, let the respectability of our character be supported by the regularity of our conduct and the uniformity of our deportment; then, as citizens of the world, and friends of every clime, we shall be living examples of virtue and benevolence, equally zealous to merit, as to obtain, universal approbation.

Finally brethren, farewell. Accept the best wishes as you share in the best affections of my heart. The special relations in which I have stood to you will now cease; but the affection connected with it and the gratitude arising from it will ever remain.

My particular thanks are due to the officers and members of this Grand Lodge for the honors and patronage with which you have distinguished me. And I entreat you my brethren all to accept my acknowledgments for your assistance and kindness. Your attentions

have been so flattering, your benevolence so disinterested, your bounty so liberal, your sympathy so tender, that I would be inexcusable, insensible not to feel; and feeling criminally ungrateful not to express my many obligations. Let us remember concord and pledge ourselves to stand together until we are summoned to the lodge whose tiler is death and whose portal is the grave.

The affecting adieu I am now taking brings forcibly to mind the last solemn parting; when death shall separate me from those whom I have cordially loved; whose society made the claim of my most privileged moments.

Tender and faithful friends. Death is hastening to interrupt, it cannot dissolve our union. No. Virtuous attachments are eternal, they are renewed in Heaven. We meet again to part no more.

Yes meet you my brother whoever you are,
As one of the Craft that's been tried by the Square.
Whose mission is the practice of charity and love,
That will gain us a welcome in the Grand Lodge above.
On the trestle-board of life is drawn our design,
Beneath the all-seeing eye the architect divine.
Soon our labors will be done and our trials all o'er,
Then, again I hope to greet you on the Evergreen shore.

ROBERT E. FRENCH,
Grand Master.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

OMAHA, NEB., June 17th, 1891.

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

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

GENERAL FUND.

June 18, 1890,	To balance on hand from last report.	\$4,341 10
July 27, 1890,	“ cash borrowed from Masonic Home	
	Fund by order of Grand Master	2,500 00
Feb. 18, 1891,	To cash borrowed from Masonic Home	
	Fund by order of Grand Master	2,500 00
May 7, 1891,	To cash from Grand Secretary	1,000 00
11,	“ “ “ “ “	1,005 00
13,	“ “ “ “ “	1,010 00
18,	“ “ “ “ “	1,015 00
21,	“ “ “ “ “	1,020 00
22,	“ “ “ “ “	1,025 00
25,	“ “ “ “ “	1,030 00
26,	“ “ “ “ “	1,035 00
27,	“ “ “ “ “	1,040 00
28,	“ “ “ “ “	1,045 00

June 6, 1890.	To cash from Grand Secretary.....	800 00
8,	" " " " "	500 00
9,	" " " " "	157 81
10,	" " " " "	450 00
		\$21,473 91

DISBURSEMENTS.

DATE.	WARRANT NO.	NAME.	
May 22, 1890,	By 634,	Lee P. Gillette.....	\$ 50 00
June 10,	" 655,	Rees Printing Co.....	202 35
10,	" 656,	The Grand Secretary.....	169 16
20,	" 658,	Lee P. Gillette.....	50 00
30,	" 659,	Rees Printing Co.....	99 60
30,	" 660,	John J. Mercer.....	304 25
30,	" 661,	Lee P. Gillette.....	4 95
30,	" 662,	John S. Caulfield.....	12 30
30,	" 663,	Knight & Leonard Co.....	92 50
30,	" 664,	Grand Treasurer, pay-roll '90.	3,107 85
July 1,	" 665,	Jacob King.....	12 00
3,	" 666,	Francis E. White.....	32 40
3,	" 667,	Frank H. Young.....	25 68
15,	" 668,	William R. Bowen.....	125 00
15,	" 669,	Lee P. Gillette.....	100 00
15,	" 670,	Grand Secretary's Clerk.....	60 00
Aug. 4,	By 671,	Rees Printing Co.....	10 70
15,	" 679,	William R. Bowen.....	125 00
15,	" 680,	Lee P. Gillette.....	100 00
15,	" 681,	Grand Secretary's Clerk.....	60 00
15,	" 682,	The Grand Treasurer.....	59 70
23,	" 683,	Benjamin F. Chambers.....	2 00
28,	" 684,	Dr. D. F. Pennington Sec'y General Masonic Relief Ass'n of the United States and Can- ada.....	150 00
Sept. 15,	" 685,	William R. Bowen.....	125 00
15,	" 686,	Lee P. Gillette.....	100 00
15,	" 687,	Grand Secretary's Clerk.....	60 00
23,	" 688,	Effingham, Maynard & Co... ..	57 60
24,	" 689,	Grand Master's Clerk.....	125 00
Oct. 15,	" 690,	William R. Bowen.....	125 00
15,	" 691,	Lee P. Gillette.....	100 00
15,	" 692,	Grand Secretary's Clerk.....	60 00
Nov. 4,	" 693,	Monroe C. Steele.....	1 95
6,	" 694,	John S. Caulfield.....	58 50
15,	" 695,	William R. Bowen.....	125 00
Nov. 15,	" 696,	Lee P. Gillette.....	100 00
15,	" 697,	The Grand Secretary's Clerk	60 00

DATE.	WARRANT NO.	NAME.	
Nov. 17,	" 698,	L. C. Huntington & Son.....	80 00
Dec. 15,	" 699,	William R. Bowen.....	125 00
15,	" 700,	Lee P. Gillette.....	100 00
15,	" 701,	The Grand Secretary's Clerk	60 00
18,	" 702,	The Grand Master's Clerk...	125 00
Jan. 12, 1891,	" 703,	The Grand Secretary.....	23 01
15,	" 704,	Rees Printing Co.....	247 85
15,	" 705,	William R. Bowen.....	125 00
15,	" 706,	Lee P. Gillette.....	100 00
15,	" 707,	The Grand Secretary's Clerk	60 00
Feb. 4,	" 708,	The Grand Master's Clerk...	125 00
7,	" 716,	Knight & Leonard Co.....	511 78
11,	" 717,	John S. Caulfield.....	18 00
14,	" 718,	William R. Bowen.....	125 00
14,	" 719,	Lee P. Gillette.....	100 00
14,	" 720,	The Grand Secretary's Clerk	60 00
Mar. 14,	" 721,	William R. Bowen.....	125 00
14,	" 722,	Lee P. Gillette.....	100 00
27,	" 723,	The Grand Master's Clerk....	125 00
Apr. 14,	" 724,	William R. Bowen.....	125 00
14,	" 725,	Lee P. Gillette.....	100 00
14,	" 726,	The Grand Secretary's Clerk	60 00
20,	" 727,	Alexandria Lodge No. 74....	2 25
May 15,	" 728,	William R. Bowen.....	250 00
15,	" 729,	Lee P. Gillette.....	150 00
15,	" 730,	The Grand Secretary's Clerk	60 00
15,	" 731,	Christian Hartman.....	50 00
18,	" 732,	The Grand Secretary.....	118 20
19,	" 733,	" " ".....	29 62
20,	" 736,	Rees Printing Co.....	717 39
20,	" 737,	" " ".....	48 20
22,	" 738,	Nebraska Masonic Home....	102 75
22,	" 739,	" " ".....	33 00
26,	" 740,	Masonic Temple Craft of Omaha.....	200 00
27,	" 741,	The Grand Secretary.....	5 64
27,	" 742,	" " ".....	95 11
27,	" 743,	" " ".....	20 12
29,	" 744,	" " ".....	46 32
29,	" 745,	" " ".....	47 99
29,	" 746,	" " ".....	20 87
29,	" 747,	" " ".....	10 17
29,	" 748,	" " ".....	159 11
29,	" 749,	Rees Printing Co..	25 00
30,	" 751,	The Grand Secretary.....	182 32

DATE.	WARRANT NO.	NAME.	
June 3,	" 752,	Lodges named on back of this order.....	287 46
6,		By order of the Grand Master returned to Masonic Home	
		Fund amount borrowed.....	5,000 00
8,	" 753,	The Grand Secretary.....	2 50
			<u>\$16,338 15</u>
		Balance on hand in General Fund.....	5,135 76

RELIEF FUND..

June 18, 1890,	To balance on hand from last report...	\$701 31
Dec. 16,	" cash, from Grand Secretary.....	999 00
20,	" " " " "	998 00
26,	" " " " "	997 00
Jan. 23, 1891,	" " " " "	499 00
Mar. 7,	" " " " "	498 00
		<u>\$4,692 31</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

DATE.	WARRANT NO.	NAME.	
June 20, 1890,	By 657,	George B. France.....	\$200 00
Aug. 4,	" 672,	Merchants Hotel, Omaha.....	182 00
4,	" 675,	Dr. George Tilden.....	5 00
4,	" 674,	Dr. G. E. Sussdorf.....	18 00
4,	" 673,	Dr. E. D. Cummings.....	204 00
4,	" 676,	Mrs. I. L. Fay.....	72 00
Aug. 4,	" 677,	Mrs. F. Derby.....	72 00
4,	" 678,	Dr. L. A. Merriam.....	20 00
Feb. 7, 1891,	" 709,	Grand Master Robert E. French	50 00
7,	" 710,	D.M.McElHinney, Ch. Rel'f Com.	1,000 00
7,	" 711,	" " " " " " "	73 08
7,	" 712,	" " " " " " "	126 12
7,	" 713,	" " " " " " "	800 00
7,	" 714,	Grand Master Robert E. French	500 00
7,	" 715,	Kearney Milling Company....	70 20
May 19,	" 734,	D.M.McElHinney, Ch. Rel'f Com.	800 00
" 19,	" 735,	" " " " " " "	500 00
			<u>\$4,692 40</u>

Overdraft on Relief Fund..... 09

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME FUND.

June 18, 1890,	To balance on hand from last report..	\$5,598 23
June 6, 1891,	" Interest rec'd on this fund to date.	296 22
		<u>\$ 5,894 45</u>

Grand total of funds in my hands at date of this report \$11,030 12

Please find herewith my check No. 1891, on the Merchants National Bank, of Omaha, in favor of this Grand Lodge, A.:F.: and A.:M.:, cer-

tified to by said bank for five thousand one hundred and thirty-five dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$5,135 67), being the amount in my hands belonging to the General Fund of this Grand Lodge, less the overdraft of the Relief Fund; also certificate of deposit No. 16,970 of the Merchants National Bank of Omaha, dated June 6th, 1891, in favor of the Nebraska Masonic Home, for five thousand eight hundred and ninety-four dollars and forty-five cents (\$5,894 45), (bearing 5 per cent interest) per annum, being the amount in my hands belonging to this Fund; also the pay roll for the session of 1890, and the warrants paid by me since the last session of this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

CHRISTIAN HARTMAN, *Grand Treasurer.*

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Grand Lodge:

I submit the ledger, financial statements, etc., of my office for the year now closing; also the following resume of the expenditures under your appropriations at our last annual communication. It will be observed that I have expended thirty dollars more for postage stamps than was appropriated; perhaps this debit against me may be balanced by the extra work of writing the fifteen hundred letters on which the postage was spent.

	APPROPRI- ATED	EXPENDED.
Grand Secretary's office expense accounts—		
Postage, telegrams, telephones, expressage, etc.....	\$ 220 00	\$ 247 14
Janitor for three rooms.....	60 00	60 00
Light.....	25 00	6 45
Heat.....	50 00	30 00
Stationery.....	60 00	55 05
Blanks, etc.....	300 00	238 88
Ice.....	10 00	9 00
Odds and ends.....	100 00	96 45
Total.....	825 00	737 97
Payroll of last annual communication.....	3,107 85	3,181 55
Grand Treasurer's salary.....	50 00	50 00
Grand Secretary's salary.....	1,500 00	1,500 00
Grand Custodian's salary.....	1,200 00	1,200 00
Grand Master's clerk hire.....	500 00	500 00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire.....	600 00	600 00
Grand Custodian's expense.....	* 52 25	52 25
Grand Master's expense, '89-'90.....	304 25	304 25
Advance reports and stationery, last annual communication.....	204 40	204 40
Grand Lodge committees' expense.....	58 08	91 79
Printing and electrotyping '90 proceedings.....	* 717 39	717 39
Electrotyping early proceedings.....	500 00	511 78
Supplies for sale and issue.....	500 00	453 90
Rent for Grand Lodge office.....	200 00	200 00
Blank reports, committee on Credentials, '91.....	25 00	25 00
Interest on borrowed funds.....	* 135 75	135 75
Refund to lodges of over payments.....	* 289 41	289 41
Sundries.....	60 00	58 50
Transferred to Relief Fund.....	* 4,951 35	4,951 35
General Masonic Relief Association.....	150 00	150 00
Binding and purchase of books for Library.....	100 00	.....
	\$ 16,030 73	\$ 15,915 29

The documents from the ten lodges under dispensation have been with the committee on Charters and Dispensation some weeks. Returns have been received from all our lodges, and the report of the committee on Returns is complete. The Grand Lodge ledger and the financial reports of this office have been in the hands of the committee on Accounts since June 11. To the committee on Grievances has been referred the appeal of Bro.: F E. Eldred, 55, from the discipline imposed on him by Mosaic Lodge, No. 55.

I submit the petitions of Frederick Parker and George Benson for restoration, recommended respectively by Nemaha Valley Lodge, No. 4, and Covert Lodge, No. 11. Also an amendment to the by-laws of Solomon Lodge, No. 10. Also an invitation from the Masonic Temple Craft of Omaha to hold our next annual communication in Freemasons Hall, Omaha.

During the year supplies have been sold and issued to lodges to the amount of \$633.05, at a profit of \$41.90, leaving stock on hand April 20, 1891, worth \$349.40, the cost of supplies purchased during the year is \$613.30. Is it desirable to insure this stock against fire?

I return thanks to the brethren who have materially aided me during the past year in obtaining data for the reprint of our early proceedings; as there are only three or four years more to put into type, my inquiries will soon cease; my excuse for the trouble I have given is that the work deserves the utmost care to secure accuracy and certainty, and I have spared no pains to this end.

I renew my recommendation of last year that each book in our library be stamped, at intervals of ten or fifteen pages, as the property of the Grand Lodge.

Attention is invited to the order of the Grand Lodge recorded on page 293 of our 1886 proceedings, that the names of members of Nebraska lodges be published in 1887 and each fifth year thereafter; this will occupy over one hundred pages of our proceedings, and (with the proposed report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence,) will make an expensive volume next year.

Fraternally, WILLIAM R. BOWEN,
Grand Secretary.

P. S.—As Secretary of the Nebraska Masonic Home I submit for your information a complete statement of receipts and disbursements. I regret I have nothing more to report:

DATE.	RECEIPT.	AMOUNT.
Feb. 20, 1889.	No. 1. Platte Valley Lodge, No. 32.....	\$ 20 00
Mch. 27,	“ “ 2. Cedar River Lodge, No. 89.....	20 00
May 16,	“ “ 3. Lebanon Lodge, No. 58.....	20 00
June 7,	“ “ 4. Orient Chapter, No. 18, R.:A.:M.:.....	20 00
June 30,	“ “ 5. Omaha Savings Bank, interest.....	67
Aug. 3,	“ “ 6. Omaha Lodge of Perfection, et al.....	100 00

DATE.	RECEIPT.	AMOUNT.
Nov. 12, 1889.	No. 7. DeWitt Lodge, No. 111.....	20 00
Dec. 30, "	" 8. Western Star Lodge, No. 2.....	13 70
Dec. 31, "	" 9. North Bend Lodge, No. 119.....	20 00
Dec. 31, "	" 10. Omaha Savings Bank, interest.....	3 75
Jan. 15, 1890.	" 11. Rawalt Lodge, No. 138.....	20 00
Jan. 15, "	" 12. Summit Lodge, No. 141.....	9 45
Jan. 16, "	" 13. Andrew R. Graham.....	20 00
Jan. 16, "	" 14. Nelson Lodge, No. 77.....	20 00
Jan. 28, "	" 15. Mt. Nebo Lodge, 125.....	3 70
Jan. 31, "	" 16. Philip Windheim.....	20 00
Mch. 1, "	" 17. Riverton Lodge, No. 63.....	20 00
June 30, "	" 18. Omaha Savings Bank, interest.....	7 89
Dec. 31, "	" 19. Omaha Savings Bank, interest.....	8 68
Jan. 30, 1891.	" 20. William Robinson.....	100 00
Mch. 5, "	" 21. Charles B. Havens.....	10 50
Mch. 5, "	" 22. Joseph Barker.....	10 50
Mch. 5, "	" 23. Harlan P. Devalon.....	10 50
Mch. 5, "	" 24. U. S. Masonic Benevolent Association.....	10 50
Mch. 5, "	" 25. Hugh G. Clark.....	10 50
Mch. 5, "	" 26. William T. Robinson.....	10 50
Mch. 5, "	" 27. McCook Lodge, No. 135.....	10 50
Mch. 7, "	" 28. Corinthian Lodge, No. 83.....	10 50
Mch. 7, "	" 29. Cyrene Commandery, No. 14, K. T.	10 50
Mch. 7, "	" 30. Amity Lodge, No. 169.....	10 50
Mch. 7, "	" 31. Sterling Lodge, No. 70.....	10 50
Mch. 7, "	" 32. Hubbell Lodge, No. 92.....	10 50
Mch. 7, "	" 33. Edgar Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M.	10 50
Mch. 9, "	" 34. Acacia Lodge, No. 34.....	10 50
Mch. 10, "	" 35. Andrew R. Graham.....	8 40
Mch. 10, "	" 36. Lancaster Lodge, No. 54.....	10 50
Mch. 10, "	" 37. Mt. Hermon Commandery, No. 7, K. T.	10 50
Mch. 11, "	" 38. Beatrice Lodge, No. 26.....	10 50
Mch. 11, "	" 39. Byron Reed.....	500 00
Mch. 11, "	" 40. Grand Commandery, K. T. of Neb.....	105 00
Mch. 13, "	" 41. Lebanon Lodge, No. 58.....	8 40
Mch. 13, "	" 42. Anchor Lodge, No. 142.....	10 50
Mch. 16, "	" 43. Platte Valley Lodge, No. 32.....	88 40
Mch. 20, "	" 44. Livingston Chapter No. 10, R. A. M.	10 50
Mch. 21, "	" 45. German D. Wyatt.....	10 50
Mch. 23, "	" 46. Bert A. Wilkinson.....	10 50
Mch. 28, "	" 47. Waterloo Lodge, No. 102.....	21 00
Apr. 1, "	" 48. Springfield Lodge, No. 112.....	10 50
Apr. 2, "	" 49. York Lodge, No. 56.....	10 50
Apr. 6, "	" 50. Euphrates Chapter, No. 15, R. A. M.	10 50
Apr. 6, "	" 51. Louis Berka.....	10 50

DATE.	RECEIPT.	AMOUNT.
Apr. 6, 1891.	No. 52. Nelson Lodge, No. 77.....	8 40
Apr. 10, "	" 53. Western Star Lodge, No. 2.....	100 00
Apr. 11, "	" 54. Grand Chapter of Nebraska, O.E.S.....	10 50
Apr. 13, "	" 55. Jordan Lodge, No. 27.....	110 50
Apr. 18, "	" 56. Cedar River Lodge, No. 89.....	8 40
Apr. 20, "	" 57. North Bend Lodge, No. 119.....	28 40
Apr. 25, "	" 58. Bennett Lodge, No. 94.....	10 50
Apr. 25, "	" 59. Tuscan Lodge, No. 130.....	10 50
Apr. 25, "	" 60. Myer Hellman.....	10 50
Apr. 25, "	" 61. Samuel Burns.....	10 50
Apr. 27, "	" 62. Indianola Lodge, No. 123.....	10 00
May 12, "	" 63. Hebron Lodge, No. 43.....	10 50
May 12, "	" 64. Araphoe Lodge, No. 109.....	10 50
May 21, "	" 65. Temple Lodge, No. 175.....	10 50
June 1, "	" 66. Estate of Philip von Windheim.....	87 45
Jund 3, "	" 67. Amity Lodge, No. 169.....	102 59
		<u>\$2,001 28</u>
Feb. 12, 1890,	Order No. 1. Expenses.....	\$11 74
Mch. 7, 1891,	" " 2. Expenses.....	18 25
May 21, "	" " 3. Expenses.....	20 52—
		<u>50 51</u>
		<u>\$1,950 77</u>

Interest to June 30, 1891, is *estimated* at..... \$26 57

The funds are to my credit, as Secretary of the Nebraska Masonic Home, in the Omaha Savings Bank, drawing five per cent. interest.

WILLIAM R. BOWEN,

Secretary.

GRAND CUSTODIAN'S REPORT.

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

I have the honor to submit my report of official visits and acts during the past year.

I assisted the M. W. Grand Master in constituting the nine (9) newly chartered lodges, (Nos. 190 to 198 inclusive,) in installing the officers of the same, and in conferring the Past Master degree on the newly elected Masters. This work was completed July 29th.

At different dates the M. W. Grand Master forwarded me the petitions of brethren at Burwell, Scott's Bluffs, Randolph, Pender, Plainview, Chappell, Diller and Callaway, for dispensation to hold lodges and confer the several degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry. I examined the proposed lodge rooms and officers as ordered and found the lodge rooms safe and suitable for Masonic purposes, and the officers competent to discharge the duties pertaining to their respective stations and places.

The examination of the Randolph brethren, made July 9th, not being satisfactory, by direction of the M.:W.: Grand Master, I examined them a second time on the 23d of August, and made favorable report.

The petition of the members of Armada Lodge, U.:D.: for the appointment of new officers and for permission to move their lodge to Miller, on the Black Hills Railway, having been referred to me, I examined the new lodge room and proposed officers on the 25th of August, and returned it to the M.:W.: Grand Master, recommending that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

July 4th. I assisted M.:W.: Past Grand Master John J. Mercer in laying the corner-stone of the Court House at David City, Butler County.

September 9th. I assisted M.:W.: Grand Master Robert E. French in laying the corner-stone of Gage County Court House at Beatrice.

October 10th. I assisted at the dedication of the new Masonic Hall at Geneva, and in laying the corner-stone of the Episcopal Church at that place.

November 11th. I assisted in the dedication of Masonic Hall at Hooper.

I have visited one hundred and seventy-four (174) lodges, held three hundred and forty-six (346) meetings of lodges for instruction, conferred forty-eight (48) degrees (E.:A.:, F.:C.: and M.:M.:), have assisted the M.:W.: Grand Master in conferring the degree of Master Mason in several different lodges, have examined the records of lodges in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge last year, and forwarded the M.:W.: Grand Master reports of the examination so made.

"Lodges of Instruction" have been well attended, with but few exceptions. Officers and brethren showing a commendable desire to learn both work and lectures.

The too frequent change of officers in our lodges interferes greatly in advancing the brethren to a high standard in the rendition of work and lectures, as well as becoming familiar with the laws, usages and customs of Masonry. All this we arrive at "little by little."

My thanks are due to M.:W.: Bro.: Robert E. French, Grand Master, for his kindness and valuable assistance, also to the brethren for their courtesy and attention.

LEE P. GILLETTE,

Grand Custodian.

ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF THE TRUSTEES OF ORPHAN EDUCATIONAL FUND.

To the Grand Lodge:

By reference to pages 194 to 196 inclusive, proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the year 1890, it will be seen the total of this fund, at date of last report, June 1st, 1890, was \$18,116.99.

As reported in my last, the Chambers loan of \$1,000, the mortgage had been foreclosed, but proceedings not wholly completed. As before stated, I bid in the property at the then face value of the note with interest and costs added. I afterwards sold the property at private sale for \$1,450.00. The purchaser, Ida B. Storms, paid cash \$400.00. From this, the costs in foreclosure, taxes paid, attorney's fee, advertising, etc., \$213.40 was paid, leaving a balance, or profit, in the transaction of \$186.60. For the balance due, \$1,050.00, Storms' note at 8 per cent. per annum was taken, secured by mortgage on the premises. The detailed statement of the attorneys, Bro. Warren and Stull & Edwards, is hereby submitted as part of this report.

There has been collected since date of last report, principals and interests on loans then outstanding, \$16,581.35. This has been paid and invested as follows:

Refunded, R. W. Furnas, amount as shown over-paid him in last report (see report of committee last year).....	\$ 168 48
Paid advertising in foreclosure Chamber's mortgage, not included in statement of attorneys (see voucher herewith).....	12 00
Paid Attorney Warren, error shortage in amount due him (see correspondence attached).....	5 00
Loan, L. A. Kent.....	8,437 46
Certificate deposit, First National Bank, Lincoln.....	1,110 50
Same.....	513 14
Certificate deposit, Sutton National Bank.....	1,624 00
Same.....	1,234 52
Certificate deposit, Carson National Bank.....	300 00
Same.....	600 00
Certificate deposit, Citizen's Bank, Geneva, Nebraska.....	1,158 25
Same.....	892 00
Ida B. Storm's loan.....	1,050 00
Chris. Schuck.....	1,000 00
Ir. W. Cramer.....	500 00
George B. Kirk.....	650 00
John W. Ginn.....	450 00
Total fund.....	\$ 19,705 35
Gain to the fund the past year.....	\$ 1,818 84
Deduct extraordinary expenses the past year.....	398 88
Net gain for the year.....	\$ 1,419 96

The loans, Chris. Schuck and Ir. W. Cramer, are the same as have heretofore been reported to this Grand Lodge, and by its committee examined and approved, and are secured by real estate mortgages. The loans, Ida B. Storms, George B. Kirk and John W. Ginn, are loans

made since my last report, and are secured by real estate mortgages. The papers connected therewith are herewith submitted.

In all probability the loan of Ir. W. Cramer will have to be foreclosed, as he has not paid interest for two years—\$146.00 due. The claim is good, bearing 10 per cent. interest, and the principal not due until July 1st next.

The bank certificates of deposit are herewith presented. It will be seen by your committee to examine the same, that they draw 5 and 6 per cent. interest, payable semi-annually.

In the matter of the loan to L. A. Kent, this explanation more in detail is due. As is known Bro. Kent is the R.: W.: Grand Junior Warden of this Grand Lodge; he is one of the Trustees of this fund; is President of the Minden National Bank, in which this sum has for several years been deposited. On the 3rd of July, 1890, he desired the personal use of this money for six months, at 7 per cent. interest, as shown by letter herewith accompanying. As security, he gave me 80 shares paid up stock, in said Minden National Bank, valued at \$125.00 per share. Then, as now, I considered the transaction legitimate and safe. Before the loan was due, Bro.: Kent was suddenly stricken down with serious, and near-unto-death prostration, and which was followed as a consequence by financial depression on his part. Acting on my convictions of business precaution, and which was sustained and confirmed by consultation with, and advice from friends near and more familiar with the situation, as well as the exercise of a fraternal spirit, I refrained from pressing Bro.: Kent, feeling assured no loss would accrue, if he could be allowed, after health recuperation, to handle his affairs in person, and that disaster to him would follow if at that time pressed. When he recovered, interest was computed to date when the note was due, January 3rd, 1891, added to the principal, and a new note given for \$8,437.46, bearing 7 per cent. interest, payable July 3rd, 1891. Additional security, a second mortgage on the home farm of Bro.: Kent, 320 acres of well improved land adjoining Minden was given. The first mortgage is for \$5,000. I am informed by those acquainted, and best know, that the land will sell at any time for more than \$5,000 above the first mortgage. Owners of Minden National Bank stock regard it as valued when given me as security originally. Among those owners, are some of the considered best and safest bank men in Lincoln. Bro.: Kent desires to redeem both, his farm and bank stock, and promises to do so in the near future.

While the environments and conditions narrated have, naturally enough, be-clouded, to an extent, Bro.: Kent financially, the bank of which he is President, as well as this transaction, and I confess, at first, gave me no little concern, now that the smoke has cleared away, and after most careful investigation and knowledge of all facts concerning,

I am warranted in assuring that no loss need be feared in this matter ; that it is perfectly safe, and will be paid at no distant day.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBT. W. FURNAS,
Managing Trustee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

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

Your committee on Returns submit a synopsis of the work in this jurisdiction, together with an abstract sheet of returns made and of credits allowed, as per rule of Grand Lodge for the year ending April 30, A.:L.: 5891:

Number initiated.....	781	
Number passed.....	687	
Number raised.....		695
Number admitted.....		507
Number reinstated.....		59
Number gained otherwise.....		10
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Total increase.....		1,271
Number demitted.....	458	
Number deceased.....	86	
Number suspended.....	265	
Number expelled.....	18	
Number lost otherwise.....	9	
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Total decrease.....		836
Gained during year.....		435
Number Master Masons, April 30, 5891.....		9,232
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Total.....		9,717
Dues for the year.....	\$9,064.00	
Fees for the year.....	3,905.00	12,969.00
Less surplus of credits over debits.....		534.81
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Total.....		\$12,434.19
Less credits allowed with this report.....		2,075.18
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Available for use of Grand Lodge.....		\$10,359.01

Your committee recommend credits, as per the rule of the Grand Lodge, for general correctness and prompt transmittal of *both* copies of the returns, and the accompanying funds.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF

NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Lodge.	ENTERED APPRENTICES.							FELLOW CRAFTS.									
		Gain.			Loss.				Gain.			Loss.						
		No. May 1, 1890.	By Initiation.	Otherwise.	Total.	By Passing.	Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	By Other Causes.	Total loss.	No. May 1, 1890.	By Passing.	Total.	By raising.	Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	By Other Causes.	Total loss.
Nebraska.....	1	5	8	13	4	1	1	4	9	1	4	5	3	1	1	1	1	1
Western Star.....	2	8	1	9	1	1	1	2	7	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Capitol.....	3	28	9	37	1	1	1	1	29	11	8	19	8	1	1	1	10	9
Nemaha Valley.....	4	11	1	12	1	1	1	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Omaha.....	5	5	1	6	1	1	1	1	5	7	1	8	1	1	1	1	2	6
Plattsmonth.....	6	23	7	30	4	1	2	7	23	1	4	5	2	1	1	1	1	3
Falls City.....	9	14	1	15	1	1	1	1	14	4	1	5	5	1	1	1	5	6
Solomon.....	10	5	1	6	1	1	1	1	5	5	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1
Covert.....	11	34	14	48	11	1	1	11	37	12	11	23	10	1	1	1	10	13
Nebraska City.....	12	4	2	6	1	1	1	1	5	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	2
Orient.....	13	10	3	13	1	1	1	2	11	2	2	4	2	1	1	1	2	2
Peru.....	14	2	4	6	1	1	1	1	6	2	6	8	7	1	1	1	7	1
Fremont.....	15	7	11	18	7	1	1	7	11	3	7	10	7	1	1	1	7	3
Tecumseh.....	17	13	1	14	1	1	1	1	12	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	3
Lincoln.....	19	12	6	18	3	1	1	3	15	7	3	10	4	1	1	1	4	6
Washington.....	21	6	3	9	2	1	1	2	7	2	2	4	2	1	1	1	2	2
Pawnee.....	23	5	13	18	10	1	1	10	9	1	10	11	6	1	1	1	6	5
St. Johns.....	25	38	13	51	10	1	1	11	40	12	10	22	17	1	1	1	18	5
Beatrice.....	26	19	7	26	4	1	1	4	23	5	4	9	6	1	1	1	6	3
Jordan.....	27	8	5	13	7	1	1	7	6	4	7	11	7	1	1	1	8	3
Hope.....	29	6	1	7	1	1	1	1	6	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	2
Blue River.....	30	4	1	5	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tekamah.....	31	4	1	5	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Platte Valley.....	32	10	1	11	1	1	1	1	9	2	2	4	2	1	1	1	2	2
Ashlar.....	33	17	4	21	2	1	1	1	18	3	3	7	3	1	1	1	3	4
Acacia.....	34	10	2	12	1	1	1	1	10	4	2	6	1	1	1	1	1	6
Fairbury.....	35	11	5	16	3	1	1	3	13	2	3	5	4	1	1	1	4	1
Lone Tree.....	36	5	3	8	4	1	1	4	4	1	4	5	4	1	1	1	4	1
Crete.....	37	5	3	8	2	1	1	2	6	6	2	8	2	1	1	1	2	6
Oliver.....	38	9	1	10	1	1	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Papillion.....	39	6	3	9	2	1	1	2	7	4	2	6	1	1	1	1	1	5
Humboldt.....	40	6	1	7	1	1	1	1	6	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	3
Northern Light.....	41	5	1	6	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Juniata.....	42	13	3	16	1	1	1	2	14	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	2
Hebron.....	43	8	2	10	3	1	1	3	7	1	3	4	2	1	1	1	2	2
Harvard.....	44	3	2	5	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	4	3	1	1	1	3	1
Palmyra.....	45	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Rob. Morris.....	46	12	6	18	6	1	1	2	8	10	2	6	8	1	1	1	8	2
Salem.....	47	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2
Fairmont.....	48	16	1	17	2	1	1	2	16	4	2	6	1	1	1	1	1	5
Evening Star.....	49	6	3	9	4	1	1	4	5	1	4	5	5	1	1	1	5	1
Hastings.....	50	12	4	16	4	1	1	4	12	6	4	10	5	1	1	1	5	5
Fidelity.....	51	10	6	16	4	1	1	5	12	4	4	8	2	1	1	1	2	6
Hiram.....	52	6	6	12	6	1	1	6	6	6	6	6	6	1	1	1	6	1
Charity.....	53	7	4	11	5	2	1	7	4	1	5	6	3	1	1	1	3	3
Lancaster.....	54	14	6	20	6	1	1	6	14	2	6	8	6	1	1	1	6	2
Mosaic.....	55	5	2	7	1	1	1	2	6	1	2	3	3	1	1	1	3	1
York.....	56	17	6	23	7	1	1	7	16	3	7	10	6	1	1	1	6	4
Mt. Moriah.....	57	9	4	13	5	1	1	5	8	1	5	6	5	1	1	1	5	1
Lebanon.....	58	12	5	17	4	1	1	4	13	3	4	7	5	1	1	1	5	2
Wahoo.....	59	6	4	10	3	1	1	3	7	1	3	3	2	1	1	1	2	1
Melrose.....	60	15	9	24	7	1	1	7	17	2	7	9	8	1	1	1	8	1
Thistle.....	61	4	3	7	3	1	1	3	4	1	3	3	3	1	1	1	3	1
Keystone.....	62	3	2	5	1	1	1	1	4	3	1	4	3	1	1	1	3	1
Riverton.....	63	5	1	6	1	1	1	1	5	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	2
Blue Valley.....	64	2	5	7	5	1	1	5	2	1	5	5	4	1	1	1	4	1

NEBRASKA, FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 5891.

STEP MASTER MASONS.		MASTER MASONS.		GRAND LODGE DEERS, PHES, ETC.	
No. May 1, 5890.		No. May 1, 5890.		No. of Lodge.	
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64	64	64	64	64	64

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF

NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Lodge.	ENTERED APPRENTICES.							FELLOW CRAFTS.												
		Gain.			Loss.				Gain.			Loss.									
		No. May 1, 5890.	By Initiation.	Otherwise.	Total.	By Passing.	Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	By Other Causes.	Total Loss.	No. on Rolls April 30, 5891.	No. May 1, 5890.	By Passing.	By Other Causes.	Total.	By Raising.	Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	By Other Causes.	Total Loss.	No. on Rolls April 30, 5891.
Osceola	65	9	3	12	3			3	9	1	3		4	2					2	2	
Livingstone	66	2	1	3	1			1	2	1	1		1	1					1	1	
Edgar	67	6	4	10	11	4		4	8	5	4		6	5					5	5	
Aurora	68	9	5	14	6			6	8	4	6		10	5					5	5	
Sterling	70	12		12	3			3	9	1	3		4						4	4	
Trowel	71	15	5	20	3			3	13	3	3		6	3					3	3	
Hooper	72	6	5	11	6			6	5	2	6		6	1					2	4	
Friend	73	3		3					3	1			1						2	3	
Alexandria	74								3											1	
Frank Welch	75	4		4	1			1	3	2	1		3							3	
Joppa	76	5	4	9	4			4	5	1	4		5	4					4	1	
Nelson	77	4		4					4												
Albion	78	6	2	8					8	2			2							2	
Geneva	79	4	10	14	11			11	3	3	11		14	2					8	6	
Composite	81	2	3	5	2			2	3	1	2		3	3					3		
Saint Paul	82	5	7	12	5			5	7	2	5		5	5					4	1	
Corinthian	83	5	3	8	2			2	6	3	2		5	3					3	2	
Fairfield	84	6	3	9	3		1	4	5	1	3		4						4		
Tyre	85	0	2	11	3			3	8	2	3		5	1					1	4	
Doniphan	86	2		2					2	2										2	
Ionic	87	3		3					3												
Star	88	3	1	4	1			1	3	1	1		2	2					2		
Cedar River	89	4	2	6	2			2	4	2	2		4	2					2	2	
Elk Creek	90	1	1	2	1			1	1	1	1		2	1					1	1	
Oakland	91	1	1	2	1			1	2		2		2	1					1	1	
Hubbell	92	1	1	2	1			1	1	1	2		2	1					1	1	
Beaver City	93	3	3	6	2			2	4	1	3		3	3					3		
Bennett	94	4	3	7	5			5	2	1	5		5	3					3	2	
Garfield	95	4	1	8	4			4	4	2	4		6	1					1	5	
Utica	96	2	2	4	2			2	2	1	2		3	3					3		
Euclid	97	6	4	10	3			3	7	2	3		5	3					3	2	
Republican	98	4	3	7	3			3	4		3		3	3					2	1	
Shelton	99	7	5	12	3			3	9	1	3		4	2					2	2	
Creighton	100	2	1	3					3	2			2							2	
Ponca	101	5	1	9	3			3	6	3	3		6	3					3	3	
Waterloo	102	2	3	5	3			3	2	1	3		4	3					3	1	
Ord	103	5	5	10	2			2	3	2	2		2	2					2		
Wymore	104	5	4	9	3			3	6	1	3		4	2					2	2	
Stella	105	4	7	11	5			5	6		5		5	4					4	1	
Porter	106	3	5	8	4			4	4	2	4		6	5					5	1	
Steele City	107	2	4	6	5			5	1	3	5		8	6					6	2	
Table Rock	108	1		1					1	1			1							1	
Arapahoe	109	3	2	5	2			2	3	3	2		5	3					3	2	
Pomegranate	110	5	3	8	3			3	5	2	3		5	1					1	4	
De Witt	111	7	1	8	4			4	3	2	4		6	4					4	2	
Springfield	112	6		6	2			2	4		2		2	2					2		
Globe	113	7		7					7	1			1	1					1		
Wisner	114	3	7	10	5			5	5		5		5	3					3	2	
Brainard	115	1	1	2					2												
Harlan	116	4		4					4	2			2						1	1	
Hardy	117	5		5	2			2	3		2		2	2					2		
Doric	118	1	6	7	5			5	2	1	5		6	4					4	2	
North Bend	119	1	3	4	2			2	2		2		2	2					2		
Wayne	120	12	9	14	1			1	13	1	1		2	1					1	1	
Superior	121	3	0	9	5			5	4	2	5		7	5					5	2	
Jasper	122	2	3	5	4			4	1	4	4		4	3					3	1	
Indianola	123	2	2	4	2			2	2		2		2	2					2		
Auburn	124	1		1	1			1	1		1		1	1					1		

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SECT. MASTER MASONS.	MASTER MASONS.				GRAND LODGE DEPN. FEES, ETC.												
	Gain.		Loss.		Gain.		Loss.										
No. May 1, 5890.	2	1	1	1	4	63	40	00	\$	27	50	12	00	\$	57	50	65
Gain by Suspension.	3	3	3	3	4	31	19	75	13	00	24	00	5	00	21	25	66
Total.	5	4	4	4	8	62	43	00	26	75	48	00	10	00	78	75	131
Reinstatement.	2	2	2	2	3	17	11	00	5	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	1
By Death.	1	1	1	1	2	6	4	00	2	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	1
By Expulsion.	1	1	1	1	1	11	7	00	3	00	4	00	0	00	0	00	0
Total Loss.	3	3	3	3	5	24	15	00	10	00	6	00	2	00	2	00	2
No. on Rolls April 30, 5891.	2	2	2	2	9	89	58	00	17	00	54	00	13	00	80	75	132
No. May 1, 5880.	2	2	2	2	4	52	32	00	14	00	22	00	10	00	45	80	81
By Raising.	3	3	3	3	4	21	14	00	2	00	20	00	0	00	63	75	75
By Admission.	1	1	1	1	3	38	24	00	3	00	52	00	18	00	43	50	47
Reinstatement.	1	1	1	1	2	10	9	00	1	00	5	00	1	00	4	06	78
By Other Causes.	1	1	1	1	1	48	4	00	1	00	72	00	50	00	108	98	79
Total.	6	6	6	6	10	89	58	00	6	00	79	00	15	00	180	80	88
By Dimission.	3	3	3	3	4	23	15	00	3	00	4	00	1	00	8	16	25
By Death.	1	1	1	1	2	6	4	00	2	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	1
By Suspension.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	1
By Expulsion.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	1
By Other Causes.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	1
Total Loss.	4	4	4	4	7	30	20	00	7	00	10	00	5	00	10	00	10
No. on Rolls April 30, 5891.	2	2	2	2	9	89	58	00	17	00	54	00	13	00	80	75	132
Amounts Due Lodges on Old Accounts.	2	2	2	2	4	12	8	00	1	00	2	00	1	00	7	28	100
Amts. Due Gr. Lodge on Old Accounts.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	1
Dues on Master Masons.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	1
Fees on Initiation.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	1
Amts. Due Gr. Lodge April 30, 1851.	2	2	2	2	4	12	8	00	1	00	2	00	1	00	7	28	100
No. of Lodge.	2	2	2	2	9	89	58	00	17	00	54	00	13	00	80	75	132

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF

NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Lodge.	ENTERED APPRENTICES.							FELLOW CRAFTS.								
		Gain.			Loss.				No. on Rolls April 30, 5891.	Gain.			Loss.				
		No. May 1, 5890.	By Initiation. Otherwise.	Total.	By Passing. Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	By Other Causes.	Total Loss.		No. May 1, 5890.	By Passing. By Other Causes.	Total.	By Raising. Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	By Other Causes.	Total Loss.	
																	No. on Rolls April 30, 5891.
Mount Nebo	125	6	8	14	5			5	9	5	5	10	7			7	3
Stromsburg	126	1	2	3	2			2	1	2	2	2				2	2
Minden	127	5	5	10	5			2	5	5	5	10	6			6	4
Guide Rock	128	5	2	7	1			1	6	1	1	1	1			1	1
Blue Hill	129	3	5	8	5			5	3	5	5	10	8			8	2
Tuscan	130	2	5	7	6			6	1	6	7	6			6	1	1
Ark and Anchor	131	7		7				7	1	8	1					1	1
Scribner	132	2		2	1			1	1	1	2	1			1	1	1
Elm Creek	133	2	4	6	5			5	1	5	6	4			4	2	2
Solar	134	3	4	7	4			1	3	4	4	3			3	1	1
McCook	135	3	9	12	8			8	4	12	9	6			6	3	3
Long Pine	136	3	4	7	3			3	4	7	3	3			3		
Upright	137	1	0	1	8			5	3	8	5	3			3	2	2
Rawalt	138		8	8	8			8		8	8	8			8		
Clay Centre	139	3	2	5	1			1	4	1	1	1			1		
Western	140	2	1	3					3	2	2	2			2		
Summit	141	4	2	6	4			4	2	4	5	3			3	2	2
Anchor	142	10	4	14	5			5	9	14	6	5			5	1	1
Crescent	143	2		2	1			1	1	1	2	1			1		
Kenesaw	144	6	2	8	1			1	7	2	1	3			2	1	1
Bancroft	145	11	1	12	2	1		3	9	2	2	4	3		3	1	1
Jachin	146	3	4	7	3			3	4	7	4				4	3	3
Siloam	147	1	5	6	6			6		6	6	4			4	2	2
Emmet Crawford	148	5	8	13	5			5	8	2	5	7	4		4	3	3
Jewel	149		2	2	1			1	1	1	1	2	1		1		
Cambridge	150		3	3	1			1	2	1	1	1			1		
Square	151	5	2	7	3			3	4	2	3	5	1		1	4	4
Parallel	152	3	8	11	4	1		5	6	1	4	5	5		5		
Evergreen	153									1	2						2
Lily	154									1	1	1			1		
Hartington	155	7	3	10	1			1	9	4	1	5	4		4	1	1
Pythagoras	156	3	1	4					4								
Valley	157	3	2	5	2			2	3	2	2	2			2		
Samaritan	158	5	5	10	5			5	5	4	5	9	5		5	4	4
Ogallala	159	3	2	5	1			1	4	3	1	4	3		3	1	1
Zeredatha	160	1	1	2					2								
Mount Zion	161	2	1	3	1			1	2	2	1	3	2		2	1	1
Trestle Board	162	1	4	5	3			3	2	3	3	2			2	1	1
Unity	163	3	6	9	6			6	3	2	6	8	5		5	3	3
Atkinson	164	1	6	7	6			6	1	6	6	6			6		
Barneston	165	3	11	14	7			7	7	1	7	8	8		8		
Mystic Tie	166	2	7	9	5			5	4	3	5	8	5		5	3	3
Elwood	167	4	4	8	3			3	1	2	3	5	5		5		
Curtis	168	3	2	5	4			4	1	3	4	7	4		4	3	3
Amity	169	6	10	16	8			8	8	1	8	9	6		6	3	3
Mason City	170		2	2	1			1	1	1	1	2			2		
Merna	171	2	4	6	3			3	3	1	3	4	3		3	1	1
Grafton	172	4	2	6	3			3	3	2	3	5	5		5		
Robert Burns	173	9	6	15	1			1	13	6	1	8	7		7	1	1
Culbertson	174	2	2	4	2			2	2	3	2	5	3		3	2	2
Temple	175		5	5	2			2	3	4	2	6	3		3	3	3
Gladstone	176	4	2	6	3			3	3	1	3	4	2		2	2	2
Hay Springs	177									1		1			1		
Hesperia	178	2	8	10	3			3	7	3	3	3			3		
Prudence	179		1	1	1			1				1	1		1		
Justice	180		3	3	3			3		1	3	4	4		4		
Faith	181	3	4	7	3			3	4	2	3	5	3		3	2	2
Incense	182	5	5	10	8			8	2	1	8	10	10		10		
Alliance	183	2	4	6	5			5	2	1	5	6	4		4	2	2
Bee Hive	184	3	5	8	4			4	4	4	4	8	4	2	4	2	2

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STEP MASTER MASONS.		MASTER MASONS.		GRAND LODGE DEEA, FEES, ETC.							
No. May 1, 5890.	Gain by Suspension.	Total.	Loss.		No. on Rolls April 30, 5891.						
			By Death.	By Expulsion.							
No. May 1, 5890.	By Raising.	By Admission.	Reinstatement.	By Other Causes.	Total.						
						By Demission.	By Death.	By Suspension.	By Expulsion.	By Other Causes.	
Amounts Due Lodges on Old Accounts.		Amts. Due Gr. Lodge on Old Accounts.		Dues on Master Masons.							
Fees on Initiation.		Amts. Due Gr. Lodge April 30, 5891.		No. of Lodge.							
52	7	1	60	3	56	58 75	26 55	53 00	40 00	83 80	125
50	6	3	51	3	48	58 75	25 53	50 00	10 00	47 40	131
43	6	1	52	2	24	52 80	9 00	18 00	25 00	60 89	127
18	1	1	24	4	24	3 60	10 56	20 00	1 00	54 91	124
20	8	1	20	1	29				25 00	51 91	129
35	6	6	41	5	36	25 75	27 85	35 00	25 00	62 10	130
63	2	2	63		63						131
28	1	1	29		27	6 50	14 00	28 00	20 00	35 50	132
24	4	4	24		29	18 44	12 00	24 00	20 00	37 56	133
48	3	2	53		51	34 50	24 00	48 00	20 00	57 50	134
1	1	1	1								135
57	6	5	68	2	66	40 78	29 50	57 00	45 00	90 72	135
20	3	1	32	0	37	27 00	21 84	35 00	20 00	49 84	136
51	8	1	50	1	54	34 00	20 00	20 00	30 00	43 50	137
2	2	2	29		26	19 00	14 00	28 00	10 00	48 50	138
28	1	1	29		26					33 00	139
44	2	2	46	3	43	29 25	32 87	44 00	5 00	52 02	140
16	3	1	20	1	15	10 75	8 55	16 00	10 00	23 80	141
31	5	1	37	1	34	25 25	15 90	31 00	20 00	41 65	142
29	2	2	30		27	31 75	24 50	29 00	10 00	21 75	143
8	8	8	30	4	26	21 20	14 00	28 00	5 00	30 80	144
40	2	2	42		36	8 50	20 55	40 00	5 00	47 05	145
37	4	3	39	6	38	11 44	28 50	30 00	20 00	04 06	146
25	4	4	27	4	27	12 75	12 50	23 00	25 00	40 75	147
61	4	6	61	1	61	42 75	42 75	40 00	40 00	49 35	148
28	1	1	30		30	18 58	14 58	28 00	10 00	33 99	149
40	1	1	41		41	9 75	20 75	40 00	15 00	66 04	150
25	1	1	27		23	30 25	13 82	52 00	10 00	28 07	151
6	6	6	34	2	32	18 50	15 46	28 00	40 00	104 96	152
28	2	2	28		26	13 00	14 00	14 00	.....	10 70	153
26	1	1	27		25	22 25	13 00	28 00	.....	20 70	154
42	4	4	46		46	31 50	21 00	45 00	15 00	46 50	155
23	3	3	23		23	11 00	13 90	28 00	5 00	33 00	156
37	5	5	42		42	18 48	12 50	23 00	10 00	27 02	157
39	3	3	39	8	39	31 50	18 50	35 00	25 00	59 25	158
32	1	1	33		31	6 50	23 00	32 00	5 00	53 50	160
31	2	2	33		30	21 48	15 62	31 00	5 00	30 14	161
1	1	1	34		34	20 17	25 50	31 00	30 00	56 53	162
38	5	4	44		41	28 00	24 45	38 00	30 00	64 45	163
34	6	4	44		40	23 50	17 00	34 00	30 00	57 50	164
17	6	4	26		25	33 50	28 50	17 00	35 00	67 00	165
23	3	3	30		29	10 00	11 43	21 00	35 00	50 52	166
41	6	1	48		41	11 08	14 00	23 00	20 00	43 50	167
2	2	2	1		1	24 54	21 84	41 00	50 00	88 60	169
25			36		25	.....	13 00	28 00	10 00	49 00	170
21	3	2	30		25	3 61	10 50	21 00	20 00	47 80	171
21	5	5	28		22	10 97	10 50	21 00	10 00	30 53	172
23	3	3	28		23	10 00	21 50	23 00	30 00	64 50	173
23	3	3	28		28	4 84	11 50	23 00	10 00	39 66	174
28	3	3	31		31	10 91	14 00	28 00	25 00	50 00	175
22	3	1	35		30	6 75	14 50	29 00	10 00	40 75	176
24	3	1	32		29	13 66	12 00	24 00	40 00	23 54	177
24	3	1	24		23	.....	12 00	24 00	.....	30 46	178
20	1	1	21		19	10 26	21 73	20 00	5 00	30 46	179
27	4	4	32		28	.....	14 50	27 00	15 00	47 40	180
18	3	3	18		18	10 00	19 44	18 00	20 00	47 40	181
33	10	2	45		42	21 50	24 45	33 00	25 00	60 95	182
27	4	2	33		30	10 00	22 50	27 00	30 00	60 50	183
32	4	10	40		45	16 00	22 45	32 00	25 00	63 45	184

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge.	ENTERED APPRENTICES.							FELLOW CRAFTS.												
		Gain.			Loss.				Gain.			Loss.									
		No. May 1, 5890.	By Initiation.	Otherwise.	Total.	By Passing.	Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	By Other Causes.	Total Loss.	No. on Rolls April 30, 5891.	No. May 1, 5890.	By Passing.	By Other Causes.	Total.	By Raising.	Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	By Other Causes.	Total Loss.	No. on Rolls April 30, 5891.
Boaz	185	2	4	6	4	6	4	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1
Plumb	186	6	2	8	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	1
Israel	187	3	3	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	1
Meridian	188	2	10	12	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	12	10	10	10	10	10	10	2
Granite	189	5	7	12	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	11	10	10	10	10	10	10	1
Amethyst	190	6	6	12	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
Crystal	191	1	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1
Minnekadusa	192	3	5	8	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1
Signet	193	7	1	8	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	1
Highland	194	1	9	10	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	1
Arcana	195	5	5	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	1
Level	196	1	4	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	1
Morning Star	197	7	7	14	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	5	5	5	5	5	5	2
Purity	198	5	7	12	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	1
Carleton	U.D.	3	3	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1
Armada	U.D.	1	5	6	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	1
Blazing Star	"	16	16	32	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	1
Scott's Bluff	"	25	25	50	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	1
Golden Sheaf	"	12	12	24	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	1
Roman Eagle	"	14	14	28	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	1
Plainview	U.D.	7	1	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	1
Golden Fleece	"	9	9	18	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	1
Napthali	"	7	7	14	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	1
Parian	"	4	4	8	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1
Grand Secretary's return of extinct lodges		19	5	24	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	1
Bromfield																					
Adams																					
Grand total		1016	781	1714	687	8	9	7	710	1104	341	687	6	1034	695	4	2	2	699	335	

CREDITS AS PER RULE OF THE GRAND LODGE FOR

No. of Lodge.	Amount.	No. of Lodge.	Amount.	No. of Lodge.	Amount.	No. of Lodge.	Amount.
1	\$14 50	30	8 8 00	53	\$21 75	77	\$13 00
2	30 00	31	17 75	54	31 00	78	12 00
3	60 25	32	23 25	55	17 25	79	18 00
4	8 75	33	40 00	56	36 25	81	8 75
5	11 25	34	19 50	58	12 50	82	22 25
6	27 50	35	20 50	59	22 00	83	10 00
9	23 75	36	22 00	60	11 50	84	12 00
10	6 50	37	19 75	61	19 00	85	14 00
11	53 75	38	18 50	62	3 20	86	9 50
12	8 50	39	2 80	63	5 67	87	8 50
13	4 25	40	11 75	64	13 50	88	7 00
14	4 50	41	9 75	65	13 75	89	12 25
15	36 25	42	9 50	66	6 00	90	6 50
17	24 25	43	21 75	67	14 25	91	9 25
19	54 75	44	15 50	68	18 25	92	7 50
21	24 25	45	5 00	70	7 00	93	9 00
23	14 25	46	34 50	72	9 12	94	6 00
25	63 25	47	5 75	73	12 18	96	9 50
26	36 25	49	11 52	74	4 75	97	11 25
27	11 75	50	31 50	75	15 75	98	5 00
29	9 25	51	17 25	76	10 00	99	9 00

NEBRASKA, FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 5891.

SUSP. MASTER MASONS.						MASTER MASONS.						GRAND LODGE DUES, FEES, ETC.																		
No. May 1, 5890.	Gain by Suspension.	Total.	Loss.			No. on Rolls April 30, 5891.	No. May 1, 5890.	Gain.			Loss.			No. on Rolls April 30, 5891.	Amounts due Lodges on Old Accounts.	Amts. Due Gr. Lodge on Old Accounts.	Dues on Master Masons.	Fees on Initiation.	Amts. Due Gr. Lodge April 30, 5891.	No. of Lodge.										
			By Death.	By Expulsion.	Total Loss.			By Raising.	By Admission.	Reinstatement.	By Other Causes.	By Dimission.	By Death.								By Suspension.	By Expulsion.	By Other Causes.							
.....	17	4	1	.....	22	.....	.....	22	9	50	8	50	17	00	20	00	36	00	185						
.....	23	6	2	.....	31	.....	.....	31	8	50	11	50	23	00	10	00	36	00	186						
.....	25	6	2	.....	33	1	.....	32	.....	12	50	25	00	15	00	52	50	36	00	187					
.....	20	10	4	.....	34	3	.....	33	10	00	10	00	20	00	50	00	70	00	188						
.....	32	10	1	.....	43	3	.....	40	16	00	19	14	32	00	35	00	70	14	189						
.....	5	3	14	.....	22	2	.....	20	87	56	79	40	.....	30	00	21	84	36	00	190					
.....	11	4	22	.....	37	.....	.....	37	25	75	82	20	.....	15	00	11	15	36	00	191					
.....	1	4	15	.....	20	.....	.....	20	78	75	79	40	.....	25	00	25	65	36	00	192					
.....	2	7	13	.....	22	.....	.....	22	89	75	88	20	.....	35	00	33	45	36	00	193					
.....	12	5	10	.....	27	.....	.....	27	89	25	79	40	.....	45	00	35	15	36	00	194					
.....	7	5	17	.....	29	.....	.....	29	90	25	79	40	.....	25	00	14	15	36	00	195					
.....	1	3	18	.....	22	.....	.....	22	86	75	79	40	.....	20	00	12	65	36	00	196					
.....	5	5	13	.....	23	.....	.....	23	78	75	79	40	.....	35	00	35	65	36	00	197					
.....	7	7	16	.....	30	.....	.....	30	78	75	79	40	.....	35	00	35	65	36	00	198					
.....	3	3	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	6	7	50	.....	.....	15	00	7	50	.....	.....	C						
.....	6	3	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	9	10	50	.....	.....	25	00	14	50	.....	.....	A						
.....	15	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	15	34	25	34	15	.....	80	00	79	90	.....	.....	B S					
.....	22	.....	.....	.....	22	.....	.....	22	25	75	33	52	.....	125	00	132	77	.....	.....	S B					
.....	8	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	8	33	50	26	19	.....	60	00	52	60	.....	.....	G S					
.....	12	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	12	34	25	28	34	.....	70	00	64	09	.....	.....	R E					
.....	9	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	9	33	75	27	06	.....	35	00	28	31	.....	.....	P					
.....	7	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	7	25	75	25	75	.....	45	00	45	00	.....	.....	G F					
.....	7	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	7	25	75	25	75	.....	35	00	35	00	.....	.....	N					
.....	4	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	4	25	75	44	10	.....	20	00	38	35	.....	.....	P					
25	25	25	25	25	25	87	.....	8	95	10	.....	10	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	G S	
.....	6	.....	.....	6	6	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	2	.....	.....	2	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1066	269	1335	59	12	7	78	1257	9282	695	1507	59	10	10553	458	86	265	18	9	836	9717	6674	75	6139	94	9064	00	3905	00	12434	19

GENERAL CORRECTNESS AND PROMPT TRANSMITTAL.

No. of Lodge.	Amount.	No. of Lodge.	Amount.	No. of Lodge.	Amount.	No. of Lodge.	Amount.
100	\$13 00	125	\$13 00	148	\$15 25	171	\$5 25
101	14 00	126	12 50	149	3 08	172	5 25
102	11 25	127	8 17	150	10 00	173	5 75
103	12 25	128	4 50	151	6 25	174	3 91
104	16 75	129	5 00	152	7 00	175	2 62
105	7 75	130	8 75	153	7 00	176	7 25
106	10 50	132	7 00	154	6 50	177	6 00
108	4 75	133	5 28	155	9 66	178	6 00
110	13 25	134	12 00	156	6 18	180	6 75
111	16 00	135	14 25	157	5 75	182	8 25
112	9 00	136	8 75	158	8 51	183	6 75
113	10 50	137	5 00	159	9 75	184	8 00
114	8 25	138	12 75	160	8 00	185	4 25
115	5 50	139	7 00	161	7 75	186	5 75
117	8 25	140	11 00	163	9 50	187	6 25
118	8 75	141	4 00	164	8 50	188	2 80
119	9 25	142	7 75	165	4 25	189	8 00
120	13 00	143	7 25	166	7 50	.....	.....
121	13 00	144	7 00	168	3 36	.....	.....
122	8 75	145	10 00	169	6 97	.....	.....
124	9 75	147	6 25	170	6 50	.....	.....
						\$2,075 18	

Fraternally submitted,

ELEN K. LONG,
Chairman.

Bro.:Sudborough, 25, made the following report, and presented the distinguished visitor, who made fitting reply to his welcome by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge:

To the Grand Lodge:

Your committee on Visiting Brethren takes great pleasure in presenting R.:W.:Bro.:Samuel Dunn, Past Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, a brother whom we have found by association to possess the true spirit of fellowship and brotherly love.

Bro.:Ehrhardt, 41, submitted a report from the committee on Credentials, the reading of which was, on motion, suspended; the report as finally submitted was as follows:

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

Your committee on Credentials report that we find the following Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and Representatives of subordinate lodges of Nebraska present:

GRAND OFFICERS.

M.:W.:ROBERT E. FRENCH.....	Grand Master.
R.:W.:BRADNER D. SLAUGHTER	Deputy Grand Master.
R.:W.:SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON	Grand Senior Warden.
R.:W.:LEWIS A. KENT	Grand Junior Warden.
R.:W.:CHRISTIAN HARTMAN.....	Grand Treasurer.
R.:W.:WILLIAM R. BOWEN	Grand Secretary.
W.:ANDREW R. GRAHAM	Grand Orator.
R.:W.:LEE P. GILLETTE (P.:D.:G.:M.:)....	Grand Custodian.
W.:FRANCIS E. WHITE	Grand Marshal.
W.:HENRY H. WILSON	Grand Senior Deacon.
W.:GEORGE E. HAWKINS	Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro.:JACOB KING.....	Grand Tiler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.:W.:ROBERT C. JORDAN	Past Grand Master.
M.:W.:DANIEL H. WHEELER	Past Grand Master.
M.:W.:WILLIAM E. HILL	Past Grand Master.
M.:W.:MARTIN DUNHAM	Past Grand Master.
M.:W.:GEORGE W. LININGER.....	Past Grand Master.
M.:W.:JAMES A. TULLEYS.....	Past Grand Master.
M.:W.:JAMES R. CAIN	Past Grand Master.
M.:W.:SAMUEL W. HAYES	Past Grand Master.
M.:W.:MANOAH B. REESE.....	Past Grand Master.
M.:W.:CHARLES K. COUTANT	Past Grand Master.
M.:W.:GEORGE B. FRANCE	Past Grand Master.
M.:W.:JOHN J. MERCER	Past Grand Master.
R.:W.:HENRY BROWN.....	Past Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. LEE P. GILLETTE Past Deputy Grand Master.
 R. W. ELIAS H. CLARK Past Deputy Grand Master.

REPRESENTATIVES.

LODGE.	No.	MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Nebraska	1	Joseph R. Stafford.	Rowland W. Bailey	John L. Meyer
Western Star	2	Herbert C. Freeman		*James Reed
Capitol	3	George M. Nattinger	*William Cleburne	*Leve't M. Anderson
Nemaha Valley	4	William J. Jones		
Omadi	5	*Lewis A. Hart		
Plattsmouth	6	Velosco V. Leonard		
Falls City	9	Charles F. Cain		
Solomon	10	Edwin N. Grenell	J. William Wulff	
Covert	11	Charles P. Southard	*Napoleon B. Apple	Samuel J. Boden
Nebraska City	12	James W. Chaddock		
Orient	13	*John R. Jones		
Peru	14	*Charles F. Neal	Charles F. Neal	B. Frank Neal
Fremont	15	Peter D. Denney	George A. Story	
Tecumseh	17	George D. Bennett		Warren H. Holmes
Lincoln	19	Henry H. Wilson	*Alex. H. Hutton	Lore'zo D. Woodruff
Washington	21	Edward C. Jackson	William H. Eller	
Pawnee	23	Joseph L. Edwards		
Saint Johns	25	Thos. K. Sudborough	Frank S. Hayes	William W. Keysor.
Beatrice	26	Monroe C. Steele		
Jordan	27	*William E. Krause.		
Hope	29	James A. Titus		
Blue River	30	Alfred Hiller		
Platte Valley	32	Frank E. Bullard		
Ashlar	33	Charles F. Rollins	*Eli A. Barnes	
Acacia	34	William D. Fletcher	*Charles C. Cannon	*Sylvanus C. Weber.
Fairbury	35	Hiram B. Leonard		
Oliver	38	Frank G. Simmons		
Papillion	39	Edgar Howard		
Humboldt	40	Peter W. Hays		
Northern Light	41	John A. Ehrhardt		
Juniata	42	Enos J. Hanchett		
Hebron	43	James Dinsmore		
Harvard	44	*Cleveland W. Mills		
Palmyra	45	John O. Moore.		
Rob Morris	46	*George W. Kern		
Salem	47	Joshua Vandervort		
Evening Star	49	George H. VanDuyne	*James B. Dinsmore	*Albert K. Marsh
Hastings	50	D. M. McElhinney.	Abijah R. VanSickle	
Fidelity	51	Geo. W. Osterhout.	*Thornton B. Myers	*Daniel E. Coleman.
Hiram	52	Peter Hammang		
Charity	53	Charles W. Bronson	*James A. Tulleys	*James A. Tulleys
Lancaster	54	*Henry A. Guild	Landy C. Clark	*William M. Ogler
Mosaic	55	Delavan A. Holmes	Ernest H. Tracy	*George T. Sprecker
York	56	George E. Chilcote.		
Mount Moriah	57		Othniel Horne	
Lebanon	58	Cha'cev H. Sheldon	Gustavus B. Spiece	
Wahoo	59	*Mason L. Ellsworth	*Harmon Gilkerson	Abra'm A. Cressman
Melrose	60	John A. Ellis		
Thistle	61	John F. Kutz		Orange Scott
Keystone	62	William U. Biggart.		
Riverton	63	Willis P. Fulton		
Blue Valley	64	James S. Shackleton	*Joseph H. Grimm	N B. Hayden
Osceola	65	Levi L. Snider		
Livingstone	66	*Edwin R. Spencer		Edwin Champion
Edgar	67	Samuel W. Christy	John Whitten	
Aurora	68	Myron T. Wildish		
Sterling	70	Thos. B. Renshaw	William Kneeland	
Trowel	71	Harry B. Hauser	*Carl Roben	*Nelson D. Jackson.
Hooper	72	*James H. Caldwell		
Friend	73	*James M. Peck		
Frank Welch	75	James J. McIntosh.		
Joppa	76	*William E. Hatch	*Ed. H. Marshall	*James P. A. Black
Nelson	77			*Jacob Ritterbush
Albion	78	Arthur W. Ladd		

* Proxy.

LODGE.	No.	MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Geneva.....	79	Jacob L. Honchin..		Mark Butler.....
Composite.....	81	Lucius A. Warren..		
Saint Paul.....	82	*Collin E. Forbes..		
Corinthian.....	83	Cyrus E. Hunter....		Herbert P. Shumway
Fairfield.....	84	John C. Hedge.....		
Tyre.....	85	William W. Wright..		
Douiphan.....	86	Martin Ennis.....		
Ionic.....	87	*Benjamin Chambers		
Star.....	88	*Henry C. Mellirron	Thomas R. Ashley	
Cedar River.....	89	Thomas C. Reid....	Davis W. Randolph	*Henry E. Knapp..
Hubbell.....	92		Andrew F. Agnew..	
Beaver City.....	93	*Nathaniel M. Ayers		*Joseph S. Phebus..
Bennett.....	94	*Daniel H. Harris..		
Garfield.....	95	*Albert L. Towle....		
Utica.....	96	Joseph Jones.....		
Shelton.....	99	*Ambrose H. Morris.		
Ponca.....	101	Alfred E. Barnes..		
Waterloo.....	102	George W. Hill....		Herbert M. Puffer..
Ord.....	103	Charles B. Coffin..	John C. Work.....	
Wymore.....	104	A. Edward Winter..		Oliver P. Newbranch
Stella.....	105		Joseph A. W. Hull..	
Porter.....	106		*Joseph S. Pedler..	
Steele City.....	107		Joshua Robertson..	
Table Rock.....	108	J. Finley Kemper..		
Arapahoe.....	109	*John H. Mooney....		
Pomegranate.....	110	Richard E. Butler..		
DeWitt.....	111		Albert Thomas....	William H. Leacock
Springfield.....	112	John T. Saxon.....		
Globe.....	113	*William E. Kimball		
Wisner.....	114	Frank C. Evans....		
Brainard.....	115	John T. McKnight..		John T. Russell....
Hardy.....	117	James H. Fair.....		
Doric.....	118	William Freedell..		
North Bend.....	119	*Michael Dowling..		
Wayne.....	120		Fremont L. Neeley..	
Superior.....	121		Albert Curtis....	
Jasper.....	122			William H. Bock...
Indianola.....	123		Jacob H. Berge...	
Auburn.....	124	*David Campbell..		
Mount Nebo.....	125	*Norris A. Williams.		*James M. Kennedy
Stromsburg.....	126	George S. Osborne..	Jay C. Green.....	John L. Johnson...
Minden.....	127	Rush H. Palmer....		
Guide Rock.....	128		*Isaac B. Hampton..	*Isaac B. Hampton..
Blue Hill.....	129	*Ira O. Martin.....	Jno. W. C. Thurman	*Wm. A. Garrison...
Tuscan.....	130	George H. Miller..		
Ark and Anchor.....	+131			
Scribner.....	132	James Booth.....		
Elm Creek.....	133	*William A. Lawson		
Solar.....	134	Ethel A. Richardson		
McCook.....	135	*Samuel L. Green..		
Long Pine.....	136	Chas. C. McPherson	Edw. W. VanHousen	
Upright.....	137	James M. Barclay..		
Rawalt.....	138	Wm. T. Hamilton..		
Clay Centre.....	139	Herman E. Stein..		
Western.....	140	*James C. Doane...		
Summit.....	141	Isaac H. Claggett..		
Anchor.....	142	Eaton S. Sears....	*Nathan' l K. Redlow	Henry E. Davis....
Crescent.....	143		Albert P. Brink...	
Bancroft.....	145	*Thomas M. Senter..		
Jachin.....	146	James I. Rhea.....	*George P. Rhea...	
Siloam.....	147			James A. Rice....
Emmet Crawford.....	148	Alpha Morgan.....		*John H. Thompson
Jewel.....	149	Alex. M. Babcock..	Eugene E. Leet...	
Cambridge.....	150	Nathan Fodrea....		
Square.....	151	John M. Hixson....		
Parallel.....	152	Robert H. Kirby....	*Edgar E. Hardin..	Charles H. Palmer..
Evergreen.....	153	James M. Alden....		
Lily.....	154	Adelbert D. Pierce.		
Pythagoras.....	156		DeWitt L. Cramer..	
Samaritan.....	158	*Parm. M. Pritchard	Albert L. Miller....	*Albert W. Crites...
Ogalalla.....	159	Edwin M. Searle..		
Zeredatha.....	160	Walter C. Parker..		

* Proxy. + Charter arrested.

LODGE.	No.	MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Mount Zion	161	*Charles Krumback		
Trestle Board	162		Benjamin F. Bailey	
Unity	163		John F. Polk	
Atkinson	164	Jacob Smith	*James L. McDonald	
Barneston	165		Allison G. Keys	Almon L. Cook, Jr.
Elwood	167	Burton L. Chambers		
Curtis	168	James W. Ridgway		
Amity	169		James M. Baker	
Mason City	170		Andrew B. Johnston	
Merna	171	Isaac A. Coleman		
Grafton	172	*Joseph Franz		
Robert Burns	173		Benjamin F. Noll	
Culbertson	174	*William C. Bullard		
Temple	175	Elijah Filley		
Gladstone	176		Clark J. Stevens	Edw'd L. Cleveland
Hay Springs	177	Madison Finch		
Hesperia	178		Rud'h B. Campbell	
Prudence	179	*John W. Byington		
Justice	180	John R. King		
Faith	181	Leroy Hall		
Incense	182	Morris Thomas		
Alliance	183		Thomas D. Shurtz	
Bee Hive	184	Edm'd C. Haywood	*Charles C. Stanley	Ornon B. Tubbs
Boaz	185		Foster G. Stilgebauer	
Plumb	186	*George H. Prime		
Israel	187	*George W. Lord		
Meridian	188		Curtis Ralston	
Granite	189		John Reddy	
Amethyst	190	*Sebas'n E. Douglass		
Crystal	191	John T. Price		
Minnekadusa	192			*William T. Bullis
Signet	193	George L. Allen		*Harry P. Benedict
Highland	194	James J. Bridges	Luther C. Kurtz	
Arcana	195	Charles H. Johnson	Charles E. Hoffman	
Level	196	Wm. H. Willmuth		
Morning Star	197		Samuel C. Oaks	Josiah Locke
Purity	198	*Chas. A. Towell		

* Proxy.

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

Alabama	Bro. JAMES W. CHADDUCK, 12.
Arkansas	Bro. SAMUEL W. HAYES, 55.
Colorado	Bro. CHARLES J. PHELPS, 34.
Connecticut	Bro. SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON, 17.
District of Columbia	Bro. BRADNER D. SLAUGHTER, 89.
England	Bro. GEORGE W. LININGER, 3.
Florida	Bro. LEE P. GILLETTE, 19.
Idaho	Bro. JAMES A. TULLEYS, 53.
Indian Territory	Bro. JAMES M. KENNEDY, 125.
Iowa	Bro. JOHN J. MERCER, 4.
Louisiana	Bro. ALBERT W. CRITES, 158.
Michigan	Bro. DANIEL H. WHEELER, 1.
Missouri	Bro. GEORGE B. FRANCE, 56.
Montana	Bro. CHARLES F. GOODMAN, 3.
Nevada	Bro. ROBERT C. JORDAN, 33.
New Brunswick	Bro. JOHN J. MERCER, 4.
New Jersey	Bro. JAMES R. CAIN, 9.

North Dakota.....	Bro. JOHN A. EHRHARDT, 41.
Pennsylvania.....	Bro. WILLIAM R. BOWEN, 3.
Prince Edward's Island.....	Bro. GEORGE E. WHITMAN, 138.
South Carolina.....	Bro. FRANK E. BULLARD, 32.
South Dakota.....	Bro. MANOAH B. REESE, 59.
Tennessee.....	Bro. FRANCIS E. WHITE, 6.
Texas.....	Bro. MARTIN DUNHAM, 3.
Utah.....	Bro. ROBERT E. FRENCH, 46.
Vermont.....	Bro. WILLIAM R. BOWEN, 3.
Virginia.....	Bro. WILLIAM E. HILL, 2.
Wisconsin.....	Bro. GEORGE E. HAWKINS, 26.

JOHN A. EHRHARDT, 41,
 JAMES W. CHADDUCK, 12,
 MONROE C. STEELE, 26,
 JOHN F. KUTZ, 61,
 CHAS. H. PALMER, 147,

Committee on Credentials.

The following standing committees, appointed April 8, 5891, were announced, vacancies being filled :

On Visiting Brethren—Bros. Thomas K. Sudborough, 25; Charles P. Southard, 11; George M. Nattinger, 3; Joseph R. Stafford, 1; and Edmund C. Haywood, 184.

On Credentials—Bros. John A. Ehrhardt, 41; James W. Chadduck, 12; Monroe C. Steele, 26; John F. Kutz, 61; and Rush H. Palmer, 127.

On Accounts—Bros. Lewis M. Rheem, 3; James Dinsmore, 43; Charles F. Cain, 9; and Joseph L. Edwards, 23.

On Charters and Dispensations—Bros. George E. Whitman, 138; Jacob L. Houchin, 79; Charles F. Rollins, 33; Charles B. Coffin, 103; and William H. Johnson, 172.

On Foreign Correspondence—Bros. William R. Bowen, 3; Charles J. Phelps, 34, and Frank E. Bullard, 32.

On By-Laws of Chartered Lodges—Bros. Edward C. Jackson, 21; James P. A. Black, 76; and George D. Bennett, 17.

On Ways and Means—Bros. John B. Dinsmore, 49; Alpha Morgan, 148; Edward N. Boyd, 124; John O. Moore, 45 and Charles W. Bronson, 53;

On Relief—Bros. David M. McElHinney, 50; William Cleburne, 3; George E. Whitman, 138 and Charles H. Johnson, 195.

On Grievances—Bros. Charles J. Phelps, 34; Arthur W. Ladd, 78; George D. Meiklejohn, 89; William A. Randall, 84 and Delavan A. Holmes, 55.

On Unfinished Business—Bros. Peter D. Denney, 15; George E. Chilcote, 56; Chauncey H. Sheldon, 58 and James S. Shackelton, 64.

On Pay Roll—Bros. Frank E. Bullard, 32; Edwin M. Searle, 159; Samuel W. Christy, 67; James J. McIntosh, 75 and Edwin G. Cook, 89.

On Jurisprudence—The Past Grand Masters present, with M.:W.: Bro.: John J. Mercer, chairman.

On Returns—Bros.: Eben K. Long, 11; George W. Hill, 102 and Velosco V. Leonard, 6.

On Codification of the Law—Bros.: Frank H. Young, 148; and George P. Rhea, 146.

On Doings of Grand Officers—Bros.: Daniel H. Wheeler, Sr., 1; David M. McElhinney, 50; George B. France, 56; and Albert W. Crites, 158.

The Grand Custodian, R.:W.: Lee P. Gillette, P.:D.:G.: M.:, made the following supplemented report :

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

I fraternally call the attention of this Grand Lodge to the propriety of establishing a more uniform system of conferring the degree of Past Master, and of keeping the records and reports of conferring same, upon the Masters elect.

Fraternally,

LEE P. GILLETTE,

Grand Custodian.

Bro.: Wheeler, 1, presented the following report from the committee on Doings of Grand Officers, which was adopted :

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

Your committee on Doings of Grand Officers have examined the several reports of your Grand Officers referred to us for consideration, and respectfully make the following recommendations :

1. That so much of the report of the M.:W.: Grand Master as relates to new lodges created, be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

2. That so much of said report as relates to special dispensations, not including those for the formation of new lodges, be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

3. That so much of said report as relates to decisions made by the M.:W.: Grand Master during his term of office, be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

4. That so much of said report as relates to the rehabilitation of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

5. That so much of said report as relates to the accident which befell Bro. L. O. Secrist of Hebron Lodge, No. 43, be referred to a special committee consisting of three brethren. [Bros.: Sudborough, 25, Black, 76, and Kennedy, 125, were appointed.]

6. That so much of said report as relates to the charter of Salem Lodge, No. 47, be referred to the committee on Grievances.

7. That so much of said report as relates to the proceedings of Ark and Anchor Lodge, No. 131, against John C. Sullivan be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

8. That so much of said report as relates to the condition of the Craft, to the condition of lodges and lodge records, and to the proficiency of lodge officers be referred to a special committee consisting of three brethren. [Bros.: Marshall, 76, Simmons, 38, and Hansen, 71, were appointed.]

9. That so much of said report as relates to charity dispensed by or under the direction of the Grand Master be referred to a special committee consisting of three brethren. [Bros.: Apple, 11, Stafford, 1, and Grimm, 64, were appointed as the *special* committee on Relief.]

10. That so much of said report as relates to the Nebraska Masonic Home, be referred to the committee on Relief.

11. That so much of said report as relates to Parian Lodge U. D. be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

12. That so much of said report as relates to the affairs of Waco Lodge No. 80 [extinct] be referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

13. That so much of said report as relates to the publication of a Black Book, be referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

14. That so much of said report as relates to official visitations, be approved.

15. That so much of said report as relates to irregular proceedings on trials, be referred to the committee on Grievances.

16. That so much of said report as relates to our fraternal dead, be referred to a special committee of three brethren. [Bros.: Martin, 46, Finch, 177, and Freeman, 2, were appointed.]

17. That so much of said report as relates to the Orphans Educational Fund, and the annual report and statement of the trustees of said fund be referred to a special committee of three brethren, with instructions to report suitable amendments to the Grand Lodge by-laws in relation thereto, which said amendments, by unanimous consent, shall stand for immediate consideration. [Bros.: Crites, 158, White, 6, and France, 56, were appointed.]

18. That the recommendations Nos. 1 to 5 of the Grand Master be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

19. That so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as relates to appropriations, receipts and disbursements, together with the report of the Grand Treasurer, be referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

20. That the recommendation of the Grand Secretary relative to stamping books, be referred to a special committee of three brethren. [Bros.: Bullard, 32, White, 6, and Steele, 26, were appointed.]

21. That so much of said report as relates to printing names of members of constituent lodges, and also the printing of the report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence be referred to the committee on Ways and Means, with the instruction to make suitable provision for such publication.

22. That the report of the Grand Custodian be approved.

23. That the supplemental report of the Grand Custodian be referred to a special committee of three brethren, of which the Grand Custodian shall be Chairman. [Bros.: Gillette, 19, Rhca, 146, and Wildich, 68, were appointed.]

Bro.:Ehrhardt, 41, presented the case of a brother who had come to the Grand Lodge without a proxy, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to telegraph his lodge for his credentials.

Bro.:Rheem, 3, made the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge :

Your committee on Accounts beg leave to report that we have examined the M.:W.:Grand Master's statement of office expenses for year and find that he has received moneys as follows, to wit:

From dispensations.....	\$450 00	
From Grand Treasurer—for clerk hire authorized by appropriation of Grand Lodge, 1890.....	500 00	
Total receipts.....	\$950 00	
He has expended		
For clerk hire.....	\$500 20	
For express, postage and telegraphing.....	63 13	
For printing and stationery.....	112 75	
For railroad and hotel fare.....	199 13	
		\$875 21
On account relief fund for postage and stationery.....	4 00	
For railroad and hotel fare.....	65 90	
		69 90
Total expenses.....	\$945 11	
Check of Bro.:R. E. French payable to Bro.:Wm. R. Bowen <i>personally</i> to balance.....	4 89	

Your committee on Accounts finds that it has been the custom for the different Grand Masters to collect funds for the issuance of special dispensations and to retain the same to pay their expenses during their term of office, making a settlement at the end of the year. And that it has been the custom for the Grand Secretary to issue receipts to the lodges, paying the money for dispensations to the Grand Master. Under this system the accounts are not fully adjusted until the end of each year. Your committee are of the opinion that all money collected for dispensations should be sent to the Grand Secretary by the lodge asking for the dispensation and that an appropriation should be made to cover the expenses of the Grand Master; and we recommend that the sum of \$300.00 be appropriated for the expenses of the Grand Master for the ensuing year. The \$450.00 collected by the Grand Master for dispensations belongs to the General Fund. Out of this amount the Grand Master has paid \$375.21 properly chargeable to the General Fund. He has also paid \$69.90 properly chargeable to the Relief Fund. In order to adjust the funds of these accounts we recommend that an order for \$69.90 be drawn on the Relief Fund in favor of the General Fund.

We have also examined the relief account of the Grand Master in connection with the Relief Committee and find that he has received from the Relief Fund through the Grand Treasurer the sum of.....\$620 20
That he transferred to the Relief Committee 604 60

Leaving in his hands\$ 15 60
For which amount he has given this committee his check in favor of the Grand Secretary.

We have examined the report of the Relief Committee, Bro. D. M. McElHinney, chairman, and find that Bro. McElHinney has received
From the Grand Treasurer\$3,413 44
And from the Grand Master..... 604 60

Making a total of.....\$4,018 04

In the Relief Fund account on the books of the Grand Secretary it is shown that but \$3412.64 was issued to Bro. McElHinney direct, as in payment of a draft for \$500.80 an order for \$500.00 only was drawn, but Bro. McElHinney says he received \$500.80 on his draft:

We find an error of one dollar, [\$1.00] in the footing of a bill for goods purchased from D. M. Steele & Co., of Omaha, said bill being footed \$126.12 and the order being drawn for that amount; the correct footing of the bill is \$125.12 which makes the footings of Bro. McElHinney's credit account \$4017.04 instead of \$4018.04, as shown by him. We recommend that this bill of D. M. Steele & Co., be referred to the member of the committee who made the purchase of D. M. Steele & Co., to obtain from them a refund of \$1.00, and that the same when collected be paid to the Grand Secretary and placed in the Relief Fund.

In the distribution account of the committee we find two errors, one of \$10.00 in the footing of the amount issued to members of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 173. The amount entered in record being \$587.77. It should be \$597.77. Also an error of 80 cents in the amount of Bro. J. C. Lafferty of Boaz Lodge, No 185, the amount entered on the report being \$68.22. It should be \$67.42. This makes the total amount distributed by the Special Relief Committee as follows, to wit:

Expended for Relief	\$3,877 10
Printing, etc.....	7 35
Postage	4 50
D. M. McElHinney's expense account	66 59
Geo. E. Whitman "	93 73
C. A. Luce "	8 40

Total.....\$4,057 57

So that the committee has distributed \$40.53 worth more of goods than came into their hands by purchase or donation. The relief committee cannot explain this overplus, and the only way your committee on Accounts can explain it is that it is a new miracle of the "Loaves and Fishes," but the committee on Relief took up none of the fragments.

The committee also made an error in including the amount of \$71.00 disbursed by the Grand Master for his expenses in their report, as that is accounted for in a report from him.

With the exception of the few errors mentioned, the report of the committee is a model for future committees in like work to follow, it being complete even to the smallest details; and your committee on Accounts heartily recommend that the sincere thanks of the Grand Lodge be given to the brethren who have been members of this committee and especially to Bro. McElhinney, its chairman.

Your committee further report that we have examined the expense account of the Grand Custodian and find the same correct and that there is a balance due him of \$9.35; and we recommend that a warrant be drawn in his favor for that amount.

Your committee further report that we have examined the following bills, found the same correct and recommend that warrants be drawn for the same: Rees Printing Co., 400 copies reports of Grand Officers and Grand

Master's address\$130 44
John S. Caulfield, stationery for use of Grand Lodge at this session. 22 40

The Grand Treasurer addressed the Grand Lodge, stating his apprehension that the brethren did not know the financial status of the Grand Lodge, which would be without funds in ten days after the close of this annual communication.

Bro. Ehrhardt, 41, duly seconded, offered the following amendment to the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska; unanimous consent being given for its immediate consideration, the amendment was adopted :

Amend Par. 4, Sec. 1, By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, to read as follows:

Strike out "Credential" in first line, "By-Laws of Chartered Lodges" in second line, "Ways and Means" in the second and third lines, so that said paragraph will read as follows :

4. The committee on Accounts, Charters and Dispensations, Grievances, Jurisprudence, and Doings of Grand Officers, shall be convened one day in advance of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and any of the standing committees may, in the discretion of the Grand Master, be convened one or more days in advance of the annual communication. The committees shall receive the same mileage and per diem as its representatives in Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. Ehrhardt, 41, it was agreed that the expensive blank reports for the committee on Credentials, for

several years furnished at the request of that committee, be dispensed with, and that the old system be resumed.

The Grand Lodge was now called to refreshment until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 5891.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, M.:W.:Robert E. French presiding.

Bro.:Charles J. Phelps, 34, made the following report, which was concurred in :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska .

Your committee on Grievances beg leave to submit the following report:

1st. In the matter of the petition of George Benson, for restitution to the rights and privileges of masonry, Covert Lodge, No. 11, from which he was expelled, having, by resolution unanimously adopted, at a regular meeting of said lodge, concurred in his petition and recommended his reinstatement.

We recommend that the prayer of said petition be granted.

2d. In the matter of the petition of Frederick Barker, for restitution to the rights and privileges of masonry, Nemaha Valley Lodge, No. 4, from which he was expelled, having by a unanimous vote, recommended his reinstatement.

We recommend that the prayer of said petition be granted.

3d. In the matter of the petition of John W. Tew, for restitution to the rights and privileges of masonry, said petition having received the recommendation of Washington Lodge, No. 21, from which he was expelled.

We recommend that the prayer of said petition be granted.

An invitation to lay the foundation stone of the Cass county court house, at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on June 29, 5891, was on motion accepted.

The invitation of the Masonic Temple Craft, of Omaha, to hold our next annual communication in Freemasons Hall, Omaha, was on motion accepted.

The Grand Secretary was, on motion, requested to have the charter of Nebraska City Lodge, No. 12, retraced, the original writing having faded.

The Grand Treasurer announced that he had received nine hundred dollars (\$900) from the Grand Secretary, May 25, 91, which the Grand Treasurer failed to credit to the Grand Lodge, and asked permission to hand his check for that sum to the committee on Accounts.

A request from Parallel Lodge, No. 152, for a new charter, to replace the one destroyed by fire, was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The petitions of Oliver Lodge, No. 38, Wahoo, No. 59, Melrose, No. 60, and Purity, No. 198, for remission of the relief assessment were referred to the special committee on Relief; the similar request from Indianola Lodge, No. 123, was referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following brethren to fill the special committees raised :

On the Orphan Educational Fund—Bro. Crites, 158; White, 6; and France, 56.

On Bro. L—O. Secrist, 43—Bro. Sudborough, 25; Black, 76, and Kennedy, 125.

On Conditions of Lodge Records—Bros. Marshall, 76; Simmons, 38; and Hauser, 71.

On the Fraternal Dead—Bros. Martin, 46; Finch, 177; and Freeman, 2.

Special Committee on Relief—Bros. Apple, 11; Stafford, 1; and Grimm, 64.

On Supplementary Report of the Grand Custodian—Bros. Gillette, 19; Rhea, 146; and Wildish, 68.

On Stamping Books in Grand Lodge Library—Bros. Bullard, 32; White, 6; and Steele, 26.

Bro. Wheeler, chairman of the committee on Doings of Grand Officers, asked that Bro. Gibbons, 46, a member of that committee, be excused from attendance at the Grand Lodge, which was so ordered.

Bro.:McElHinney, 50, chairman of the standing committee on Relief, stated that he deemed it unnecessary to present in Grand Lodge a detailed report of the work of his committee, same having been placed in the hands of the committee on Accounts, which latter committee would present a summary of relief operations.

The Grand Treasurer suggested that the committee on Pay Roll be instructed to go to work, and that if its members are not present a new committee be appointed.

The Grand Master appointed Bro.:Edwin G. Cook, 89, to fill a vacancy in the committee on Pay Roll.

Bro.:Cleburne, 3, presented the following report from the standing committee on Relief, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge :

The Relief Committee, to whom was submitted the portion of the Grand Master's address having reference to the Nebraska Masonic Home, have had the same under consideration and would say that the facts presented to them are not sufficiently complete to allow them to make any recommendations in the matter at present. They believe that further time and information are necessary to enable the Grand Lodge to act intelligently in the premises and that in the meantime the matter can be safely left in the hands of the directors of the Home and the Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge now took a recess and resumed labor with R.:W.:Bro.:Bradner D. Slaughter, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

Bro.:Apple, 11, made report from the special committee on Relief, recommending that the balance of relief assessment due from Oliver Lodge No. 38 and Purity Lodge No. 198 be remitted. The report was adopted.

Bro.:Apple, 11, made further report from the special committee on Relief, recommending that the memorial from Lancaster Lodge No. 54 be referred to the committee on Grievances. The matter was so referred.

Bro.:Phelps, 34, thereupon presented the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your committee on Grievances, to which the protest of Lancaster Lodge, No. 54 against the assessment for the relief of our distressed brethren in the drouth stricken districts of this Grand Jurisdiction was referred, beg leave to report :

That in its judgment said assessment was within the lawful authority of the Grand Master.

We therefore recommend that his said action be approved.

Bro.: Jackson, 21, made the following report, which was concurred in :

To the Grand Lodge :

We, your committee on By-Laws of Chartered Lodges beg leave to report that we have examined the proposed amendment to Article I of the By-Laws of Solomon Lodge, No. 10, of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, and find that the same is not in conflict with the constitution or any by-law of this Grand Lodge; and we recommend that said proposed amendment of said by-law be approved.

Bro.: Whitman, 138, made report as follows, which was adopted :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Having carefully considered so much of the Grand Master's address as was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations, would recommend that the same be adopted, and that we further recommend that the statement of petitioners, as found on page 7 [315] of the Grand Master's address, or similar thereto, hereafter accompany each petition for dispensation.

Bro.: Davidson, 17, presented the following query; and the following report thereon of the committee on Jurisprudence was adopted :

Query: A petitioner was elected to receive the Entered Apprentice degree in Nemaha Valley Lodge, No. 4, on February 16, 1866; afterwards, but before the degree was conferred, permission was granted by Nemaha Valley Lodge, No. 4, to Tecumseh Lodge, No. 17, "to receive the petition," he having been balloted for in Nemaha Valley Lodge, and the ballot found clear. Afterwards when the ballot was spread in Tecumseh Lodge, No. 17, the petitioner was "blackballed." On three different applications by lodges to whom the petitioner has since applied for initiation within whose jurisdiction he has since resided, the petitioner has been blackballed by Tecumseh Lodge, No. 17. The petitioner is a man of high standing and a minister of the Gospel. Under above statement of facts, the petitioner now residing within the jurisdiction of another lodge, is it necessary to receive the unanimous

consent of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 17, before the lodge within whose jurisdiction he now resides can receive the petition and confer the degrees upon this petitioner?

To M. W. Grand Lodge :

Your committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the inquiry of R. W. Grand Senior Warden, relative to jurisdiction of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 17, respectfully report:

That a lodge having acquired jurisdiction in a lawful manner by petition retains the same until voluntarily surrendered. The petitioner becomes its material and its consent must be had before any other lodge can entertain a petition from him.

Bro. Rheem, 3, made the following report from the committee on Accounts, which report was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge :

Your committee on Accounts would report that we have examined the accounts of the R. W. Grand Secretary, and find the same correct with the following exception: An error of ten cents in posting receipt No. 2626, given to Hay Springs Lodge, No. 177, for \$23.34; the receipt was posted in the account of that lodge as \$23.24, showing the indebtedness of the lodge to be ten cents, whereas, the account should be balanced.

There was remitted to the Grand Secretary, from all sources, and credited to the General Fund\$17,023 81
Of this amount..... 4,951 45
belongs in the Relief Fund and was so transferred by the Grand Secretary.

The amount to be transferred from the General Fund to the Relief Fund was determined in the following manner:

DONATIONS.

From Orient Chapter, No. 18, R. A. M.	\$ 25 00
From Grand Chapter of Nebraska, R. A. M.	1,000 00
From Grand Chapter, Order Eastern Star	44 25

Total donations	1,069 25
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Assessment of fifty cents per capita on 9,127 Master

Masons of chartered lodges, April 30, 1890, less 63

members of Ark and Anchor Lodge, No. 131, charter

arrested, or 9,064 Master Masons.....\$4,532 00

Less assessments unpaid as follows:

Nebraska Lodge, No. 1.....	\$29 00
Fall City " " 9.....	47 50
Washington " " 21.....	22 75
Rob Morris " " 46	39 55
Fairmont " " 48	26 50
Evening Star " " 49.....	36 00
Charity " " 53.....	43 50

Lancaster Lodge, No. 54.....	\$17 00	
Mt. Moriah " " 57.....	24 50	
Wahoo " " 59.....	44 00	
Melrose " " 60.....	23 00	
Thistle " " 61.....	23 00	
Riverton " " 63.....	1 50	
Frank Welch " " 75.....	25 50	
Joppa " " 76.....	11 50	
Garfield " " 95.....	28 00	
Utica " " 96.....	18 25	
Ponca " " 101.....	28 00	
Arapahoe " " 109.....	26 50	
Harlan " " 116.....	20 50	
Jasper " " 120.....	1 00	
Blue Hill " " 129.....	10 00	
Western " " 140.....	1 50	
Jachin " " 146.....	28 50	
Zeredatha " " 160.....	16 00	
Elwood " " 167.....	50	
Mason City " " 170.....	13 00	
Merna " " 171.....	50	
Culbertson " " 174.....	11 50	
Hay Springs " " 177.....	10	
Hesperia " " 178.....	9 00	
Prudence " " 179.....	3 75	
Faith " " 181.....	9 00	
Israel " " 187.....	9 50	
		649 90
		<u>3,882 10</u>
Total.....		\$4,951 35

The amount due from Hay Springs Lodge should be deducted, which would make the total amount due from lodges, \$649.80. This deducted from the total assessment of \$4,532.00, makes the total amount received from lodges on account of Relief, \$3,882.20, and the total amount received for relief during the year, \$4,951.45 instead of \$4,951.35, as shown by the Grand Secretary; deducting this \$4,951.45 from the \$17,023.81, the total amount received, we find there has been received \$12,072.35 that has been credited to the General Fund.

At the beginning of the year the Secretary showed a balance of \$3,914.69 in the General Fund; this added to the \$12,072.36 would make the total debit of the General Fund \$15,987.05.

There have been orders drawn on the General Fund amounting to \$10,963.94 leaving a balance in the General Fund of \$5,023.11 instead of \$5,023.21 as shown. The Grand Secretary showed the balance on hand in the Relief Fund at the beginning of the year to be \$701.31. This added to the \$4,951.45 received during the year would make the total debit of the Relief Fund \$5,652.76.

There have been orders drawn on the Relief Fund amounting to \$4,805.84 leaving a balance in the Relief Fund of \$846.92 instead of \$846.82 as shown by the Grand Secretary.

The amount in the Nebraska Masonic Home Fund as shown by the Grand Secretary is \$5,598.23.

We have also examined the account of the R. W. Grand Treasurer and find his balances as follows :

Balance in General Fund, \$6,035.76 instead of \$5,135.76 ; which difference was caused by the Grand Treasurer having failed to charge himself with a remittance of \$900.00 sent him by the Grand Secretary on May 28, 1891.

The Grand Treasurer shows an overdraft on the Relief Fund of nine cents and shows the balance on hand in the Nebraska Masonic Home Fund to be \$5,894.45.

The discrepancies in the balances of the different funds as shown by the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary are as follows : General Fund \$1,012.55 ; Relief Fund \$847.01. The Nebraska Masonic Home Fund \$296.22. These discrepancies are accounted for as follows :

The following orders issued on the General Fund are unpaid:

No. 417 of 1887	\$ 4 90
No. 755 of 1891 to L. P. Gillette.....	47 30

Total of outstanding orders on the General Fund \$52.50. The Grand Secretary at the different times he made remittances to the Grand Treasurer, owing to the manner in which he received the money from the lodges, was not able until June 10, 1891, to designate to what funds they should be credited and the Grand Treasurer credited \$960.45 more to the General Fund than he should have done. This amount should be transferred from the General Fund to the Relief Fund and we recommend that a warrant be drawn, authorizing the transfer ; when this is done the Treasurer's balance in the General Fund will be \$5,075.31 : deducting the warrants outstanding, \$52.20, will make it agree with the balance as shown by the Grand Secretary. When the amount of \$960.45 is transferred from the General Fund to the Relief Fund on the books of the Grand Treasurer, his balance in the Relief Fund will be \$960.36. There is one outstanding warrant, No. 754 of 1891, in favor of Bro. D. M. McElHinney for \$113.44. Deducting the amount of this order, the balance of the Grand Treasurer will agree with the books of the Grand Secretary.

We find that the Grand Treasurer has collected interest on the Nebraska Masonic Fund in the amount of \$296.22 for which he should send the Grand Secretary his receipt that it may be entered on the Grand Secretary's account. When this is done all accounts will agree.

The Grand Treasurer has deposited with your committee:

His certified check, No. 1891, on Merchants' Nat'l Bank of Omaha.	\$5,135 67
His certified check, No. 1891 $\frac{1}{2}$, on same.....	900 00
Certificate of deposit, No. 16,970, of Merchants' Nat'l Bank, Omaha	5,894 45

\$11,930 11

We have also examined the Grand Secretary's account of Books and Supplies and find the same correct, with the exception of nine apron cases short which were reported short by the committee on Accounts last year. At that time a cordial invitation was extended to the party who received said apron cases to step up and settle for them, which he has thus far failed to do ; and in as much as the Grand Secretary has never received the pay for them we recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to drop the same from his account of supplies.

Bro. Martin, 46, presented the following resolution from the committee on Fraternal Dead, which was adopted by a rising vote :

WHEREAS, In the Divine Providence Very Worshipful Brother Rev. Jacob A. Hood, Grand Chaplain, has been called from labor to refreshment, thus severing the sacred and pleasant tie that has bound him to us in our labors for a long number of years, and

WHEREAS, This Grand Lodge realizes that it has suffered the loss of a valued counselor, zealous worker and most upright Mason.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Nebraska bow in humble submission to the Divine decree, and will ever hold his memory sacred for his Christian philanthropy, sterling integrity and undying love for his fellow men, and

Resolved, That we extend to his beloved wife and sorrowing family our deep sympathy in this their hour of bereavement, for he who was esteemed and honored in life and in death is not forgotten, and

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to his family and spread upon the records of this Grand Lodge.

Bro. Martin, 46, also submitted further report from the committee on Fraternal Dead, as follows, which was adopted :

WHEREAS, During the past Masonic year it has pleased the Supreme Architect of the Universe, in his infinite wisdom, to call from labor here on earth to refreshment in the Grand Lodge above, many of the shining lights of our Craft, who have, by their great ability and zealous labors attained celebrity and honor among men and Masons in their several jurisdictions ;

WHEREAS, This Grand Lodge has received notice of bereavement and sorrow from the several sister Grand Lodges of the death of many brothers, whose labors have won for them renown among the Craft in all lands.

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, bow our heads in sorrow at the losses sustained by our sister Lodges, and extend to them, one and all, the Brotherly Love and sympathy that should ever unite the Fraternity in all lands.

Bro. Black, 76, presented the following report from the

special committee, of which he was chairman, which report was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge :

We, your special committee, to whom was submitted that portion of the address of the M. W. Grand Master referring to the accident which befell Brothers Lewis O. Secrist and J. J. Werner, representatives of Hebron Lodge, No. 43, during their attendance at the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined all the evidence submitted to us as to the cause of said misfortune, which evidence has been fully and carefully collected by the M. W. Grand Master and the brethren of Hebron Lodge, No. 43; and while we lament the sad occurrence, yet we find that the same is one of the inscrutable mysteries whose key is held only by the Supreme Grand Master, and will be delivered and full explanation received only when we reach the great beyond.

And we further find that all the testimony attributes to the unfortunate Brothers Secrist and Werner that purity of character which is worthy of true Masons; that their standing among the Craft has ever been upon the high plane of moral excellence and exemplary fraternal fellowship, which exonerates Brother Werner from all imputation of criminal intent or malice, as against Brother Secrist; and we extend to each of said brethren the hand of continued fellowship, expressing our belief in their attachment to the noble principles of our order, and in the purity of their character, and our sympathy in this their physical and mental affliction; and we highly commend our M. W. Grand Master and the brethren of Hebron Lodge, No. 43, for the efficient manner in which they have maintained the good name of our Fraternity in their exhaustive examination into all the details of this lamented circumstance.

Bro. Whitman, 138, made report as follows, which was agreed to :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

We, your committee on Charters and Dispensations, report as follows:

We have carefully examined the records, and papers transmitted to the Grand Secretary by the various lodges working under dispensation within this Grand Jurisdiction, and we recommend that a charter be granted to each of the following lodges, working under dispensation, and that their by-laws as corrected by the committee, be approved:

Gavel Lodge, No. —,	formerly	Carleton,	U. D.
Blazing Star Lodge, No. —,	“	Blazing Star,	“
Scotts Bluff Lodge, No. —,	“	Scotts Bluff,	“
Golden Sheaf Lodge, No. —,	“	Golden Sheaf,	“
Roman Eagle Lodge, No. —,	“	Roman Eagle,	“
Plainview Lodge, No. —,	“	Plainview,	“
Golden Fleece Lodge, No. —,	“	Golden Fleece,	“
Napthali Lodge, No. —,	“	Napthali,	“
Parian Lodge, No. —,	“	Parian,	“

That Armada Lodge be continued under dispensation and located at Sumner, Nebraska.

Your committee on Charters and Dispensations to whom was referred the petition of Parallel, No. 152, asking the reissuance of charter, the same being lost by fire, would recommend that the same be reissued to Parallel Lodge, No. 152, without expense to them.

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

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 18, 5891.

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

Bro.: Apple, 11, submitted the following report from the special committee on Relief; same was adopted:

To the M. W. Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

Your special committee, to whom was referred a part of the Grand Master's report that relates to charity dispersed by or under the direction of the Grand Master, have examined the communications from different lodges throughout the State; some are official with the seal of the lodge affixed: others are signed by Masters, Wardens and Secretaries; and your committee after looking over the correspondence, would recommend that the lodges owing this Grand Lodge assessments for Relief Fund and not able to pay, be granted further time.

Your committee cannot close this report without expressing their unqualified approval of the prompt and efficient manner in which the M. W. Grand Master acted in the matter of procuring and forwarding aid to our needy and distressed Brethren, Master Masons, in the drouth stricken portions of this jurisdiction.

Israel Lodge No. 187 asked permission to return a demit by which an English brother became a member of said lodge; the request was referred to the committee on Jurisprudence; Bro.: Mercer, 4, chairman of that committee, made the following report, which was agreed to:

To the Grand Lodge:

WHEREAS, There has been shown to this Grand Lodge a demit issued to Brother William Avery, of Israel Lodge, No. 187, by the Grand Lodge of

England, and which said demit Brother Avery has surrendered to the lodge of which he is now a member, but asks that the same may be canceled, and returned to him as a keepsake, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to cancel said demit by causing to be written or printed across the face thereof, the words, "canceled by order of the Grand Lodge and returned as a keepsake" and return the same to Brother Avery.

Bro.: Marshall, 76, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

Your special committee on Formal Reports, Records and Compendiums beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend the adoption of that portion of the report of the M.: W.: Grand Master relative to Formal Reports, Records and Compendiums.

We find that the formal reports from lodges on form prepared by M.: W.: Grand Master French have secured much valuable information for the use of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge. These reports have devolved much labor upon the Grand Master, the result of which cannot be otherwise than beneficial to the order in this grand jurisdiction, and we heartily commend and endorse the action of M.: W.: Grand Master French and the zeal displayed by him in this matter.

Bro.: Steele, 26, duly seconded, offered the following amendment to the by-laws of the Grand Lodge, which lays over until our next annual communication:

Amend Article 7, Section 301, to read as follows:

It is a masonic offense for a Freemason to engage in the retailing or wholesaling of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, or to lease or allow to be used for such purpose any portion of any building owned or controlled by him.

Bro.: Phelps, 34, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your committee on Grievances beg leave to submit the following report: In the matter of the alleged surrender of the charter of Salem Lodge, No. 47, we find the following facts:

1. That on the 3d day of February, 1890, a communication was received by the Grand Secretary of which the following is a copy:

SALEM, Feby. 3d, 1890.

WM. R. BOWEN, Grand Sec'y.

R.: W.: Bro.—Enclosed find certificate of the action of our Lodge in reference to Edict No. 1 of the Most Worshipful Grand Master John J. Mercer. Also beg leave to

state that we "most emphatically" endorse the action of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, as proclaimed in their resolution of Aug. 6, in reference to said Edict.

Fraternally yours,

J. VANDERVORT, W. M.

[SEAL]
W. J. REYNOLDS, Sec'y.

That such communication was so sent by the Worshipful Master without authority from said lodge, no meeting of the lodge having been held since September, 1889, and no action of the lodge having then or any time been taken upon the matters herein referred to.

2. That on the 28th day of February, 1890, M. W. John J. Mercer, Grand Master and R. W. Lee P. Gillette visited Salem, having first duly notified the Master that they would visit Salem Lodge No. 47 at said time. That a constitutional number of the lodge did not appear, there being present the Master, Treasurer and several members. However, an informal conversation was had, the Grand Master *demanding* that this lodge be called together for the purpose of rescinding and repudiating the action of the Master and Secretary aforesaid, and informing the Master that unless such action be taken, the charter would be arrested.

That thereupon the Master became angry, took from the wall the charter, offered it to the Grand Master and immediately left the lodge room and did not return.

Before the Grand Master left the lodge room, it was agreed by the officers and members of said lodge present, that a meeting of the lodge should be called for the purpose of acting upon the matters under consideration; and the said officers and members of said lodge present, were then and there informed by the Grand Master, that their charter and jewels would not be disturbed.

That afterwards, to-wit: On the 8th day of March, 1890, a meeting of said lodge was held, and a series of preambles and resolutions were adopted, pretending to rescind the actions of the Master and Secretary aforesaid. But your committee find that said preambles and resolutions are contumacious, rebellious, disrespectful and contemptuous, and fail to rescind the former unauthorized acts of the Master and Secretary; but rather tend to ratify and confirm the same.

3. Your committee further find that a short time after the meeting last aforesaid, R. W. Samuel P. Davidson, Grand Junior Warden, at the instance and request of Most Worshipful John J. Mercer, Grand Master, visited Salem for the purpose of promoting the harmony of the Craft in that lodge. But the Master of said lodge failed to assemble a constitutional number of the members, and no meeting of the lodge was held. But the officers of the lodge were at that time informed by said R. W. Brother (whose authority to speak upon the subject was known to said officers), that the lodge was still in full possession of its charter, and fully empowered to work and exercise all its legitimate functions.

4. Your committee further find, that soon after the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge, at which Salem Lodge, No. 47, was duly represented by its Master and Treasurer, as proxy for its Senior Warden, the Master, J.

Vandervoort, communicated to R. . W. . Brother Bowen, Grand Secretary, as a fact, that the charter of said lodge had been surrendered to M. . W. . John J. Mercer, which communication being brought to the attention of M. . W. . Robert E. French, Grand Master, an extended correspondence was carried on between M. . W. . Brother French and W. . Brother Vandervoort upon the subject, culminating in a peremptory order by M. . W. . Brother French, under date of October 10, 1890, commanding W. . Brother Vandervoort to convene his lodge in special meeting for the purpose of electing officers, which said order W. . Brother Vandervoort in a letter addressed to M. . W. . Brother French, under date of October 20, positively refused to obey.

5. Your committee further find, that during the early part of the present masonic year, and prior to November 1, 1890, the several official visitations mentioned in the Grand Master's address were made, and that the M. . W. . Grand Master and the Most Worshipful and Right Worshipful Brethren assisting him in said official visitations, were, by the officers and members of said Salem Lodge No. 47, treated with contumacy and contempt.

6. We further find, that the charter of said Salem Lodge No. 47, was not on the 28th day of February, 1890, or at any other time arrested by the M. . W. . Grand Master, or by any other person acting for him, nor was the same at that time, or any other, surrendered to the M. . W. . Grand Master or this M. . W. . Grand Lodge. But the same has at all times been, and now is in the possession of said lodge, and in full force and effect.

7. We further submit herewith all and singular the records, correspondence and papers coming into the hands of your committee in connection with the investigation of the matters herein reported.

8. Your committee further find that W. . Brother J. Vandervoort has been guilty of un-masonic conduct, and willful disobedience of the edict and orders of M. . W. . Brothers John J. Mercer and Robert E. French, and willful violations of masonic law.

We, your committee, therefore recommend:

1. That the charter of Salem Lodge, No. 47, be suspended, and the incoming M. . W. . Grand Master be authorized to deal with the said lodge, by restoring their charter, if at any time, in his judgment such action may seem best calculated to conserve the harmony of the fraternity.

2. We recommend further that the R. . W. . Grand Junior Warden be directed to prefer and present to this M. . W. . Grand Lodge charges against W. . Brother J. Vandervoort, for the masonic offenses hereinbefore referred to.

Bro. . Luther R. Horrum, late Master of Adams Lodge, U. . D. . (extinct since June 20, 1890), presented a request from the brethren who were the three principal officers of that lodge, that the report of the committee on Charters and Dispensations adopted at our last annual communication be reconsidered. The matter was referred to the committee on Charters and

Dispensations, from which committee the following report was received :

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

Your committee to whom was referred the petition of Brother L. R. Horrum, asking that the action of this Grand Lodge at their session in June, 5890, in refusing to continue the dispensation of Adams Lodge, U.:D.:., be reconsidered.

Believing, that after due investigation, that it would not be for the best interests of the Craft to continue the said dispensation, would therefore recommend that the prayer of the petition be not granted.

On motion of Bro.:Wheeler, 1, the following resolution was adopted, and the preceding report was filed :

Resolved, That the Grand Master be and is hereby authorized to grant a new dispensation to the members at Adams, Gage County, Nebraska, without charging the usual \$25.00 fee.

Bro.:Apple, 11, presented the following report from the special committee on Relief. Bro.:Reese, 59, moved to non-concur in the report of the committee, and that Wahoo Lodge, No. 59, be relieved from further payment of the relief assessment; Bro.:Wilson, 19, moved reference of the whole matter to the standing committee on Relief for report at our next annual communication, which motion prevailed.

To the M.:W.:Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

Your committee to whom was referred the communication from Wahoo Lodge, No. 59, and Melrose Lodge, No. 60, would recommend that their request be not granted, their case being covered by our former report accepted by this Grand Lodge.

Bro.:Rheem, 3, made report from the committee on Accounts, which was adopted, as follows :

To the Grand Lodge :

Your committee an Accounts have examined the Grand Secretary's office expense account No. 12, amounting to \$29.93 and find the same correct and recommend that a warrant be drawn in favor of the Grand Secretary for that amount.

Your committee on Accounts fraternally ask your attention to the following statements and recommendations, a part of which was presented to you at the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge as appears on page

226 proceedings of 1890. The inventory recommended in that report has not yet been compiled; your committee are still of the opinion that the recommendations made should be carried out.

We find that it is necessary to supply the Grand Secretary's office with a new receipt book and we recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure the same; he also needs a new ledger and in this connection your committee desire to state that in their judgment it would be well to change the manner of keeping the accounts of the Grand Lodge.

The business of the Grand Lodge is increasing from year to year. Money is being invested in personal property of different kinds of which no account is kept further than the issuing of the order and the entry of the same in the cash account. The money thus expended should be charged to specific accounts on the ledger. By adopting the system known as "Double Entry" which is used by every business house in the country and which can be as well applied to the business of the Grand Lodge, this body will have full information at the end of each year as to where their money has gone and for what it has been expended, and a full statement of the assets and liabilities of this body can be made, which under our present system can only be done by a vast amount of labor.

Your committee therefore recommend that the Grand Master for the ensuing year be instructed to appoint a committee to compile a complete inventory of all property belonging to the Grand Lodge and that a sum not to exceed \$30.00 be appropriated to defray the expenses of this work. Also that the Grand Secretary be authorized to purchase a cash book, journal and ledger and that as soon as the inventory is completed these books be properly opened and that the sum of \$50.00 be appropriated for the purpose. The expenditures recommended herein to be made under the direction of the Grand Master.

Bro.: White, 6, made report as follows, in which the Grand Lodge concurred:

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

We, your committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Secretary's report relating to stamping the books in the masonic library, have had the same under consideration and respectfully recommend that all books of sufficient value now in the library or what may hereafter be received be stamped in not less than ten places with the following: "This book is the property of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons."

We would further recommend that \$20.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the funds of this Grand Lodge to pay for the necessary labor.

Bro.: Rheem, 3, introduced a report from the committee on Accounts, the consideration of which was deferred for half an hour, and the report was then adopted as follows:

To the Grand Lodge:

Your committee on Accounts have examined the annual report and statement of the Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund, and find the same correct. We further find that the loan to L. A. Kent, for \$8,437.46, is secured by collateral, consisting of certificates of stock of 80 shares of the First National Bank of Minden, Nebraska, and a second mortgage on the west half of section one, township No. 6, range No. 15, west of the principal meridian, in Kearney County, containing $321\frac{90}{100}$ acres, according to Government survey, subject to the first mortgage for \$5,000.

We find also that there are moneys deposited in the following banks, for which the Trustees of the Fund have deposited with your committee certificates of Deposit:

First National Bank, Lincoln, at 6 per cent.	\$1,110 50
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Sutton National Bank, Sutton, Nebraska, at 6 per cent.....	1,624 00
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Carson National Bank, South Auburn, 3 per cent.....	300 00
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Citizens' Bank, Geneva, 6 per cent.....	892 00
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Total	\$7,432 41

Bro.:Crites, 158, presented the following report: Bro.: Dunham, 3, moved to amend by adding the following paragraph:

No part of this fund shall be used until it shall have reached the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars; and thereafter only the interest may be used for educational purposes.

Bro.:Dunham's amendment prevailed and as thus amended the report of the committee and its amendment to the law was adopted as follows:

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

Your special committee appointed on the Orphans Educational Fund, with instructions to report suitable amendments to the Grand Lodge by laws in relation thereto, herewith submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the by-laws of the Grand Lodge be and they are hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

SECTION 8.

1. There is hereby created a board of three trustees whose duty it is to have charge of, manage, control and invest the Orphans' Educational Fund of this Grand Lodge, in loans of not to exceed two thousand dollars each, upon real estate, such loan not to exceed forty per cent of the value of such

loan, and drawing not less than seven per centum interest, interest payable annually, and in all cases secured by a first mortgage upon such real estate. All unused money may be deposited in solvent banks on interest until the same shall be required for the purpose of loaning on such real estate.

2. Before such loan shall be made, the applicant shall furnish such board a complete abstract of the title to the lands offered as such security, showing a perfect title thereto in the applicant, and also a statement setting forth the value, condition and improvements upon such lands and also the amount of the loan desired, the time it is to run, and the rate of interest offered, whereupon the said board shall cause an appraisement of said land to be made by three reputable appraisers. Such appraisement shall show, separately, the fair market value of the land, and of the improvements thereon. The applicant shall pay the cost of such abstract and the compensation of such appraisers. If the security offered is deemed satisfactory by a majority of said board, the loan may be completed, subject to the limitations hereinbefore imposed, and the securities therefor shall be promptly recorded and held by the treasurer of said board. The borrower shall procure and maintain at his own cost sufficient solvent insurance upon the improvements on said land, and keep the policies thereof duly assigned to said board of trustees according to their mortgage interests. No loan shall be made for a longer period than five years.

3. The said board of trustees shall annually elect one of their number as treasurer of said board, who shall have the custody of the money, securities and other property belonging to said fund. He shall pay out said money only upon the order of said board, but not until the mortgages taken therefor shall have been duly recorded, and said abstract extended so as to show such mortgages as valid first liens upon the real estate given as such security. He shall annually give a good and sufficient bond in the sum of not less than ten thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duty and that he will well and truly account for and pay over to his successor in office all money and property belonging to said fund that shall come into his hands as such treasurer. Said bond shall be approved by the Grand Master; and shall be filed and kept in the office of the Grand Secretary and recorded at large in a book kept for that purpose, and the Grand Master may, in his discretion, at any time require from said treasurer an additional bond with other and additional sureties. No money securities or property shall be paid out or delivered to said treasurer until such bond shall be filed in the office of the Grand Secretary. Said bond may be provided by a surety company and the cost thereof shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

4. Said treasurer shall, on the first day of June of each year and at least ten days before the annual grand communication, file with the Grand Secretary, a full, detailed and itemized statement of the exact condition of said fund, the moneys received and paid out by him, the dates and sources of such receipt and the dates and object of such payment, the securities held by him and upon what lands and the amounts, if any, due and unpaid to

said fund, and from whom owing. Said report shall be printed in the same manner as are the reports of the several grand officers. Said treasurer shall receive a salary of five dollars per annum payable annually.

5. Said trustees shall be appointed by the Grand Master, and shall hold their office for three years, except the first appointees, who shall be appointed for one, two and three years respectively, after which one trustee shall be appointed each year. They shall select one of their number as president and one as secretary, and shall annually report their doings to the Grand Lodge. They shall keep a record of their proceedings which shall be at all times open to the inspection of the Grand Master or any one authorized by him for that purpose.

6. No part of this fund shall be used until it shall have reached the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars; and thereafter only the interest may be used for educational purposes.

Bros.: Young, 148, Jackson, 21, and Sudborough, 25, were appointed tellers, and during the afternoon choice was made of

Bro.: BRADNER D. SLAUGHTER, 89.....Grand Master.

Bro.: SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON, 17.....Deputy Grand Master.

On motion of Bro.: Wheeler, 1, the following was adopted :

WHEREAS, It has come to the knowledge of this Grand Lodge that the owners of the building in which Beatrice Lodge, No. 26, is located, has very recently leased a portion of the building now occupied by said lodge for a saloon. Now, from the additional information we have received, we believe that, for the reputation of the Masonic Fraternity at Beatrice, it is not proper that said lodge should longer occupy said building for masonic purposes. Therefore,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that Beatrice Lodge, No. 26, at once vacate said building unless the saloon recently permitted to occupy a portion of said premises be removed therefrom, and that the Grand Master, at an early day, visit said lodge and see that said lodge do remove from said building unless said saloon vacate said premises. Provided, no action shall be taken in this matter which shall work an injury to said lodge.

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

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 18, 1891.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor at eight o'clock by Most Worshipful Robert E. French, Grand Master.

During the evening the Grand Lodge made choice of

Bro.: LEWIS A. KENT, 127	Grand Senior Warden.
Bro.: JAMES P. A. BLACK, 76	Grand Junior Warden.
Bro.: CHRISTIAN HARTMAN, 11	Grand Treasurer.
Bro.: WILLIAM R. BOWEN, 3	Grand Secretary.

Later in the session appointments were made by the incoming Grand Master as follows:

Bro.: GEORGE W. MARTIN, 46	Grand Chaplain.
Bro.: ALBERT W. CRITES, 158	Grand Orator.
Bro.: LEE P. GILLETTE, 19	Grand Custodian.
Bro.: DAVID M. McELHINNEY, 50	Grand Marshal.
Bro.: CHARLES J. PHELPS, 34	Grand Senior Deacon.
Bro.: JOHN A. EHRHARDT, 41	Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro.: JACOB KING, 3	Grand Tiler.
Bros.: ROBERT W. FURNAS, 4, ALBERT U. WYMAN, 25, and EDWIN F. WARREN, 2	Trustees of the Orphan Educational Fund.
Bros.: WILLIAM R. BOWEN, 3, CHARLES J. PHELPS, 34, and FRANK E. BULLARD, 32	Committee on Foreign Correspondence.
Bros.: FRANCIS E. WHITE, 6, FRANK H. YOUNG, 148, and CHAUNCEY H. SHELDON, 58	Committee on Codification of the Law.

Bro.: Phelps, 34, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge:

In the matter of the appeal of Bro.: F. C. Eldred from the discipline imposed on him by Mosaic Lodge, No. 55.

Your committee beg leave to report that the records and files sent up are so incomplete and defective that it cannot be intelligently considered at this time. It is therefore recommended that the consideration of said appeal be continued to the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to notify the Secretary of Mosaic Lodge, No. 55, to forward a complete transcript of all the proceedings, pleadings and files in said matter.

Bro.: France, 56, made report from the committee on Jurisprudence as follows; on motion of Bro.: Crites, 158, the report was amended so as to approve the Grand Master's answer to Query No. 2; on motion of Bro.: Lininger, 3, paragraph 7 of the report was erased therefrom; as thus modified the report was adopted:

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

Your committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to report:

1. That part of the Grand Master's address, under the head "Special Dispensation to elect and install Officers," on pages 318, 319 and 320 of his address, be approved.

2. That Decisions Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 be approved; that the words "Unless controlled by masonic lodge" be added to Decision No. 8, and as thus modified Decision No. 8 be approved.

3. That the question and answer in Decision No. 2 are misleading. The fact that the brother had been the master of a lodge is conclusive proof that he is an actual past master, and therefore he was entitled to be present at the convocation. To this extent the decision is not approved.

4. That the action of the Grand Master as to Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, is approved.

5. The action of the Grand Master as to Ark and Anchor Lodge, No. 131, be approved; the charter of said lodge be cancelled; the Grand Secretary issue demits to the members of said lodge in good standing as shown by the records now in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and issue certificates to the Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts of same lodge.

6. That the action of the Grand Master as to Parian Lodge, U. D., be approved.

7. The committee recommend that as they approve Decision No. 3, as in accordance with our law, that the law be so amended as to leave the matter of granting demits entirely within the power and discretion of the constituent lodges, they knowing the circumstances surrounding each case better than the Grand Lodge possibly can.

8. That recommendations of the Grand Master, Nos. 2, 4 and 5, be approved; that No. 1 be approved by inditing after the words "master" in the last line the words "warden or secretary"; that No. 3 be not approved; there should be no change of the law on that subject.

9. That the request of Indianola Lodge, No. 123, be granted.

Bro.: Bullard, 32, chairman of the committee on Pay Roll, submitted the Pay Roll of this communication, and recommended that an order for \$3,236.86 be drawn, covering same; the recommendation was adopted, and the Pay Roll accepted, subject to such changes as the committee on Pay Roll may find necessary before payment.

On motion of Bro.: White, 6, it was agreed that on the certificate of the committee on Pay Roll an order be drawn in favor of the representative of Peru Lodge, No. 14.

Bro.: Lininger, 3, duly seconded, offered the following

amendment to the law, which lays over until our next annual communication.

Amend paragraph 3, Section 102, By-Laws, by striking out the words "By Past master is meant one who has been installed Master of a chartered lodge: chapter past masters as such are excluded. Providing the degree shall not be conferred upon any master-elect while under charges."

From the committee on Ways and Means were received the following majority and minority reports: Brother Wheeler, 1, moved to substitute the minority for the majority report; Bro.: France, 56, moved to amend Bro.: Wheeler's motion by adopting the majority report after erasing the item of \$100.00 for odds and ends, which motion prevailed, and the majority report, as thus amended, was adopted:

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

We, your committee on Ways and Means, fraternally recommend that the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to be paid out upon advice and consent of the Grand Master, for the following purposes:

Postage, telegrams, telephone, etc.....	\$220 00
Janitor.....	60 00
Light.....	15 00
Heat.....	30 00
Stationery.....	60 00
Blanks, etc.....	250 00
Ice.....	10 00
Odds and ends.....	100 00
Total office expenditures.....	\$745 00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire.....	\$600 00
Blank reports committee on Credentials.....	25 00
Rent Grand Secretary's office.....	200 00
	<u>\$825 00</u>

J. B. DINSMORE,
ALPHA MORGAN,
C. W. BRONSON.

Minority report of committee Ways and Means.

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

The minority report of your committee on Ways and Means fraternally recommend that the following sums be appropriated for Grand Secretary's office expenses, viz:

Postage, telephone and express.....	\$220 00	
Janitor	60 00	
Light	15 00	
Heat	30 00	
Stationery	60 00	
Blanks, etc.....	250 00	
Ice.....	10 00	
		\$645 00
Rent office.....	\$200 00	
Blank reports committee Credentials.....	25 00	\$225 00
		\$870 00

J. O. MOORE.

From the committee on Ways and Means was received the following report, which was on motion amended so as to authorize the Grand Master to pay the indebtedness, if any remaining; as thus amended, the report was adopted:

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

We, your committee on Ways and Means, to whom was submitted that part of the Grand Master's address referring to Waco Lodge No. 80, now extinct, would recommend that this Grand Master appoint an agent at or near Waco to take charge and make an inventory of the property of said lodges, sell the same, and pay off all indebtedness now outstanding; and if any surplus to turn the same over to the Grand Secretary. All subject to the Grand Master's approval.

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

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, June 19, 1891.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, Most Worshipful Robert E. French, Grand Master, presiding.

Bro.: Dinsmore 49, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

We, your committee on Ways and Means, would recommend that an appropriation of three hundred dollars be made for the purchase of blanks and supplies to be furnished subordinate lodges at cost.

We, your committee on Ways and Means would fraternally recommend that an appropriation be made of five hundred dollars [\$500.00] to the Grand Master for clerk hire for the ensuing year, same to be paid quarterly, and that a further appropriation of three hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to meet current expenses of the Grand Master for the ensuing year. And we would further recommend that all money received by the Grand Master for dispensations or other fees be paid to the Grand Secretary.

The following report from the committee on Ways and Means was not concurred in; and on motion of Bro.:Crites, 158, it was ordered that the names of Master Masons be included in the Grand Lodge proceedings of next year:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

We, your committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Secretary's address relating to the printing of the names of brethren belonging to subordinate lodges in the year 1892, would recommend that owing to the present financial condition of the Grand Lodge that action thereon be deferred until the next communication of this Grand Lodge.

Bro.:Dinsmore, 49, made further report from the committee on Ways and Means; Bro.:Wheeler 1, moved to amend by increasing the appropriation to twelve hundred dollars, which was not agreed to; and the report was adopted as follows:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

We, your committee on Ways and Means, do fraternally recommend that an appropriation of one thousand dollars be made for the Grand Custodian's salary for the ensuing year.

Bro.:Wheeler, 1, duly seconded, offered the following amendment to the law, which lays over one year:

Amend Section 104, of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska by striking out Paragraph 14 of said section.

Amend Paragraph 15 of Section 104 so it shall read as follows:

Paragraph 14. The committee on Returns shall report all lodges who have failed to return the dues and fees by such returns, shown to be due the Grand Lodge, as are not forwarded to the Grand Secretary's office by or before May 31st, in the current year, and the representatives of such lodge shall be debarred from receiving mileage or per diem for attendance upon the Grand Lodge for the current year.

Amend Paragraph 16 by naming it 15.

Amend Paragraph 17 by naming it 16.

Bro. Edwards, 23, duly seconded, offered the following, which lays over one year :

Resolved, That Section 110, Law of Freemasonry, 1889, be amended by the addition of Article No. — to read as follows:

A Master Mason, who is a member of a chartered lodge, not in arrears for dues and assessments, and free from charges, may, in writing, over his own signature, at a regular meeting of his lodge, resign his membership. Thereupon the matter shall lie over until the next regular meeting, when it may be voted upon, and if accepted by a majority of members present, he shall be suspended from membership in the Order. And the records shall show that such member was suspended at his own request. And should such suspended member desire to affiliate, with that or any other lodge, he can do so, by petition and ballot in the regular order in the lodge suspending him, and the payment of a fee not to exceed ten dollars. But, during the time of his suspension, his relation to the lodge shall be the same as a member suspended for cause.

Bro. Dinsmore, 43, made report from committee on Accounts, recommending payment of one dollar to an attendant at the telephone one day during the present communication; the report was adopted :

On motion of Bro. Sudborough, 25, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Grand Master, to take into consideration the question of increasing the revenue of the Grand Lodge, and to submit a regulation whereby the salary and expenses of the Grand Custodian shall be paid out of the Grand Lodge fund.

Bros. Sudborough, 25, Rhea, 146, and Jackson, 21, were appointed such committee.

On presentation by Bro. Filley, 175, and Bro. King, 180, of the cases of two distressed brethren, the matter was referred to the committee on Ways and Means; the chairman of that committee, Bro. Dinsmore, 49, introduced the following report, which was adopted :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge :

We, your committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred Brother E. Filley's statement concerning Brother E. H. Reed, would fraternally recommend that an appropriation be made of one hundred, fifty, (\$150.00) dollars out of the Relief Fund for the reimbursement of the brethren that advanced the funds for the relief of Brother Reed.

We, your committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the statement of Brother John R. King concerning the destitution of Brother J. H. Miller, would fraternally recommend that an appropriation of twenty-five dollars be made out of the Relief Fund for the relief of Brother Miller.

Bro.:Ehrhardt, 41, duly seconded, presented the following amendment to the law :

Amend Paragraph 3, Section 2, by-laws relating to Grand Lodge, by striking out the last two lines.

Bro.:Denny, 15, submitted the following report ; the second and fifth recommendations of the committee were adopted ; consideration of the third and fourth recommendations was, on motion, indefinitely postponed.

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

We, your committee on Unfinished Business, beg leave to submit the following report :

We recommend the adoption of the amendment of Section 2 of Article 12 of the Constitution.

Also : That we do not recommend the adoption of the amendment of Paragraph 12, Section 104, of the by-laws.

Also : That the amendment of Paragraph 3, Section 2 of the by-laws be adopted.

Also : That the motion of Brother Oberfelder, 75, relative to changing the title of Grand Custodian to Grand Lecturer be adopted.

Also : We recommend that the consideration of the amendment to Section 6 of our by-laws, recorded on page 238 of the last Grand Lodge proceedings, be indefinitely postponed.

Bro.:Tulleys, 53, duly seconded, offered the following amendment to our law, proposing to repeal the present provision that "No Freemason shall be demitted except for the "purpose of joining another lodge, or to assist in forming a "new lodge, agreeable to our ancient landmarks and regulations;" the amendment lays over :

Amend Article 1, Section 110 of the by-laws, by striking out the word "shall" in the fourth line, and inserting the word "may," and striking out all after the word "demit" in the fourth line.

The Grand Orator, Worshipful Brother Andrew R. Graham, 114, being unable to reach Grand Lodge because of

flooded railways, his oration was ordered spread upon the record, as follows :

ORATION.

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:

The honor conferred upon me in the appointment as Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge, of Nebraska, is highly appreciated.

The responsibility of worthily addressing this assemblage is equal to the honor, and demands the best which your best orator might present.

I fully realize my inability to present anything which may worthily claim your attention or give to me the satisfaction of much self approval. As our most worthy Grand Master, a year ago remarked concerning himself, in accepting the office to which he had just been elected and has since so honorably filled; so would I say, in view of the fact that we have usually had as Orator for this occasion, lawyers of high literary attainment, who were fully capable of entertaining and instructing the brethren of this body and since I account myself but as a rough ashler taken from the quarry, you may expect from me at the present time, the ruggedness of sincerity, rather than the perfect polish of the finished stone.

Brethren, let us for a short time consider some of the vital principles of Freemasonry, with a view to renew our devotion to the cause with which we are associated.

However reluctant masons may be to contend, in open field, for the merits we claim, yet each true mason must have, *in the heart*, a deeply rooted faith, and *in the head* the supply of masonic knowledge whence such faith may spring and have its nourishment, he must have a reason for the faith within him. Because of the fact that our faith as masons, is well founded, each candidate for advancement in the masonic lodge, is enjoined to study the fundamental principles of Masonry, and to continue his study from the time of his initiation, until he has taken the last step upon the ladder of masonic progress.

Now let us ask, what are some of the agencies which assist the masonic student in his search for this masonic wisdom? The literature of Masonry is extensive. Over all the fields of investigation our scholars have traveled, and deep into the treasures of antiquity have they explored; with pick and hammer, honest toilers have opened the tombs of buried centuries; they have traversed the shores of Palestine, and have visited her sacred places. They have crossed the deserts of Arabia, have journeyed along the Nile, to the foot of the pyramids of old Egypt, have descended into her hidden chambers with compass, rule and plumb-line, have interpreted the hieroglyphics of early ages, and have brought to us volumes, filled with the results of their researches.

Face to face with the sphynx have they stood, studied with the scientists, chronologists and astronomers of the far off East, and have in monasteries, and ancient libraries, obtained the wealth for our enrichment.

Our chief masonic libraries are the sacred repositories of great treasures, in poetry, philosophy, tradition, art, science, history, travel and all general literature.

It is not the privilege of the ordinary workman to possess these, or to have to any great degree, the advantage of their use, but *all* masons *may* possess *some* of the standard works, masonic periodicals, reports and addresses by which they may increase their knowledge of Masonry, and to this *possible* extent all *should* possess.

Exact and familiar knowledge of the ritual, of the written and unwritten work of the three degrees, gives honor to the possessor, but if I mistake not this acquirement however worthy, is not the highest form of masonic knowledge which we of the common opportunity may gain. By the faithful use of this masonic literature, the searcher for truth becomes a man of strong faith, and earnest devotion to the cause of Masonry.

The masonic creed of such student is well built, and he is not so anxious to know the exact date of the origin of Masonry, as to know that the principles he loves have eternal sources and eternal results, that they are related to the greatest systems of faith, and to the wisdom which has moved the noblest of all ages to high achievements.

He is in fellowship with companions in study, in every age, in sympathy with hearts of fellows in all climes and among all nationalities, and with all reverent minds, bows before the common altar, to pay his adoration to Deity, cherishes his hopes for life beyond the grave, and strives to order his life aright.

What Masonry is, and *how its principles should be practiced* is a more sublime thing to know, than to have even complete knowledge of the unwritten work, which, in itself, is but the scaffolding for the building not made with hands.

Further, the true relation of Masonry to the outer world, can only be understood by the true student of Masonry.

Masonry is not by us declared to be a religion, but is in harmony with all religious things which seek to elevate and broaden humanity; and, while our secrets separate us from the masses, they unite us in the sacred fellowship which gives us inexpressible satisfaction and protection.

Brethren, I am so fully persuaded of the excellency of these things, in themselves considered, and of the life logically developed from them, that I declare with confidence, *if the lives of all masons agree with these principles Masonry will abide and prosper.*

I am not inclined to find fault, as though only fault existed, nor to believe that the gap between profession and practice is, *with us*, wider than that which human frailty in general acknowledges, but the gap may be considerably filled in. There is some chance for improvement for us as masons, and an improvement which would result in good to our order.

In harmony with these truths, we must agree that the entrance to our lodges should be carefully guarded, that the unworthy may not gain admission; and we need carefulness of culture among ourselves, that Freemasonry may continue to hold its high place among the associations of the world.

We live in a period and country marked by the fact that men seek special associations among themselves, for the accomplishment of varied purposes.

Man has advanced from the chaos of barbarism to the cosmos of human society, and to the systems of association.

Scientists, artists, artisans, tradesmen, agriculturists and laborers, are united among themselves.

The cry against secret organizations has been in vain; special associations have arisen among men as the necessities of progress, as the logical methods of work, and have so rapidly multiplied, that now nearly every association in life has its special secret form of brotherhood.

These orders give a valid reason for their existence in the degree that they promote the welfare of their members, without destruction to the interests of others.

It is not too much to say that Freemasonry occupies the place of *superiority* among these general fraternities, because of her seniority of age, and excellency of organization. Her success has, to a very great degree, been the reason for many of their ventures, her methods and her ritual have been the models of the best of these, and it therefore devolves upon Freemasonry to continue to maintain her past and present pre-eminence.

Of these orders and institutions in general, and Masonry in particular, our most worthy Brother Chauncey M. Depew, in his address at the dedication of the Masonic Home for New York State, recently said :

“Institutions do not survive their ages by accident; they live only through the possession and operation of everlasting principles. Dynasties have disappeared; thrones have crumbled; whole races have been annihilated; governments have succeeded one another with a frequency beyond the power of the historian to record; civilization itself has risen to the highest excellence, and then sunk in darkness and oblivion. But Masonry has continued through the centuries with the same spirit of universal brotherhood, of equal democracy as existed by legend among its traditional founders. During all these ages there has been no trial for heresy or rewards for orthodoxy in Masonic lodges. The disciples of Dr. Briggs and his adversaries are equally welcome. The followers of Heber Newton and those who would cast him out, can find with us hospitable homes.

All societies save the one which celebrates to-day are the creatures of locality, nationality or temporary emergency, but Masonry, marching under the leadership of God and the banner which bears the motto “Love thy neighbor as thyself,” where the peasant and the prince, the mechanic and the merchant, the workingman and the millionaire, the learned and the unlearned, following in equal rank and common step, knows neither race nor nationality, neither cast nor conditions, as it proudly and beneficently moves down the centuries.”

Brethren: As American Republicanism and patriotism represent the most advanced protest against the tyranny of monarchs, and the recklessness of anarchists, so does American Masonry represent the most sublime development and manifestation of masonic worth. As American masons, we

must strive for the very highest culture and prosperity for Masonry, as we desire the prosperity of the highest and best form of government the world has seen.

Therefore we should protest against, and disavow allegiance with any old world errors, which may seek to enter Masonry, and which would raise the black flag of atheism and ruin.

Upon the foundation stone of *faith in God*, Masonry has reared a temple whose walls are strong, whose pinnacles point to the skies, and within whose enclosure the brother is secure.

True morality is also the security of our Order, and should ever be considered the indispensable requirement for admission to a lodge.

Ours is not a society of cranky fanatics. We are not organized, or in operation as a temperance society, as a society against profane swearing, gambling, lewdness, debauchery, falsehood, horse stealing or any other general immorality, but it is very clearly seen, that all forms of gross immorality are contrary to the fundamental principles of our sublime Order, and are inconsistencies when found in the lives and practices of Masons.

True manhood is the noblest product of Masonry, and as our Order has its strength and excellency because it binds *men* together in confidence, esteem and worthy emulation of the qualities which make up true manhood, so let us strive together for highest good. And yet, in entire harmony with these high sentiments, we must reach out our hands to a fallen brother, and lift him up. We must bear with an erring brother, and with hand to back, give him kind admonition, and only cut him off, when it must be done for the good of the cause, whose life his life dishonors.

We may also, in entire accordance with these high ideals as masons, enter into the decent enjoyments, relaxations and refreshments of life.

Along these lines of sentiment Masonry is advancing, and year by year, we are carefully guarding the doors of entrance, even for the good of those within; and we are moving towards a cautiousness, which will receive—not because one may have the ability to pay the fees, and act his part—but which, while it prohibits the unworthy candidate, will receive the worthy candidate with a hearty welcome.

Guard carefully the door of the lodge, that no old man in his dotage, young man in his nonage, atheist, irreligious libertine, madman or fool, may enter in, but that worthy men may enter, and that having entered, each may be true to others, according to the vows declared.

Over this land of ours floats a banner, which means the best chances the world can offer, for prosperity and happiness, to those who are true citizens, who obey the laws, and take their part in the work of life.

Over our lodges is the canopy of protection, which Heaven has studded with stars of hope, and filled with words of light, and within our bounds, the prosperity and happiness of the individual members secured in the measure that each member strives to secure the good of all.

So let us live and strive toward the best,
Throughout the world our passes guide,

By holy grips hand joins with hand,
 In heart, in thought, in purpose one.
A mason is a man,
 A man of worth, by signs shown forth
 A man of sympathy and cheer,
 A man to hate the tyrant's frown,
 A man with men, in battle strong,
 For God and home and country true,
 For compass, square and altar,
 Here we meet and here we part.
 GOOD-BYE.

The Grand Secretary now submitted additional documents which had just arrived in the appeal of Bro.:Fernando E. Eldreth, 55; no action was taken thereon.

Bro.:Wheeler, 1, moved that the Grand Master appoint a committee to investigate, and recommend to the Grand Master action regarding the brethren of Ark and Anchor Lodge No. 131 who are under charges; his motion prevailed.

Bro.:Bowen, 3, offered the following amendment to the Law:

A Freemason non-affiliated for ninety days has no masonic rights whatever in Nebraska, excepting only the right to petition for membership in a chartered lodge.

Bro.:Cook, 89, made report from the committee on payroll recommending that an order be drawn covering the mileage and per diem of Bro.:Samuel L. Green, 135; the report was agreed to.

The Grand Secretary addressed the Grand Lodge as follows: on motion of Bro.:Davidson, 17, the Grand Master was requested to appoint a special committee with Bro.:Bowen, 3, as chairman, to consider and report upon the matters presented.

[IN RE ECONOMY.]

To the Grand Lodge:

When in '72 I took my present place in Grand Lodge I found an office that was about abreast of the times, the commonwealth of Nebraska was beginning to advance in prosperity; the Fraternity, consisted of thirty-two [32] lodges (Nos.1 to 33, with No. 8 extinct) and fifteen hundred and seventy-nine (1579) members, was beginning to stretch itself and to awaken to an anticipation of what its future might be; it demanded a movement that

should put Nebraska Freemasonry on an equal plane with its fellow Grand Lodges of the same age and numbers. The Grand Lodge was in debt some three thousand dollars.

My training from '62 to '72 enabled me to put the Grand Secretary's office in satisfactory shape—I claim no credit for this, any more than a cross-eyed man should claim credit for being able to see both sides of the street at once—but the fact is patent, and I have no shamefacedness in stating the fact; the Grand Lodge appreciated and sustained my efforts for advancement by liberal appropriations of money and by the enactment of laws tending to improvement and accuracy in our domestic affairs.

It is not my purpose to contrast our present status at home and abroad with our condition in '72; those of you who care to know the facts, do know; and those of you who care not, would not be interested or impressed by my words on the subject.

But I do desire at this time to invite your attention to the changes of opinion that come to the members of every organisation, including ours; the pendulum of compensation does swing; for years the Grand Lodge has been liberal in its expenditures, anxious to progress and having ample funds wherewith to make such progress—having such an income that in my time our annual dues have been reduced from one dollar and fifty cents per capita to thirty-five cents per capita. Judging from action lately taken and views recently expressed, it may be that the Grand Lodge thinks it has advanced sufficiently in the directions in which it has progressed during the last nineteen years, and that appropriations for current expenses should be restricted in order that our funds may be devoted to the establishment of organizations for relief and charity; so be it! such purpose should not be decried nor impeded; it is the duty of every office-bearer of the Grand Lodge to do his best to meet the expressed wish of the Grand Lodge; and I here present a statement of items of expense that can be reduced or abolished for the future.

1. The edition of our Grand Lodge proceedings usually consists of twelve hundred copies; three copies are sent to each Nebraska lodge, four copies to each American Grand Lodge, one copy to each foreign Grand Lodge, each of our present Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters, each Representative to and from fellow Grand Lodges, the masonic periodicals and libraries, and to any Freemason in good standing who asks for a copy. These proceedings are quarter-bound, the stiff covers being deemed economical because the pamphlets would soon become worn if in thin paper covers. A postal card receipt is put in each package so I may *know* our proceedings reach those who are entitled to them.

Now if you wish, the number of copies can be reduced, saving about thirty cents on each copy. Cheaper covers may be used, saving about five cents per copy. The postal card receipts may be omitted, saving about half a cent per copy. But Nebraska will not stand as high abroad, the pamphlets will become worn and dog-eared, and it will be uncertain whether or not our lodges have had due notice of the action and enactments of Grand Lodges.

2. I send all letters and circulars in sealed "return" envelopes. The circulars can be sent in unsealed envelopes, saving one cent on each. But the certainty of delivery will be reduced and there will be more publicity given our affairs.

3. I keep copies of all letters, etc. sent from my office. This costs the price of several impression books per year and the time of therein copying the letters. Some expense can be saved by abandoning this system, but I shall have no record of what I have done, and you will have no check on my postage account; you now have a complete check on postage expended, nothing being charged that the letter press books do not warrant.

4. The annual circular, usually issued in April, notifying the lodges and members when Grand Lodge meets, who are detailed on committees, etc., etc., is sent in sealed "return" envelopes, with blank postal cards for acknowledging its receipt. The postal card receipts might be omitted, saving about nine dollars, if you are willing to dispense with the certainty that each lodge and committee man has notice. The circulars might be sent in unsealed envelopes, thus saving one cent on each. Or the circular might be entirely dispensed with and the committees be appointed after Grand Lodge meets, at a total saving of say thirty dollars.

5. To keep an open office, as I have done since 1876, costs for rent \$200.00, for heat \$30.00, for light \$20.00, for janitor \$60.00, for ice \$10.00 and sundry minor items, making up say \$350.00 in all. I don't think you want any change herein, but submit the matter for consideration.

6. I use envelopes with printed addresses to each lodge, costing a trifle over the price of envelopes with the usual "return, etc.;" a saving of say \$2.50 per thousand envelopes can be made here, but there will be less certainty of our letters promptly reaching destination.

7. The Grand Lodge sells to its lodges books, blanks, monitors, aprons, etc., at cost; it takes time, wrapping paper, postage, etc. to do this; a reduction of expenditure is possible in this matter.

8. We furnish each newly chartered lodge with a full set of books and blanks costing \$25.00 or \$30.00, and a parchment charter, entirely printed, costing \$6.00 or \$7.00; money can be saved by not furnishing these supplies.

9. The blank annual returns are printed *each year*, with specific dates and data clearly given for the guidance of lodge secretaries. It would cost a trifle less to print at one time enough to last three or four years; is this saving desirable?

10. For several years I have furnished each lodge secretary with a set of eight envelopes for systematically filing each year's documents; the result has been beneficial, but may not be worth the cost—about \$17.00 per year.

11. The Grand Lodge pays the General Masonic Relief Association for a monthly warning circular to each Nebraska lodge; this will cost the Grand Lodge \$97.17 for year beginning September 1, 1891; a saving of money is possible here.

I have thus endeavored to present with some particularity an exhibit of our expenses that are almost entirely left to my judgment; they may be

deemed excessive ; there are few Grand Lodges that are more liberal to the constituent lodges than ours, and few that take better care of the Craft at large. And to touch upon a minor point, it is suggested that our society is doing something for our commonwealth by making Nebraska respected where even its name would otherwise be unknown.

I have made no reference to the various ways in which the Grand Lodge saves money to the individual members of our lodges ; for instance, in furnishing diplomas at less than four cents that would otherwise cost about one dollar. Nor have I emphasised the fact that no funds have been expended by me without your appropriation ; nor has any appropriation ever been materially exceeded.

Faternally,

WM. R. BOWEN,

Grand Secretary.

Bro. McElHinney, 50, addressed the Grand Lodge upon the subject of publishing annually a report from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, several of which have been prepared, but not published for want of funds; the matter was discussed at length ; on motion of Bro. Lininger, 3, it was ordered that such a report be prepared and be published with the proceedings next year.

On motion of Bro. Coutant, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to M. W. Robert E. French, our retiring Grand Master, for the earnest and faithful manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office, devoting nearly his entire time to the advancement of the best interests of the Craft. The earnestness and zeal with which he has discharged the duties of his exalted position deserve our warmest thanks. And we express our sincere hopes that Brother French may be long spared to enjoy the satisfaction arising from the discharge of duty well performed, and that this Grand Lodge may have the advantage of his timely advice and wise counsel.

Bro. McIntosh, 75, verbally presented the request of Frank Welch Lodge, No. 75, to be relieved from payment of the relief assessment ; consideration was postponed until our next annual communication.

On motion of Bro. Coutant, 11, it was

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge has learned with sincere regret the illness of M. W. Brother Robert W. Furnas, that prevents his attendance at this communication. This is Brother Furnas' first absence from attendance

at Grand Lodge since its organisation, and we sincerely hope for his early recovery and that he may be long spared to the Craft.

Resolved, That R. W. Grand Secretary be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Brother Furnas.

Most Worshipful Brother Robert E. French, assisted by the Grand Marshal, and by our Reverend Brother William T. Whitmarsh, 55, as Grand Chaplain, now installed all the newly chosen Grand officers, and invested each one with his jewel; Grand Marshal White made due proclamation thereof.

The Grand Master announced his intention of laying the foundation stone of the Cass county court house at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on Monday, June 29, '91, and expressed his wish that the brethren attend.

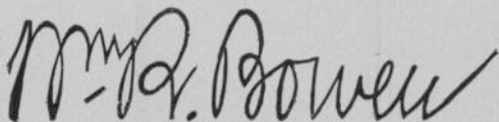
On motion of Bro. White, 6, the Grand Master was authorized to draw an order for ninety odd dollars to secure the membership of each Nebraska lodge in the General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.

On motion of Bro. Davidson, 17, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were extended to the Masonic Temple Craft, and the four lodges of Omaha, for the kindness and hospitality with which they have entertained the brethren of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was now closed in ample form at High Twelve.

BRAD. D. SLAUGHTER,

Grand Master.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. R. Bowen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes.

Grand Secretary.

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

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama	Myles J. Green	Montgomery.
Arizona	George J. Roskrige	Tucson.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
British Columbia	W. J. Quinlan	Victoria.
California	George Johnson, acting	San Francisco.
Canada	John J. Mason	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado	Edward C. Parmelee	Denver.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Delaware	William S. Hayes	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	William R. Singleton	Washington.
England	Shadwell H. Clerke	London.
Florida	DeWitt C. Dawkins	Jacksonville.
Georgia	Andrew M. Wollhin	Macon.
Idaho	James H. Wickersham	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	Archibald St. George, Dep'y	Dublin.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Kansas City.
Kentucky	Henry B. Grant	Louisville.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Manitoba	William G. Scott	Winnipeg.
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson	Boston.
Michigan	William P. Innes	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	Thomas Montgomery	Saint Paul.
Mississippi	John L. Power	Jackson.
Missouri	John D. Vincell	Saint Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
Nevada	Chauncey N. Noteware	Carson.
New Brunswick	Edwin J. Wetmore	Saint John.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Thomas H. K. Redway	Trenton.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
North Dakota	Thomas J. Wilder	Casselton.
Nova Scotia	William Ross	Halifax.
Ohio	J. H. Bromwell	Cincinnati.
Oregon	Stephen F. Chadwick	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.
South Dakota	Charles T. McCoy	Aberdeen.
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Texas	William F. Swain	Houston.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Burlington.
Virginia	William B. Isaacs	Richmond.
Washington	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	George W. Atkinson	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	John W. Laffin	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	William L. Kuykendall	Cheyenne.

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

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.
Georgia	Thomas W. Latham	Atlanta	February 4, 1890.
Idaho	Matthew G. Luncy	Idaho City	October 31, 1889.
Ireland	Robert S. Reeves	Dublin	March 30, 1891.
Manitoba	Richard Dennis Foley	Manitou	November 13, 1890.
New Mexico	Richard English	Raton	January 1, 1890.
New York	Thomas C. Cassidy	New York City	February 20, 1891.
Quebec	William M. Le Mesurier	Montreal	October 31, 1889.
Tennessee	Jefferson C. Cawood, M. D.	Knoxville	March 30, 1891.

Nebraska commissions expire at the Festival of S. John the Baptist, three years after their respective dates, as per regulation adopted June, '88.

REPRESENTATIVES OF FELLOW GRAND LODGES, NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA.

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.
Alabama	James W. Chadduck, 12	Nebraska City	September 22, 1889.
Arizona	Lewis A. Kent, 127	Minden	January 4, 1891.
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	James Gilbert, 181	South Omaha	June 2, 1890.
Colorado	Charles J. Phelps, 34	Schuyler	
Connecticut	Samuel P. Davidson, 17	Tecumseh	October 10, 1889.
Delaware	Edwin A. Allen, 142	Alliance	December 1, 1869.
District of Columbia	Bradner D. Slaughter, 89	Fullerton	October 22, 1890.
England	George W. Lininger, 3	Omaha	June 23, 1883.
Florida	Lee P. Gillette, 19	Beatrice	March 3, 1888.
Georgia	Edwin F. Warren, 2	Nebraska City	March 31, 1883.
Idaho	James A. Tulleys, 53	Red Cloud	February 1, 1873.
Illinois	Harry P. Denel, 11	Omaha	January 1, 1889.
Indiana	George H. Thummel, 33	Grand Island	September 2, 1872.
Indian Territory	James A. Kennedy, 125	Genoa	October 4, 1890.
Iowa	John J. Mercer, 4	Omaha	July 10, 1890.
Ireland	William Cleburne, 3	Omaha	
Kansas	Robert C. Jordan, 33	Omaha	
Kentucky	Henry Gibbons, 46	Kearney	May 27, 1885.
Louisiana	Albert W. Crites, 158	Chadron	November 6, 1890.
Maine	Thomas K. Sudborough, 25	Omaha	October 15, 1890.
Manitoba	Edwin F. Warren, 2	Nebraska City	March 24, 1877.
Maryland	George Armstrong, 3	Omaha	February 2, 1877.
Michigan	Daniel H. Wheeler, 1	Omaha	June 10, 1891.
Minnesota	Robert C. Jordan, 33	Omaha	February 11, 1889.
Mississippi	John M. Burks, 19	Lincoln	December 31, 1869.
Missouri	George B. France, 56	York	June 25, 1888.
Montana	Charles F. Goodman, 3	Omaha	August 14, 1878.
Nevada	Robert C. Jordan, 33	Omaha	April 25, 1890.
New Brunswick	John J. Mercer, 4	Omaha	May 14, 1888.
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	Edward K. Valentine, 27	West Point	February 11, 1889.
North Carolina	Robert W. Furnes, 4	Brownville	September 20, 1869.
North Dakota	John A. Ehrhardt, 41	Stanton	
Nova Scotia	John D. Moore, 33	Grand Island	
Ohio	Robert W. Furnes, 4	Brownville	September 10, 1869.
Oregon	Henry Brown, 3	Omaha	
Pennsylvania	William R. Bowen, 3	Omaha	May 5, 1883.
Prince Edward's Isl.	George E. Whitman, 138	Oxford	
Quebec	Milton J. Hull, 67	Edgar	March 6, 1886.
Rhode Island	William M. Knapp, 56	York	April 9, 1877.
South Carolina	Frank E. Bullard, 32	North Platte	January 14, 1881.
South Dakota	Manoah B. Reese, 59	Wahoo	March 30, 1885.
Tennessee	Francis E. White, 6	Plattsmouth	June 29, 1888.
Texas	Martin Dunham, 3	Omaha	February 22, 1876.
Utah	Robert E. French, 46	Kearney	May 4, 1888.
Vermont	William R. Bowen, 3	Omaha	June 13, 1877.
Virginia	William E. Hill, 2	Nebraska City	October 21, 1879.
Washington	Charles A. Holmes, 17	Tecumseh	February 15, 1877.
West Virginia	Frank E. Bullard, 32	North Platte	July 18, 1891.
Wisconsin	George E. Hawkins, 26	Beatrice	September 17, 1889.
Wyoming	Rolland H. Oakley, 19	Lincoln	March 7, 1877.

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

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NAME.	LODGE.	DATE OF DEATH.
MILO C. WILSON	Capitol,	No. 3.....July 5, '90.
JOHN LOGAN	Capitol,	" 3.....Mar. 11, '91.
PHILIP WINDHEIM	Capitol,	" 3.....Mar. 14, '91.
WILLIAM E. PADDLEFORD	Plattsmouth,	" 6.....May —, '90.
SPENCER S. BILLINGS	Plattsmouth,	" 6.....June 12, '90.
WILLIAM WINTERSTEEN	Plattsmouth,	" 6.....Nov. 5, '90.
JOHN BEVERAGE	Plattsmouth,	" 6.....Mar. 4, '91.
WILLIAM HAYES	Plattsmouth,	" 6.....Apr. 8, '91.
LEONIDAS M. MAY	Falls City,	" 9.....Mar. 24, '91.
HENRY C. ALLEN	Falls City,	" 9.....
GEORGE B. AYRES, M.D.	Covert,	" 11.....Aug. 19, '90.
PETER M. LEE	Covert,	" 11.....Nov. 29, '90.
JOHN M. EDDY	Covert,	" 11.....Jan. 12, '91.
WILEY B. DIXON	Covert,	" 11.....Mar. 30, '91.
ISAAC M. GOODSPEED	Fremont,	" 15.....Jan. 2, '91.
CHARLES LEACH	Tecumseh,	" 17.....Oct. 27, '90.
FRANK M. DINNINY	Tecumseh,	" 17.....Apr. 20, '91.
LEONARD H. ROBBINS	Lincoln,	" 19.....June 18, '90.
JOHN H. MILLER	Lincoln,	" 19.....July 1, '90.
WALTER J. HARRIS	Lincoln,	" 19.....Oct. 17, '90.
JOHN R. CLARK	Lincoln,	" 19.....Aug. 2, '90.
JOEL V. CONVERSE	Lincoln,	" 19.....Oct. 11, '90.
JAMES BROAD	Lincoln,	" 19.....Feb. 14, '91.
NATHAN CARTER	Washington,	" 21.....Mar. 3, '90.
JEREMIAH N. McCASLAND	Pawnee,	" 23.....Jan. 28, '91.
MORRIS ELGUTTER	Saint Johns,	" 25.....May 24, '90.
WILLIAM J. WHITEHOUSE	Saint Johns,	" 25.....Nov. 21, '90.
JAMES WADSWORTH	Saint Johns,	" 25.....Mar. 13, '91.
MAURICE HENGEN	Saint Johns,	" 25.....Apr. 2, '91.
WILLIAM SUTTON	Hope,	" 29.....Sept. 2, '90.
CHARLES A. ANDERSON	Ashlar,	" 33.....Nov. 26, '90.
WILLIAM H. WEST	Ashlar,	" 33.....Mar. 6, '91.
JACOB A. HOOD	Acacla,	" 34.....July 13, '90.
JOHN D. WILLIAMS	Lone Tree,	" 36.....Mar. 30, '91.
MILLER S. BENEDICT	Crete,	" 37.....Nov. 13, '90.
MARCUS W. WILCOX	Harvard,	" 44.....Jan. 8, '91.
ROBERT H. SADLER	Rob Morris,	" 46.....June 12, '90.
SAMUEL HARBAUGH	Rob Morris,	" 46.....Mar. 15, '91.
ALBERT B. CLARKE	Rob Morris,	" 46.....
PAUL BRAITSCH	Evening Star,	" 49.....June 27, '90.
ADAM ADAMS	Lancaster,	" 54.....July 23, '90.
THEODORE S. GANTER	Lancaster,	" 54.....Dec. 8, '90.

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DANIEL DESMOND	Mosaic,	No. 55.....Nov. 30, '90.
EMMETT H. DORR	York,	" 56.....Aug. 6, '90.
JONATHAN C. KINGSLEY	York,	" 56.....Apr. 30, '91.
DAVID B. BURLEIGH	Mt. Moriah.	" 57.....— — —
WILLIAM W. BANKS	Thistle,	" 61.....Dec. 18, '90.
JACOB BERKLY	Blue Valley,	" 64.....Aug. 26, '90.
WILLIS HENBY	Edgar,	" 67.....May 6, '90.
CHRISTOPHER C. CREECH	Edgar,	" 67.....Mar. 1, '91.
WILLIAM K. REAM	Aurora,	" 68.....Jan. 4, '91.
NICHOLAS F. HITCHCOCK	Sterling,	" 70.....Mar. 2, '91.
HIRAM WALKER	Friend,	" 73.....Jan. 19, '91.
ROLLINS W. KING	Albion,	" 78.....May 3, '90.
WILLIAM SIMPSON	Albion,	" 78.....Mar. 18, '91.
JOSEPH L. CYPHERS	Composite,	" 81.....Mar. 25, '91.
PETER L. FRASER	Corinthian,	" 83.....Oct. 20, '90.
JOHN H. RANKINS	Fairfield,	" 84.....Aug. 9, '90.
WILLIAM SANDERS	Ionic,	" 87.....Sep. 2, '90.
GEORGE H. JONES	Beaver City.	" 93.....June 30, '90.
OSCAR D. SWARTZ	Utica,	" 96.....Aug. 24, '90.
PHILIP WOLF	Wymore,	" 104.....— — —
CHARLES C. SMITH	Steele City,	" 107.....Dec. 14, '90.
DAVID W. FOLSOM	Pomegranate,	" 110.....Feb. 28, '91.
JESSE B. RYAN	Pomegranate,	" 110.....Apr. 24, '91.
PETER DUNN	De Witt,	" 111.....Aug. 23, '90.
JOHN W. McLAUGHLIN	Wisner,	" 114.....Sep. 22, '90.
JAMES W. HULL	Brainard,	" 115.....Jan. 9, '91.
SAMUEL DANTON	Doric,	" 118.....Sep. 26, '90.
DE GRASSE W. BRITTON	Wayne,	" 120.....Nov. 2, '90.
THOMAS P. COIN	Superior,	" 121.....Nov. 7, '90.
ALEXANDER W. MORGAN	Auburn,	" 124.....— — —
ASA SMITH	Minden,	" 127.....Oct. 2, '90.
JOHN LAVERTY	Long Pine,	" 136.....Aug. 24, '90.
HARRISON BLACK	Clay Centre,	" 139.....July 26, '90.
MERRITT C. PRATT	Anchor,	" 142.....July 11, '90.
MARTIN JANSS	Anchor,	" 142.....Dec. 12, '90.
JAMES H. MARTIN	Baneroft,	" 145.....— — —
EDWIN F. RUSSEL	Emmet Crawford,	" 148.....Apr. 24, '91.
CHARLES M. POOL	Square,	" 151.....Mar. 7, '91.
MARK B. NEEVES	Ogalalla,	" 159.....Mar. 10, '91.
ABNER C. WHITE	Unity,	" 163.....Dec. 12, '90.
ELISHA M. HAYDEN	Curtis,	" 168.....— — —
EUSTACH F. COMPANIOTT	Hay Springs,	" 177.....Feb. 28, '91.

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WITH LOCATION, DATES OF REGULAR MEETINGS, ETC.

Lodge.		Town.	County.	Regular Monthly Meeting.	Created.	Chartered.
1	Nebraska,	No. 1.. Omaha	Douglas	First Tuesday	— —, 54...	Oct. 3, 55.
2	Western Star,	" 2.. Nebraska City.....	Otoe	Friday on or before ○	May 10, 55...	May 28, 56.
3	Capitol,	" 3.. Omaha	Douglas	First Monday	Jan. 9, 57...	June 3, 57.
4	Nemaha Valley,	" 4.. Brownville.....	Nemaha	Saturday on or before ○	Dec. 15, 57...	June 2, 58.
5	Omadi,	" 5.. Dakota City.....	Dakota	Saturday on or before ○	Jan. 18, 58...	June 2, 58.
6	Plattsmouth,	" 6.. Plattsmouth	Cass	First and third Monday	Jan. 18, 58...	June 2, 58.
7	Falls City,	" 9.. Falls City.....	Richardson	Monday before ○	Oct. 4, 64...	June 23, 65.
8	Solomon,	" 10.. Fort Calhoun	Washington.....	First Tuesday	Aug. 15, 65...	June 22, 66.
9	Covert,	" 11.. Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	July 24, 65...	June 22, 66.
10	Nebraska City,	" 12.. Nebraska City.....	Otoe	Tuesday on or before ○	Feb. 19, 66...	June 22, 66.
11	Orient,	" 13.. Rulo	Richardson	Monday on or before ○	June 23, 66...	June 19, 67.
12	Peru,	" 14.. Peru	Nemaha	Saturday on or before ○	May 23, 67...	June 19, 67.
13	Fremont,	" 15.. Fremont	Dodge	First Tuesday	July 3, 66...	June 20, 67.
14	Tecumseh,	" 17.. Tecumseh.....	Johnson	First Saturday	Dec. 7, 67...	*June 24, 68.
15	Lincoln,	" 19.. Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	May 4, 68...	June 25, 68.
16	Washington,	" 21.. Blair	Washington.....	Second Tuesday	Feb. 24, 68...	June 25, 68.
17	Pawnee,	" 23.. Pawnee City	Pawnee	First and third Tuesday	Jan. 4, 69...	Oct. 28, 69.
18	Saint Johns,	" 25.. Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	May 28, 69...	Oct. 28, 69.
19	Beatrice,	" 26.. Beatrice	Gage	Second and fourth Monday	Mar. 23, 70...	June 22, 70.
20	Jordan,	" 27.. West Point	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesday	Dec. 25, 69...	June 23, 70.
21	Hope,	" 29.. Nemaha City.....	Nemaha	Friday on or before ○	Nov. 8, 69...	June 23, 70.
22	Blue River,	" 30.. Milford	Seward	Thursday on or before ○	Apr. 25, 70...	June 23, 70.
23	Tekamah,	" 31.. Tekamah	Burt	First and third Wednesday	Aug. 19, 69...	June 23, 70.
24	Platte Valley,	" 32.. North Platte	Lincoln	Second Tuesday	Jan. 15, 70...	June 23, 70.
25	Ashlar,	" 33.. Grand Island.....	Hall	Second Thursday	Aug. 11, 70...	June 22, 71.
26	Acacia,	" 34.. Schuyler	Colfax	First Thursday	July 18, 70...	June 19, 72.

* Or Oct. 28, 69.

27	Fairbury,	No. 35.	Fairbury	Jefferson	First and third Monday	June 30, 71	June 19, 72.
28	Lone Tree,	" 36.	Central City	Merrick	First and third Saturday	Aug. 9, 71	June 19, 72.
29	Crete,	" 37.	Crete	Saline	First Friday	Jan. 8, 72	June 19, 72.
30	Oliver,	" 38.	Seward	Seward	Saturday on or before ○	July 25, 71	June 18, 73.
31	Papillion,	" 39.	Papillion	Sarpy	First and third Saturday	Nov. 18, 72	June 18, 73.
32	Humboldt,	" 40.	Humboldt	Richardson	Thursday on or before ○	Dec. 16, 72	June 18, 73.
33	Northern Light,	" 41.	Stanton	Stanton	Wednesday on or before ○	Jan. 20, 73	June 18, 73.
34	Juniata,	" 42.	Juniata	Adams	Monday on or before ○	Feb. 21, 73	June 18, 73.
35	Hebron,	" 43.	Hebron	Thayer	First Thursday	Mar. 10, 73	June 18, 73.
36	Harvard,	" 44.	Harvard	Clay	First and third Tuesday	Mar. 25, 73	June 18, 73.
37	Palmyra,	" 45.	Palmyra	Otoe	Wednesday on or before ○	Jan. 9, 72	June 26, 74.
38	Rob Morris,	" 46.	Kearney	Buffalo	First Wednesday	Feb. 21, 73	June 26, 74.
39	Salem,	" 47.	Salem	Richardson	Saturday on or before ○	Feb. 21, 73	June 26, 74.
40	Fairmont,	" 48.	Fairmont	Fillmore	Tuesday on or before ○	Dec. 4, 73	June 26, 74.
41	Evening Star,	" 49.	Sutton	Clay	Second and fourth Thursday	Dec. 22, 73	June 26, 74.
42	Hastings,	" 50.	Hastings	Adams	First Tuesday	Jan. 3, 74	June 26, 74.
43	Fidelity,	" 51.	David City	Butler	Saturday on or before ○	Jan. 19, 74	June 26, 74.
44	Hiram,	" 52.	Arlington	Washington	Saturday on or before ○	Feb. 26, 75	June 26, 74.
45	Charity,	" 53.	Red Cloud	Webster	Friday on or before ○	Mar. 2, 74	June 26, 74.
46	Lancaster,	" 54.	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Friday	April 20, 74	June 26, 74.
47	Mosaic,	" 55.	Norfolk	Madison	First Tuesday	Oct. 1, 74	June 23, 75.
48	York,	" 56.	York	York	First Friday	Oct. 1, 74	June 23, 75.
49	Mount Moriah,	" 57.	Syracuse	Otoe	Thursday on or before ○	Nov. 7, 74	June 23, 75.
50	Lebanon,	" 58.	Columbus	Platte	Second Wednesday	Dec. 7, 74	June 23, 75.
51	Wahoo,	" 59.	Wahoo	Saunders	Saturday on or before ○ *	Jan. 20, 75	June 23, 75.
52	Melrose,	" 60.	Orleans	Harlan	Saturday on or before ○	Mar. 10, 75	June 24, 75.
53	Thistle,	" 61.	Lexington	Dawson	First Tuesday	May 8, 75	June 21, 76.
54	Keystone,	" 62.	Phillips	Hamilton	Saturday on or before ○	Jan. 1, 76	June 21, 76.
55	Riverton,	" 63.	Riverton	Franklin	Saturday on or before ○	Dec. 22, 75	June 21, 76.
56	Blue Valley,	" 64.	Wilber	Saline	Tuesday on or before ○ *	Oct. 6, 76	June 20, 77.
57	Osceola,	" 65.	Osceola	Polk	Saturday on or before ○	Nov. 23, 76	June 20, 77.
58	Livingstone,	" 66.	Firth	Lancaster	First and third Wednesday	Feb. 16, 77	June 20, 77.
59	Edgar,	" 67.	Edgar	Clay	Second and fourth Monday	Feb. 27, 77	June 20, 77.
60	Aurora,	" 68.	Aurora	Hamilton	First and third Tuesday	Feb. 10, 76	June 19, 78.
61	Sterling,	" 70.	Sterling	Johnson	First and third Tuesday	July 16, 77	June 19, 78.

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62 Trowel,	71	Neligh	Antelope	First and third Wednesday..	Jan. 28, 78...	June 19, 78.
63 Hooper,	72	Hooper	Dodge	Saturday on or before O	Mar. 19, 78 ..	June 25, 79.
64 Friend,	73	Friend	Saline	Wednesday on or before O	May 4, 78....	June 25, 79.
65 Alexandria,	74	Alexandria	Thayer	Saturday on or before O	Dec. 26, 78...	June 25, 79.
66 Frank Welch,	75	Sidney	Cheyenne	First Tuesday	Dec. 26, 78...	June 25, 79.
67 Joppa,	76	Bloomington	Franklin	Friday on or before O	Mar. 29, 79 ..	June 25, 79.
68 Nelson,	77	Nelson	Nuckolls	Saturday on or before O	Mar. 15, 79 ..	June 23, 80.
69 Albion,	78	Albion	Boone	First and third Wednesday..	Aug. 1, 79 ..	June 23, 80.
70 Geneva,	79	Geneva	Fillmore	Friday on or before O *	Nov. 24, 79 ..	June 23, 80.
71 Composite,	81	Rising City	Butler	Tuesday on or before O	Mar. 20, 80 ..	June 22, 81.
72 Saint Paul,	82	Saint Paul	Howard	Third Thursday	April 15, 80 ..	June 22, 81.
73 Corinthian,	83	Wakefield	Dixon	Saturday on or before O	April 22, 80 ..	June 22, 81.
74 Fairfield,	84	Fairfield	Clay	First and third Monday	Sept. 3, 80 ..	June 22, 81.
75 Tyre,	85	Blue Springs	Gage	First and third Tuesday	Sept. 16, 80 ..	June 22, 81.
76 Doniphan,	86	Doniphan	Hall	Saturday on or before O	Jan. 7, 81....	June 22, 81.
77 Ionic,	87	Niobrara	Knox	Thursday on or before O	Jan. 24, 81...	June 20, 82.
78 Star,	88	Decatur	Burt	First Tuesday	Sept. 17, 81 ..	June 20, 82.
79 Cedar River,	89	Fullerton	Nance	First Monday	Jan. 19, 82 ..	June 20, 82.
80 Elk Creek,	90	Elk Creek	Johnson	Wednesday on or before O	Feb. 11, 82...	June 20, 82.
81 Oakland,	91	Oakland	Burt	Second and fourth Wednesday	Feb. 7, 82 ..	June 19, 83.
82 Hubbell,	92	Hubbell	Thayer	Second and fourth Saturday	April 29, 82 ..	June 19, 83.
83 Beaver City,	93	Beaver City	Furnas	Saturday on or before O	May 3, 82....	June 19, 83.
84 Bennett,	94	Bennett	Lancaster	Tuesday on or before O	May 5, 82 ..	June 19, 83.
85 Garfield,	95	O'Neil	Holt	First and third Thursday	June 28, 82 ..	June 19, 83.
86 Utica,	96	Utica	Seward	Wednesday on or before O	July 14, 82...	June 19, 83.
87 Euclid,	97	Weeping Water	Cass	First and third Monday	July 21, 82 ..	June 19, 83.
88 Republican,	98	Republican City	Harlan	Wednesday on or before O	July 27, 82 ..	June 19, 83.
89 Shelton,	99	Shelton	Buffalo	Friday on or before O	July 28, 82...	June 19, 83.
90 Creighton,	100	Creighton	Knox	Last Saturday	Aug. 19, 82 ..	June 19, 83.
91 Ponca,	101	Ponca	Dixon	Friday on or before O	Sept. 1, 82 ...	June 19, 83.

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92 Waterloo,	No. 102..	Waterloo	Douglas	Tuesday on or before ○	Sept. 7, 82 ..	June 19, 83.
93 Ord,	" 103..	Ord	Valley	Wednesday on or before ○ ..	Sept. 14, 82 ..	June 19, 83.
94 Wymore,	" 104..	Wymore	Gage	Wednesday on or before ○ ..	Nov. 10, 82 ..	June 19, 83.
95 Stella,	" 105..	Stella	Richardson	Wednesday on or before ○ ..	Dec. 4, 82 ..	June 19, 83.
96 Porter,	" 106..	Loup City	Sherman	Tuesday on or before ○	Dec. 9, 82 ..	June 19, 83.
97 Steele City,	" 107..	Steele City	Jefferson	First and third Wednesday..	Jan. 23, 83 ..	June 19, 83.
98 Table Rock,	" 108..	Table Rock	Pawnee	Saturday on or before ○	Jan. 24, 83 ..	June 19, 83.
99 Arapahoe,	" 109..	Arapahoe	Furnas	First and third Thursday...	Feb. 10, 83 ..	June 19, 83.
100 Pomegranate,	" 110..	Ashland	Saunders	First Friday	Feb. 13, 83 ..	June 19, 83.
101 DeWitt,	" 111..	DeWitt	Saline	Monday before ○	Feb. 28, 83 ..	June 19, 83.
102 Springfield,	" 112..	Springfield	Sarpy	Second and fourth Monday..	Mar. 30, 83 ..	June 19, 83.
103 Globe,	" 113..	Madison	Madison	Tuesday on or before ○	Feb. 16, 82 ..	June 24, 84.
104 Wisner,	" 114..	Wisner	Cuming	Second and fourth Wednesday	Feb. 12, 83 ..	June 24, 84.
105 Brainard,	" 115..	Brainard	Butler	Tuesday on or before ○	July 11, 83 ..	June 24, 84.
106 Harlan,	" 116..	Alma	Harlan	Second Friday	July 12, 83 ..	June 24, 84.
107 Hardy,	" 117..	Hardy	Nuckolls	Monday on or before ○	July 18, 83 ..	June 24, 84.
108 Doric,	" 118..	Dorchester	Saline	Saturday on or before ○	Aug. 2, 83 ..	June 24, 84.
109 North Bend,	" 119..	North Bend	Dodge	Second Tuesday	Sept. 5, 83 ..	June 24, 84.
110 Wayne,	" 120..	Wayne	Wayne	Second and fourth Friday...	Sept. 26, 83 ..	June 24, 84.
111 Superior,	" 121..	Superior	Nuckolls	Wednesday on or before ○ ..	Nov. 22, 83 ..	June 24, 84.
112 Jasper,	" 122..	Odell	Gage	Second and fourth Wednesday	Nov. 26, 83 ..	June 24, 84.
113 Indianola,	" 123..	Indianola	Red Willow	Thursday on or before ○	Dec. 8, 83 ..	June 24, 84.
114 Auburn,	" 124..	Auburn	Nemaha	Monday on or before ○	Dec. 25, 83 ..	June 24, 84.
115 Mount Nebo,	" 125..	Genoa	Nance	Second and fourth Saturday.	Jan. 1, 84 ..	June 24, 84.
116 Stromsburg,	" 126..	Stromsburg	Polk	First and third Saturday...	Jan. 16, 84 ..	June 24, 84.
117 Minden,	" 127..	Minden	Kearney	Wednesday on or before ○ ..	Jan. 22, 84 ..	June 24, 84.
118 Guide Rock,	" 128..	Guide Rock	Webster	Wednesday on or before ○ ..	Jan. 28, 84 ..	June 24, 84.
119 Blue Hill,	" 129..	Blue Hill	Webster	Friday on or before ○	Feb. 18, 84 ..	June 24, 84.
120 Tuscan,	" 130..	Surprise	Butler	Thursday on or before ○	Feb. 20, 84 ..	June 24, 85.
121 Scribner,	" 132..	Scribner	Dodge	First Wednesday	July 9, 84 ..	June 24, 85.
122 Elm Creek,	" 133..	Elm Creek	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Aug. 8, 84 ..	June 24, 85.
123 Solar,	" 134..	Clarks	Merrick	Tuesday on or before ○	Aug. 8, 84 ..	June 24, 85.
124 McCook,	" 135..	McCook	Red Willow	First and third Tuesday	Oct. 6, 84 ..	June 24, 85.
125 Long Pine,	" 136..	Long Pine	Brown	First and third Saturday...	Oct. 6, 84 ..	June 24, 85.
126 Upright,	" 137..	Burchard	Pawnee	Wednesday on or before ○ ..	Nov. 14, 84 ..	June 24, 85.

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Lodge.		Town.	County.	Regular Monthly Meeting.	Created.	Chartered.
127	Rawalt, No. 138.	Oxford	Furnas	Saturday on or before ○	Nov. 15, 84	June 24, 85.
128	Clay Centre, " 139.	Clay Centre	Clay	First and third Saturday	Dec. 6, 84	June 24, 85.
129	Western, " 140.	Western	Saline	Wednesday on or before ○	Dec. 6, 84	June 24, 85.
130	Summit, " 141.	Johnson	Nemaha	Second and fourth Saturday	Dec. 6, 84	June 24, 85.
131	Anchor, " 142.	North Loup	Valley	First Saturday	Dec. 18, 84	June 24, 85.
132	Crescent, " 143.	Cedar Rapids	Boone	Fourth Saturday	Jan. 24, 85	June 24, 85.
133	Kenesaw, " 144.	Kenesaw	Adams	Friday on or before ○	Jan. 28, 85	June 24, 85.
134	Bancroft, " 145.	Bancroft	Cuming	Saturday on or before ○	Feb. 25, 85	June 24, 85.
135	Jachin, " 146.	Holdrege	Phelps	Third Thursday	Mar. 31, 85	June 17, 86.
136	Siloam, " 147.	Stuart	Holt	Friday on or after ○	April 30, 85	June 17, 86.
137	Emt. Crawford, " 148.	Broken Bow	Custer	Saturday on or before ○	July 13, 85	June 17, 86.
138	Jewel, " 149.	Tobias	Saline	Second and fourth Tuesday	Aug. 15, 85	June 17, 86.
139	Cambridge, " 150.	Cambridge	Furnas	Tuesday on or before ○	Aug. 10, 85	June 17, 86.
140	Square, " 151.	Valparaiso	Saunders	Second and fourth Tuesday	Sept. 7, 85	June 17, 86.
141	Parallel, " 152.	Liberty	Gage	Thursday on or before ○	Nov. 20, 85	June 17, 86.
142	Evergreen, " 153.	Pierce	Pierce	Tuesday on or before ○*	Nov. 27, 85	June 17, 86.
143	Lily, " 154.	Davenport	Thayer	Friday on or before ○	Nov. 28, 85	June 17, 86.
144	Hartington, " 155.	Hartington	Cedar	Wednesday on or before ○	Jan. 26, 86	June 17, 86.
145	Pythagoras, " 156.	Ewing	Holt	Saturday on or before ○	Oct. 24, 86	June 16, 87.
146	Valley, " 157.	Wilsonville	Furnas	First and third Saturday	Feb. 22, 86	June 16, 87.
147	Samaritan, " 158.	Chadron	Dawes	First and third Thursday	Mar. 17, 86	June 16, 87.
148	Ogalalla, " 159.	Ogalalla	Keith	Tuesday on or before ○	Aug. 14, 86	June 16, 87.
149	Zeredatha, " 160.	Reynolds	Jefferson	First and third Saturday	Aug. 21, 86	June 16, 87.
150	Mount Zion, " 161.	Shelby	Polk	Saturday on or after ○	Aug. 25, 86	June 16, 87.
151	Trestle Board, " 162.	Talmage	Otoe	Saturday on or before ○	Oct. 9, 86	June 16, 87.
152	Unity, " 163.	Greenwood	Cass	Friday on or before ○	Dec. 18, 86	June 16, 87.
153	Atkinson, " 164.	Atkinson	Holt	First and third Wednesday	Aug. 19, 86	June 21, 88.
154	Barneston, " 165.	Barneston	Gage	Tuesday on or before ○	Aug. 20, 86	June 21, 88.
155	Mystic Tie, " 166.	Burnett	Madison	Thursday on or before ○	Feb. 18, 87	June 21, 88.
156	Elwood, " 167.	Elwood	Gosper	Saturday on or before ○	June 21, 87	June 21, 88.

* And two weeks thereafter.

157	Curtis,	No. 168..	Curtis	Frontier	First and third Monday.....	June 21, 87 ..	June 21, 88.
158	Amity,	" 169..	Rushville	Sheridan	Third Saturday	July 29, 87 ..	June 21, 88.
159	Mason City,	" 170..	Mason City.....	Custer	Tuesday on or before ○	Aug. 1, 87 ..	June 21, 88.
160	Merna,	" 171..	Merna	Custer	Saturday on or after ○	Aug. 2, 87 ..	June 21, 88.
161	Grafton,	" 172..	Grafton	Fillmore	Wednesday on or before ○	Oct. 18, 87 ..	June 21, 88.
162	Robert Burns,	" 173..	Stratton	Hitchcock	First and third Saturday.....	Nov. 15, 87 ..	June 21, 88.
163	Culbertson,	" 174..	Culbertson	Hitchcock	First and third Wednesday..	Nov. 16, 87 ..	June 21, 88.
164	Temple,	" 175..	Filley	Gage	First and third Saturday	Dec. 9, 87 ..	June 21, 88.
165	Gladstone,	" 176..	Ansley	Custer	First Saturday after ○	Feb. 18, 88 ..	June 21, 88.
166	Hay Springs,	" 177..	Hay Springs.....	Sheridan	Monday on or before ○	Feb. 20, 88 ..	June 21, 88.
167	Hesperia,	" 178..	Shickley	Fillmore	Saturday on or before ○ *	Jan. 11, 88 ..	June 20, 89.
168	Prudence,	" 179..	Beaver Crossing ..	Seward	Tuesday on or before ○	Aug. 24, 88 ..	June 20, 89.
169	Justice,	" 180..	Benkelman	Dundy	Friday on or before ○	Oct. 8, 88 ..	June 20, 89.
170	Faith,	" 181..	Crawford	Dawes	Saturday on or before ○	Dec. 13, 88 ..	June 20, 89.
171	Incense,	" 182..	Ohiowa	Fillmore	Second and fourth Friday	Dec. 21, 88 ..	June 20, 89.
172	Alliance,	" 183..	Alliance	Box Butte.....	Thursday on or before ○	Jan. 18, 89 ..	June 20, 89.
173	Bee Hive,	" 184..	South Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	Jan. 22, 89 ..	June 20, 89.
174	Boaz,	" 185..	Danbury	Red Willow ..	Wednesday on or before ○	Jan. 24, 89 ..	June 20, 89.
175	Plumb,	" 186..	Grant	Perkins	Saturday on or before ○	Jan. 31, 89 ..	June 20, 89.
176	Israel,	" 187..	Ulysses	Butler	Tuesday on or before ○	Feb. 2, 89 ..	June 20, 89.
177	Meridian,	" 188..	Cozad	Dawson	Third Saturday	Feb. 4, 89 ..	June 20, 89.
178	Granite,	" 189..	Gibbon	Buffalo	First Thursday	Feb. 18, 89 ..	June 20, 89.
179	Amethyst,	" 190..	Gandy	Logan	Saturday on or before ○	Aug. 5, 89 ..	June 20, 90.
180	Crystal,	" 191..	Scotia	Greeley	Second and fourth Saturday.	Aug. 7, 89 ..	June 20, 90.
181	Minnekadusa,	" 192..	Valentine	Cherry	Thursday on or before ○	Aug. 15, 89 ..	June 20, 90.
182	Signet,	" 193..	Leigh	Colfax	Friday on or before ○	Sept. 3, 89 ..	June 20, 90.
183	Highland,	" 194..	Cortland	Gage	First and third Monday.....	Sept. 21, 89 ..	June 20, 90.
184	Arcana,	" 195..	Gordon	Sheridan	First and third Monday.....	Oct. 17, 89 ..	June 20, 90.
185	Level,	" 196..	Stockville	Frontier	Saturday on or before ○	Nov. 1, 89 ..	June 20, 90.
186	Morning Star,	" 197..	Gresham	York	Friday on or before ○	Dec. 16, 89 ..	June 20, 90.
187	Purity,	" 198..	Imperial	Chase	Friday on or before ○	Dec. 24, 89 ..	June 20, 90.
188	Gavel,	" 199..	Carleton	Thayer	Tuesday on or before ○	July 20, 89 ..	June 18, 91.
189	Blazing Star,	" 200..	Burwell	Garfield .....	.....	Aug. 5, 90 ..	June 18, 91.
190	Scotts Bluff,	" 201..	Gering	Scotts Bluff .....	.....	Aug. 8, 90 ..	June 18, 91.
191	Golden Sheaf,	" 202..	Randolph	Cedar	Aug. 29, 90 ..	June 18, 91.

* And two weeks thereafter.

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Lodge.	Town.	County.	Regular Monthly Meeting.	Created.	Chartered.
192 Roman Eagle, No. 203..	Pender	Thurston	Aug. 30, 90 ..	June 18, 91.
193 Plainview, " 204..	Plainview	Pierce .....	.....	Sept. 1, 90 ..	June 18, 91.
194 Golden Fleece, " 205..	Chappel	Deuel .....	.....	Sept. 2, 90 ..	June 18, 91.
195 Napthali, " 206..	Diller	Jefferson .....	.....	Dec. 31, 90 ..	June 18, 91.
196 Parian, " 207..	Callaway	Custer	Jan. 31, 91..	June 18, 91,
Armada, U. D.	Sumner	Aug. 26, 90 ..	—

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Lodge.	Master.	Senior Warden.	Junior Warden.	Secretary.
1 Nebraska, No. 1..	Joseph R. Stafford	John L. Meyers.	Winfield S. Strawn	William C. McLcan.
2 Western Star, " 2..	Herbert C. Freeman	Claude Watson	Edgar C. Beede.	Milton R. Thorp.
3 Capitol, " 3..	George W. Lininger	John Pray	John G. McBride	John Bamford.
4 Nemaha Valley, " 4..	Benjamin H. Jones.	James M. Hacker.	Amos C. McIninch	William J. Jones.
5 Onadi, " 5..	William Adair	John F. Sides	L. Atlee Hart	Edward J. Raymond.
6 Plattsmouth, " 6..	Velosco V. Leonard	Julius Pepperberg	Theodore P. Livingston . .	Ackland Salisbury.
7 Falls City, " 9..	Charles F. Cain	Reuben Horrocks	Joseph C. Yutzzy.	Amos E. Gantt.
8 Solomon, " 10..	John W. Wulff.	Bela G. Fenner.	William C. Vaughan. . . .	Elias H. Clark.
9 Covert, " 11..	George E. Gibson	Samuel J. Boden	William L. Ritter	Eben K. Long.
10 Nebraska City, " 12..	James W. Chaddock.	James B. Northcutt.	Neil Sinclair	William C. Willman.
11 Orient, " 13..	William A. Jones	John Young.	John C. Shepherd.	George D. Kirk.
12 Peru, " 14..	Charles F. Neal	B. Frank Neal	William R. Zonk	Sterling P. Glasgow.
13 Fremont, " 15..	George A. Storey.	William T. Crook.	Thomas J. McKinney	Daniel J. Springer.
14 Tecumseh, " 17..	George D. Bennett	Ernest Roberts	John S. Harman.	Austin W. Buffum.
15 Lincoln, " 19..	Lorenzo D. Woodruff. . . .	Lucien B. Treeman	Alexander H. Hutton	James W. Frow.
16 Washington, " 21..	William H. Palmer.	Jesse T. Davis.	John Klotz	Lester H. Clow.
17 Pawnee, " 23..	Joseph L. Edwards.	H. Walter Bever.	W T. Johnson.	John R. Pool.
18 Saint Johns, " 25..	Thomas K. Sudborough	Frank S. Hayes.	William W. Keysor	James B. Bruner.
19 Beatrice, " 26..	Monroe C. Steele . . . . .	. . . . .	Frank W. Cole	George E. Hawkins
20 Jordan, " 27..	William E. Krause	Ludwig Rosenthal	Aaron Bornett	Florando E. Krause.
21 Hope, " 29..	James A. Titus	Henry Williams	William Hawxby	John W. Culp.
22 Blue River, " 30..	John A. Cocklin . . . . .	. . . . .	John F. Haverstock.	George W. Brandon.
23 Tekamah, " 31..	Charles T. Dickinson	E P. Worcester	F E. Ward	James R. Sutherland.
24 Platte Valley, " 32..	Frank E. Bullard	George C. Donehower	Charles F. Ormsby.	William H. C. Woodhurst.
25 Ashlar, " 33..	George P. Dean.	Samuel Hexter	Charles P. R. Williams. . . .	Charles W. Bringer.
26 Acacia, " 34..	James Hughes	Fred Kropf	William W. Rees	Walter W. Wells.

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Lodge.		Master.	Senior Warden.	Junior Warden.	Secretary.
27 Fairbury,	No. 35..	John W. Gellatly	Oscar G. Collier	Edmund H. Hinshaw . .	Allen M. Tunnell.
28 Lone Tree,	" 36..	Newton R. Persinger . .	John C. Lutes	Arthur J. Bowle	Bell E. Berryman.
29 Crete,	" 37..	Horace M. Wells	Frank Johnson	John B. Foss	Frank D. Williams.
30 Oliver,	" 38..	Frank G. Simmons	Harry T. Jones	T. Frank Skeede	Carl A. Bemis.
31 Papillion,	" 39..	Edgar Howard	Malcom P. Brown	Jurgen G. Selk	Fred D. Rhode.
32 Humboldt,	" 40..	Gustavus A. Acken	J. Roch Williamson . . .	Orange L. Bautz	Howard S. Norton.
33 Northern Light,	" 41..	John A. Ehrhardt	John R. J. Appleby . . .	Charles P. Parrish	Alfred A. Kearney.
34 Juniata,	" 42..	Enos J. Hanchett	William G. Saddler	Guy N. McGonigal	Addison P. Slack.
35 Hebron,	" 43..	James Dinsmore	Daniel T. Scoville	Charles L. Richards . . .	James M. Stanley.
36 Harvard,	" 44..	James S. Catterson	Nathan H. Lewis	Harry N. Webster	Levi B. Munger.
37 Palmyra,	" 45..	John O. Moore	Dwight Wait	Charles A. Sweet	William S. White.
38 Rob Morris,	" 46..	George W. Kern	Charles O. Swan	James D. Hawthorne . .	Robert E. French.
39 Salem,	" 47..				
40 Fairmont,	" 48..	Calvin B. Webber	William E. Smith	Ebenezer Milner	Simeon Sawyer.
41 Evening Star,	" 49..	George H. VanDuyne . . .	Benjamin F. McGill . . .	Edward W. Woodruff . .	John M. Birkner.
42 Hastings,	" 50..	Abijah R. VanSickle . . .	Elroy Petteys	Samuel M. Collins	Albert J. Williams.
43 Fidelity,	" 51..	Thornton B. Myers	William F. Quade	George R. Calton	William F. Downing.
44 Hiram,	" 52..	Joseph Hammang	Soren Olsen	Andrew B. Batson	Lexyman L. Lease.
45 Charity,	" 53..	James A. Tulleys	Charles F. Cather	Algernon Galusha	Robert B. Fulton.
46 Lancaster,	" 54..	Landy C. Clark	Lewis C. Dunn	William M. Oyler	Henry A. Guild.
47 Mosaic,	" 55..	Ernest H. Tracy	W. Herman Bucholz . . .	Silas G. Dean	Lucius M. Gaylord.
48 York,	" 56..	George E. Chilcote	William H. Reader	Gus F. Wruck	Willard L. Whedon.
49 Mount Morian,	" 57..	Othniel Horne	George W. McKee	Schuyler H. Buck	Francis E. Brown.
50 Lebanon,	" 58..	Gus B. Speice	Edwin H. Chambers . . .	Charles B. Stillman . . .	Gus G. Becher.
51 Wahoo,	" 59..	Harmon Gilkeson	Mason L. Ellsworth . . .	John C. Hamilton	Abraham A. Cressman.
52 Melrose,	" 60..	John A. Ellis	Eben P. Young	George Wallace	Hervey T. Ferguson.
53 Thistle,	" 61..	Hanford O. Smith	Edward S. Swain	Fred L. Temple	Walter H. Andrews.
54 Keystone,	" 62..	William H. England	Edward Dearing	Claudius B. Coleman . . .	James O. Baker.
55 Riverton,	" 63..	Willis P. Fulton	Eugene Hunter	David Eastwood	Rufus M. Stark.
56 Blue Valley,	" 64..	William H. Mann	Napoleon B. Haydon . . .	George H. Tracy	Stephen J. Herman.

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57 Osceola,	No. 65	Simon O. Whaley	William W. Wilson	Milton R. Snodgrass	Napoleon C. Foy.
58 Livingstone,	" 66	Edson R. Spencer	Edmund Sedgwick	Jonathan Darning	Edgar D. Champion.
59 Edgar,	" 67	Samuel J. Whitten	Charles A. Vorhees	Gustave A. Byor	John G. Prosser, acting.
60 Aurora,	" 68	Myron T. Wildish	Edmund A. Steinberg	Frank G. Buchan	William H. Alden.
61 Sterling,	" 70	Thomas P. Renshaw	William Kneeland	Johnson P. Renshaw	Francis O. Dort.
62 Trowel,	" 71	Nelson D. Jackson	Henry E. Kryger	John Maybury	Hugh L. McGinitie.
63 Hooper,	" 72	James H. Caldwell	George F. Heine	William M. Saunders	Edward W. Renkin.
64 Friend,	" 73	James M. Peck	Edward Unckless	Charles E. Friend	Denoice C. Page.
65 Alexandria,	" 74	Edwin H. Burnham	James F. Thomas	Edgar M. Jenkins	Henry W. Kennon.
66 Frank Welch,	" 75	James J. McIntosh	Julius Neubauer	Louis J. Taylor	Francis H. DeCastro.
67 Joppa,	" 76	George W. Sheppard	James B. Sumner	Charles Davis	William E. Hatch.
68 Nelson,	" 77	Jacob Rittenbush	Frank S. Shaw	John Veach	Ira G. Foster.
69 Albion,	" 78	Homer D. Wager	Paul A. Krause	William R. Hoffman	Arthur W. Ladd, acting.
70 Geneva,	" 79	Jacob L. Houchin	Richard A. Matteson	George R. Green	Melvin C. Woodford.
71 Composite,	" 81	Lucius A. Warren	Jesse H. Rising	Nelson Holderness	Willis A. Baldwin.
72 Saint Paul,	" 82	Herman W. Merrill	Samuel F. Keeney	Samuel W. Jackson	Cassius B. Monnel.
73 Corinthian,	" 83	Cyrus E. Hunter	Bruce T. Harmon	Herbert P. Shumway	John G. Moir.
74 Fairfield,	" 84	James M. Farley	James Hart	Melvin D. Gates	Joseph Kyne.
75 Tyre,	" 85	William W. Wright	James H. Casbeer	George F. Hartster	John Ault.
76 Doniphan,	" 86	Martin Ennis	John Schwyn	Charles F. Rayner	Daniel C. Gideon.
77 Ionic,	" 87	George G. Bayha		Abram L. Jones	Morris W. Clare.
78 Star,	" 88	Thomas R. Ashley	James Ashley	Milton C. Walston	Robert G. Langley.
79 Cedar River,	" 89	Edwin G. Cook	Henry H. Eymann	Henry E. Knapp	William W. Barre.
80 Elk Creek,	" 90	Samuel G. Wright	William H. Phelen	John G. Woolsey	Thomas B. Rogers.
81 Oakland,	" 91	Ira Thomas	James W. Holmquist	Victor L. Fried	William A. Moyer.
82 Hubbell,	" 92	Andrew F. Agnew	George Cottam	Hubbell H. Johnson	Harvey Ford.
83 Beaver City,	" 93	William T. Ager	Clayton B. Roberts	William T. Collings	Harney S. Rexford.
84 Bennett,	" 94	William Nelson	Charles A. Pierce	Judson E. Vanderlip	Daniel H. Harris.
85 Garfield,	" 95	Elias M. Lowe	Charles C. Millard	Ele Coam	Wesley T. Evans.
86 Utica,	" 96	Joseph Jones	John A. Boon	Thomas J. Brant	H. N. Colman.
87 Euclid,	" 97	James Johnson	John C. Lehman	Michael Kennedy	Stephen W. Orton.
88 Republican,	" 98	Clarence A. Luce	James Muir	James D. Smith	Nelson J. Ludi.
89 Shelton,	" 99	Jason R. George	Charles S. Bailey	Ambrose H. Morris	George Lingar.
90 Creighton,	" 100	Robert M. Peyton	Nathaniel L. Raymond	George Cheney	Jacob Demmer.
91 Ponca,	" 101	Alfred E. Barnes	Fay Mattison	John A. Mohr	Asa W. Rose.

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Lodge.		Master.	Senior Warden.	Junior Warden.	Secretary.
92	Waterloo,	No. 102.. Frank Whitmore.....	John B. Silvis.....	John Emrick.....	George Johnson.
93	Ord,	" 103.. John C. Work.....	William S. McCarthy..	George W. Hall.....	J. Cursiter Heddle.
94	Wymore,	" 104.. Oliver P. Newbranch..	David Chamberlin.....	Legene S. Sage.....	George L. Hemperley.
95	Stella,	" 105.. Joseph A. W. Hull....	J. H. Overman.....	Jesse Jamison.....	John L. Davis.
96	Porter,	" 106.. Warren P. Chase.....	Charles W. Conhiser...	William Rowe.....	Alfred Watkinson.
97	Steele City,	" 107.. Joshua Robertson.....	John R. Zwerfel.....	George M. Bixby.....	David A. Chancellor.
98	Table Rock	" 108.. William H. Wilson....	William Boggs.....	Ambrose D. Davis....	
99	Arapahoe,	" 109.. John H. Mooney.....	Guy H. Babcock.....	John B. Ballard.....	Lyman C. Hanning.
100	Pomegranate,	" 110.. Daniel D. Cooley.....	George D. Lawson.....	Thomas J. Pickett.....	Thomas Johnson.
101	DeWitt,	" 111.. Albert Thomas.....	W. Henry Leacock.....	William H. Staley.....	J. Robert Hollingsworth.
102	Springfield,	" 112.. John B. Lichtenwallner	Thomas D. Roberts....	Samuel S. Leech.....	James C. Miller.
103	Globe,	" 113.. James Stuart.....	Seth J. Arnett.....	Stephen Jones.....	William E. Kimball.
104	Wisner,	" 114.. Frank C. Evans.....	Solomon S. Krake.....	Nathan C. Sears.....	Henry D. Deily.
105	Brainard,	" 115.. John T. McKnight....	Samuel M. Truax.....	Byron Atkinson.....	Augustus Talbot.
106	Harlan,	" 116.. Benjamin M. Simms...	Elmer E. Brown.....		David S. Musselman.
107	Hardy,	" 117.. James H. Fair.....	Willis J. Raynor.....	Noah W. Slater.....	William Bateman.
108	Doric,	" 118.. William Friedell.....	Samuel G. Panter.....	James P. Kepler.....	James Scherzer.
109	North Bend,	" 119.. Elmer Williams.....	John P. Yost.....	Harvey I. Adams.....	Albert L. Hildum.
110	Wayne,	" 120.. Fremont L. Neely....	Frederick P. Baker....	Julius Tower.....	Benjamin F. Feather.
111	Superior,	" 121.. Harry H. Mauck.....	George W. Stubbs.....	Albert C. Felt.....	George F. Cotton.
112	Jasper,	" 122.. William H. Bock.....	Joseph N. Pickett.....	Thomas R. Collan.....	Arthur B. Temphton.
113	Indianola,	" 123.. J. H. Berge.....	Samuel R. Smith.....	Jasper S. Phillips....	William S. Phillips.
114	Auburn,	" 124.. Edward M. Boyd.....	Thomas W. Eustice....	Charles P. Edwards...	Robert C. Boyd.
115	Mount Nebo,	" 125.. Edward C. McMillan..	Norris A. Williams....	Harry A. Riley.....	Fred C. Campbell.
116	Stromburg,	" 126.. George S. Osborn.....	John L. Johnson.....	Alexander Scott.....	Charles A. Peterson.
117	Minden,	" 127.. John L. McPheely....	Joseph S. Dickman....	Arthur H. Burnett....	William T. McGinnis.
118	Guide Rock,	" 128.. Isaiah B. Hampton....	Benjamin P. Powell...	John S. Shatton.....	Ransom S. Proudfit.
119	Blue Hill,	" 129.. John W. C. Thierman..	William J. Whitten....	Charles D. Robinson...	Oliver C. Klingman.
120	Tuscan,	" 130.. George H. Miller.....	Richard W. Morrison...	Albion A. Lord.....	Sidney Schram.
121	Scribner,	" 132.. James Booth.....	William K. Wright....	Lewis H. Neff.....	Edward C. Burns.

122 Elm Creek,	No. 133..	Delbert G. Webster....	George G. Case.....	Theodore C. Anderson..	Henry Nautker.
123 Solar,	" 134..	Ethel A. Richardson...	John C. Hartwell.....	Hans M. Kokjer.....	Harry A. Blizzard.
124 McCook,	" 135..	Rutherford B. Archibald	Thomas G. Rees.....	John R. Roxby.....	William M. Anderson.
125 Long Pine	" 136..	John H. A. Thomas....	John S. Davison.....	Ephriam O. Merritt....	James A. Nay.
126 Upright,	" 137..	David A. Harrah.....		Ferdinand Bstandig....	Samuel K. Cox.
127 Rawalt,	" 138..	Aaron J. Cole.....	James L. Lashbrook...	William O. Critchfield..	John A. Perkins.
128 Clay Centre,	" 139..	George A. Shike.....	Guy W. Secord.....	Orlando P. Shoemaker...	Charles C. Blanchard.
129 Western,	" 140..	William S. Grafton....	Peter Waldorf.....	Danven J. Maynard....	Jonas S. Pusey.
130 Summit,	" 141..	William J. Hoback....	Charles C. Stone.....	George N. Sollars.....	Daniel Casey.
131 Anchor,	" 142..	Henry E. Davis.....	George W. Smith.....	Samuel McClellan....	Nathaniel K. Redlon.
132 Crescent,	" 143..	Lucius P. Judd.....	William H. Ward.....	Reuben H. Shaffer....	Nehemiah W. Goodrich.
133 Kenesaw,	" 144..	Henry E. Norton.....	Charles D. Courtright..	Clarence A. Powell....	Truman P. Booth.
134 Bancroft,	" 145..	William Collins.....	Almond L. Wilder.....	David W. Gilliland....	Joseph E. Blenkison.
135 Jachin,	" 146..	Axel P. Erickson.....	Ezra Temporal.....	Lew Weber.....	William R. Hart.
136 Siloam,	" 147..	James A. Rice.....	Fred S. Hunt.....	John N. Hovey.....	Horace Shank.
137 Emt. Crawford,	" 148..	Alpha Morgan.....	Silas A. Holcomb.....	Harry E. O'Neill.....	Edward Royse.
138 Jewel,	" 149..	Levi H. Mumau.....	George S. Gillespie....	Frank J. Nerud.....	William H. Taylor.
139 Cambridge,	" 150..	Stephen K. Keyes.....	George W. McKean....	William P. Bennett....	William H. Faling.
140 Square,	" 151..	John M. Hixson.....	William T. Craven.....	Ithamar C. Stephens....	Elijah Beach.
141 Parallel,	" 152..	Robert H. Kirby.....	John W. Allen.....	Charles H. Palmer.....	Edgar E. Harden.
142 Evergreen,	" 153..	William E. Bishop.....	Charles Gates.....	George F. Kieper.....	William A. Spencer.
143 Lily,	" 154..	Adelbert D. Pierce....	Edy Randall.....	Reuben Moore.....	Robert Tweed.
144 Hartington,	" 155..	Levi H. Monroe.....	Henry V. Van Velsor..	George D. Cord.....	Julius F. Jenal.
145 Pythagoras,	" 156..	DeWitt L. Cramer....	Fred R. Bignold.....	Joseph N. Kay.....	Albert A. Ege.
146 Valley,	" 157..	Wendell P. Pierce....	Thomas A. Wilburn....	Benjamin H. Newell....	Amos W. Hunt.
147 Samaritan,	" 158..	Albert L. Miller.....	Albert W. Crites.....	Parnelee M. Pritchard.	Newton H. Weir.
148 Ogalalla,	" 159..	Albert Phelps.....	Elwood R. Breisch....	Edwin M. Searle.....	Charles A. Walker.
149 Zeredatha,	" 160..	Alonzo H. Bothwell...	Madison Edwards.....	Nathan B. Moore.....	Walter C. Parker.
150 Mount Zion,	" 161..	James Patterson.....	John Alberry.....	Joseph K. Williams....	Charles Krumbach.
151 Trestle Board,	" 162..	George Adams.....	Benjamin H. Bailey....	Peter A. Flodin.....	James W. Jones.
152 Unity,	" 163..	John F. Polk.....	William J. Laughlin...	John W. Bowker.....	Cyrus F. Hall.
153 Atkinson,	" 164..	James L. McDonald....	Charles M. Forney....	Ben D. Sherwood.....	Arthur L. Morse.
154 Barneston,	" 165..	Seth S. Ratliff.....	James W. Howe.....	James H. Keys.....	William Tauer.
155 Mystic Tie,	" 166..	C. Edwin Burnham....	Charles H. Snider.....	Thomas K. Hansen....	John F. Newhall.
156 Elwood,	" 167..	Burton L. Chambers....	Hiram A. Willard.....	John L. Trobee.....	Andrew Dow.

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Lodge.		Master.	Senior Warden.	Junior Warden.	Secretary.
157 Custis,	No. 168.	James W. Ridgway	Charles B. Compton . . .	Phineas A. Harris, acting.
158 Amity,	" 169.	James M. Baker	Cornelius Patterson . . .	William N. Ford	William M. Alexander.
159 Mason City,	" 170.	Andrew B. Johnstone . . .	John T. Castellan	James Lang	Mack C. Warrington.
160 Merna,	" 171.	Isaac C. Coleman	DeWitt C. Goodenow . . .	Oscar G. Fenner	William S. Redman.
161 Grafton,	" 172.	Josef Franz	Charles F. Ballard	William H. Bartz	Christian Garrett.
162 Robert Burns,	" 173.	Benjamin F. Noll	Vernon D. Selby	Frank H. Wilcox	Epaphro D. Crow.
163 Culbertson,	" 174.	Wiley S. Cornutt	Henry Lehman	Bernard Conway	Ernest W. Eisenhart.
164 Temple,	" 175.	Elijah Filley	Ted D. Slossen	John W. Wright	Andrew B. Van Burgh.
165 Gladstone,	" 176.	Clark J. Stevens	Edward L. Cleveland . . .	W D. Fritz	George H. Snell.
166 Hay Springs,	" 177.	George H. Rhodes	J. Edwin Brown	Frank Tulloss	William Waterman.
167 Hesperia,	" 178.	William M. VanBuren . . .	Rudolph B. Campbell . . .	Sanford M. Huston	Thomas C. Canine.
168 Prudence,	" 179.	Joseph H. Wise	Joseph J. Pounder	Francis Ritchie	Dewitt Eager.
169 Justice,	" 180.	John R. King	Edmond V. Moore	Andrew B. Starke	Thomas Barr, acting.
170 Faith,	" 181.	Leroy Hall	William S. Hazelton	Fred Beaman	Llewellyn B. Hall.
171 Incense,	" 182.	Morris Thomas	Daniel W. Clark	Levi H. Corbin	William Riddell.
172 Alliance,	" 183.	Francis M. Devore	Clayton A. Porter	Walter H. Jackson	Charles Compton.
173 Bee Hive,	" 184.	James Gilbert	Charles C. Stanley	Walstein B. Wyman	Claude L. Talbot.
174 Boaz,	" 185.	Samuel R. Messner	Poster G. Stilgebauer . . .	Hiram W. Parker	Edward E. Undewood.
175 Plumb,	" 186.	George H. Prime	David E. Gray	Daniel J. Fink	Ernest Weishaar.
176 Israel,	" 187.	U. Cloyd Guss	Daniel C. Northway	Frederick W. Leonhardt . .	Hiram A. Creekpaum.
177 Meridian,	" 188.	Curtis Ralston	Elbridge D. Owens	Charles E. Allen	John T. Buckley.
178 Granite,	" 189.	John Reddy	Robert J. S. McCallum . . .	Millard F. Kinkade	William C. Wells.
179 Amethyst,	" 190.	James W. McSay	Alonzo P. Tarbox	Abel Dixon	Sebastian E. Douglass.
180 Crystal,	" 191.	John T. Price	William B. Weekes	Emmet Love	Theodore J. Stoetzel.
181 Minnekadusa,	" 192.	William T. Bullis	William E. Efnor	David Hanna	Albert W. Hallan.
182 Signet,	" 193.	Virgil W. Graves	James H. Hamilton	Samuel C. Smith	Henry P. Benedict.
183 Highland,	" 194.	Luther C. Kurtz	Andrew S. Casad	Thomas Forhan	Leonard Greiser.
184 Arcana,	" 195.	Charles E. Hoffman	William C. Willhite	Leonard Dean	Samuel S. Joice.
185 Level,	" 196.	William H. Wilmuth	Ambrose S. Shelley	James M. Gammell	Warren C. Fenton.
186 Morning Star,	" 197.	Josiah Locke	Samuel A. Tobey	William Davidson	Henry C. Lamphere.

187 Purity,	No. 198..	Charles A. Towell	Cash D. Fuller	Fred Hoffmeister	Stephen S. Bishop.
188 Gavel,	" 199..	Jonas C. Bauman.....	Archibald L. Johnson..	Henry C. Manary.....	Solomon W. Chambers.
189 Blazing Star,	" 200..	Horatio N. Leach	Thomas L. Hall	Frank M. Prentiss.....	J. Willard Newman.
190 Scott's Bluff,	" 201..	William H. Johnson...	Peter McFarlane.....	John R. Stilts.	Charles W. Johnson.
191 Golden Sheaf,	" 202..	Sidney O. Reese.....	Orin McCrary	Charles A. Sharp.....	Ettrick F. Walden.
192 Roman Eagle,	" 203..	J. Madison Curry	Merton N. Snyder	Foster D. Edgar.....	Almon C. Abbott.
193 Plainview,	" 204..	John F. Hecht	Abel Buckingham.....	Harrison Hammond ...	John B. Bringloe.
194 Golden Fleece,	" 205..	Jacob Kiefer.....	August G. Neumann...	Albert H. Nichols	James S. McLoughlin.
195 Naphthali,	" 206..	Alga D. Willey.....	Joseph Bixby	Thomas Nelson	John W. Miller.
196 Parian,	" 207..	Frank L. Haycock.....	John J. Meran.....	Andrew J. McMurtry..	Mark Schneringer.
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