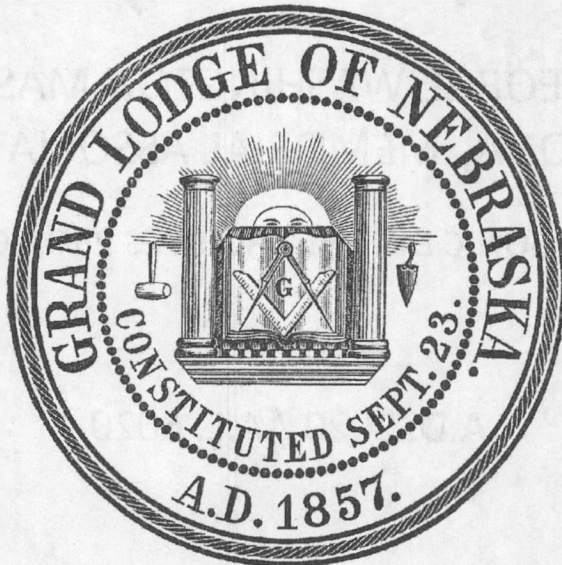


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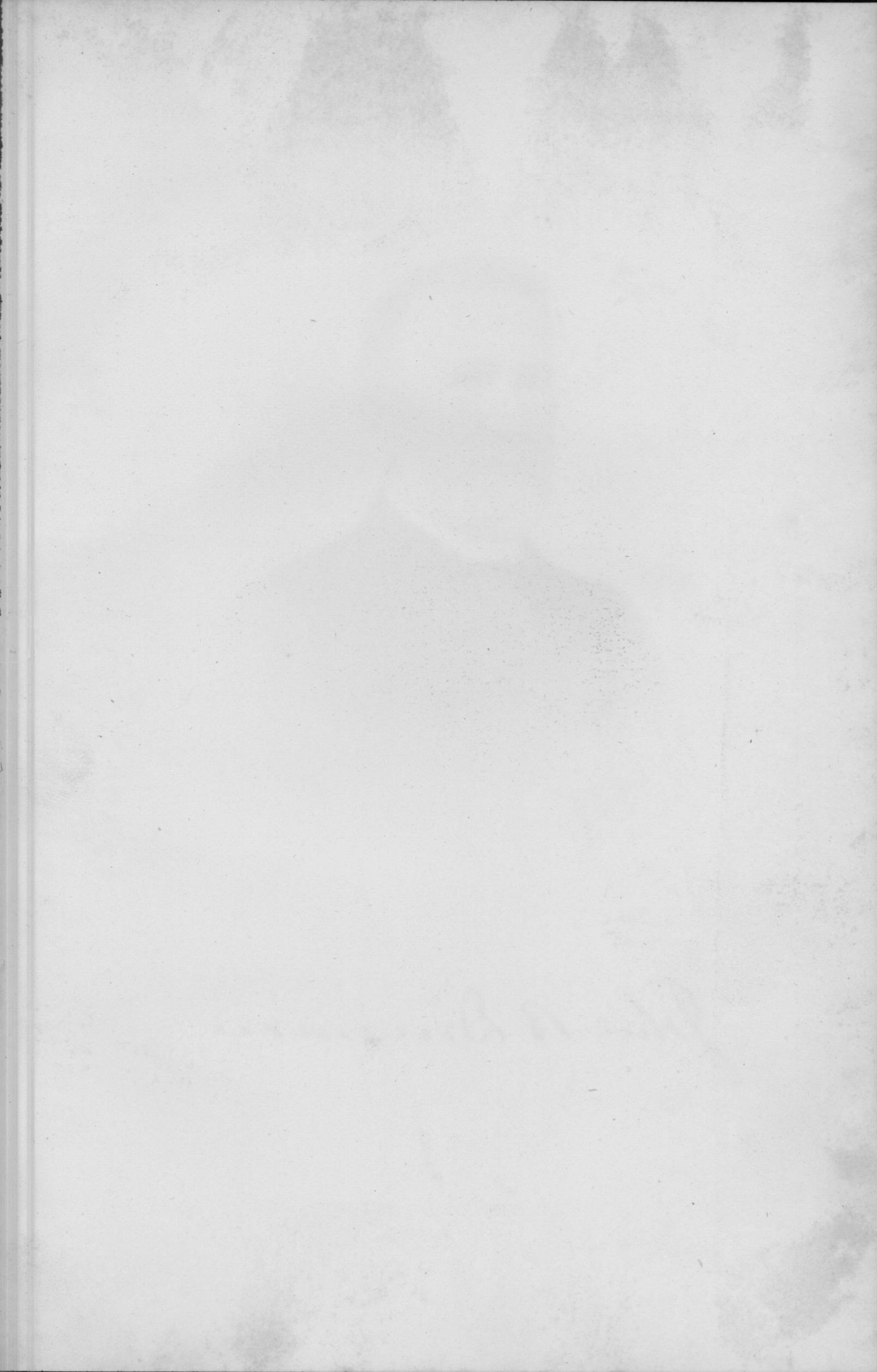
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THE Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska convened and assembled in Freemasons Hall, Omaha, on Wednesday, June 15, A. L. 5898, A. D. 1898, at three o'clock in the afternoon, there being present—

M. W. JOHN B. DINSMORE.....	Grand Master.
R. W. FRANK H. YOUNG.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM W. KEYSOR.....	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. ALBERT W. CRITES.....	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. CHRISTIAN HARTMAN.....	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. WILLIAM R. BOWEN.....	Grand Secretary.
V. W. HARRY C. HARMAN.....	Grand Chaplain
W. CHARLES H. SLOAN.....	Grand Orator.
M. W. JAMES A. TULLEYS, (P. G. M.,).....	Grand Custodian.
W. FRANCIS E. WHITE.....	Grand Marshal.
W. NATHANIEL M. AYERS.....	Grand Senior Deacon.
M. W. JOHN J. MERCER, *4.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro. JACOB KING.....	Grand Tiler.

and representatives from two hundred and nineteen of the two hundred and twenty-nine chartered lodges of the jurisdiction.

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

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

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

Bro.: Slaughter, 89, announced that our first Grand Master, M.:W.: Robert C. Jordan, was in the ante-room. By direction of M.:W.: Bro.: Dinsmore, M.:W.: Bros.: Slaughter, 89, Furnas, 4, and Dunham, 3, presented Past Grand Master Jordan, who was received by the brethren standing, welcomed by our Grand Master, and was seated in the East.

The Grand Master ordered that all Freemasons duly clothed and vouched for be admitted to seats in the galleries during the sessions of this communication, unless objected to by members of Grand Lodge.

As directed, M.:W.: Bros.: Tulleys, 53, Ehrhardt, 41, Davidson, 17, and French, 46, introduced M.:W.: Bro.: Almon R. Dewey, Past Grand Master, R.:W.: Bro.: Willis S. Gardner, Past Deputy Grand Master, and Bro.: Thomas R. Ercanbrack, of our fellow Grand Lodge of Iowa; these distinguished Freemasons were fraternally welcomed by our Grand Master, and were seated in the East.

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

The Grand Master now delivered his

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

How rapid the flight of time! It seems less than a week since we met in annual convocation, yet a whole year, with all its responsibilities, its pleasures and failures, has passed into history. It affords me the greatest pleasure to greet you in this our forty-first annual session, and in knowing that so few whose faces have become familiar by years of intercourse in this Grand Body are missing from the present session. Truly the all-wise Grand Master has dealt kindly with us as a fraternity. To those within our

ranks, plenty and prosperity have attended the efforts of most of them who have been engaged in the prosecution of business enterprises during the past year. May this wise and protecting providence ever extend its beneficent influence over and about you and yours. While we rejoice that so many who have been familiar in our council and in the attendance upon our regular convocation have been spared, still we are admonished that death has been abroad in the land, and particularly true is it that it has been abroad in our own state and our immediate brethren. Many have been gathered to their Father. May their lives have been such as to meet the approval of an all-wise Grand Master. Let us stop at this point and pay a slight tribute to those who have gone beyond, and may our lives be such that we may meet them in the hereafter, and answer their challenge in the universal lodge above.

I have received notice of the death of the following illustrious Masons of other Grand Jurisdictions:

M. W. Wm. Abram Love, Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, died, at his home, January 22, 1898. He was born in Camden, South Carolina, May 16, 1824. A physician by profession, he stood in the foremost ranks of his profession. He occupied the chair of Physiology in the college of Atlanta at the time of his death. He had filled many important positions in the Craft, and was one the loss of whose influence will be felt for years to come.

M. W. Wm. B. Taliaferro, Past Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, died, at his home, in Gloucester county, Virginia, on the 22d day of February, 1898. He had been a gallant soldier, an eminent Mason, a learned jurist, and a humble Christian. He died full of years and honors. In every station he did life's duties well. He had filled many important positions in Masonry and military and civil life, and his brethren mourn his departure.

R. W. Charles C. Stevenson, Grand Secretary, and chairman of committee on Foreign Correspondence, died, at Boise, Idaho, on February 28, 1898, after a brief but severe illness. He was born at Red Bluffs, California, November 29, 1862. He filled important positions in the Masonic fraternity; was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Idaho in 1895, which position he filled at the time of his death.

M. W. Daniel Striker, Past Grand Master of Michigan, died, at his home, in Hastings, Michigan, April 11, 1898, aged 63 years. He was born at Rose, Wayne county, New York, in August, 1835. He had filled many honorable positions at the hands of his brethren in Michigan, as well as in civil life, and his loss will long be felt by the brethren of Michigan.

M. W. James R. Boyce, sr., Past Grand Master of Montana, died, at the home of his son, in Butte, Montana, April 23, 1898. He was the seventh Grand Master of that jurisdiction. He was born in Logan county, Kentucky, October 11, 1817. His life was devoted to mercantile pursuits in different states. He filled many honorable and important positions in Masonic as well as civil life. At one time he resided in the city of Omaha, and was a member of our Capitol Lodge, No. 3, at the time

of his death. His record is such that wherever known he will long be remembered and his loss long felt.

M.:W.:Wm. H. Best, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, died, at his home, in the city of Fargo, May 3, 1898. He had been many years an active, zealous Mason, and filled many important positions in the Order. His influence will be felt long years yet to come.

M.:W.:James M. Harkey, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, died, near Sweet Home, Ark., September 28, 1897, aged sixty-five years. Brother Harkey served the brethren of his jurisdiction as Grand Master, and in many other capacities. He was earnest and sincere in his views; his character was plain. Filled with rugged maxims hewn from life, his mind grasped at once the points of truth and justice which any subject before him presented. His loss will be universally mourned by the brethren of Arkansas.

M.:W.:John Quincy Adams Fellows, Past Grand Master of Louisiana, died, November 28, 1897, in the seventy-third year of his age, and the forty-eighth of his Masonic life. He was born in Orange county, Vermont, April 3, 1825. He received his Blue Lodge degrees at Royalton, Vt. He removed to Louisiana in 1850; was elected Grand Master of Louisiana in 1860, and succeeded himself in 1861, '62, '63, '64, and '65. His life was one of long continuous honorable service to his brethren, one calculated to endear him to the hearts of all Masons who knew him. His deeds must long live after him. The monument he erected is one more lasting than granite, and will be as enduring as time.

We extend fraternal sympathy to our brethren in sister jurisdictions in the loss they have sustained in the death of their eminent brothers.

In Nebraska we have suffered from the visitation of the Angel of Death. Many of our brethren have been taken from us to answer the roll-call in that Supreme Grand Lodge where the Grand Master of the Universe forever rules, and where no subterfuge will avail in passing the scrutiny of the Supreme Grand Tiler when it shall become our privilege to seek entrance into the Supreme Grand Lodge above. Among our brethren who have passed to the great beyond was Brother Henry K. Kerman, Past Grand Junior Warden, who presided in the South at our last annual convocation; and to all who then saw him it was evident that he was suffering from a severe affliction, and that unless relief came soon it must be his final sickness. He passed from earth October 12, 1897, at Macon, Illinois, beloved by his brethren and regretted by all who knew him.

DECISIONS.

1. Is a man who is on a saloon petition a fit man to be made a Mason?
No.
2. Is it un-Masonic for a man to sign a saloon petition? Yes.
3. Was the enclosed notice (At the last regular meeting the Secretary was notified to notify all members over one year in arrears to appear before the next regular meeting and show cause why they should not be suspended

for dues) a summons, and could we have proceeded to suspend a brother who made no response to said notice or summons? No; it was not a summons such as is contemplated under the law.

4. Could we suspend a brother who asks in open lodge to be suspended because he is unable to pay his dues? Yes.

5. Could we suspend a brother who verbally requests the Secretary for immediate suspension for non-payment of dues? No; the request should come to the lodge in writing, signed by the brother desiring to be suspended.

DISPENSATIONS.

By your action, I was directed to go in person or by proxy to Schuyler for the purpose of healing Brother Harry E. Phelps in due Masonic manner. First requiring the payment of fees prescribed by the law of the lodge in whose jurisdiction the said Phelps resides, for the conferring of the three degrees in Masonry; finding it impossible for me to go immediately, I issued dispensation to Brother Walter W. Wells, Master of Acacia Lodge, No. 34, at Schuyler, Nebraska, to act as my proxy. Under date of June 19, A. L. 5897, Brother Wells reported that in compliance with the stipulations made by the Grand Lodge he duly healed Brother Harry E. Phelps and confirmed his membership in said lodge. All of which he certified under the seal of the lodge.

On June 18 I issued dispensations to the following lodges, authorizing them to attend church on June 27, A. L. 5897, dressed as Master Masons, to wit: Acacia Lodge, No. 34, at Schuyler, Neb.; Faith Lodge, No. 181, at Crawford, Neb.; Alliance Lodge, No. 183, at Alliance, Neb.

On July 17, to Wood River Lodge, No. 211, to install its officers.

On July 17, to Square and Compass Lodge, No. 213, to install its Junior Warden.

On July 26, to Faith Lodge, No. 181, to install its Senior Warden.

On August 5, to Bancroft Lodge, No. 145, to install its Junior Deacon.

On August 9, to Cable Lodge, No. 225, to install its Treasurer.

On August 9, to Evergreen Lodge, No. 153, to elect and install officers.

On August 27, to Level Lodge, No. 196, to install its Junior Warden and Treasurer.

On September 4, to Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, to install Senior and Junior Deacons. This was made necessary by reason of the Senior Deacon refusing to be installed, the Junior Deacon being promoted to Senior Deacon and a new appointment being made for Junior Deacon.

On September 21, to Aurora Lodge, No. 68, to install its Senior Warden.

On October 27, to Amethyst Lodge, No. 190, to install its Junior Warden.

On December 1, to Boaz Lodge, No. 185, to install its Junior Warden and other officers.

Good and sufficient reason appearing therefor, the fees in the above cases were remitted.

On July 9, to St. Paul Lodge, No. 182, to install Master and Junior Deacon.

On July 9, to Elm Creek Lodge, No. 133, to install its Secretary.

On September 8, to Orient Lodge, No. 13, to confer the Master Masons degree on Edward Godfrey, without regard to time.

On October 21, to Humboldt Lodge, No. 40, to install its Treasurer, Senior Deacon, and Tiler.

On November 13, to Golden Fleece Lodge, No. 205, to elect its Secretary and install its officers.

On November 19, to Tekamah Lodge, No. 31, to install its Senior Warden.

On November 22, to Prudence Lodge, No. 179, to install its Senior Warden.

On December 20, to Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46, to call a special meeting, to examine as to proficiency, spread the ballot, and, if elected, to confer the Master Masons degree upon Bro. William H. Ray, a Fellow Craft Mason.

On March 21, to Falls City Lodge, No. 9, to install its Junior Warden.

On April 13, to Springfield Lodge, No. 112, to examine Bro. E. J. Taggart, a Fellow Craft Mason, to spread the ballot for, and, if elected, to confer the Master Masons degree on him without regard to time.

In each of the above cases the required fee was paid and turned into the Treasurer, whose receipt for the same is hereby submitted.

In the case of the first dispensation to confer degree out of time, the brother is a traveling salesman whose territory lays outside of the state, and as it would be very inconvenient for him to be present at a regular meeting, permission was sought to confer the degree while on a visit to his father. In the second case, the brother was about leaving the state to be gone for some months, possibly permanently. I deemed both good and sufficient reasons for my action.

You will notice that the last officer installed was more than nine months after the date on which installation should have taken place. There seems to be a quite general disregard of the provision of our law regarding installation; I leave to you the task of providing a remedy. It should be efficient and active in its application, and easily called into operation by the Grand Master.

LODGE BY-LAWS.

I have approved amendments to by-laws as follows:

June 28, 1897, Anchor Lodge, No. 142; June 29, Lancaster Lodge, No. 54; July 6, Nelson Lodge, No. 77; July 20, East Lincoln Lodge, No. 210; September 28, Western Star Lodge, No. 2; October 12, Fidelity Lodge, No. 51; October 15, Lincoln Lodge No. 19; March 7, 1898, Capitol Lodge No. 3; April 4, Acacia Lodge, No. 34; April 18, Granite Lodge, No. 189; April 27, East Lincoln Lodge, No. 210; June 3, Tecumseh Lodge, No. 17.

On February 8 I returned without my approval the proposed amendments to the by-laws of St. Johns Lodge, No. 25, for the reason that the same were in conflict with Masonic law and usage. The proposed amendments provided that the Secretary should deposit all money in a bank

designated as a depository by the Treasurer, which is in conflict with Masonic law and usage, as the Treasurer is to receipt to the Secretary for all money received by him.

LODGE SEALS.

On November 8 I approved the seal of George Armstrong Lodge, No. 241.

CLAIMS.

On August 19, 1897, M.:W.: Grand Master W. T. Lucas, of California, wrote me for forwarding claims of the Masonic Board of Relief, of Stockton, Cal., against our Edgar Lodge, No. 97, for care and money expended in relief of one J. W. Dingman, a member of Edgar Lodge, No. 67.

Also a claim of the Masonic Board of Relief, of Oakland, Cal., against Plattsmouth Lodge, No. 6, for money expended in the relief of the widow of Bro.: Anthony G. Hatt, who was at the time of his death a member in good standing of Plattsmouth Lodge, No. 6. After considerable correspondence with the officers of these lodges, not succeeding in settling the claims, I have referred the same with correspondence to the committee on Grievances.

GRIEVANCES.

In April last I received from Bro.: John T. Marriott a petition asking that in the matter of Corinthian Lodge, No. 83, against him, it might be opened up and such action had as equity and justice demand, and that he be further heard in his own behalf. All papers have been submitted to the committee on Grievances.

March 15, last, Bro.: John S. Bishop, a member of Lancaster Lodge, No. 54, sent me a carbon copy of a letter he had written to Bro.: John J. Adams, Master of North Star Lodge, No. 227, in which he makes grave charges against treatment received by him (while acting as attorney in a case being heard in North Star Lodge) at the hands of Bro.: Harlan E. Don Carlos. Correspondence had with Bro.: Adams shows such a divergence from the matters charged by Bro.: Bishop that I have referred the papers and correspondence to the committee on Grievances for them to investigate and recommend some action in the matter.

Square and Compass Lodge, No. 213, complains that Compass and Square Lodge, No. 212, has not yet paid the amount found due by the report of the committee on Grievances at our last session, and they ask that the matter may be disposed of in some way at this session. The papers have been referred to the committee on Grievances for recommendations as the case requires.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

On August 10th, 1897, I went to Craig, accompanied by M.:W.: Past Grand Masters Dunham and Tulleys, and constituted George Armstrong Lodge, No. 241, assisted by Brothers P.: G.: M.: Dunham acting as D.: G.: M.:, Charles A. Peterson as R.: W.: G.: S.: W.:, Victor L. Fried as R.: W.: G.: J.: W.:, Charles K. Cull as R.: W.: G.: S.:, and P.: G.: M.: James A. Tulleys as R.: W.: G.: M.: I desire to return thanks to the

brothers assisting me; also to the brethren of George Armstrong Lodge for the courteous treatment to myself and those with me.

PLUMB LODGE, NO. 186.

Soon after assuming the duties devolving upon me as Grand Master, I received a copy of a letter addressed to our former Grand Master, Charles J. Phelps, informing him that Plumb Lodge, No. 186, had, a short time before, voted to surrender its charter. I at once entered into correspondence with the officers of said lodge, and from them obtained a statement that there were barely members enough within the immediate precincts of the lodge to open and close the same; that there were other members living at a distance of several miles who were aged, feeble in health, and practically impoverished to such an extent that they could not be depended upon to assist in the active work of the lodge nor in the discharge of its financial burdens; that some of the brethren living within the immediate precincts of the lodge were contemplating removing within a very short time: that others would remove as soon as they could dispose of their business interests and close up affairs in hand.

I notified the Master to summon the brethren to meet at Grant, the last Wednesday in August, to consult as to the future best interests of the lodge. Upon reaching the ground and consulting with all the brethren with whom I met, I ascertained that there would not be a sufficient number within the ordinary reaching distance of the lodge by the first of October to open and close the same; that there was no immediate prospect of their being able to increase the number from new material or from affiliation to have a working number: I consequently authorised them to close up the affairs of the lodge, collecting the dues due it; paying its indebtedness, first to the local creditors, second to the Grand Lodge. When they should have done this, they were authorised to return the charter and books of record to our Grand Secretary.

Thus another one of our subordinate lodges became extinct through no fault of the brothers, but simply from the fact that it was established in a section of the state where the brethren could not remain and support themselves and families during the extreme depression we have had, accompanied by the loss of crops incident to the drought which visited that part of the state in 1894 and 1895.

I ask your approval of my act.

GUIDE ROCK LODGE, NO. 128

Soon after assuming the duties of office our Grand Secretary called my attention to the fact that Guide Rock Lodge, No. 128, had held no election of officers for the current year, and that there was no return made as of April 30, 1897. I at once entered into correspondence with the Secretary of the lodge and found that the Grand Secretary's information was correct; also that the lodge had held no meeting since the one at which officers were installed in June, 1896. Realising that there must be something radically wrong, I determined to visit the lodge, and,

if possible, ascertain what was wrong. Circumstances seemed to forbid my doing so until the 30th of December, when, after having previously directed the Master and Secretary to convene the lodge on that date, by giving notice to each and every resident member, I visited the lodge and found thirteen brethren present. After the lodge had been opened I invited a full and free statement by each brother of the conditions of the lodge, its requirements and prospects. All participated in this, my request, and without an exception they gave as their opinion that the lodge could not exist, owing to the fact that there were but few members, most of them advanced in years and living at some distance from the lodge and unable to attend with regularity, there not being a sufficient number resident within the town to open and close the lodge. During the meeting it developed that much of the time since the lodge had existed Bro.: Isaiah B. Hampton had been its Master; that owing to the distance he lives from the lodge, and his advanced years, he felt that he could no longer assume the duties of the office. None of the other brothers were willing to take upon themselves the burdens of the office of Master, and it seemed to be the general opinion of all brothers present that the best interests of the lodge and of Masonry would be subserved by allowing the lodge to surrender its charter and the brothers to affiliate elsewhere. A vote was finally taken upon this proposition, which resulted in the unanimous decision of the brethren to surrender their charter. No meetings have been held since I was there in December last, consequently no election.

REPRESENTATIVES NEAR OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

Two only of the representatives of this Grand Body near other Grand Lodges have reported to me, viz.: Calvin E. Reed, our representative near the Grand Lodge of Colorado, on September 28, 1897, reported that the Grand Lodge of Colorado had just closed a most profitable and harmonious session; that illness prevented the attendance of Grand Master Geo. W. Roe. He extends to us the fraternal love of the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Colorado. William A. Davis, our representative near the Grand Lodge of California, on October 25, 1897, reported that the Grand Lodge of California had closed a most harmonious session of five days; they appropriated \$20,000 in aid of the Masonic Home, and postponed the adoption of a revised ritual. This, in our opinion, was a wise thing to do.

I have caused to be issued commissions for representatives of this Grand Lodge as follows, viz.: October 8, 1897, to Calvin E. Reed, near the Grand Lodge of Colorado; November 2, 1897, to George H. Babst, near the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

THE PHILLIPS CASE.

Early in the past Masonic year I received a letter from Worshipful Brother Ambrose A. Shelley, Master of Level Lodge, No. 196, asking what action, if any, had been taken on charges preferred by the Junior Warden of Level Lodge against Worshipful Brother Jasper S. Phillips. Not having the papers in hand, nor having seen them, I wrote the Grand

Secretary, who sent them to me. An investigation convinced me that a grave offense had been committed while Brother Phillips was Master of Indianola Lodge, No. 123. Brother Phillips's term of office having expired, I directed the Junior Warden of Indianola Lodge to prefer charges against him, which was done, a trial had, and an appeal taken to the Grand Lodge. The case is now in the hands of the committee on Grievances.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

My attention was called to three different cases of violation of our law relating to the liquor traffic. I directed that charges be preferred against two of the brethren; the third brother's lodge had taken action before my attention was called to the case. In each instance they were indefinitely suspended. Since suspension one of the brothers has taken out a license for the current municipal year, thus showing willful defiance of Masonic law. I directed that charges be again preferred against him and that he be put on trial. Another of the brothers was at the time charges were preferred against him a traveling salesman for a wholesale liquor house. He is a man of extensive acquaintance throughout the state, which acquaintance makes him capable of bringing more disgrace upon the good name of Masonry than any half-dozen brethren less widely known.

I recommend that these cases be investigated and an example made that shall show that lodges cannot indefinitely suspend where a defiant disregard of law is apparent.

PYTHAGORAS LODGE, NO. 156.

Early in July last I received through the hands of our Grand Secretary a letter from W. Lewis A. Combs, Master of Pythagoras Lodge, No. 156, informing me that said lodge lost its hall, all its furniture, books, and papers, with the exception of the lodge charter, which was saved, it not being at the time in the building. I at once corresponded with them, counseling as best I could to secure a new home and go on with the work. They later wrote me, asking that I cause their new hall to be examined as to its safety. To this purpose I commissioned Bro. Job J. King, who inspected the hall and reported the same safe, and I authorised them to proceed with the holding of lodge meetings in it. On the 26th of November I directed the Grand Secretary to forward to this lodge volumes of the second edition of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

LIBRARY.

On December 11, 1897, I directed the Grand Secretary to furnish to Bro. James Munds, Grand Recorder of North Carolina, a full set of the second edition of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge for use in the Masonic library that was being established at Wilmington, N. C.

On February 19 I directed Grand Secretary Bowen to issue to Edward Hare, Grand Recorder of Tacoma Masonic Library Association, Tacoma, Wash., a complete file of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the use of their library.

On April 19 I directed the Grand Secretary to subscribe for one copy of a publication of Masonic Certificates, issued by Fred J. Crowe, Lon-

don. On the same day I directed him to subscribe for one copy of the reprint of the proceedings of the North Carolina Grand Lodge; this latter work to be gathered and folded, but not bound.

On June 3, 1898, I authorised the Grand Secretary to subscribe for a reprint of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, to be published under the direction of and by Jefferson S. Conover, of Coldwater, Mich. This, I am informed, has the official sanction of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, but is not issued by that body.

RELIEF NOTES.

Some time in October last I received a letter from W.: Bro.: Job J. King, Master of Garfield Lodge, No. 95, asking me as to the rate of interest upon note executed by that lodge some three or four years ago, and upon investigation I found the same to be 10 per cent, I presume for the reason that the blank had it printed in, and attention was not called to the rate. I recommend that the interest be reduced to 6 per cent from the date of the note, and that the Grand Secretary be authorised to make a notation on the back of the note showing action taken by this Grand Lodge.

ORPHAN EDUCATIONAL FUND.

Soon after the close of the last convocation of this Grand Lodge my attention was called to the fact that there had been no appointments made of trustees in charge of the Orphan Educational Fund for some years. Upon an investigation I found that all appointments had expired by limitation of the term of service, and that the trustees were simply holding over until their successors should be appointed. On the 23d of October I appointed Past Grand Master Robert W. Furnas, 4, for a term of three years; Past Grand Master Edwin W. Warren, 2, for a term of two years; and Albert U. Wyman, 25, for a term of one year, from the close of the last Grand Lodge. These brethren were convened in the city of Omaha, December 6, 1897, and organised by the election of Bro.: Robert W. Furnas as President, Bro.: Albert U. Wyman, Treasurer, and Bro.: Edwin F. Warren, Secretary.

I call attention to the necessity of these appointments being made at each recurring communication of this Grand Lodge, in order that there may be no vacancies on the Board of Trustees, that no one can say that his term of service expired and was not filled, and that he was relieved from the responsibility as trustee of this sacred trust-fund.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Early in February I received from R.: W.: George W. Carrington, Grand Secretary of Virginia, a cordial invitation from the Grand Lodge of Virginia to this Grand Lodge to be present at and participate in the ceremonies incidental to the observance of the anniversary of the death of W.: Bro.: George Washington, to be held at Mt. Vernon, Va., December 14, 1899, either in the person of the Grand Master or such alternate as may be appointed. As this Grand Lodge had at a former session appointed a committee to correspond and report relative to the proposed observance of this anniversary, and such committee not having reported

or furnished any information touching upon the same, I appointed our M.:W.: Bro.: Henry H. Wilson, P.:G.:M.:., as a committee, with M.:W.: Bro.: Samuel P. Davidson, P.:G.:M.:., as an alternate, with the request that he (Bro.:Wilson) immediately enter into correspondence and ascertain the nature and scope of the proposed ceremonies, and report all facts to this body at the present session.

MOSAIC LODGE, NO. 55.

Early in the Masonic year I was informed that the officers of Mosaic Lodge, No. 55, at Norfolk, had been installed in a lodge of Entered Apprentice Masons; the law of this jurisdiction requires that all business be done in a lodge of Master Masons, save and except that of conferring the preceding degrees. I wrote the Master of the lodge, asking by what authority the officers had been so installed, his reply being that they took their authority from Webb's Monitor, which provides for the installation of officers in an Entered Apprentice lodge. Deeming this to be irregular, I issued an order confirming the installation of the various officers and pronounced them the legal officers of the lodge for the current year, and confirmed all their acts prior to the issuing of my order. I call this to your attention in order that the representatives present may more forcibly realise the necessity of greater familiarity with the law of this jurisdiction.

GRIEVANCES.

In September last I received a communication from the committee on Grievances of Magnolia Lodge, No. 220, against Minnekadusa Lodge, No. 192, charging the invasion of their territory; the same has been referred to the committee on Grievances for such action as may be required.

In January last I received from Brother E. W. McFarlane, Secretary of Incense Lodge, No. 182, a communication setting forth a grievance had with South Point Lodge, No. 497, of Ohio, growing out of the care and relief of a member of that lodge. The papers in this case have been referred to the committee on Grievances, including all correspondence in relation thereto.

In January last Bro.: Daniel C. Cole, Secretary of Peru Lodge, No. 14, wrote Grand Secretary Bowen requesting that the dues of Bro.: Joel E. Wightman, now a member of the Grand Lodge, late a member of our No. 131, now extinct, be remitted. The letter was forwarded to me, and is hereby submitted. I refer this matter to you for your consideration, and recommend that Peru Lodge be notified that upon the election of Bro.: Joel E. Wightman as a member of that lodge his membership in the Grand Lodge shall cease, and his dues be remitted to date, and that the Grand Secretary make such record as is necessary to carry this into effect.

In November last I received the petition of Bro.: Henry P. Mann, late a member of Rock Bluffs Lodge, No. 20, now extinct, asking that his dues be remitted and that he be restored to membership. He is now a resident of Phillipsburg, Kansas, and the Secretary of Phillipsburg Lodge, No. 184, of Kansas, forwards me a petition of eleven of the

brethren asking that the prayer of Bro. Mann's petition be granted, and stating that they are willing to accept him into membership there upon his being clear of his dues to us. I recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted, and that our Grand Secretary be requested to make such notations on the records as will be necessary to carry this recommendation into effect.

GRAND LODGE OF PERU.

My attention has been called by edicts issued by the Grand Masters of Nevada, Michigan, Louisiana, Wisconsin, and Georgia, to the fact that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Peru had by his edict removed from the altar of all Masonic Lodges within his jurisdiction, "The Great Light of Masonry," the Holy Bible, thereby departing from the fundamental law of our Fraternity and making an innovation in Masonry which we claim can not be done by any man or set of men. Nebraska has, so far as I am informed, never recognised or exchanged representatives with the Grand Lodge of Peru, consequently have not held fraternal intercourse with Masous who are affiliated with it. I call your attention to this that such action may be taken in reference to the edict of the Grand Master of Peru as in your wisdom may be deemed best.

GRAND LODGE OF IOWA.

Learning that the Grand Lodge of Iowa was to meet in the city of Council Bluffs on June 7, on the 25th day of May I extended a written invitation to the officers of the Grand Lodge, and Past Grand Masters, to meet me at the office of our Grand Secretary, in this city, at 9 o'clock a. m., June 8th, to accompany me in a visit to that Grand Lodge. About twenty responded to the invitation. The brethren of Iowa met us in a most hospitable manner; the three or four hours spent in their society at the lodge and hotel was a most agreeable time,—one of profit to me, and I hope, to all who participated in this pleasant interchange of fraternal sentiments. I extended to the brethren of Iowa individually and collectively an invitation to visit us at this time and participate in the fraternal love-feast incident to an annual session of this Grand Body. I cannot help but feel that these visitations between the members of different jurisdictions are a means of closer uniting Masons, and of bringing about a more hearty and brotherly feeling.

GRAND LODGE OF COLORADO.

In January last I called upon Brother Calvin E. Reed, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Colorado, at his office, in the city of Denver, where I met Past Grand Master Carr of Colorado, and the two spent considerable time in my entertainment; upon leaving, Brother Reed accompanied me and introduced me to many of the brethren of Denver, making my visit most pleasant and profitable. I extend to him at this time my most sincere thanks for the courtesy of making my visit pleasant and extending the circle of my Masonic acquaintances.

I had hoped to see him in attendance upon the session of this Grand Body, but a recent letter informs me that his duties in court, as assist-

ant attorney general of the state, will prevent his visiting us at this time.

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How much easier it is to form good resolutions for our conduct than to carry them into effect after having once formed them. A year ago it was my firm intention to have spent much time in visiting the various lodges throughout the state, particularly those that might be called weak, or on the sick-call. Immediately after the Grand Lodge, hot weather and the certainty of small meetings at the various lodges deterred me from starting on this course; then other matters interfered which took largely of my time, and which precluded to a considerable extent visiting upon my part. Aside from two or three lodges in the city of Omaha, I have not visited any of the lodges save those I have mentioned in former parts of this address. A failure on my part to do that which I had proposed to do but emphasizes that old saying: "Man proposes but an all-wise Master disposes." The duties incumbent upon your Grand Master are numerous, and entail a vast amount of work. Much of this could be avoided did the brethren expend the same time in the examination of the law that they do in letter-writing. On most points our law is explicit; a careful reading of it, with a mind filled with a desire to know what the meaning is, would save the writing of letters, and valuable time of the Grand Master in answering them. That you may have some idea of the amount of time consumed, I would say that there has been alone received from the Grand Secretary 537 official communications, the most of which required replies or attention of some kind. The duties of the office have required the writing of nearly or quite 1,500 letters. This, together with the time consumed in looking up the law on questions asked, occupies no inconsiderable portion of the ordinary business hours of the year.

TRANS-MISSISSIPPI EXPOSITION.

At the last session a committee was appointed consisting of Bros.: Furnas, 4, Dinsmore, 49, White, 6, Keysor, 25, and Crites, 158, on the Trans-Mississippi Exposition; this committee was expected to report at the same session, but failed to do so. The object of this committee was to establish Masonic headquarters on the exposition grounds, which has been secured. In April there was held a joint session of committees from the various Masonic bodies of the state to determine as to the equipment of the Masonic headquarters secured in the Nebraska building, and the appropriation of funds necessary to furnish and maintain these headquarters throughout the exposition. The amount apportioned to the Grand Lodge as its proportion of the necessary funds is \$600. I recommend that this amount be appropriated and used in defraying the necessary expenses connected with the headquarters and their maintenance. A description of the quarters secured and the objects to be attained will be found in the report of the chairman of this committee.

EXEMPTION FROM GRAND LODGE DUES.

In the matter of exemption from Grand Lodge dues, at the last session our Grand Secretary submitted a query which remains unanswered.

It is but just to your Grand Master that there should be a definite rule fixed as to whether the thirty years' membership shall be continuous in order to entitle the applicant to exemption from Grand Lodge dues. We frequently find aged brethren who have been for more than thirty years Master Masons, but who at some time during their lives have been demitted, in some instances for six or more years. At all times they have been in good standing; in other words, they have not been under charges or sentences of suspension or expulsion. In other instances we find brethren who have for years been members in good standing, and from some cause have been suspended, either from non-payment of dues, or from some supposed violation of Masonic law, remaining suspended, in some instances for a few months, in others for a year or more, when they have been reinstated. Are these brethren entitled to the exemption from Grand Lodge dues?

I respectfully recommend that this matter go to the committee on Jurisprudence, with direction that it formulate a rule that shall govern in the future the issuing of all certificates of exemption from Grand Lodge dues.

Believing that it was the intention to relieve worthy aged brethren from the burdens of further contributions to the Grand Lodge where they have been thirty years Master Masons without having had charges preferred against them or being under sentence of suspension, it has been customary with your Grand Master to direct that certificates of exemption from Grand Lodge dues be issued. While this may not be literally in compliance with the regulations, I think it meets the spirit of the same, as to the just relief of aged members.

RELIEF FUND.

There now remains due and unpaid on the notes given by various lodges to the Relief Fund the sum of \$7,647.72. This amount is all due, and should be paid into the Relief Fund in order that the obligation which we owe the Nebraska Masonic Home Fund may be paid, and the Relief Fund be once more in a position where in case of such a state of affairs as existed in '90 and '94, we may be enabled to provide for our destitute brethren without calling for aid from outside of the jurisdiction. Unless this is done we are not in a condition to meet such a state of affairs as existed in those years, and distress must result to those of our brethren who happen to be in need. The times now are such that with judicious economy brethren should be able to pay these debts incurred in the hour of dire distress without financial distress or serious inconvenience to themselves. I would recommend that this Grand Lodge place itself on record as holding the Masters of all subordinate lodges whose notes are held by the Grand Lodge, responsible that the same be met by payment during the coming year.

RELIEF.

The demands upon the relief funds of the Grand Lodge have not been large in number or in amounts. There have been nine persons aided, eight of whom received a total of \$690.00, or an average of \$86.25, a very inconsiderable amount when we stop to think of the relief that has been

afforded from want and suffering to the loved ones our brethren have been compelled to leave behind when they departed this life.

There has been expended during the year in the protection of the insurance on the life of Past Grand Junior Warden Lewis A. Kent the sum of \$713.32; in paying the interest on a loan advanced to Brother Kent by the life-insurance company, the sum of \$44.40. As this life-insurance policy is assigned to the Grand Lodge to secure it for the advances made, the lodge funds are fully protected. The surrender-value of the policy July 31, 1897, was \$3,721.80, and there are no liens against it prior to that of the Grand Lodge except that due the company, amounting to \$740.00, which bears interest at the rate of 6 per cent, payable semi-annually.

Correspondence had with quite a number of the lodges discloses the fact that they are in straightened financial condition, for the reason that they have allowed the dues to remain uncollected so long that in some instances the lodge officers are afraid to use the powers they possess to compel payment, lest by so doing they suspend so many as to not leave the requisite number to open and close a lodge. There should be some means devised whereby the failure to collect the lodge dues would be an official misconduct on the part of the Master.

CONCLUSION.

I desire to return thanks to all of the officers of the Grand Lodge for the cordial support they have given me at all times in the discharge of my official duties. I have found this especially true of the Grand Secretary, who has been able to enlighten me upon many perplexing questions by placing his fingers upon some law or decision touching on the question involved almost as soon as the question was asked, thanks to his admirable system of conducting the affairs of his office. He is one of the hardest worked men of my acquaintance; one that it will be difficult to replace when the time comes that it will have to be done. For the services rendered we are paying him only a very moderate salary, which should be increased rather than reduced.

Brethren, I thank you for the uniform courtesy and forbearance with which you have all treated me; I assure you that whatever may have been the lot of others, the year just closing has been to me one of pleasure to me long to be remembered. As I surrender the office you so kindly bestowed on me one year ago I return to you my heartfelt thanks and a fond hope that an all-wise Providence may watch over, guard, and protect you and yours, and that our lives may be so ordered that when we approach that celestial lodge above we may receive a sure entrance therein, to secure the wages of corn, wine, and oil of a well-spent and properly directed life.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN B. DINSMORE,
Grand Master.

The following four reports were now received without being read in full, same being at this time distributed in printed form to the members of Grand Lodge. In accordance with the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska, these reports, together with the address of the Grand Master, had already been under consideration by the committee on Doings of Grand Officers:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

OMAHA, June 15, 1898.

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

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

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

June 15, 1897,	To balance on hand.....	\$9,451 79
Sept. 11,	“ cash from Grand Secretary	89 86
Oct. 5,	“ “ “ “ “	14 00
23,	“ “ “ “ “	10 00
Feb. 16,	“ “ “ “ “	50 68
22,	“ “ “ “ “	10 00
24,	“ “ “ “ “	10 00
29,	“ “ “ “ “	33 25
Dec. 1,	“ “ “ “ “	4 32
31,	“ “ “ “ “	10 00
Jan. 10, 1898,	“ “ “ “ “	26 60
Feb. 10,	“ “ “ “ “	47 00
Mar. 26,	“ “ “ “ “	10 00
Apr. 15,	“ “ “ “ “	10 00
25,	“ “ “ “ “	43 00
25,	“ “ “ “ “	23 75
29,	“ “ “ “ “	255 85
30,	“ “ “ “ “	685 46
May 2,	“ “ “ “ “	381 55
3,	“ “ “ “ “	1,543 32
9,	“ “ “ “ “	6,912 83
12,	“ “ “ “ “	1,378 00
13,	“ “ “ “ “	308 26
14,	“ “ “ “ “	121 35
17,	“ “ “ “ “	50
20,	“ “ “ “ “	74 15
24,	“ “ “ “ “	42 50
24,	“ “ “ “ “	41 19
June 1,	“ “ “ “ “	2 00

June 2, 1898,	To cash from Grand Secretary	\$50 00
4,	" " " " "	27 00
6,	" " " " "	2 00
8,	" " " " "	35 25
		<hr/> \$21,705 46

GENERAL FUND.

DISBURSEMENTS.

DATE.	WARRANT NO.	NAME.	
May 11, 1896,	By 1281,	Lyman E. Ware	\$100 00
25, 1897,	" 1415,	Rogers & Smith Company.....	48 11
25,	" 1416,	Rogers & Smith Company.....	52 80
June 16,	" 1427,	Rees Printing Co.....	22 50
16,	" 1428,	Rogers & Smith Company.....	8 00
18,	" 1431,	The Grand Master.....	100 00
18,	" 1432,	The G'd Master, for his clerk..	150 00
18,	" 1433,	Pacific and United States Ex- press Companies.....	7 70
18,	" 1434,	State Journal Co.....	16 40
18,	" 1435,	The Grand Treasurer.....	26 00
18,	" 1436,	Rogers & Smith Company.....	72 00
18,	" 1437,	Rogers & Smith Company.....	91 50
18,	" 1438,	Rees Printing Co.....	78 00
18,	" 1439,	Lincoln District Telegraph Co..	2 00
18,	" 1440,	The Grand Secretary.....	100 00
18,	" 1441,	The Grand Custodian.....	100 00
18,	" 1442,	The Grand Treasurer.....	3,715 30
25,	" 1443,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
25,	" 1444,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
25,	" 1445,	The Grand Sec'y, for his clerk..	60 00
28,	" 1447,	Omaha District Telegraph Co..	4 62
July 3,	" 1448,	William D. Fletcher.....	9 72
3,	" 1449,	Ethel A. Robbins.....	9 72
9,	" 1450,	John J. Mercer.....	75 00
9,	" 1451,	Erie W. Northrop.....	5 98
9,	" 1452,	Geo. T. Sprecher.....	14 10
24,	" 1453,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
24,	" 1454,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
24,	" 1455,	The Grand Sec'y, for his clerk..	60 00
24,	" 1456,	Rogers & Smith Company.....	1,056 10
24,	" 1457,	Rogers & Smith Company.....	52 80
24,	" 1459,	Rogers & Smith Company.....	9 25
28,	" 1461,	Nebraska Telephone Co.....	15 00
Aug. 25,	" 1462,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
25,	" 1463,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
25,	" 1464,	The Grand Sec y, for his clerk..	60 00

DATE.	WARRANT NO.	NAME.	
Sept. 6, 1897,	By 1465,	Com. on For. Correspondence...	\$100 00
25,	" 1466,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
25,	" 1467,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
25,	" 1468,	The Grand Sec'y, for his clerk..	60 00
25,	" 1469,	The Grand Custodian.....	100 00
27,	" 1470,	The United States Express Co..	99 60
Oct. 25,	" 1471,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
25,	" 1472,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
25,	" 1473,	The Grand Sec'y, for his clerk..	60 00
Nov. 12,	" 1476,	William R. Bowen.....	7 40
24,	" 1477,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
24,	" 1478,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
24,	" 1479,	The Grand Sec'y, for his clerk..	60 00
24,	" 1480,	The Grand Custodian.....	100 00
24,	" 1481,	Francis E. White.....	50 00
30,	" 1484,	John W. Gwin.....	29 50
Dec. 3,	" 1485,	W. S. Brooks.....	8 84
8,	" 1486,	The Grand Secretary.....	100 00
8,	" 1487,	The G'd Sec'y, for his janitor...	60 00
24,	" 1489,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
24,	" 1490,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
24,	" 1491,	The Grand Sec'y, for his clerk..	60 00
24,	" 1492,	The Grand Master.....	50 00
24,	" 1493,	The G'd Master, for his clerk....	100 00
Jan. 25, 1898,	" 1495,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
25,	" 1496,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
25,	" 1497,	The Grand Sec'y, for his clerk..	60 00
25,	" 1498,	The Grand Custodian.....	100 00
25,	" 1500,	The Grand Treasurer.....	4 00
Feb. 25,	" 1501,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
25,	" 1502,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
25,	" 1503,	The Grand Sec'y, for his clerk..	60 00
Mar. 1,	" 1505,	The Grand Custodian.....	100 00
25,	" 1506,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
25,	" 1507,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
31,	" 1508,	Maynard S. Merrill & Co.....	57 60
April 1,	" 1509,	James P. A. Black.....	7 50
11,	" 1510,	E. A. Armstrong Mfg. Co.....	33 33
11,	" 1511,	Rees Printing Co.....	104 45
12,	" 1512,	Nebraska Telephone Co.....	15 00
19,	" 1513,	E. A. Armstrong Mfg. Co.....	33 33
28,	" 1514,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
28,	" 1515,	The Grand Sec'y, for his clerk..	60 00
28,	" 1516,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
May 5, 1898,	by 1518,	Rees Printing Co.....	518 88
5,	" 1519,	Rees Printing Co.....	81 82
12,	" 1520,	Masonic Temple Craft, Omaha..	200 00

DATE.	WARRANT No.	NAME.	
May 12, 1898,	By 1521,	Masonic Temple Craft, Omaha..	\$30 00
12,	" 1522,	Christian Hartman.....	50 00
12,	" 1523,	Albert U. Wyman.....	5 00
12,	" 1524,	Treasurer Orphans Educa- tional Fund, for his clerk.....	60 00
13,	" 1525,	Rogers & Smith Company.....	144 75
25,	" 1526,	The Grand Master.....	150 00
25,	" 1527,	The G'd Master, for his clerk...	250 00
25,	" 1528,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
25,	" 1529,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
25,	" 1530,	John W. Gwin.....	5 00
27,	" 1532,	The Grand Treasurer.....	5 21
June 8,	" 1534,	The Grand Secretary.....	3 50
8,	"	Transfer 10 per cent of dues and fees to Relief Fund.....	561 49
		Transfer fees to Relief Fund....	1,122 98
			\$13,991 78
		Balance in General Fund.....	\$7,713 68

RELIEF FUND.

RECEIPTS.

June 15, 1897,	To balance on hand.....	\$202 48
Sept. 11,	Received from Grand Secretary.....	129 47
25,	" " " "	72 00
Oct. 8,	" " " "	109 50
Nov. 10,	" " " "	24 41
22,	" " " "	81 00
Dec. 13,	" " " "	220 00
8,	" " " "	56 75
20,	" " " "	118 00
Jan. 8, 1898,	" " " "	83 47
12,	" " " "	150 00
15,	" " " "	26 71
21,	" " " "	123 50
25,	" " " "	58 50
Feb. 7,	" " " "	193 44
17,	" " " "	34 45
19,	" " " "	459 00
Mar. 14,	" " " "	57 50
15,	" " " "	8 50
16,	" " " "	55 87
31,	" " " "	90 00
Apr. 2,	" " " "	16 70
11,	" " " "	10 00
13,	" " " "	90 00
20,	" " " "	100 00
25,	" " " "	52 00

Apr. 25, 1898,	Received from Grand Secretary.....	\$97 79
May 12,	“ “ “ “	205 91
June 2,	“ “ “ “	145 00
2,	“ “ “ “	50 00
6,	“ “ “ “	50 20
8,	5 per cent dues and fees transferred from General Fund.....	561 49
8,	10 per cent dues and fees transferred from General Fund.....	1,122 98
10,	Received from Grand Secretary.....	50 00
		\$4,906 62

RELIEF FUND.

DISBURSEMENTS.

DATE.	WARRANT NO.	NAME.	
May 29, 1897,	By 1421,	Justice Lodge, No. 180.....	\$10 00
June 26,	“ 1440,	Massachusetts Mutual Life In- surance Co.....	22 20
July 24,	“ 1458,	Massachusetts Mutual Life In- surance Co.....	356 66
Nov. 10,	“ 1474,	Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46.....	80 00
12,	“ 1475,	Morning Star Lodge, No. 197... ..	80 00
July 24,	“ 1460,	Emmet Crawford Lodge, No. 148,	60 00
Nov. 24,	“ 1482,	Bloomfield Lodge, No. 218.....	80 00
29,	“ 1483,	Gladstone Lodge, No. 176.....	15 00
Dec. 20,	“ 1488,	Massachusetts Mutual Life In- surance Co.....	22 20
Jan. 12, 1898,	“ 1494,	Scribner Lodge, No. 132.....	50 00
25,	“ 1499,	Massachusetts Mutual Life In- surance Co.....	356 66
28,	“ 1504,	Gladstone Lodge, No. 176.....	15 00
Apr. 29,	“ 1517,	Gladstone Lodge, No. 176.....	10 00
June 8,	“	Transferred to Masonic Home Fund.....	3,000 00
			\$4,157 72
		Balance in Relief Fund.....	\$748 90

MASONIC HOME FUND.

RECEIPTS.

June 8, 1898,	Transferred from Relief Fund.....	\$3,000 00
		\$3,000 00
	Balance in Masonic Home Fund.....	\$3,000 00

Please find herewith my check, No. 1898, on the Merchants National Bank of Omaha, in favor of this Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., certified to by said bank, for \$11,462.58, being the amount in my hands belonging to the Grand Lodge.

I also hand you herewith the pay-roll for the session of 1897, and the warrants paid by me since the last session of this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted.

CHRISTIAN HARTMAN,

Grand Treasurer.

[NOTE.—Corrections have been made according to committee's recommendation, on page 731 (5511) of 1897 report.]

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To Grand Lodge:

The annual returns for year ending April 30, 1898, have been received from each and every one of our existing lodges; this is an old story, but is worth repeating.

In addition to the documents which have been placed with our standing committees, I submit the financial books and statements of my office, with the following summary of disbursements under your appropriations for the year ending June 10, 1898:

	<i>Appropriated.</i>	<i>Expended.</i>
Grand Secretary's expense account—		
Postage, telegrams, telephones, expressage.....	\$250 00	\$284 43
Stationery.....	65 00	30 90
Blanks.....	200 00	194 96
Incidentals.....	50 00	70 39
	\$565 00	\$580 68
Pay-roll, session 1897.....	\$3,715 30	\$3,833 82
Expense, session 1897.....	287 60	272 22
" Grand Treasurer, 1896-7.....	26 00	26 00
" committee on Foreign Correspondence, 1896-7.....	100 00	100 00
" printing charters, Lodges Nos. 155 and 241.....	20 00	17 25
" compiling Index, Law 1895.....	50 00	50 00
Grand Master's expense, current year.....	300 00	300 00
" clerk, ".....	500 00	500 00
Grand Treasurer's salary, ".....	50 00	50 00
Grand Secretary's salary, ".....	1,800 00	1,800 00
" clerk, ".....	600 00	600 00
Grand Custodian's salary, ".....	1,200 00	1,200 00
" expense, ".....	500 00	500 00
Treasurer Orphan Educational Fund, salary, current year.....	5 00	5 00
" clerk, ".....	60 00	60 00
Printing proceedings of 1897.....	* 518 88	518 88
Electrotyping proceedings of 1897.....	* 81 82	81 82
Vol. IV, second edition, proceedings 1881-1886.....	* 1,056 10	1,056 10
" IV, fifty copies, as compensation for compiler.....	* 52 80	52 80
" V, second edition, proceedings 1887-1890.....	† 1,000 00	.....
Indexes, Vols. 5 and 6.....	300 00	144 75
Supplies for sale and issue.....	750 00	251 21
Grand Lodge office, rent.....	200 00	200 00
" " " heat and light.....	50 00	53 48
" " " janitor.....	60 00	60 00
" " " telephone.....	30 00	30 00
" " " renovating.....	50 00	52 40
Library, purchasing, binding, etc.....	100 00	5 21
" repairs.....	10 00	5 00
Masonic Collectors Association.....	5 00	.....
Commissions, committees, etc.....	* 14 90	14 90
Relief, sundry parties.....	390 00	390 00
" Kent insurance.....	757 72	757 72
Sundries.....	3 50	3 50
Totals.....	\$15,189 62	\$13,552 74

* Appropriation did not specify the sum. † Appropriation was "about \$1,000."

As usual I submit as a test of the correctness of our accounts the following statement of debit and credit balances of Lodges, June 10, 1898:

	DR.	CR.		DR.	CR.
Nemaha Valley, 4.....	\$0 60		Stromsburg, 126.....		\$1 00
Solomon, 10.....	8 25		Minden, 127.....		1 00
Nebraska City, 12.....		\$4 00	Guide Rock, 128.....	\$69 30	
Jordan, 27.....	10		Blue Hill, 129.....	8 00	
Charity, 53.....		1 50	Elm Creek, 133.....		2 86
Mosaic, 55.....		2 00	Upright, 137.....		1 75
Wahoo, 59.....		1 00	Rawalt, 138.....	01	
Melrose, 60.....		4 90	Pythagoras, 156.....	20 00	
Keystone, 62.....		02	Atkinson, 164.....	25	
Blue Valley, 64.....	60		Grafton, 172.....	02	
Hooper, 72.....		1 50	Gladstone, 176.....		12 09
Joppa, 76.....		1 00	Hay Springs, 177.....	26 80	
Nelson, 77.....		1 00	Hesperia, 178.....	1 61	
Albion, 78.....	5 00		Prudence, 179.....	6 00	
Geneva, 79.....		1 50	Plumb, 186.....	32 00	
Garfield, 95.....		24	Meridian, 188.....		3 30
Creighton, 100.....	1 00		Highland, 194.....		3 00
Ponca, 101.....		7 00	Arcana, 195.....		1 00
Porter, 106.....		4 00	Level, 196.....	7 50	
Arapahoe, 109.....	25		Morning Star, 197.....	1 00	
Pomegranate, 110.....	5 30		Golden Sheaf, 202.....		1 50
De Witt, 111.....	16 00		Golden Fleece, 205.....		1 00
Springfield, 112.....		10	Parlan, 207.....		2 00
Wisner, 114.....		5 70	Golden Rule, 236.....		1 00
Brainard, 115.....		1 00			
Jasper, 122.....	13 00				
Indianola, 123.....	67 22		Total.....	\$289 81	\$87 96

Since June 10 I have received thirty-five dollars from Hay Springs Lodge, 177.

Herewith is a statement of bills receivable of Relief Fund; the rate of interest has been computed at 6 per cent (one note reads 10 per cent) except on the Kent notes, which bear 7 per cent. The interest has not been compounded.

DATE.	BORROWER.	PRINCIPAL.	OVERPAID.	STILL DUE.
Dec. 5, 1894	Gauge Lodge, No. 208.....	\$100 00		\$121 08
Dec. 14, 1894	Bancroft Lodge, No. 145.....	100 00		102 44
Dec. 24, 1894	Curtis Lodge, No. 168.....	100 00		70 76
Dec. 31, 1894	Melrose Lodge, No. 60.....	500 00		603 34
Jan. 1, 1895	Palisade Lodge, No. 216.....	300 00		263 47
Jan. 9, 1895	Keystone Lodge, No. 62.....	100 00		10
Jan. 12, 1895	Mason City Lodge, No. 170.....	50 00		4 43
Jan. 17, 1895	Indianola Lodge, No. 123.....	200 00		240 80
Feb. 20, 1895	Robert Burns Lodge, No. 173.....	500 00		599 18
Feb. 20, 1895	Boaz Lodge, No. 185.....	300 00		187 61
Feb. 20, 1895	Mason City Lodge, No. 170.....	650 00		311 50
Feb. 21, 1895	Zeredatha Lodge, No. 160.....	250 00		436 11
Feb. 23, 1895	Gladstone Lodge, No. 176.....	500 00	\$11 09	
Mar. 2, 1895	Cambridge Lodge, No. 150.....	400 00		88 16
Mar. 2, 1895	Cable Lodge, No. 225.....	400 00		1 08
Mar. 6, 1895	Saint Paul Lodge, No. 82.....	600 00		336 67
Mar. 6, 1895	Bea'er City Lodge, No. 93.....	500 00		433 75
Mar. 11, 1895	Elm Creek Lodge, No. 133.....	200 00	2 86	
Mar. 12, 1895	Crystal Lodge, No. 191.....	400 00		377 37
Mar. 12, 1895	Meridian Lodge, No. 188.....	400 00	3 30	
July 26, 1895	Garfield Lodge, No. 95.....	179 65		186 32
July 30, 1895	Lewis A. Kent and wife.....	385 16		463 53
Jan. 31, 1896	Lewis A. Kent and wife.....	385 16		449 43
July 31, 1896	Lewis A. Kent and wife.....	382 46		432 29
Jan. 30, 1897	Lewis A. Kent and wife.....	382 46		418 89
May 1, 1897	Lewis A. Kent and wife.....	676 66		729 23
July 31, 1897	Lewis A. Kent and wife.....	378 86		401 70
Jan. 31, 1898	Lewis A. Kent and wife.....	378 86		388 48
	Totals.....		\$17 25	\$7,647 72

I submit the following list of Nebraska Freemasons over sixty-five years of age who have been placed on the retired list under your enact-

ment of June 11, 1896, same being thereby exempted from the payment of dues:

Crt. No.	NAME AND LODGE	BORN	1°	2°	3°
1	David Day, 32.....	Apr. 20, '25..	Feb. 20, '60..	Apr. 14, '60..	Sept. 26, '60.
2	Andrew H. Runyon, 147.....	July 4, '27..	Mar. 31, '55..	Apr. 19, '55..	May 12, '55.
3	John N. Hovey, 147.....	June 5, '30..	Apr. 28, '58..	May 27, '58..	July 6, '58.
4	Jesse T. Davis, 21.....	Jan. 29, '31..	Sept. 12, '65..	Sept. 26, '65..	Sept. 26, '65.
5	Hiram L. Smith, 79.....	Oct. 19, '28..	Apr. 14, '62..	May 12, '62..	July 7, '62.
6	David I. Bailey, 19.....	Oct. 12, '28..	Apr. 20, '64..	July 17, '64..	July 13, '64.
7	Charles W. Pierce, 19.....	Oct. 7, '26..	Nov. 28, '54..	Dec. 20, '54..	Dec. 29, '54.
8	Eben K. Long, 11.....	Dec. 24, '26..	Sept. 21, '53..	Oct. 19, '53..	Dec. 16, '53.
9	John H. Simmons, 38.....	Nov. 5, '31..	Oct. 10, '60..	Feb. 11, '61..	Mar. 11, '61.
10	Milton Montgomery, 54.....	May 3, '25..	Dec. 30, '57..	June 2, '58..	June 2, '58.
11	Robert Gaudes, sr., 33.....	June 11, '26..	Jan. 25, '64..	Mar. 14, '64..	Apr. 11, '64.
12	Washington M. Hinman, 32..	Sept. 14, '19..	.....	June 6, '46..	June 6, '47.
13	Edwin N. Grenell, 10.....	Mar. 10, '28..	Aug. 8, '65..	Aug. 8, '65..	Sept. 26, '65.
14	Daniel Payton, 93.....	Oct. 4, '25..	Mar. 31, '55..	June 4, '55..	July 2, '55.
15	Elias H. Clark, 10.....	Sept. 13, '28..	Mar. 24, '51..	Apr. 14, '51..	May 15, '51.
16	Cyrus F. Hall, 163.....	Apr. 25, '31..	Oct. 20, '63..	Nov. 23, '63..	Dec. 22, '63.
17	George W. Goodman, 93.....	Jan. 26, '18..	Jan. 24, '56..	Sept. 25, '56..	Sept. 10, '57.
18	James W. Frow, 19.....	Jan. 20, '28..	May 29, '56..	June 27, '56..	July 14, '56.
19	Jacob B. Lininger, 104.....	Dec. 17, '30..	Feb. 21, '56..	Apr. 3, '56..	May 1, '56.
20	John E. Bahhitt, 36.....	Sept. 15, '27..	.....	Oct. 31, '55..	Oct. 31, '55.
21	Luther R. Horrur, 214.....	June 28, '30..	Dec. 14, '53..	Jan. 11, '54..	Feb. 15, '54.
22	William Woodhurst, 32.....	Oct. 7, '30..	June 2, '54..	July 21, '54..	Aug. 4, '54.
23	John Fitzsimmons, 51.....	Aug. 14, '25..	Mar. 7, '65..	May 21, '65..	Aug. 1, '65.
24	George W. L. Mitchell, 52.....	July 3, '25..	May 25, '50..	May 31, '50..	June 5, '50.
25	Hamilton Nabb, 38.....	Oct. 2, '28..	Dec. 19, '60..	Jan. 16, '61..	Apr. 17, '61.
26	John M. Burks, 19.....	Mar. 24, '32..	Jan. 19, '56..	Feb. 18, '56..	Mar. 17, '56.
27	James Dunovan, 36.....	Jan. 23, '31..	Dec. 20, '62..	Jan. 14, '63..	Feb. 4, '63.
28	Henry McCarn, 36.....	Aug. 30, '29..	Mar. 25, '57..	Apr. 18, '57..	Apr. 29, '57.
29	James A. Pike, 207.....	Mar. 22, '26..	Oct. 12, '50..	Oct. 26, '50..	Nov. 25, '50.
30	Edward S. Reed, 54.....	Sept. 17, '21..	Dec. 19, '61..	Jan. 6, '62..	Jan. 20, '62.
31	George Sprecher, 34.....	Oct. 22, '08..	Dec. 11, '45..	Jan. 8, '46..	Feb. 5, '46.
32	Samuel L. Andrews, 37.....	Feb. 26, '26..	May 20, '62..	Dec. 9, '62..	Dec. 30, '63.
33	John S. French, 120.....	Oct. 18, '28..	Feb. 2, '53..	May 18, '53..	June 18, '53.
34	Albert M. Davis, 19.....	Feb. 5, '31..	June 19, '55..	July 20, '55..	Aug. 10, '55.
35	Alonzo McCally, 172.....	Jan. 16, '20..	Jan. 14, '64..	Apr. 15, '65..	June 6, '65.
36	Volney C. Utley, 57.....	Nov. 21, '24..	Mar. 31, '54..	July 7, '54..	June 13, '56.
37	William Y. Heather, 57.....	Mar. 5, '28..	Jan. 26, '65..	July 31, '65..	Sept. 11, '65.
38	Edwin D. Fay, 37.....	Mar. 17, '30..	Jan. 21, '61..	Feb. 18, '61..	Mar. 25, '61.
39	John A. Unthank, 52.....	Dec. 18, '19..	Feb. 21, '54..	Mar. 8, '54..	Mar. 21, '54.
40	George J. Burgess, 135.....	Apr. 10, '23..	Apr. 20, '54..	May 4, '54..	May 18, '54.
41	Samuel L. Green, 135.....	Feb. 28, '23..	July 1, '63..	.....	Oct. 1, '63.
42	James Dickson, 207.....	Nov. 1, '29..	Aug. 10, '67..	Nov. 9, '67..	Dec. 7, '67.
43	George W. Grimes, 70.....	Oct. 18, '24..	Jan. 23, '64..	Feb. 20, '64..	Mar. 10, '64.
44	Anson T. Johns, 21.....	Apr. 9, '28..	July 19, '56..	Aug. 10, '56..	Sept. 2, '56.
45	George Fuller, 197.....	Feb. 25, '24..	Dec. 2, '65..	Jan. 5, '66..	June 1, '66.
46	Stephen D. Harding, 93.....	Dec. 12, '32..	Aug. 1, '64..	Sept. 2, '54..	Oct. 4, '54.
47	James M. Gilmore, 19.....	May 20, '25..	Jan. 11, '64..	Feb. 8, '64..	Mar. 14, '64.
48	Oliver K. Beeman, 46.....	Sept. 3, '27..	Sept. 1, '66..	Oct. 1, '66..	Nov. 1, '66.
49	Homan J. Walsh, 19.....	Mar. 24, '31..	Feb. 5, '62..	Mar. 19, '62..	Apr. 2, '62.
50	Amasa Cobb, 19.....	Sept. 27, '23..	Jan. 2, '50..	Jan. 3, '50..	Jan. 3, '50.
51	Lucian B. Treeman, 19.....	Feb. 4, '29..	Jan. 31, '63..	May 2, '63..	May 30, '63.
52	Henry H. Coleman, 19.....	Aug. 20, '25..	Oct. 6, '58..	Oct. 20, '58..	Nov. 3, '58.
53	David Pickard, 49.....	Jan. 28, '32..	.....	.....	.....
54	Isaac Wiles, 6.....	Oct. 25, '30..	May 16, '64..	Mar. 23, '65..	July 31, '65.
55	Jacob Vallery, jr., 6.....	June 14, '24..	Sept. 15, '62..	Nov. 17, '62..	Dec. 8, '62.
56	Francis S. White, 6.....	Jan. 10, '23..	May 22, '65..	Jan. 16, '66..	Feb. 13, '66.
57	Carry A. Borders, 46.....	Apr. 13, '24..	Aug. 17, '55..	Sept. 3, '55..	Sept. 24, '55.
58	John C. Cummins, 6.....	Apr. 5, '31..	.....	.....	.....
59	Alfred D. Jones, 3.....	Jan. 30, '14..	Mar. 4, '57..	Mar. 4, '57..	May 18, '57.
60	Jacob King, 3.....	Sept. 3, '31..	Mar. 18, '67..	Nov. 26, '67..	Jan. 26, '68.
61	Henry Brown, 3.....	Nov. 13, '24..	July 24, '52..	Sept. 25, '52..	Nov. 20, '52.
62	John Brevoort, 3.....	Oct. 1, '19..	June 9, '65..	Aug. 25, '65..	Oct. 24, '65.
63	Francis B. Gilmore, 3.....	May 9, '21..	.....	.....	.....
64	Leonidas Stephenson, 64.....	Sept. 11, '22..	Mar. 21, '55..	May 2, '55..	June 6, '55.
65	George W. Heston, 25.....	Apr. 8, '33..	Mar. 19, '64..	Apr. 16, '64..	July 16, '64.
66	Abraham K. Lucas, 25.....	Apr. 12, '25..	Apr. 11, '57..	May 9, '57..	Jan. 12, '58.
67	Samuel E. Webster, 200.....	Jul. 26, '28..	May 25, '67..	July 13, '67..	Aug. 10, '67.
68	William W. Wilson, 19.....	Nov. 15, '24..	.....	.....	July 28, '54.
69	Thomas J. Mayo, 93.....	June 3, '27..	July 25, '67..	Feb. 18, '68..	Apr. 7, '68.
70	George W. Moore, 70.....	Feb. 7, '32..	Mar. 11, '65..	May 10, '65..	July 8, '65.

In seeking for data to complete many of these cases other Grand Lodges have necessarily been asked for certificates as to the record of individual Freemasons; and it is very comfortable to have thus learned that the records of our Grand Lodge and our lodges are better preserved, with more complete records, than many others not much if any older than ours.

The attention of Grand Lodge is again invited to the words "in good standing" in this law; and it is asked whether a brother sixty-five years of age, who was raised thirty years ago, who remained a member of his first lodge one month, stood demitted for twenty-nine years and ten months, and one month ago became a member of a Nebraska lodge, is eligible for exemption under this law.

To show the interest in Freemasonry, I report that during the year 135 white leather aprons and 201 monitors have been purchased from Grand Lodge, most of them by "country" lodges, thus confirming the report of our Grand Custodian that our best lodges are not all in our large cities.

The value of the second edition of our proceedings is illustrated by the ease with which a recent inquiry of our Grand Master was answered. He asked if our Grand Lodge had recognised the Grand Lodge of Peru, and if we had exchanged representatives. It would have taken me two days to have exhaustively examined our unindexed proceedings from 1857 to date; but by reference to the indexes of our second edition I was able to answer his inquiry with certainty in two minutes. Not only is the time of our Grand Master and our committees saved in answering inquiries by the existence of the second edition, but those who would otherwise inquire can readily and without labor determine matters for themselves, thus diminishing the number of queries. All our legislation will be more consistent because of the ease of determining by these indexes what action our Grand Lodge has already taken on any subject or matter. Volume V, 1887 to 1891, and volume VI, 1892 to 1895, are ready to be issued whenever ordered. Volume VII will contain our proceedings of 1896, 1897, 1898, and a year or two more.

I have been importuned by many of our older members to use larger type in our proceedings, which I will be very glad to do if sanctioned by Grand Lodge. The type now used has been selected with reference to economy. To adopt the same type I use in our Grand Chapter proceedings would increase the cost about ten per cent. The instructions of Grand Lodge are desired.

Holding that installation, not election, makes an officer in Freemasonry, I have acted accordingly. In the appendix of each year's Grand Lodge proceedings I have published the *installed* officers of our lodges. I have not been content with the usual course of publishing the names of the officers of the *past* year, but have labored to present the *current* year—those installed just after the close of the Grand Lodge.

I am reluctantly compelled to drop down a peg, because of the seeming impossibility of securing prompt report of installations in our lodges, in consequence of which the issuance of our proceedings is some-

times delayed. I propose to hereafter publish in the appendix of our proceedings the names of the *elected* officers of our lodges, which I regret, because elected officers are not always installed.

As we increase in numbers it becomes evident that the time for making lodge returns should be changed from April 30 to March 31, so as to give more time prior to our annual communications in which to consolidate data, receive funds, and close accounts.

If Grand Lodge so desires, the Grand Lodge registry just begun can be made to take the place of the annual lodge returns, thus saving labor in our lodges, promoting interest in the Fraternity, but requiring more frequent correspondence between lodge secretaries and this office.

I submit the greeting of M. W. Milton J. Hull, Past Grand Master, and his regret at not being present at this time and place.

Fraternally,

WM. R. BOWEN,

Grand Secretary.

GRAND CUSTODIAN'S REPORT.

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

I herewith submit, briefly, report of work done during the past year.

I have held forty-two lodges of instruction of three days each, four of two days each, and have visited twelve lodges singly.

I assisted the Grand Master in constituting the lodge at Craig.

I visited and examined the brethren at Oak, and recommended granting them a dispensation.

I have received from the Grand Master a petition for dispensation from the brethren at Battle Creek, but as they have not signified their readiness to pass an examination in the work of this jurisdiction, I have not yet visited them.

This is the second year that I have followed out the expressed wishes of the Grand Lodge in holding lodges of instruction in the smaller places, but according to my experience they are, as a general rule, a great deal nearer the work of the jurisdiction than the lodges in the larger towns. This I attribute to the fact that the smaller lodges do not hear so much work from brethren coming in from other jurisdictions.

The lodges, generally, are in a prosperous condition, and most of them, according to their own reports, have plenty of work.

The records, generally, are well kept, but in many cases the keeping up of the compendium has been neglected. I have urged upon all the secretaries the necessity of keeping these up to date.

Fraternally submitted.

JAMES A. TULLEYS.

Grand Custodian.

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

OMAHA, June 3, 1898.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

On behalf of the Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund the following report is submitted:

The amount of the fund at this date is.....	\$30,802 40
Consisting of securities as per list.....	\$30,705 66
Cash	96 74
The amount of the fund at last annual statement was..	<u>28,786 14</u>
Gain during the year.....	<u>\$2,016 26</u>

Being 7 per cent realized.

There remain to be collected some interest that are due and in arrears, but these it is expected will be obtained without much delay.

In this statement no account is taken of such past-due interest, nor of current interest not yet due.

The Trustees have borne in mind the suggestion of the M. W. Grand Lodge that investments be more largely made in bonds, by which was no doubt meant municipal, school, or other bonds. But satisfactory issues have not been brought to the notice of the Trustees in amounts that would come within the funds available, and it has been thought best to keep the moneys employed by the purchase of such securities as were thought to be safe. Bonds of the first class realize to the investor only a low rate of interest, and experience with small issues of bonds of rural districts, which pay a higher rate of interest, has not been encouraging as regards promptness of payment. The fund has one bond of school district No. 49, Valley county, \$50, due April 1, 1898, which has not been paid, interest on the series being also in default. No apprehension, however, is felt as to the ultimate payment. Endeavors will be made to obtain bonds bearing a reasonable rate of interest, so that in time the fund may be invested in that class of securities, this being understood to be the desire of the Grand Lodge, although the rate of interest accruing to the fund may thereby be considerably reduced.

HASTINGS PROPERTY.

As shown by the last report, the cost to the fund at that date was.....	\$973 04
In view of the difficulty of obtaining any rent for the building in its dilapidated condition and the inadvisability of expending any money on its repair, it was considered best to accept an offer of \$100 for the building: the payment received, deducting commission to the agent, being.....	<u>90 00</u>
Leaving the present cost of the lot.....	<u>\$883 04</u>

This does not appear in the assets as shown, therefore any amount hereafter realized by a sale will be in addition to the fund.

Appended are statements showing the receipts of the fund, and the

sources from which derived; the disbursements, and for what accounts; and list of securities, with amounts and rates of interest.

Fraternally submitted,

For the Trustees.

A. U. WYMAN,

Treasurer.

A. U. WYMAN, Treasurer, *In Account with*

ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

1897.		<i>Dr.</i>	PRINCIPAL.	INTEREST.	
June	3,	To balance.....			\$828 38
	5,	No. 47, H. P. Bache.....	\$100 00	\$3 58	
		48, Meisendorfer.....		5 00	
		42, Anchor Lodge, 142... ..		14 00	
	30,	5, Furay.....	1,000 00	42 00	
July	15,	38, Swanson.....		18 00	
	19,	52, Nelson.....		15 00	
	21,	21, A. A. Horton.....		25 20	
	28,	3, Hilbert.....		20 00	
		29, Romano.....		25 89	
Aug.	11,	28, Rooney.....		20 00	
		16, Wrightman.....	400 00	10 21	
Sept.	2,	56, Rawls.....		32 00	
	13,	44, Cole.....		28 00	
	14,	30, Hobbie.....		13 00	
		31, Hobbie.....		21 75	
	16,	7, Luellen.....		36 00	
		7, Luellen.....		8 33	
		33, Hobbie.....		126 00	
	18,	54, McCreary.....	300 00	9 00	
	21,	8, Polsley.....		20 00	
	27,	19, Ginn.....		18 00	
	28,	29, Romano.....		25 00	
	30,	32, Haman.....		32 30	
Oct.	29,	10, Grentmann.....		23 80	
Nov.	1,	45, Christiansen.....		35 00	
	11,	29, Romano.....		24 11	
	18,	15, Peterson.....		40 00	
	29,	9, Voss.....		40 00	
	30,	41, Griffin.....		15 00	
Dec.	3,	17, Rooney.....		40 00	
	7,	52, Nelson.....	300 00	11 25	
	13,	11, Lindner.....		25 60	
		48, Neisendorfer.....		5 00	
	15,	5, Furay.....	200 00	7 33	
	23,	37, Stjeskal.....		18 00	
		57, Buehler.....		15 00	
		58, Moore.....		10 50	
		38, Swanson.....		21 00	

1898.		<i>Dr.</i>	PRINCIPAL.	INTEREST.
Jan. 1,	To No. 1,	Hendrickson*.....	.....	\$87 50
		42, Anchor Lodge, No. 142, North Loup..	.....	14 00
19,	35,	Ord village bonds,..	.....	224 00
29,	3,	Hilbert.....	\$100 00	20 00
Feb. 2,	39,	Northern Light, No. 41, Stanton.....	.....	41 67
3,	28,	Rooney.....	.....	20 00
4,	42,	Anchor Lodge, No, 142, North Loup..	50 00	40
14,	30,	Hobbie.....	.....	12 00
	31,	Hobbie.....	.....	20 00
	55,	Tagger.....	.....	7 50
21,	60,	Francis.....	.....	36 20
Mar. 1,	33,	Hobbie.....	1,000 00	40 00
5,	56,	Rawls.....	.....	32 00
7,	32,	Haman.....	.....	32 00
12,	44,	Cole.....	.....	28 00
21,	8,	Polsley.....	.....	20 00
23,	3,	Hilbert.....	100 00	.....
30,	19,	Ginn.....	.....	18 00
April 8,	43,	Frear.....	.....	30 00
10,	10,	Grentmann.....	.....	10 50
12,	21,	Horton.....	318 75	20 20
18,	45,	Christiansen.....	.....	35 00
May 1,	1,	Hendrickson*.....	.....	87 50
9,	55,	Tagger.....	.....	7 50
10,	15,	Peterson.....	.....	40 00
28,	9,	Voss.....	.....	40 00
31,	41,	Griffin.....	.....	15 00
	34,	Grady.....	.....	30 00
		Savings bank.....	.....	83 62
			<u>\$3,868 75</u>	<u>\$1,952 44</u>

Miscellaneous receipts:

A. U. Wyman, salary donated to fund.....	\$5 00	.....
Sale of building on Hastings property.....	90 00	.....
Payment on Addleman rent note, Hastings property.....	3 75	.....

\$5,821 19

\$98 75

\$6,748 32

1897.

Cr.

Sept. 16, By purchase of South Omaha judgment warrant (59)...	\$166 65	.....
Dec. 11, purchase of S. W. Francis (60).....	900 00	\$25 60

* E. Wakeley, Guarantor.

1898.		<i>Cr.</i>					
Jan. 20,	By purchase of M. F. and E. F. Warren (61).....	\$1,500 00	.....			
	purchase of M. F. and E. F. Warren (62).....	500 00	.....			
Feb. 25,	purchase of W. Zohner, (63)..	600 00	.....			
Mar. 3,	purchase of Elizabeth Bates (64).....	800 00	.....			
April 12,	purchase of G. W. Rich (65)..	500 00	.....			
May 10,	purchase of W. A. Dehm (66).	800 00	.....	\$9 33			
16,	purchase of Eli S. Jester (67).	850 00	.....			
		<u>\$6,616 65</u>		<u>\$34 93</u>		\$6,651, 58	
	Cash on hand.....					96 74	
						<u>\$6,748 32</u>	

LIST OF LOANS.

<i>No. of Loan.</i>	NAME OF BORROWER.	<i>Amount.</i>	<i>Rate of Interest.</i>
1	R. Hendrickson, (E. Wakeley, guarantor.).....	\$2,500 00	7 per cent.
3	Frank Hilbert.....	200 00	10 "
7	C. F. Luellen.....	900 00	8 "
8	Belle Polsley.....	500 00	8 "
9	Henry T. Voss.....	1,000 00	8 "
10	John Grentmann.....	300 00	7 "
11	Karoline Lindner.....	350 00	7 "
15	Geo. H. Peterson.....	1,000 00	8 "
17	Patrick Rooney.....	1,000 00	8 "
19	John W. Ginn.....	450 00	8 "
28	Patrick Rooney.....	500 00	8 "
29	L. Romano et al.....	1,071 04	7 "
30	Catherine E. Hobbie et al.....	300 00	8 "
31	Catherine E. Hobbie et al.....	500 00	8 "
32	Henry Haman.....	800 00	8 "
34	John Grady.....	750 00	8 "
35	Ord village bonds.....	3,200 00	7 "
37	Jan Stjeskal.....	600 00	6 "
38	Andrew Swanson.....	600 00	6 "
39	Northern Light Lodge, No. 41, Stanton.....	1,000 00	8 "
41	Mary P. Griffin.....	500 00	6 "
42	Anchor Lodge, No. 142, North Loup.....	300 00	8 "
43	Lawrence Frear.....	300 00	10 "
44	D. C. Cole.....	800 00	7 "
45	J. M. Christiansen.....	1,000 00	7 "
48	Josephine Neisendorfer.....	100 00	10 "
49	School district 49, Valley county.....	250 00	7 "
50	Thomas Swobe.....	659 57	10 "
51	School district 246, Custer county.....	300 00	7 "
53	South Omaha judgment warrant.....	458 40	7 "
55	A. G. and H. E. Tagger.....	250 00	6 "
56	C. E. Rawls.....	800 00	8 "
57	Andrew Buzhler.....	500 00	6 "
58	Montgomery Moore.....	350 00	6 "
59	South Omaha judgment warrant.....	166 65	7 "
60	S. W. Francis.....	900 00	8 "
61	Martha W. and E. F. Warren.....	1,500 00	6 "
62	Martha W. and E. F. Warren.....	500 00	6 "
63	Wendelin Zohner.....	600 00	8 "
64	Elizabeth Bates.....	800 00	7 "
65	G. W. Rich.....	500 00	8 "
66	W. A. Dehm.....	800 00	6 "
67	Eli S. Jester.....	850 00	7 "
		<u>\$30,705 66</u>	

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee on Returns submit the following report of work done by the Craft in this jurisdiction during the year ending April 30, 1898:

Number initiated.....	611	
“ passed.....	569	
“ raised.....		525
“ admitted.....		239
“ reinstated.....		125
“ gained otherwise.....		22
Total increase.....		911
Number demitted.....	317	
“ deceased.....	139	
“ suspended.....	428	
“ expelled.....	8	
“ lost otherwise.....	7	
Total decrease.....		899
Total net gain during the year.....		12
Number Master Masons April 30, 1897.....		11,763
“ Master Masons April 30, 1898.....		11,775
Membership dues for the year.....	\$11,666 00	
Fees for the year.....	3,055 00	
Total.....		\$14,711 00
Less surplus credits, over debits.....		2,592 19
Total amount due Grand Lodge.....		\$12,118 81
Less rebates allowed this year as per Exhibit “A”.....		2,841 31
Amount available for use of Grand Lodge.....		\$9,277 50

Returns have been received from all except Nos. 128 and 186, and all but Nos. 122 and 123 have forwarded funds.

One hundred and eighty-six lodges are entitled to the maximum rebate in accordance with our law, (Sec. 104, Par. 14,) for general accuracy and prompt transmittal of funds with duplicate returns.

Thirty-six lodges whose returns were satisfactory, but whose funds were received between May 7th and June 1st, have been credited with proportional rebate, the detail of which is more clearly shown in the accompanying table of rebates, marked Exhibit “A.”

The rebates allowed by the committee amount to \$2,851.83, which amount we recommend be placed to the credit of the respective lodges.

Nos. 122 and 123 failed to forward funds and have forfeited their rebates.

Lodges Nos. 128, 156, 177, and 186 failed to forward returns or funds before June 1st, and in accordance with our law (Sec. 104, Par. 15) not only lose their rebates, but are subject to the usual 10-per-cent penalty, the amount of penalty in each case being as follows: No. 128, \$2.20; No.

156, \$1.80; No. 177, \$2.40, which amounts are to be charged against said lodges.

No. 63 made incomplete returns, and Nos. 156, 177, and 194 sent in but one copy of returns, and in accordance with our law (Sec. 104, Par. 15) are not entitled to the rebate credits.

Sec. 101 of our law requires that each chartered lodge shall insure their property against loss by fire, and report thereon to this Grand Lodge. One hundred and twenty-seven lodges report having insured their property, fifty-five no insurance, and forty-two no report upon the subject.

Each lodge is required (Sec. 104, Par 18) to include with their returns a statement of the families of deceased Master Masons. One hundred and ninety-six lodges make such report; twenty-eight make no report.

Two hundred and seven (207) lodges render a certified statement of mileage; seventeen make no report.

In conclusion, we would say that while in general the several lodge returns appear to have been faithfully and conscientiously prepared, yet there are cases where we have discovered evidences of negligence and inattention. The attention of lodge secretaries is again directed to instructions which have been sent out from time to time for the preparation of returns. These should be carefully followed. Greater accuracy and promptness should be manifested in next year's returns, and dereliction from duty in this respect should be followed by a strict enforcement of the penalties provided by law.

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN J. MERCER,

Chairman.

EXHIBIT "A," ACCOMPANYING REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS AND SHOWING AMOUNT OF REBATES.

No. of Lodge.	No. of Days.	No. of Mem- bers.	Amount.	No. of Lodge.	No. of Days.	No. of Mem- bers.	Amount.	No. of Lodge.	No. of Days.	No. of Mem- bers.	Amount.
1	25	179	\$44 75	32	25	118	\$29 50	56	25	193	\$48 25
2	25	137	34 25	33	25	148	37 00	57	25	45	11 25
3	25	301	75 25	34	25	72	18 00	58	25	73	18 25
4	25	35	8 75	35	25	105	26 25	59	25	66	16 50
5	24	53	13 25	36	25	73	18 25	60	25	36	9 00
6	25	108	27 00	37	25	78	19 50	61	23	72	16 56
9	25	104	26 00	38	25	69	17 25	62	25	31	7 75
10	25	33	8 25	39	21	27	5 67	63		21	
11	25	305	76 25	40	25	40	10 00	64	21	61	12 81
12	25	22	5 50	41	25	38	9 50	65	25	21	5 25
13	25	22	5 50	42	25	46	11 50	66	25	67	16 75
14	25	44	11 00	43	25	85	21 25	67	25	67	16 75
15	25	190	47 50	44	25	44	11 00	68	25	98	24 50
17	25	68	17 00	45	25	19	4 75	70	25	33	8 25
19	25	265	73 75	46	25	143	35 75	71	25	68	17 00
21	25	81	20 25	48	25	42	10 50	72	25	44	11 00
23	25	88	22 00	49	25	58	14 00	73	25	42	10 50
25	25	329	82 25	50	25	155	38 75	74	25	19	4 75
26	25	174	43 60	51	25	75	18 75	75	25	54	13 50
27	25	44	11 00	52	25	45	11 25	76	25	41	10 25
29	25	23	5 75	53	25	69	17 25	77	23	46	10 58
30	25	31	7 75	54	25	136	34 00	78	25	57	14 25
31	25	70	17 50	55	25	89	22 25	79	25	81	20 25

EXHIBIT "A"—CONCLUDED.

No. of Lodge.	No. of Days.	No. of Mem- bers.	Amount.	No. of Lodge.	No. of Days.	No. of Mem- bers.	Amount.	No. of Lodge.	No. of Days.	No. of Mem- bers.	Amount.
81	25	29	\$7 25	136	25	44	\$11 00	192	25	69	\$17 25
82	25	90	22 50	137	25	38	9 50	193	25	29	7 25
83	25	36	9 00	138	25	40	10 00	194	.....	34	.....
84	25	60	15 00	139	25	40	10 00	195	25	43	10 75
85	25	46	11 50	140	23	33	7 59	196	12	36	4 32
86	25	32	8 00	141	25	12	3 00	197	25	28	7 00
87	25	35	8 75	142	25	29	7 25	198	25	42	10 50
88	25	30	7 50	143	25	28	7 00	199	25	25	6 25
89	25	53	13 25	144	25	36	9 00	200	25	43	10 75
90	25	34	8 50	145	25	38	9 50	201	25	43	10 75
91	25	35	8 75	146	21	60	12 60	202	25	48	12 00
92	25	34	8 50	147	25	81	7 75	203	25	38	9 50
93	25	54	13 50	148	25	81	20 25	204	25	29	7 25
94	25	27	6 75	149	25	29	7 25	205	25	22	5 98
95	8	48	3 84	150	25	35	8 75	206	21	38	7 98
96	25	31	7 75	151	25	22	5 50	207	25	31	7 75
97	25	29	7 25	152	25	45	11 25	208	25	38	9 40
98	25	23	5 75	153	25	21	5 25	209	25	20	5 00
99	25	39	9 75	154	23	31	7 13	210	25	26	6 50
100	22	41	9 02	155	25	37	9 25	211	25	39	9 75
101	25	41	10 25	157	25	22	5 50	212	25	22	5 50
102	25	42	10 40	158	19	59	11 21	213	23	29	6 67
103	23	53	12 19	159	25	50	12 50	214	25	26	6 50
104	21	63	13 23	160	25	32	8 00	215	25	36	9 00
105	22	36	7 92	161	25	30	7 50	216	25	25	6 25
106	22	38	8 36	162	25	48	12 00	217	25	27	6 75
107	25	18	4 50	163	.....	48	.....	218	25	31	7 75
108	15	25	3 75	164	23	32	7 36	219	25	27	6 75
109	25	36	9 00	165	25	45	11 25	220	25	40	10 00
110	25	47	11 75	166	25	32	8 00	221	25	18	4 50
111	23	52	11 96	167	25	52	13 00	222	25	27	6 75
112	25	44	11 00	168	25	25	6 25	223	25	23	5 75
113	25	44	11 00	169	25	44	11 00	224	25	30	7 50
114	15	52	7 80	170	21	35	7 35	225	25	22	5 50
115	25	23	5 75	171	25	40	10 00	226	25	23	5 75
116	25	30	7 50	172	25	32	8 00	227	21	47	9 87
117	25	30	7 50	173	23	42	9 66	228	23	19	4 37
118	25	22	5 50	174	25	40	10 00	229	25	18	4 50
119	25	45	11 25	175	14	30	4 20	230	23	24	5 52
120	25	66	16 50	176	22	37	8 14	231	25	28	7 00
121	25	58	14 50	178	21	15	3 15	232	25	29	7 25
122	.....	16	.....	179	25	33	8 25	233	25	21	5 25
123	.....	61	.....	180	25	28	7 00	234	25	13	3 25
124	25	54	13 50	181	25	51	12 75	235	25	17	4 25
125	23	50	11 50	182	25	22	5 50	236	25	16	4 00
126	25	52	13 00	183	25	64	16 00	237	23	15	3 45
127	23	40	9 20	184	25	107	26 75	238	23	18	4 14
129	25	58	14 50	185	25	42	10 50	239	25	17	4 25
130	25	37	9 25	187	25	37	9 25	240	25	23	5 75
132	25	37	9 25	188	25	52	13 00				
133	23	27	6 21	189	25	52	13 00				
134	25	48	12 00	190	25	19	4 75				\$2841 31
135	25	79	19 75	191	25	42	10 50				

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, 1898.	Gain.		Loss.			No. on Rolls April 30, 1898.				
		No. May 1, 1897.	By Initiation. Otherwise.	Total.	By Passing. Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.		By Other Causes.	Total Loss.	No. May 1, 1897.	By Passing. By Other Causes.	Total.		By Raising. Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	By Other Causes.	Total Loss.
Nebraska	1	15	10	25	12			12	13	3	12	15	11			11	4
Western Star	2	9	3	12	1	1		2	10	1	7	1				0	1
Capitol	3	33	9	42	7	1		8	33	7	7	14	7			7	7
Nemaha Valley	4	9	1	10	1			1	9	0	1	1	1			1	0
Omahl	5	7	6	13	7			7	6	9	7	16	7			7	9
Plattsmouth	6	21	1	22	2			2	20	3	2	5				2	3
Falls City	9	18		18					18	3		5				2	3
Solomon	10	6	4	10	5			5	5	1	5	6	6			6	0
Covert	11	44	9	53	9	1		10	43	13	9	23	8			9	14
Nebraska City	12	5		5	1			1	4	2	1	3	1			1	2
Orient	13	11	2	13	3			3	10	3	3	4	3			3	1
Peru	14	1	3	4	2			2	2	2	2	4	2			2	2
Fremont	15	6	6	12	6			6	6	5	6	11	8			8	3
Tecumseh	17	13	1	14	1			1	13	6	1	7	2			3	4
Lincoln	19	22	9	31	7		1	8	23	8	7	15	10			10	5
Washington	21	5	3	8	3			3	5	2	3	5	1			1	4
Pawnee	23	10	2	12	5			5	7	3	5	8	5			5	3
St. Johns	25	49	14	63	14			14	49	6	14	20	10			10	7
Beatrice	26	32	7	39	6			6	32	9	6	15	8			8	10
Jordan	27	7	7	14	1			1	13	3	1	4	1			1	7
Hope	29	6	2	8	1			1	7	3	1	4	1			1	3
Blue River	30	5		5					5	0		0				0	1
Tekamah	31	5	2	7	3			3	4	0	3	6	5			5	1
Platte Valley	32	9	7	16	2			2	14	2	2	4	1			1	3
Ashlar	33	21	9	30	8			8	22	2	8	14	7			7	3
Acacia	34	10	1	11					11	6		6				6	5
Fairbury	35	13	3	16	3			3	13	5	3	8	5			5	3
Lone Tree	36	4	2	6	3			3	4	0	3	3	1			1	2
Crete	37	6	4	10	2			2	7	6	3	9	1			1	8
Oliver	38	13	5	18	4		1	5	13	0	4	4	4			4	0
Papillion	39	7	4	11	3			3	8	3	3	6	3			3	3
Humboldt	40	7	1	8	1			1	7	3	1	4	1			1	3
Northern Light	41	4	2	6	2			2	4	3	2	5	2			2	3
Juniata	42	13	3	16	2			2	14	0	2	2	2			2	0
Hebron	43	10	1	11	2			2	9	0	2	2	1			1	1
Harvard	44	4	1	5	1			1	4	1	1	2	1			1	1
Palmyra	45	1		1					1	0		0				0	0
Rob. Morris	46	14	6	19	5	1		6	13	0	5	5	4			4	1
Fairmont	48	11		11					11	4		4	2			2	1
Evening Star	49	6	1	7	1			1	6	0	1	1	1			1	0
Hastings	50	14	8	22	8		1	9	13	5	8	14	8			8	6
Fidelity	51	12	9	21	5			5	16	4	5	9	1			1	8
Hiram	52	10	2	12	4			4	8	0	4	4	3			3	1
Charly	53	5	5	10	2			2	8	1	2	3	1			1	2
Lancaster	54	23	6	29	6			6	23	4	6	10	6			6	4
Mosaic	55	8	1	9	3			3	6	0	3	3	3			3	0
York	56	12	9	21	9			9	12	1	9	10	9			9	1
Mt. Moriah	57	9	3	12	2			2	10	1	2	3	1			1	2
Lebanon	58	10		10					10	1		1				1	1
Wahoo	59	7	1	8					8	2		2	1			1	1
Melrose	60	16	1	17	2		1	3	14	1	2	3	1			1	0
Thistle	61	5	1	6	1			1	5	0	1	1	1			1	0
Keystone	62	6	1	7	1			1	6	0	1	1	1			1	0
Riverton	63	5		5					5	2		2				2	0
Blue Valley	64	1	1	2					2	0	1	1				0	1

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GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA.

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NEBRASKA FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 5898.

SUSP. MASTER MASON'S.					MASTER MASON'S.					GRAND LODGE DUES, FEES, ETC.									
No. May 1, 5897.	Gain.		Loss.		No. May 1, 5897.	Gain.		Loss.		Amounts Due Lodges April 20, 5898.	Amts. Due Gr. Lodge April 20, 5898.	Dues on Master Wagons.	Fees on Initiation.	Amts. Due Gr. Lodge April 30, 5898.	No. of Lodge.				
	By Suspension.	By Other Causes.	Total.	Reinstatement.		By Death.	By Expulsion.	Total Loss.	No. on Rolls April 30, 5898.							By Raising.	By Admission.	Reinstatement.	By Other Causes.	Total.	By Demission.	By Death.	By Suspension.	By Expulsion.	By Other Causes.	Total Loss.	No. on Rolls April 30, 5898.
15	21	307	33	179	11	5	106	2	31	25	172	442	75	82	40	137	65	1	
25	2	39	3	13	14	1	18	1	2	1	1	82	00	9	32	301	00	2	
67	2	99	1	3	3	96	301	3	1	1	257	9	25	38	00	00	00	4	
20	1	21	2	2	2	19	33	2	1	3	3	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
18	18	18	3	18	18	18	53	7	1	1	78	13	75	2	90	53	00	30	
36	36	36	3	36	36	36	108	2	3	0	116	35	75	10	50	108	00	6	
11	4	13	2	13	81	3	8	6	1	2	68	13	75	2	90	103	00	5	
20	20	20	2	20	20	20	60	2	2	2	110	32	25	10	50	104	00	02	
112	10	122	4	11	33	6	7	1	1	2	38	8	54	2	35	33	00	11	
12	12	12	2	12	6	116	305	3	10	2	39	309	8	5	7	29	00	10	
12	12	12	2	12	2	10	22	2	2	4	21	15	50	10	00	22	00	13	
6	6	6	0	6	0	6	18	0	1	1	46	11	00	4	00	4	00	14	
31	31	31	1	30	150	8	2	7	103	7	68	45	25	00	190	00	30	10	
35	35	35	0	35	68	8	2	1	11	7	68	19	50	00	68	00	5	15	
77	77	77	0	77	103	995	10	9	31	283	79	75	00	10	29	285	00	17	
11	4	13	2	13	81	3	8	6	1	2	78	22	25	1	30	88	00	23	
20	20	20	2	20	20	20	60	2	2	2	110	32	25	10	50	104	00	02	
89	13	101	6	1	7	91	329	10	3	6	31	257	75	7	75	81	00	21	
40	40	40	4	4	4	124	8	3	4	12	8	84	00	9	95	329	00	25	
18	18	18	2	18	21	1	20	1	1	1	46	11	00	10	00	174	00	26	
24	24	24	2	24	24	24	72	2	2	2	70	10	75	00	75	00	38	30	
54	54	54	1	53	1	8	24	0	1	1	135	30	75	00	118	00	45	50	
21	21	21	1	20	21	21	63	1	1	1	75	15	00	10	75	70	00	29	
24	24	24	2	22	2	23	69	4	2	2	70	10	75	00	118	00	45	50	
15	15	15	1	14	1	14	42	1	1	1	72	00	00	2	70	72	00	34	
13	20	33	7	26	9	25	75	3	7	93	58	00	00	15	00	70	00	30	
27	27	27	1	26	1	27	82	1	1	1	77	20	75	00	78	00	20	07	
34	34	34	1	33	1	34	102	1	1	1	82	00	00	1	80	00	25	00	
34	34	34	1	33	1	34	102	1	1	1	82	00	00	1	80	00	25	00	
24	24	24	1	23	1	24	72	1	1	1	75	15	00	10	75	70	00	38	
24	24	24	1	23	1	24	72	1	1	1	75	15	00	10	75	70	00	38	
17	17	17	1	16	1	17	51	1	1	1	69	44	00	5	00	58	70	34	
17	17	17	1	16	1	17	51	1	1	1	69	44	00	5	00	58	70	34	
34	34	34	1	33	1	34	102	1	1	1	82	00	00	1	80	00	25	00	
24	24	24	1	23	1	24	72	1	1	1	75	15	00	10	75	70	00	38	
17	17	17	1	16	1	17	51	1	1	1	69	44	00	5	00	58	70	34	
17	17	17	1	16	1	17	51	1	1	1	69	44	00	5	00	58	70	34	
10	10	10	0	10	0	10	30	0	0	0	30	00	00	0	00	30	00	00	
10	10	10	0	10	0	10	30	0	0	0	30	00	00	0	00	30	00	00	
8	8	8	0	8	0	8	24	0	0	0	24	00	00	0	00	24	00	00	
8	8	8	0	8	0	8	24	0	0	0	24	00	00	0	00	24	00	00	
27	27	27	3	24	3	30	90	3	3	3	90	27	00	5	00	33	75	44	
27	27	27	3	24	3	30	90	3	3	3	90	27	00	5	00	33	75	44	
40	40	40	3	37	3	39	117	3	3	3	117	36	00	15	00	51	51	45	
40	40	40	3	37	3	39	117	3	3	3	117	36	00	15	00	51	51	45	
22	22	22	2	20	2	22	66	2	2	2	66	19	50	00	19	50	00	6	
22	22	22	2	20	2	22	66	2	2	2	66	19	50	00	19	50	00	6	
22	22	22	2	20	2	22	66	2	2	2	66	19	50	00	19	50	00	6	
11	11	11	1	10	1	11	33	1	1	1	33	8	10	5	00	38	10	60	
11	11	11	1	10	1	11	33	1	1	1	33	8	10	5	00	38	10	60	
16	16	16	3	13	3	19	57	3	3	3	57	17	00	5	00	52	26	62	
16	16	16	3	13	3	19	57	3	3	3	57	17	00	5	00	52	26	62	
13	13	13	1	12	1	13	39	1	1	1	39	11	75	5	00	29	94	61	
13	13	13	1	12	1	13	39	1	1	1	39	11	75	5	00	29	94	61	
18	18	18	3	15	3	21	63	3	3	3	63	19	50	5	00	38	10	60	
18	18	18	3	15	3	21	63	3	3	3	63	19	50	5	00	38	10	60	

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF

NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Lodge.	ENTERED APPRENTICES.							FELLOW CRAFTS.						
		Gain.		Total.	Loss.			No. on Rolls April 30, 1898.	Gain.		Total.	Loss.			No. on Rolls April 30, 1898.
		No. May 1, 1897.	By Initiation.		By Passing.	By Death.	By Other Causes.		Total Loss.	No. May 1, 1897.		By Passing.	By Raising.	By Death.		By Other Causes.	Total Loss.
		Otherwise.	Adv. Elsewhere.	By Other Causes.				By Other Causes.							
Osceola.....	65	9	...	9	...	0	9	9	...	3	...	3	...	3	1
Livingstone.....	66	0	...	0	...	0	0	0	...	2	...	2	...	2	0
Edgar.....	67	7	5	12	14	7	7	7	...	1	...	1	...	1	2
Aurora.....	68	13	4	17	4	...	4	13	...	4	...	6	...	6	4
Sterling.....	70	12	1	13	1	...	1	12	1	1	...	2	...	0	2
Trowel.....	71	20	...	20	1	...	1	19	2	1	...	3	...	0	3
Hooper.....	72	8	...	10	1	...	1	9	0	...	0	...	0	0	0
Friend.....	73	3	...	3	...	...	0	3	0	...	0	...	0	0	1
Alexandria.....	74	0	...	0	...	...	0	0	0	...	0	...	0	0	0
Frank Welch.....	75	5	10	15	7	...	7	8	5	7	...	12	9	9	3
Joppa.....	76	3	...	3	...	...	0	3	1	...	1	...	0	0	1
Nelson.....	77	4	1	5	1	...	1	4	1	1	...	2	1	1	1
Albion.....	78	7	3	10	2	...	2	8	2	2	...	4	1	1	3
Geneva.....	79	4	4	8	3	...	3	5	1	2	...	6	5	5	1
Composite.....	81	3	1	4	...	...	0	4	0	...	0	...	0	0	0
Saint Paul.....	82	5	10	15	8	...	8	7	2	8	...	10	7	7	3
Corinthian.....	83	7	2	9	2	...	2	7	1	2	...	3	1	1	2
Fairfield.....	84	6	3	9	2	1	2	6	0	3	...	3	3	3	0
Tyre.....	85	10	...	10	...	...	0	10	2	...	2	...	0	0	2
Doniphan.....	86	3	...	3	...	...	0	3	2	...	2	...	0	0	2
Ionic.....	87	9	...	9	...	...	0	9	2	...	2	...	1	1	1
Star.....	88	3	2	5	3	...	3	2	0	3	...	1	1	1	2
Cedar River.....	89	9	3	12	2	1	3	9	2	2	...	4	3	3	1
Elk Creek.....	90	1	1	2	1	...	1	1	1	1	...	2	...	2	0
Oakland.....	91	3	1	4	3	...	3	1	0	3	...	2	2	2	1
Hubbell.....	92	2	...	2	1	...	1	1	0	1	...	1	1	1	0
Beaver City.....	93	8	8	16	7	...	7	9	3	7	...	9	5	5	4
Bennett.....	94	2	...	2	...	...	0	2	1	...	1	...	0	0	1
Garfield.....	95	4	1	5	1	...	1	4	2	1	...	3	...	0	3
Utica.....	96	2	...	2	...	...	0	2	1	...	1	...	0	0	1
Euclid.....	97	8	7	15	1	...	1	8	1	7	...	2	6	6	2
Republican.....	98	5	3	8	2	1	3	5	3	2	...	3	3	3	2
Shelton.....	99	8	4	12	2	...	2	10	1	2	...	3	1	1	2
Creighton.....	100	3	1	4	1	...	1	3	2	1	...	3	1	1	2
Ponca.....	101	9	2	11	2	...	2	9	3	2	...	5	2	2	3
Waterloo.....	102	5	4	9	4	1	5	4	0	4	...	4	1	1	3
Ord.....	103	5	4	9	4	...	4	5	2	4	...	6	3	3	3
Wymore.....	104	6	3	9	3	...	3	6	3	3	...	5	3	3	2
Stella.....	105	6	5	11	5	...	5	6	1	5	...	6	6	6	0
Porter.....	106	3	1	4	1	...	1	3	3	1	...	4	3	3	1
Steele City.....	107	2	1	3	1	...	1	2	0	1	...	1	...	0	1
Table Rock.....	108	1	2	3	2	...	2	1	1	2	...	2	2	2	1
Arapahoe.....	109	4	3	7	2	...	2	5	3	2	...	5	4	4	1
Pomegranate.....	110	3	...	3	...	...	0	3	2	...	2	...	1	0	3
De Witt.....	111	4	3	7	2	...	2	5	6	2	...	2	3	4	4
Springfield.....	112	4	7	11	5	...	5	6	1	5	...	6	3	3	3
Globe.....	113	6	3	9	2	...	2	7	2	2	...	4	2	2	2
Wisner.....	114	8	...	8	1	...	1	7	0	1	...	1	1	1	0
Brainard.....	115	0	3	3	2	...	2	1	0	2	...	2	2	2	0
Harlan.....	116	5	3	8	3	...	3	5	1	3	...	4	...	0	4
Hardy.....	117	3	3	6	1	...	1	5	0	1	...	1	...	0	1
Doric.....	118	3	...	3	...	...	0	3	1	...	1	...	0	0	1
North Bend.....	119	2	1	3	1	...	1	2	0	1	...	1	...	0	1
Wayne.....	120	10	4	14	4	1	5	9	2	4	...	7	3	3	4
Superior.....	121	4	...	4	...	...	0	4	2	...	2	...	0	0	4
Jasper.....	122	1	...	1	0	1	1	...	1	...	1	0	0
Indianola.....	123	3	2	5	2	...	2	3	1	2	...	3	3	3	0
Auburn.....	124	1	3	4	3	...	3	1	0	3	...	3	2	2	1

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NEBRASKA, A. FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 5898.

STEP MASTER MASONS.		MASTER MASONS.		GRAND LODGE STEPS, FEES, ETC.	
No. May 1, 5897	By Suspension. By Other Causes.	Gain.	Loss.		No. of Lodge.
			By Reinstatement. By Death. By Expulsion. Total Loss.	Total.	
10	1	1	0	1	10
11	1	1	0	1	11
12	1	1	0	1	12
13	1	1	0	1	13
14	1	1	0	1	14
15	1	1	0	1	15
16	1	1	0	1	16
17	1	1	0	1	17
18	1	1	0	1	18
19	1	1	0	1	19
20	1	1	0	1	20
21	1	1	0	1	21
22	1	1	0	1	22
23	1	1	0	1	23
24	1	1	0	1	24
25	1	1	0	1	25
26	1	1	0	1	26
27	1	1	0	1	27
28	1	1	0	1	28
29	1	1	0	1	29
30	1	1	0	1	30
31	1	1	0	1	31
32	1	1	0	1	32
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36	1	1	0	1	36
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38	1	1	0	1	38
39	1	1	0	1	39
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42	1	1	0	1	42
43	1	1	0	1	43
44	1	1	0	1	44
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46	1	1	0	1	46
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92	1	1	0	1	92
93	1	1	0	1	93
94	1	1	0	1	94
95	1	1	0	1	95
96	1	1	0	1	96
97	1	1	0	1	97
98	1	1	0	1	98
99	1	1	0	1	99
100	1	1	0	1	100

NEBRASKA, FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 5898.

SIRG. MASTER MASONS.					MASTER MASONS.					GRAND LODGE DIRS, PRS, ETC.																																			
No. May 1, 5897.			No. May 1, 5897.		No. May 1, 5897.			Amounts Due Lodges April 20, 5898.		Amts. Due Gr. Lodge April 20, 5898.		Dues on Master Masons.		Fees on Initiation.		Amts. Due Gr. Lodge April 30, 5897.		No. of Lodge.																											
Gain.	Loss.		Gain.	Loss.		Total.	By Demission.	By Suspension.	By Death.	By Expulsion.	By Other Causes.	Total Loss.	No. on Rolls April 30, 5898.	No. of Lodges.		No. of Lodges.		No. of Lodges.																											
By Suspension.	By Other Causes.		By Raising.	By Admission.		Total.			By Demission.			By Suspension.			By Death.			By Expulsion.			By Other Causes.			Total Loss.			No. on Rolls April 30, 5898.			Amounts Due Lodges April 20, 5898.			Amts. Due Gr. Lodge April 20, 5898.			Dues on Master Masons.			Fees on Initiation.			Amts. Due Gr. Lodge April 30, 5897.			No. of Lodge.
11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11				
12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF

NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Lodge.	ENTERED APPRENTICES.							FELLOW CRAFTS.										
		Gain.		Total	Loss.				Gain.		Total	Loss.							
		No. May 1, 1887.	By Initiation.		By Passing.	By Death.	By Other Causes.	Total Loss.	No. on Rolls April 30, 1888.	No. May 1, 1887.		By Passing.	By Other Causes.	By Raising.	Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	By Other Causes.	Total Loss.	No. on Rolls April 30, 1888.
Boaz	185	4	1	5	2	3	3	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0		
Plumb	186	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Israel	187	3	2	5	1	1	4	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0		
Meridian	188	1	1	1	1	1	0	4	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0		
Granite	189	1	2	4	2	2	1	2	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	2		
Amethyst	190	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Crystal	191	4	4	8	5	5	3	0	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	2		
Minnekadusa	192	7	4	11	4	4	4	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1		
Signet	193	4	4	6	2	2	4	2	2	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	1		
Highland	194	4	2	6	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	1		
Arcana	195	2	3	5	2	2	2	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1		
Level	196	1	3	4	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0		
Morning Star	197	1	4	5	4	4	1	3	4	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	6		
Purity	198	9	2	11	2	2	9	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1		
Gavel	199	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Blazing Star	200	3	4	7	5	1	6	1	5	6	4	4	4	4	4	4	2		
Scotts Bluff	201	5	5	5	5	5	5	2	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1		
Golden Sheaf	202	4	2	7	5	5	3	3	5	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	1		
Roman Eagle	203	6	2	8	2	2	6	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4		
Plainview	204	2	2	5	4	4	4	1	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	4		
Golden Fleece	205	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0		
Napthali	206	2	2	4	1	1	3	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0		
Parian	207	2	1	6	3	3	3	0	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2		
Gauge	208	5	5	5	5	5	0	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Canopy	209	0	6	6	3	3	3	2	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	0		
East Lincoln	210	3	4	7	5	5	5	2	5	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	1		
Cement	211	1	7	9	7	7	2	2	7	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	2		
Compass and Square	212	4	5	9	5	5	4	2	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	2		
Square and Compass	213	2	2	4	2	2	2	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1		
Plumbline	214	0	2	3	3	3	3	0	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1		
Occidental	215	0	3	3	3	3	0	0	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0		
Palisade	216	5	1	6	1	1	5	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1		
Wauwata	217	1	5	6	5	5	5	1	0	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	0		
Bloomfield	218	3	12	15	12	12	3	12	15	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	8		
Relief	219	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0		
Magnolia	220	3	4	7	4	4	4	3	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0		
Wood Lake	221	1	2	3	3	3	0	1	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	0		
Landmark	222	1	6	7	6	6	1	0	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	1		
Eminence	223	3	2	5	2	2	3	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	0		
Silver Cord	224	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Cable	225	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Grace	226	2	2	4	2	2	3	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0		
North Star	227	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0		
Bartley	228	0	3	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0		
Comet	229	3	2	5	4	4	4	1	2	4	6	5	5	5	5	5	1		
Delta	230	5	5	5	1	1	4	0	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	0		
Mount Herman	231	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	0		
John S. Bowen	232	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0		
Gilead	233	4	13	17	9	9	8	1	9	10	8	8	8	8	8	8	2		
Zion	234	0	5	5	3	3	2	1	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	2		
Fraternity	235	0	4	4	3	3	3	1	0	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1		
Golden Rule	236	1	3	4	1	1	3	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0		
Cubit	237	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0		
Itamar	238	2	3	5	2	2	2	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0		
Friendship	239	3	3	6	4	4	4	2	1	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	1		
Pilot	240	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1		
George Armstrong	241	0	3	3	3	3	3	0	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1		
Mackey	U D	0	6	6	5	5	5	1	0	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	1		
Extinct lodges		33		33			0	33	12		12					0	12		
Totals		1327	611	6194	569	96	3587	1356	370	569	3942	522	14	1528	414				

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NEBRASKA, FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1898.

	SECT. MASTER MASONS.			MASTER MASONS.			GRAND LODGE DEPR. FEES, ETC.						
	Gain.	Loss.	Total.	Gain.	Loss.	Total.	No. on Rolls April 30, 1898.	Amounts Due Lodges April 20, 58.8.	Amts. Due Gr. Lodge April 20, 58.8.	Dues on Master Masons.	Fees on Initiation.	Amts. Due Gr. Lodge April 30, 58.8.	No. of Lodge.
No. May 1, 1897.													
By Suspension.	0			18									
By Other Causes.	0			18									
Total.	0			36									
Reinstatement.													
By Death.	0			0									
By Expulsion.	0			0									
Total Loss.	0			0									
No. on Rolls April 30, 58.98.													
No. May 1, 1897.	42	2	1	45			45						
By Raising.	32			32			32	89.84					
By Admission.	57	3		60			60	45.00					
Reinstatement.	2			2			2	12.95					
By Other Causes.	2			2			2	14.25					
Total.	92	3		95			95						
By Demission.													
By Death.	1			1			1						
By Suspension.													
By Expulsion.													
By Other Causes.													
Total Loss.													
No. on Rolls April 30, 58.98.													
Amounts Due Lodges April 20, 58.8.							45	89.84					
Amts. Due Gr. Lodge April 20, 58.8.							32	45.00		845.00			
Dues on Master Masons.							35	12.95					
Fees on Initiation.							52						
Amts. Due Gr. Lodge April 30, 58.8.							2						
No. of Lodge.							94						

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee on Codification of the Law present herewith, in accordance with resolution found on page 5357, proceedings of 1896, the approved decisions of the Grand Master and committee on Jurisprudence, and standing resolutions. We have also included the decisions of the Grand Master that were made on the law as existing when the decisions were made.

The following decisions were disapproved by the committee on Jurisprudence: Nos. 10, 13, 20, 23, 36, 37, 41.

The following decisions were approved or modified by the committee on Jurisprudence:

Proceedings of 1897.—Page 5452, decision No. 1. A brother applying for a demit, and stating that he intends to join a lodge in some other place, is not required to give the number and name of the lodge he intends to join.

No. 2. A Master is not morally, Masonically, or in any way, bound through courtesy to confer our degrees upon any unworthy man or Mason.

No. 3. A hall does not have to be dedicated to Masonry before it can be used as a lodge-room.

No. 4. A request for waiver of jurisdiction over a Fellow Craft should be read in open lodge at a regular meeting, lie over one month, when, by unanimous secret ballot, it may be granted.

No. 7, page 5453. A petitioner to be made a Mason must be recommended by two members of the lodge petitioned. A lodge should not receive a petition unless this requirement has been complied with.

No. 8. Loss of a foot and hand after initiation, all other requisites existing, is not a bar to advancement.

No. 9. When objection is made to the advancement of a candidate, the Master should withhold the name of the objector, stating only the objection made.

No. 12, pages 5453-4. Officers of a lodge installed contrary to paragraph 2, section 100, are officers *de facto*, and their acts are legal and binding; their installation is void, and the Grand Master does not possess the power to impart the virtue of validity to an act absolutely void.

No. 14, page 5454. There is no power to issue a dispensation authorising a lodge to ballot upon a petition for initiation from any person who has not been a continuous resident of the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he petitions for the twelve months immediately preceding.

No. 15, page 5454. Officers can wear the jewels of their offices when a lodge attends services in a church on St. John's day.

No. 16, page 5454. Fellow Craft Masons can not be dropped from the rolls by written request.

No. 17, page 5454. A brother wishing a demit—and applying for the purpose of joining another lodge—against whom no charges are pend-

ing, and who has paid in full all dues charged against him, is entitled to a demit. (See decision No. 1, page 5452, and decision No. 18, page 5454.)

No. 25, page 5455. When a brother is owing a lodge for dues and receives a transfer certificate and subsequently joins another lodge, he is still indebted for the dues owing when he received the transfer certificate; but the lodge granting the certificate can not suspend him for non-payment of dues.

No. 27, page 5455. Decision modified by report of committee on Jurisprudence, found on page 5519, by adding, "When an amendment has laid over one year and not received the approval of the Grand Lodge it is no longer before that body and can not be called up for action.

No. 32, page 5456. The Grand Master can not issue a dispensation to make a Mason of one who has lost a limb.

No. 33, page 5456, is covered by paragraph 8, section 106, page 44, which says: "A lodge can receive a petition from and confer degrees upon a profane not a resident of Nebraska, provided it be with the consent of the lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides, and its Grand Master. The committee on jurisprudence, page 5520, proceedings of 1897, report that the above paragraph is in conflict with paragraph 1 of the same section, and recommend that paragraph 8 be repealed and that the decision, No. 33, shall not be deemed a precedent. [*Note by the committee.*—The action taken by the committee on Jurisprudence and the Grand Lodge does not repeal the section. Also, see report of committee on Jurisprudence, page 287, (3411,) proceedings of 1886.]

No. 39, page 5457. When there are no by-laws to the contrary it is not necessary for a Fellow Craft Mason who has been rejected by ballot to again petition in uniting. [*Note.*—Does not the above approved decision conflict with paragraphs 5 and 6, section 107, page 45, (5175,) Law Freemasonry ?]

No. 34, page 5456, is modified by report of the committee on Jurisprudence, found on page 5520, so as to read as follows: "It is a Masonic offense for a brother to knowingly rent a building for saloon purposes or in which there is to be conducted a saloon business."

No. 40, page 5456. Where a profane petitioned a lodge in whose jurisdiction he resided, and was rejected, and removed into the jurisdiction of another lodge, and desires to petition again, he should petition the lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides. If he does so it will be the duty of the latter lodge to obtain a waiver of jurisdiction from the former lodge before proceeding further in the matter.

Report of the committee on Relief.—Page 5531, proceedings of 1897. Recommend that each subordinate lodge be required to keep a roll and a concise statement of the financial conditions of the widows and orphans of deceased Master Masons within their respective jurisdictions, to be revised and corrected as often as the facts require.

Report by same committee, page 5531. Recommends that the Grand Lodge take such steps as may be necessary to provide and properly

guard a sufficient relief fund, and that the Grand Lodge designate a committee to prepare suitable rules and regulations for its use to aid subordinate lodges in the proper care and support of indigent widows and orphans.

Report of the committee on Jurisprudence.—Page 5531, proceedings of 1897. A petitioner with his left hand off at the wrist can not be made a Mason.

Page 5532. Report of committee on Jurisprudence approves the forms for certificates of exemption from dues.

Page 5533—Resolution. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the election of officers shall not be begun until the Grand Secretary announces that there is no further business on the Grand Secretary's desk which needs the attention of this Grand Lodge.

Bro.: Slaughter, 89, submitted the following report, which was adopted; on motion of Bro.: Phelps, 34, the dues of Bro.: Joel E. Wrightman, 131, were remitted:

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

Your committee on Doings of Grand Lodge Officers fraternally submits the following report:

1. With reference to as much of the Grand Master's address as relates to our illustrious dead, we would recommend that the same be referred to a committee of three.

2. That so much as refers to decisions, be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

3. That so much as relates to special dispensations be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

4. That the recommendation of the Grand Master as to a provision of law regarding installation, be referred to the committee on By-Laws of Chartered Lodges, with a request that they report to the Grand Lodge for action at this session, some adequate solution of the matter.

5. That so much as relates to approval of by-laws and seals be referred to the committee on By-Laws of Chartered Lodges.

6. That so much as relates to Plumb Lodge, No. 186, and Guide Rock Lodge, No. 128, be approved.

7. That so much as relates to cases of violations of our laws relating to the liquor traffic be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

8. That the action of the Grand Master in the matter of supplying Pythagoras Lodge, No. 156, with volumes of the second edition of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, and with reference to the Masonic library at Wilmington, N. C., and the Masonic library at Tacoma, Washington, also his direction to the Grand Secretary, instructing him to subscribe for the reprint of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and to subscribe for one copy of Masonic certificates issued by Fred J. Crowe, London, be approved.

9. That so much as relates to relief notes be referred to the committee on Relief.

10. That so much as relates to the appointment of Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund be approved.

11. That so much as relates to Mosaic Lodge, No. 55, be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

12. That so much as relates to the case of Bro.: Joel E. Wrightman and of Bro.: Henry P. Mann, that the recommendation of the Grand Master be approved.

13. That so much as relates to the Grand Lodge of Peru, be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

14. That so much as relates to the visit of our Grand Master and brethren to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, be referred to a special committee of three for the purpose of presenting suitable acknowledgment of the fraternal hospitality extended to our representatives.

15. That we heartily commend the remarks of the Grand Master relative to election of officers of the Grand Lodge and feel confident that it will be sufficient to call the attention of the brethren to this matter trusting that no further action will be needed.

16. That so much as relates to exemption from Grand Lodge dues be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

17. That so much as relates to the Relief Fund, \$7,647.72 now due the Masonic Home Fund, be referred to a special committee with instructions to report at this session of the Grand Lodge.

18. That so much as relates to demands upon the Relief Fund be referred to the committee on Relief.

19. That so much as relates to the matter of Bro.: Lewis A. Kent be referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

20. That so much as relates to those lodges that have not collected their dues, be referred to a special committee to report at this session of the Grand Lodge.

21. That the Grand Treasurer's report be referred to the committee on Accounts.

22. That so much of the Grand Secretary's report as refers to the finances of the Grand Lodge be referred to the committee on Accounts that relating to bills receivable of Relief Fund be referred to the committee on Accounts.

23. That so much as relates to exemptions from the Grand Lodge dues be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence, to be considered with the same subject in Grand Master's report.

24. That so much as regards volumes V and VI of the second edition of our Grand Lodge proceedings be referred to the committee on Ways and Means, with the recommendation that they be ordered printed if the Grand Lodge funds will permit.

25. That so much as regards size of type in our Grand Lodge proceedings, would not recommend change at present time.

26. That so much as relates to changing time for making lodge returns be referred to the committee on Returns.

27. That so much as relates to Grand Lodge registry be referred to a special committee of five of which the chairman of the committee on Returns and Accounts and the Grand Secretary shall be members, with instructions to formulate a plan for such change as is necessary, and to report same at next Grand Lodge.

29. That the Report of Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund be referred to the committee on Accounts.

Bro.: Furnas, 4, made the following report, which was agreed to, including the desired appropriation.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee, appointed at last session of the Grand Lodge, relating to the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition, and Masonic representation thereat, beg leave to report.

The committee convened at Omaha, December 18, 1897, a majority of the committee being present, and proceeded in discharge of its duty.

Under a combination of fortuitous environments the committee succeeded in securing as Masonic headquarters room No. 22 in the Nebraska state building.

Deeming it important to provide the room, and have it in readiness for opening day of the exposition, June 1st, and for the opening of this session of the Grand Lodge as well, a more thorough and complete organization than this your committee was effected.

A meeting to further the enterprise was called and assembled at Omaha, April 28th, 1898. At this meeting there were delegates present from:

Grand Lodge: Robert W. Furnas, John B. Dinsmore, and Francis E. White.

Grand Chapter: Charles J. Phelps, John J. Mercer, and William R. Bowen.

Grand Council: James Tyler.

Grand Commandery: Edwin C. Webster.

Scottish Rite: Henry H. Wilson.

Eastern Star: William N. Nason.

At this meeting an executive committee of one from each of the six bodies named, was designated, delegated with full power to make all necessary arrangements for Masonic headquarters, conveniences and accommodations in the room secured from the state commission for the exposition. That committee consists of William R. Bowen, chairman; Henry H. Wilson, Charles J. Phelps, Francis E. White, John J. Mercer, and William N. Nason; Francis E. White, Treasurer, and William R. Bowen, Secretary.

The executive committee provided to decorate and otherwise furnish the room with stationery, matting, carpet, library tables, small tables, chairs, lounge, shades and curtains for windows, awnings for windows, and book-rack. Also provided that one person as manager should be in

constant attendance at the headquarters room. William N. Nason was selected as such attendant, his pay fixed at \$75.00 per month.

These provisions require cash outlay. To this end each of the six Masonic bodies of the state were requested to contribute proportionate sums of money to meet required expenditures. It was estimated that the sum of not less than \$1,250.00 would be required, and was apportioned as follows: Grand Lodge, \$600; Grand Chapter, \$300; Grand Council, nothing, Grand Commandery, \$100; Scottish Rite, \$50; Eastern Star, \$200.

Sufficient funds were obtainable from other bodies than this Grand Lodge to meet immediate demands to date.

The expenditures thus far have been:

Calcmiming and decorating the room.....	\$20 00
Library tables, twelve chairs, one lounge, shades and curtains, book-rack	192 00
Stationery, etc.....	11 50
Awnings	14 00
Letter-book and postage.....	6 00
Painting sign.....	2 00
Ticket to exposition for Manager	20 00
Total	\$265 50

Your committee ask this Grand Lodge, at its present session, to contribute the sum of \$600.

Without entering into argument in this matter, your committee is impressed that the Grand Lodge will see, at once, the demand and importance of the undertaking, in order that the dignity of the Masonic Fraternity in Nebraska be maintained, and its duty performed, in this, an emergency, the magnitude of which may never again occur, at least during the life of the present generation.

On motion of our Grand Junior Warden it was ordered that the pay-roll of this communication be made for three days.

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

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 15, 5898.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at half past eight o'clock, M.: W.: John B. Dinsmore presiding, and Bro.: Dennis W. Rising, 81, serving as Grand Junior Deacon.

M.: W.: Bros.: Almon R. Dewey, Edwin C. Blackmar, and Theodore S. Parvin, Past Grand Masters, accompanied by R.: W.: Bro.: George W. Lipe, Grand Junior Warden; W.: Bro.: Newton R. Parvin, Deputy Grand Secretary; W.: Bro.: George H. Jackson, Master, 259; and W.: Bro.: John B. Adkins, Past Master, 71, all of Iowa, were introduced, and were received by our Grand Master.

W.: Bro.: Charles H. Sloan, Grand Orator, now delivered his—

ORATION.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

Two score years ago Nebraska's first Grand Orator entertained and instructed the limited membership of our territorial Craft. Nebraska's pending admission to statehood was then one of the passive causes hurrying on the most terrific conflict in which humanity has ever engaged. Today you lay upon me a burden I might well shrink from assuming, as here, but one of time's paces from the century's close, in the presence of the largest Masonic gathering in the history of this jurisdiction, in this metropolitan gateway of the West, in the presence of the Grand Officers of Iowa, the Masonic home of so many good Nebraska Masons, where the explorers of earth and nature vie with the genius of art and invention to entrance the wonder and enlist the admiration of the world's visiting citizenship, I should quail before the task of fitly saying the things that should be said for and of our ancient, sublime, and mystic Order, were it not that my trust is in God and the charity of the assembled brethren.

The mountain, earthquake rent, is but the opening of nature's long-sealed book from whose leaves geologists read the secrets and calculate the lapse of time. In this measurement three thousand years is but a handspan on the face of a towering stratified wall. Yet that brief period covers our *undebatable* history. While it may be true that the principles of Masonry dwelt in the hearts of men since the first chorus of the stars, they never became the avowed tenets of an organization till adopted by the first Three Grand Masters when was laid the corner-stone of the Jewish temple. The mysterious rites of ancient Egypt may have foreshadowed the sublime ceremonies of Masonry, but who that will curb imagination and give judgment rein, will pronounce them one? As a love of liberty and independence existed on the shores of Holland, on Plymouth Rock, and in Faneuil Hall, to be systematized and boldly proclaimed in the great declaration, so if Masonry's doctrines were before Solomon, then they were by him first co-ordinated and organically adopted. And though Solomon himself announced in a poetic strain there to be "Nothing new under the sun," he evidently referred to things elemental, and not to the countless combinations of thought and things that

human genius may devise. While we revere things hoary and systems ancient, there is that which is better than age, and few of us but would rather trace our ancestry to a Jefferson or Hamilton, a Lincoln or Washington, than to follow our progenitors through the perplexing mazes of a Castilian dynasty or a line of Hapsburg kings. So modern Masons would rather point to that house of solid foundation, superb structure, and richest ornament ever made of hands and consecrated to the most holy purpose, under the direction of a heaven-endowed genius, as the source of their history, than to the awful and mysterious rites and ordeals conducted by oriental enthusiasts in Egyptian caverns, under the tutelage of the idolatrous Isis and Osiris. Yet are we old enough to satisfy the reasonable archeologist? Theocracy was at its zenith, and God's chosen people were at the climax of their history, from which they fell never to rise. Since that time no nation then existing has maintained its dominions; no dynasty survived. The might and opulence of Babylon have passed away; proud Persia of that early day has become a provincial pauper of the present; and the Tigris rolls through the deserted vales where once the Assyrian empire stood. No sect of the progressive world has maintained its identity. Jerusalem remains but a field for the religious enthusiast; not one stone of the temple rests upon another; the scepter has departed from Judah, and no law giver remains. But the order of the "Builders" waxed strong with the rolling of the suns. Time's fretting attacks have wrought their increase and strength. The immobile face of the silent Sphinx looking upon the desert has been furrowed by storm and change; the stupendous pyramid, about whose summit a tropical sun in glory played, has been base-rent by the convulsions of the earth; their builders are forgotten; what manner of men they were is left unanswered; what they constructed was for the glory of the Rameses and the Pharaohs, and they were tyrants.

But the Masonic builders, after erecting a temple for the worship of the living God, soon discovered that but a few generations would care for or protect their material accomplishment. They looked about and reasoned that the great Father of us all delighted less in magnificent temples for His own worship than for the establishment of homes for his sons on earth; and less did he appreciate the altars of incense than the helps of charity freely given by the strong to the weak among the brotherhood of man: less of granite walls and marble columns than of nobility of character and strength of mind.

To exemplify their works and put into effect the results of their deliberations, there was required the elements of social and fraternal union that time could not modify, nor change affect. Society of men and not the individual was to be the unit. The hermit and the recluse have done little for their fellows. It is often argued that genius seeks solitude, while mediocrity meets with the multitude; that loneliness is the condition of extraordinary mental development and inventive ability, while society is a leveler of its devotees. Homer, Milton, Watt, and Edison, interest and excite our admiration, yet the blind bard of Scio's Isle and the sightless seer of English verse have taught mankind little how to

live. And, although Watt and Edison have wrought marvels in lifting the burdens and lengthening the grasp of human power, little have they accomplished to extend the arms of charity and love. Genius discovers; society explores, subdues, and builds. Genius makes for itself a name on history's doubtful page; society creates for and preserves to posterity works of utility and monuments of merit.

The founders of our Order, therefore, noting these facts and recognizing that since the dawn of history men had counselled together, observed their mutual shortcomings, fears, hopes, and aspirations, and by ties to their sacred had united in brotherhoods, to accomplish the purposes of their union,—our ancient brethren, therefore, looked upon the organization of Solomon, called it good, and proceeded to perpetuate it. With heads bowed to the will of heaven; with hearts responsive to the heartbeat of brothers and fellows: with eyes keen to a discriminating selection of membership: with a proper appreciation of worth and merit—rejecting tinsel; with a purpose of perpetuity; content to avoid sectarian conflicts and alliances; loyal to the legally constituted forms of government; faithfully observing the ancient land-marks, but not chained to them; knowing that “through the ages an increasing purpose runs,” and that Masonic thought “must widen with the process of the suns,” they established a plane upon which Jew and Gentile could meet; a common ground which monarchist and republican could occupy: a language that Greek and Saxon could alike understand.

Though opposed, assailed, and persecuted, that it has withstood opposition and survived conflicts is a part of our history. That they to whom our doors have been closed have borne for us a tongue of ill report is but human. That Masonry has improved and progressed by reason of these is neither strange nor novel. It is a common observation that “cloudless skies and glassy seas make few expert mariners, who come only through turbulent waters and fearful storms;” so the trials of Masonry have militated to its material and intellectual aggrandisement. In its struggle for existence it proves by its survival to have been of the fittest. Out from its stormy evolution has come embodied in secret communication and written lectures a system of ethics that no Masonic votary can study and not be morally exalted; recited with a logic the most exact of which mental and verbal mechanism are capable; clothed with all the precision and elegance of superb diction; breathing the poetic impulses of eternal truth and beauty; teaching a philosophy by which human lives may realize earthly happiness; proclaiming a religion which reconciles us to death, and points to us a life beyond the tomb. In a drama that depicts the conflict between right and wrong; the apparent success of the wicked, and subversion of the good; then the surging passion of unlawful ambition humiliated; the triumph of integrity at the supreme price; giving us a tragedy, nightly re-enacted wherever Masons meet, as ominous in its fatality, as inspiring in its finale, as can be conceived by genius in the contemplation of despair and hope, death and the resurrection.

Masonry teaches equality without suppressing legitimate emulation and laudable ambition. Masons meet upon the level. There is but one path their feet may press. If there be any modification of the democracy of our Fraternity, it is the favoritism of merit and the aristocracy of brains.

“Is Masonry your ambition?
There is no royal road;
Alike the prince and peasant
Must climb to her abode.”

Masonry's ear is better attuned to liberty's acclaim than to slavery's groan. Only the free-born can enter her temples, and there is no servility within. Masonry, never seeking to control governments, has always prospered where human freedom is most general. After comparative peace has blessed the earth for a quarter of a century, we find the century's close marked by the conflict of two nations representing two distinct civilizations. Like Rome and Carthage of old, the sea rolls between. Spain is old, crafty, and unreliable. Punic faith is repeated in kind by Spanish faith. Then the stern old Cato prefaced each speech in the Roman senate by "*Carthago delenda est.*" America does not demand Spanish destruction. Our war-cry is an index of our civilization—"Cuba must be free." The enterprise of Spain four centuries since gave to the world this trans-Atlantic hemisphere. That accomplished, she seemed to refuse any further place in the manifest destiny of earth. On Spain's dial-plate time's hand moved, but the index of civilization stood still. The passions of her southern race never blunted, the despotism of her rulers never softened. Carved from the north-temperate portion of the Spanish discoveries, and established through pioneer hardships and the shock of revolution, came into being a new nation; blessed by phenomenal growth, endowed with fabulous wealth, devoting its first triumphant century, first, to the liberty and independence of the whites; then to the emancipation of the blacks. And now, in the first quarter of its second century, beyond its borders it has seen the oppressor's rod laid violently upon the weak, and heard the cry of anguish from the lips of the persecuted. These scenes fell on no unsympathetic eyes; these cries on no dull ears. The national protector of America, North and South, unsheathed her sword in the name of *humanity*; sweeter word never tempted an army across its national border—dearer name never brought navies into conflict. And now, mid the crash of American guns and the sinking plash of Spanish ships, while we are not national, Masons of this jurisdiction may be pardoned for remembering that the Masons engaged are *probably* on American decks. Let us also remember that this mighty American move in humanity's name for the liberation of Cuba has put to shame the boasted concert of Europe that left Greece to the indefinite slaughter and the merciless mercies of the "unspeakable Turk;" and, moreover, that it places our country the foremost national power on earth, its patriotic statesmen and soldiery with tongue and pen and sword the peers of all the world, and its chief magistrate, a Mason, the "grand central figure" of the century's close.

Masonic charity is voluntary. It is emphasized in our obligation, but no rigid by-law compels it under dreaded penalties. It is a charity that lends a hand to succor without an accompanying palm for coin. When exercised, no clanging cymbals announce the act, no brazen bells proclaim the holy deed. No grand totals are publicly flaunted in press and on platform, to multiply membership. But the Masonic wanderer in a foreign land is entertained; the unfortunate brother is assisted; the grief of the widow is assuaged and her larder replenished; the orphan is educated, the son admonished, and the daughter protected. When the inspired Hood wrote—

"Alas for the rarity
Of Christian charity.
Under the sun;
Oh, it was pitiful,
Near a whole city full,
Home she had none."

—he did not refer to a Mason's daughter.

Other orders have been instituted for the amelioration of the race and the improvement of their members. They have grown strong and become controlling factors in the religions of people and the governments of men. But these evidences of their power became the source of their weakness; their histories have been written and the books closed. But Masonry has never sought to control governments; it has endeavored rather to leave its impress upon the governed, and thus influence the government. It has never attempted to control religion, but has sought rather to impress the religious teacher, and so long as it so continues its stability is assured. It announces no dogma and advocates no sect, demanding only from its votaries the acknowledgment of a great First Cause and a Supreme Directive Intelligence that provides opportunities for human good on earth and promises a blessed immortality beyond the grave where time's tumults end and the harmonies of bliss and joy forever sound.

Today I stood in the new city by the river, so recently built, 'mid all its dazzling brilliancy of gold and whiteness, and walked its streets 'mid the peoples of all the countries of the continents and islands of the sea. I saw their relics and antiquities. I noted proof of their progress or barbarism. I saw the Indian bow and the great Krupp gun. I saw the ponderous machinery as well as the most intricate and curious device that genius and labor have produced. I saw the rich products of mine and sea discovered and taken from their secret places by restless man. I saw the rich grain, luscious fruit, and beautiful blossoms, brought from every clime. And I marveled at the progress in things material that man has made. I saw the exquisite canvas where the brush of genius had challenged the perfection of nature, and the symmetric forms in cold marble that were realizations of the sculptor's dream. And I wondered if man himself in this march of progress had kept the advancing pace. And I thought when the creative hand stretched forth and the earth appeared to repel the waves, He called it *stability*. He instituted the sea as the element of *unrest*. He raised the granite mountain to symbolize

grandeur. He painted the delicate petaled rose among the flowers to typify the beauty of constant change. He made man in his own image, endowed with thought, speech, and a rational hope of immortality. Then in the fullness of time to further advance his mighty purpose he instituted, through man, the order of Masonry to typify his best order of images and called it *nobility*. And as I look from exposition to temple and see this congregation of the craft I am constrained to say, "Material progress has not kept pace with Masonic manhood," whose mission will never close and sustained progress never falter as long as is recognised on earth the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. In this order of *nobility* let Nebraska's grand jurisdiction take no inferior rank.

The Grand Junior Warden moved that thanks be tendered the Grand Orator for his brilliant and instructive address, and that he be requested to furnish a transcript for publication, which motion was agreed to.

Past Grand Master Dewey and Veteran Grand Secretary Parvin, of Iowa, kindly acceded to the importunities of the brethren and addressed them in stirring words regarding Freemasonry, much to the pleasure and instruction of those present.

Bro.: Reese, 59, moved an expression of gratitude and appreciation of the kind words of greeting brought by these brethren of Iowa, which was heartily agreed to.

Bro.: Wilson, 19, made the following report, which was adopted:

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

Your committee to which was referred the communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, dated January 25, 1898, referring to the proposed commemoration of the centennial anniversary of the death of our Worshipful Brother, George Washington, beg leave to report as follows:

Resolved, That our then sitting Grand Master be and he is hereby requested to attend said anniversary proceedings as the representative of this Grand Lodge, and that, in event of his inability to do so, he appoint a representative who shall attend.

Grand Lodge was now called to refreshment until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 16, 5898.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, under direction of M.:W.: John B. Dinsmore, the Grand Junior Deacon being in his place.

By ballot Lincoln was chosen as the place for our next annual communication.

Bro.: Wheeler, 1, made report as follows, which was agreed to:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A.: F.: & A.: M.::

Your committee, designated by the Grand Master by the direction of the Grand Lodge, to examine into and consider the subject of the ritual in this Grand Jurisdiction, met pursuant to the call of the chair, in Freemasons Hall, Omaha. (The chairman was unavoidably prevented from being present.)

The committee thereupon proceeded to consider the subject referred to them.

After a full and complete exemplification of the ritual, and a careful consideration of the entire subject, found that some slight errors have crept into the ritual in the years that have passed since the adoption of the ritual, caused no doubt by the lapse of time, and the changes in the personnel of the Grand Lecturer.

Your committee, after a full consideration of the subject of the ritual and its importance to the brethren, recommend that the ritual as heretofore exemplified and approved by this Grand Lodge, and with which ritual your committee found upon examination that the present Grand Lecturer of this Grand Lodge is entirely qualified to impart to the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction, and that said ritual heretofore adopted be re-approved and confirmed.

Bro.: Hopewell, 31, presented the following report which was concurred in:

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

Your committee on Relief in the case of Harmony Conger, widow, and Ellen Conger, daughter, of Charles A. Conger, deceased, who at the time of his death was a member in good standing of Plumb Lodge, No. 186, of Grant, report that said Harmony Conger is 75 years of age, is suffering from paralysis, and is unable to dress or care for herself; that Ellen Conger, the daughter, is about 50 years of age, and has sole charge of her mother, and they are in destitute circumstances and are worthy. We further find that Plumb Lodge has surrendered its charter and Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46, of Kearney, in whose jurisdiction they are

now living, is largely in debt and is expending in relief to its own members about thirty dollars per month. We recommend that the permanent committee on Relief be authorized to extend assistance in this case at the rate of ten dollars per month, and that the amount be increased or diminished as shall appear proper to the committee.

Your committee has also investigated the case of Anna M. Nason and daughter, the widow and daughter of Jesse A. Nason, a Mason in good standing at the time of his death in Scribner Lodge, No. 132. The widow is in feeble health and requires the constant care of her unmarried daughter who lives with her. She owns a house and lot of small value, on which there is a mortgage of \$300.00. The only source of income is a pension of eight dollars per month, drawn by reason of our deceased brother having been a soldier in the Mexican war. Both mother and daughter are of good standing in the community where they live, and are in every way worthy people. We recommend a continuance of the relief granted temporarily by the standing relief committee of this Grand Lodge, and that the sum of eight dollars per month be paid them through the lodge at Scribner so long as their necessities remain the same as at present.

Your committee on Relief further reports upon the application of Mrs. John H. Miller, of Ough, Nebraska, made by her direct to this Grand Lodge, for relief as the widow of John H. Miller, who appears to have been a demitted or suspended Mason at the time of his death, and recommends that she be directed to lay her case before the lodge in whose jurisdiction she now resides, and procure the endorsement of her application by the officers of said lodge, and upon satisfactory report by such lodge that the standing committee on Relief extend such aid as in its judgment she is entitled to receive.

In the matter of the application of Bloomfield Lodge, No. 218, made verbally by its Master, Brother Will A. Needham, for a continuance of relief to the family of its past Senior Warden, Brother A. M. Doane, we recommend that the sum of eighty dollars be placed with Bloomfield Lodge for the relief of this family; and that it be expended under the direction of the Master, in monthly installments, in procuring such necessaries as are most needed.

Your committee has considered the case of Myra and Nina Beebe, orphan children of James W. Beebe, deceased, late a Master Mason in good standing of Osceola Lodge, No. 65. These children are aged respectively 13 and 11 years, and live with their grandmother who is unable to properly care for them. So far as we can learn they have no relatives who can or will give them aid. We recommend that the sum of fifty dollars be paid to Osceola Lodge for their benefit as their necessities require.

In reference to the Morse children, whose case was before this Grand Lodge at its 1897 sitting, and was by it referred to the permanent Relief committee, we concur in and endorse the action of that committee in refusing to extend aid. The father, Brother W. E. Morse, a member of Scott's Bluff Lodge, No. 201, was at the time of his death living in

Kansas. The children are all there now, and are reported to have good homes, with the exception of the two older children, who are self-supporting. Scott's Bluff Lodge in its report filed May 5, 1898, makes no mention of this case. The showing, in the opinion of your committee, does not call for relief.

Your committee recommends a liberal policy in extending relief to worthy widows and orphans of deceased Masons. It should be granted to the extent that their necessities require and our ability permits. Great care, however, should be taken to guard against imposture from unworthy applicants. In all cases where practicable, the call for assistance should come through the officers of the lodge in whose jurisdiction the applicant resides, and all the facts upon which the application is based should be set forth in clear and concise language.

We repeat the recommendation of the committee on Relief one year ago, that the annual reports of the lodges as to the widows and children of deceased Master Masons should be imperatively required, and that full particulars be given in cases of those who are in need of assistance, to the end that relief may be given without delay in all worthy cases.

Bro.. Phelps, 34, presented the following report, which was concurred in:

To Grand Lodge:

Your committee on Jurisprudence also have had under consideration decision number 3, and we recommend that the same be approved.

We have also had under consideration decision number 4, and recommend that it be approved.

We have also had under consideration decision number 5, and recommend that it be approved.

We have also had under consideration the query of the Grand Master found in his address: "Are these brothers entitled to exemption from Grand Lodge dues?" We answer that the true intent and meaning of the law is that the brother should be an affiliated member for thirty years—not necessarily continuous.

We have also had under consideration the query of the Master of Lodge No. 19: "At our last meeting a candidate was black-balled; when the meeting was over we discovered that a brother not a member of our lodge had voted. Should we not order a new ballot?" We answer, Yes; but notice should be given at the last regular meeting before the meeting at which the ballot is to be taken.

The following report, presented by Bro.. Coffin, 240, was agreed to:

Your committee on By-Laws of Chartered Lodges beg leave to recommend that the by-laws of Creighton Lodge, No. 100, be approved as changed by your committee, to conform with the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska.

We also recommend that the action of our Grand Master in approving lodge by-laws and seals be sustained.

We further recommend that the action of our Grand Master, in not approving the by-laws of St. Johns Lodge, No. 25, be also sustained.

We further report with reference to that portion of our Grand Master's address which relates to installation of officers, that any brother elected and not installed, as prescribed by the constitution and by-laws, shall be reported to the Grand Master within thirty days, when he may issue a dispensation to elect and install to fill such vacancy or take such other action as he deems best.

Bro.: Mercer, 4, chairman of the committee on Returns, presented the following with reference to a portion of the Grand Secretary's report; unanimous consent being given for immediate consideration, the proposed amendments were concurred in:

To Grand Lodge:

Your committee finds that, owing to the growth of this Grand jurisdiction, the work in the Grand Secretary's office has very greatly increased, and that the time between the reception of lodge returns and convening of the Grand Lodge is insufficient to get the data in proper shape for presentation.

The committee on Returns can not, under the present rules, get the several returns condensed in time for presentation of their report to this Grand Body.

Your committee would therefore urgently recommend that the date for closing the year and making lodge returns be changed from April 30th to March 31st. That in paragraph 12, section 104, "thirty-first of May" be changed to "thirtieth of April." That in paragraph 14, section 104, "June first" be changed to "May first." That in paragraph 13, section 104, "thirty-first day of May" be changed to "thirtieth day of April." That in paragraph 2, section 2, "twentieth day of April" be changed to "twentieth day of March." That in same paragraph the "tenth day of June" be changed to "fifteenth day of May."

Bro.: Dinsmore, 43, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge:

Your committee on Charters and Dispensations having examined the records and documents from the lodge heretofore working under dispensation at Ravenna, and recommend that a charter be issued to said lodge under the name of Orion Lodge, No. —, and that said lodge be required to adopt by-laws and submit same to Grand Master for approval within three months from the time of its being constituted.

On motion of the Grand Treasurer it was—

Resolved, That hereafter no moneys shall be drawn from any fund under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge except it be done by regular warrant signed by the proper officers, the usual custom of drawing money.

Bro.: King, 95, submitted the report of the committee on Credentials, which was adopted subject to amendments during the communication. The report as finally made was as follows:

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

Your committee on Credentials reports that all the Nebraska chartered lodges are represented except Nos. 53, 90, 92, 121, 128, 149, 156, 186, 222, 234, and 238. Also the following Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers:

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W.: JOHN B. DINSMORE..	Grand Master.
R. W.: FRANK H. YOUNG.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W.: WILLIAM W. KEYSOR.....	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W.: ALBERT W. CRITES.....	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W.: CHRISTIAN HARTMAN.....	Grand Treasurer.
R. W.: WILLIAM R. BOWEN.....	Grand Secretary.
V. W.: HARRY C. HARMAN.....	Grand Chaplain.
W.: CHARLES H. SLOAN.....	Grand Orator.
M. W.: JAMES A. TULLEYS (P. G. M.).....	Grand Custodian.
W.: FRANCIS E. WHITE.....	Grand Marshal.
W.: NATHANIEL M. AYERS.....	Grand Senior Deacon.
W.: FRANK E. BULLARD.....	Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro.: JACOB KING.....	Grand Tiler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Past Grand Masters M. W.: Brothers Robert C. Jordan, Daniel H. Wheeler, Robert W. Furnas, Martin Dunham, George H. Thummel, George W. Lininger, Edward K. Valentine, Rolland H. Oakley, James A. Tulleys, James R. Cain, Edwin F. Warren, Manoah B. Reese, Charles K. Coutant, George B. France, John J. Mercer, Robert E. French, Bradner D. Slaughter, Samuel P. Davidson, James P. A. Black, John A. Ehrhardt, Henry H. Wilson, and Charles J. Phelps; Past Deputy Grand Masters Henry Brown and Elias H. Clark.

REPRESENTATIVES.

LODGE.	MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Nebraska No. 1	* <i>Benjamin F. Thomas.</i>	* <i>Winfield S. Strawn.</i>	William S. Heller.
Western Star " 2	Milton E. Thorp.....	Henry Bourlier.....	* <i>James Reed.</i>
Capitol " 3	Abraham E. Law.....	Joseph P. Deegan.....	Charles A. Dunham.
Nemaha Valley " 4	rence	* <i>Charles H. Gilmore.</i>	
Omadi, " 5	Robert E. Evans.....	Mell A. Schmied.....	
Plattsmouth, " 6	Henry J. Helps.....	Adam Kurtz.....	
Falls City, " 9	Davis D. Reavis.....		* <i>Frank C. Wiser.</i>

*Proxy

REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

LODGE.		MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Solomon,	No. 10	Edwin N. Grenell.....		Thomas A. Reed.
Covert,	" 11	John E. Simpson.....	Edwin R. Perfect.....	James W. Maynard.
Nebraska City,	" 12	John W. Willman.....		
Orient,	" 13	*John C. Shepard.....		
Peru,	" 14	John J. Neal.....	John W. Blanken- ship.....	
Fremont,	" 15	John C. Cleland.....		
Tecumseh,	" 17	Samuel P. Davidson.....	*John S. Harman.....	
Lincoln,	" 19	Thomas Cochrane.....	Frank M. Tyrrell.....	
Washington,	" 21		William H. H. Davis.....	
Pawnee,	" 23	John M. Bever.....	Eugene H. Hollister.....	
Saint Johns,	" 25	Alfred M. Olson.....		Jahn N. Neely.
Beatrice,	" 26	Leonidas A. Scroggs.....	*William S. Bourne.....	
Jordan,	" 27	Charles A. Demary.....		
Hope,	" 29	James A. Titus.....		
Blue River,	" 30	William K. Lough- ridge.....		
Tekamah,	" 31	Melville R. Hopewell.....		
Platte Valley,	" 32	Samuel H. Done- hower.....		Benjamin C. Clinton.
Ashlar,	" 33	*Willard A. Prince.....		
Acacia,	" 34	Walter W. Wells.....	*Charles C. Cannon.....	*James A. Grimison.
Fairbury,	" 35	*John Gellatly.....		
Lone Tree,	" 36	*John E. Babbitt.....		
Crete,	" 37	*Seward L. Mains.....	*Melville H. Fleming.....	
Oliver,	" 38	John McLain.....	*George E. Spear.....	Thomas Wake.
Papillion,	" 39	Malcolm P. Brown.....		
Humboldt,	" 40		Howard S. Norton.....	
Northern Light,	" 41	John A. Ehrhardt.....		
Juniata,	" 42	Enos J. Hanchett.....	William G. Saddler.....	
Hebron,	" 43	*James Dinsmore.....	*James Dinsmore.....	Elmo B. Roper.
Harvard,	" 44	Churchill S. Bradley.....	Ezra Brown.....	
Palmyra,	" 45		John Noble.....	
Rob Morris,	" 46	William F. Crossley.....		
Fairmont,	" 48	Alva W. Loomis.....		
Evening Star,	" 49	John H. Tower.....		*Albert K. Marsh.
Hastings,	" 50	John Reynard.....	John J. Buchanan.....	
Fidelity,	" 51	William F. Downing.....	*George W. Osterhout.....	
Hiram,	" 52	Mark B. Turner.....		
Charity,	" 53			
Lancaster,	" 54	Francis A. Graham.....	Addison S. Tibbets.....	John S. Bishop.
Mosaic,	" 55	James C. Stitt.....	William H. Rish.....	George F. Sprecher
York,	" 56			Almon J. Ryan.
Mount Moriah,	" 57	James W. Eaton.....		
Lebanon,	" 58	Miller H. Watts.....	*Gustavus B. Speice.....	Julius N. Killian.
Wahoo,	" 59		James O'Donnell.....	
Melrose,	" 60	*William H. Banwell.....		
Thistle,	" 61	Theo. L. Warrington.....		
Keystone,	" 62	*Carl W. Willman.....		
Riverton,	" 63			John D. Fulton.
Blue Valley,	" 64	Thomas J. Taylor.....		
Osceola,	" 65	Horace F. Henderson.....	Richard R. Genge.....	
Livingstone,	" 66	*John Kommers.....		
Edgar,	" 67	*Samuel W. Christy.....	*William R. Fuller.....	*Smith T. Caldwell.
Aurora,	" 68	I. Newton Jones.....		*Henry B. Hart.
Sterling,	" 70	Francis O. Dort.....		
Trowel,	" 71	Fred E. Gieseke.....		
Hooper,	" 72	William M. Sanders.....		
Friend,	" 73		Frederick C. Hinman.....	
Alexandria,	" 74	David A. Sherwood.....		
Frank Welch,	" 75		Charles C. Callahan.....	
Joppa,	" 76	Franklin N. Hager.....		
Nelson,	" 77	Franklin J. Patchin.....		
Albion,	" 78	Thompson F. Martin.....		
Gen-va,	" 79	John M. Ward.....	*Charles A. Warner.....	John J. Mills.
Composite,	" 81			Dennis W. Rising.
St. Paul,	" 82	Gabriel Kramer.....		
Corinthian,	" 83	Cyrus E. Hunter.....		
Fairfield,	" 84	James E. Broderick.....		
Tyre,	" 85	William W. Wright.....		
Doniphan,	" 86		Charles F. Raymer.....	

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REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

LODGE.		MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Ionic,	No. 87	Sylvanus Harden		
Star,	" 88	Thomas R. Ashley		
Cedar River,	" 89			Cyrus H. Gilmore.
Elk Creek,	" 90			
Oakland,	" 91	Charles K. Cull		
Hubbell,	" 92			
Beaver City,	" 93	Levi H. Corbin	John T. McClure	
Bennett,	" 94	John Dickson		
Garfield,	" 95	Job J. King		
Utica,	" 96	Thomas L. Davies		
Euclid,	" 97	Julian A. Pollard		
Republican,	" 98	James Muir		
Shelton,	" 99	Walter S. Allison	*Moses L. Phelps	
Creighton,	" 100	Nathaniel L. Raymond		
Ponca,	" 101	Alfred E. Barnes		
Waterloo,	" 102		Ora M. Deemer	
Ord,	" 103	Thomas L. Hall	James F. Colby	
Wymore,	" 104	*Jacob B. Livingston		
Stella,	" 105		Harvey M. Conover	
Porter,	" 106	Joseph S. Pedler		
Steele City,	" 107	*John A. Alexander		
Table Rock,	" 108	Samuel G. Wright		
Arapahoe,	" 109	William D. Pruitt		
Pomegranate,	" 110	John C. Railsback	Omer D. Harford	
De Witt,	" 111			Charles H. Cudde
Springfield,	" 112	*Samuel C. Hanly	Joseph M. Elwell	
Globe,	" 113	Willis McBride		
Wisner,	" 114		Lincoln Riley	
Brainard,	" 115	John T. McKnight		
Harlan,	" 116	James H. Fair	John A. Gibson	
Hardy,	" 117	J. Frank Longacker		
Doric,	" 118			
North Bend,	" 119	Dunham M. Strong	*Clarence H. Walrath	
Wayne,	" 120	Anson A. Welch	J. Murray Cherry	
Superior,	" 121			
Jasper,	" 122	Ira N. Pickett		
Indianola,	" 123	*Samuel R. Smith		
Auburn,	" 124	Edward M. Boyd	William Watson, Jr.	
Mount Nebo,	" 125	*Hiram Lewis		
Stromsburg,	" 126	John B. Steward		
Minden,	" 127	Hans P. Anderson		
Guide Rock,	" 128			
Blue Hill,	" 129		Kenneth McKinzie	*William A. Garrison.
Tuscan,	" 130	*Alex. A. Thorp		
Sorbner,	" 131	Alex. Ross		James Beaver.
Elm Creek,	" 132	Charles A. Willis		
Solar,	" 133	*William C. Robinson		Madison Kokjer.
McCook,	" 134	Anton Probst		
Long Pine,	" 135	John S. Davison		
Upright,	" 136	William C. M. Shinn		
Upright,	" 137	Leander M. Brady		
Rawalt,	" 138			
Clay Centre,	" 139		Jacob H. Eller	
Western,	" 140	Thomas J. Chidester		
Summit,	" 141	Isaac H. Clagett		
Anchor,	" 142	Hamilton L. Colby		
Crescent,	" 143	Reuben H. Shaffer		
Kenesaw,	" 144	William E. Latta		
Bancroft,	" 145	Henry L. Randall	William S. Cotter	Charles H. Ward.
Jachin,	" 146	*Ethias W. Beghtol		
Siloam,	" 147		Levi J. C. Reichard	
Em't Crawford	" 148	Joseph W. Salisbury		
Jewel,	" 149			
Cambridge,	" 150	William P. Bennett		
Square,	" 151		John H. Parker	
Parallel,	" 152		Harley E. Bowhay	
Evergreen,	" 153	Charles Gates		
Lily,	" 154	Robert Tweed		
Hartington,	" 155		Stephen C. Lynde	Zwingle M. Baird.
Pythagoras,	" 156			
Valley,	" 157	*Curtis E. Clesfer		

*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

LODGE.	MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Samaritan, No. 158	John G. Dunn.....		
Ogalalla, " 159	Cornelius S. Horton..		
Zeredatha, " 160			Walter C. Parker.
Mount Zion, " 161		Charles Krumbach ..	
Trestle Board, " 162	James F. Biggs	*Benjamin H. Bailey ..	*Henry Hampstman.
Unity, " 163	*William E. Hand.....		
Atkinson, " 164		Vernon W. McDonald.	James L. McDonald.
Barneston, " 165	*Edmund Huddert		
Mystic Tie, " 166	Benjamin H. Mills.....		
Elwood, " 167	Burton L. Chambers..		
Curtis, " 168	Charles B. Compton ..		
Amity, " 169	William N. Ford.....		
Mason City, " 170	Paul H. Marlay.....		
Merna, " 171	John J. Stanford.....	Franklin Jacquot	
Grafton, " 172		William B. Miller	
Robert Burns, " 173	*William R. Ratcliff ..		
Culbertson, " 174	Wiley S. Cornutt.....		
Temple, " 175	Ausmer C. Tilton.....		Andrew M. Tilton.
Gladstone, " 176		Edwin H. Burroughs..	
Hay Springs, " 177	William B. McQueen..		
Hesperia, " 178	Royal Woods.....		
Prudence, " 179	John L. Evans.....		
Justice, " 180	Thomas Barr.....		Cary L. Will.
Faith, " 181		Augustus L. Moyer	William H. Fanning.
Incense, " 182	*William R. Fulton ..		
Alliance, " 183	Frank M. Knight.....		
Bee Hive, " 184	Charles W. Miller.....	Burton E. Wilcox.....	Frank Y. McKinstry.
Boaz, " 185	William A. Minnicar..		
Plumb, " 186			
Israel, " 187	Robert L. Downing ..		
Meridian, " 188	*Samuel E. Rutledge ..		
Granite, " 189	*J. Nelson Ashburn ..	Charles M. Beck.....	*James H. Davis.
Amethyst, " 190	Charles M. Fisher.....		
Crystal, " 191	Henry S. Specher.....		
Minnekadusa, " 192	William T. Kinkaid ..		
Signet, " 193	Frank N. Nichols.....		
Highland, " 194		Omar L. Cox.....	
Arcana, " 195	John A. Scamahorn ..		
Level, " 196	Ambrose S. Shelley ..	James A. Williams.....	
Morning Star, " 197	*Robert S. Hirsch.....		
Purity, " 198	Fred. A. Hoffmeister..		
Gavel, " 199		Clarence A. Capron ..	
Blazing Star, " 200	Herbert L. Davis.....		
Scotts Bluff, " 201		Peter McFarlane.....	
Golden Sheaf, " 202	Sidney O. Reese.....		
Roman Eagle, " 203	*Merton N. Snyder.....		
Plainview, " 204	George H. Hecht.....		
Golden Fleece, " 205	H. T. Babcock.....		
Napthali, " 206	*Purley W. Price.....		
Parian, " 207	Mark E. Schneringer..	Henry H. Andrews.....	H. Elmer Doolittle.
Gauge, " 208	James W. Landers.....		
Canopy, " 209			John C. Currant.
East Lincoln, " 210	Frank C. Richards.....		
Cement, " 211	William B. Kern.....		
Comp. & Square, " 212	James K. Smith.....		
Square & Comp. " 213	*Erie W. Northrop.....		
Plumblin, " 214	James W. McKibben..		
Occidental, " 215	Jesse Gidley.....		
Palisade, " 216	Benjamin F. Yates ..		
Wauneta, " 217	William S. Fisher.....		
Bloomfield, " 218	Will A. Needham.....		
Relief, " 219	*Frank L. Hicks.....	Edwin R. Bladin.....	
Magnolia, " 220	Morris H. Evans.....		
Woodlake, " 221	Abel Bailey.....		
Landmark, " 222			
Eminence, " 223	Frank W. Mather.....		
Silver Cord, " 224		Rollins S. Rising.....	
Cable, " 225	John Finch.....		
Grace, " 226	Robert J. McClelland..		
North Star, " 227	John J. Adams.....		*Harlan A. Don Carlos.
Bartley, " 228		*James H. Keys.....	

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REPRESENTATIVES—CONCLUDED.

LODGE.		MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Comet,	No. 229	Hugh Leal.....	Russell D. Bush.
Delta,	" 230	.....	Walter G. Gaines.....	.....
Mt. Hermon,	" 231	Enos M. Shaw.....	.....	.....
John S. Bowen,	" 232	Charles M. Weed.....	.....	.....
Gilead,	" 233	Robert Ford.....	.....	.....
Zion,	" 234	.....	.....	.....
Fraternity,	" 235	.....	.....	John Elliott.
Golden Rule,	" 236	Lyman G. Wright.....	.....	.....
Cubit,	" 237	John T. Marshall.....	.....	.....
Ithmar,	" 238	.....	.....	.....
Friendship,	" 239	Jesse Frimann.....	.....	.....
Pilot,	" 240	George W. Little.....	Frederick A. Durrie,
George Arm- strong,	" 241	John Driscoll.....

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Your committee also reports the presence of Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, from the following Grand Lodges: California, David M. McElHinney, 50; Colorado, Charles J. Phelps, 34; Connecticut, Samuel P. Davidson, 17; Idaho, James A. Tulleys, 53; Indian Territory, James M. Kennedy, 125; Ireland, William Cleburne, 3; Kentucky, Henry Gibbons, 46; Louisiana, Albert W. Crites, 158; Michigan, Daniel H. Wheeler, 1; North Dakota, John A. Ehrhardt, 41; South Dakota, Manoah B. Reese, 59; South Carolina, Frank E. Bullard, 32; Tennessee, Francis E. White, 6; Utah, Robert E. French, 46.

The following standing committees, appointed on or before April 9, 1898, were announced, vacancies being filled:

On Visiting Brethren—Bros.: Joseph P. Deegan, 3; Alfred M. Olson, 25; Charles W. Miller, 184; and Thomas Cochran, 19.

On Credentials—Bros.: Job J. King, 95; William D. Pruitt, 109; Milton R. Thorp, 2; John G. Dunn, 158; and Jacob H. Eller, 139.

On Accounts—Bros.: Julius Beckman, 15; John E. Simpson, 11; David D. Reavis, 9; Wiley S. Cornut, 174; and John S. Harman, 17.

On Charters and Dispensations—Bros.: James Dinsmore, 43; Ambrose S. Shelley, 196; Robert Tweed, 154; Thompson F. Martin, 78; and Henry B. Hart, 68.

On By-Laws of Chartered Lodges—Bros.: Lemuel C. Coffin, 240; James W. Eaton, 57; Sylvanus Harden, 87; Cyrus E. Hunter, 83; and James C. Stitt, 55.

On Ways and Means—Bros.: David M. McElHinney, 50; Robert E. Evans, 5; George T. Sprecher, 55; Edward M. Boyd, 124; and Walter W. Wells, 34.

On Relief—Bros.: Melville R. Hopewell, 31; Charles A. Putnam, 189; Miller H. Watts, 58; Alexander Ross, 132; and William H. Fanning, 181.

On Grievances—Bros.: Winfield S. Strawn, 1; John H. Tower, 49; Samuel H. Donehower, 32; Anson A. Welch, 120; and Frank G. Simmons, 38.

On Unfinished Business—Bros.: Thomas J. Chidester, 140; Sidney O. Reese, 202; James A. Titus, 29; James M. Kennedy, 125; and David W. Sowles, 9.

On Pay-Roll—Bros.: James H. Fair, 117; Harry Stern, 146; William E. Hatch, 76; John C. Cleland, 15; and George J. Spohn, 121.

On Returns—Bros.: John J. Mercer, 4; Richard A. Harvey, 182; William F. Downing, 51; Churchill S. Bradley, 44; and Thomas R. Butler, 93.

On Jurisprudence—The Past Grand Masters present, with M. W. Charles J. Phelps, chairman.

On Foreign Correspondence—Bros.: William R. Bowen, 3; John A. Ehrhardt, 41; and James P. A. Black, 76.

On Codification of the Law—Bros.: Francis E. White, 6; John O. Moore, 45; and Frank E. Bullard, 32.

On Doings of Grand Lodge Officers—Bros.: Bradner D. Slaughter, 89; Henry E. Norton, 44; Henry Gibbons, 46; Albert K. Marsh, 49; and Henry S. Sprecher, 191.

On Grand Lodge Office—Bros.: John B. Dinsmore, 49; William R. Bowen, 3; John A. Ehrhardt, 41; Henry H. Wilson, 19; and Charles J. Phelps, 34.

The following special committees were also announced:

On Our Fraternal Dead—Bros.: Samuel P. Davidson, 17; Robert W. Furnas, 4; and Daniel H. Wheeler, 1.

On the Visit to Grand Lodge of Iowa—Bros.: Wheeler, 1; Coutant, 11; and Wilson, 19.

On the Amount Due Masonic Home Fund—Bros.: Wright, 85; Gates, 153; and Lininger, 104.

On Collection of Lodge Dues—Bros.: Brown, 44; Grenell, 10; and Davis, 189.

On Substituting Grand Lodge Registry for Annual Lodge Returns—The Grand Secretary, the chairmen of the committees on Accounts and Returns and Bros.: Slaughter, 89, and White, 6.

Grand Lodge was now called from labor until half past one o'clock this afternoon.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 16, 1898.

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment at the appointed hour, Grand Master Dinsmore presiding.

Bro.: Beckman, 15, presented the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your committee on Accounts have examined the report of the Grand Treasurer, and find same correct.

The amount of cash on hand as shown by the books of the Grand Treasurer is—

In General Fund.....	\$7,713 68
In Relief Fund.....	748 90
In Masonic Home Fund.....	3,000 00
Total.....	<u>\$11,462 58</u>

—for which amount he has handed us his certified check.

We find the following orders unpaid:

No. 1533, Rutherford & Jensen.....	\$52 40
1531, Rogers & Smith Co.....	4 50

Your committee have also examined the Grand Secretary's receipt stubs for money received, and find that he has received—

In General Fund.....	\$12,253 67
In Relief Fund.....	3,019 67
Total.....	<u>\$15,273 34</u>

—all of which has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, as per the latter's receipts.

We recommend the payment of the following:

Bill of C. Hartman, (exchange, postage, stationery, etc.).....	\$27 50
“ State Journal Co., Lincoln, (pads and express,).....	12 00
“ Rees Printing Co., (Past Master's certificates,).....	4 75
“ Rees Printing Co., (advance copies 1898 reports,).....	80 25

We recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to compute, at time of payment, simple interest only on Relief Fund notes now held by the Grand Lodge, or hereafter to be acquired by it, believing it to be the intention of this Grand Lodge not to compound interest in matters of purely a fraternal or benevolent nature.

We recommend that the asset carried on books under the head of “electrotype plates,” aggregating at present \$14,856.72, be stricken from list of assets and charged to interest and profit account. Not having any commercial value, we believe that an inventory of the plates would answer all purposes. Your committee have examined the bills receivable in the Relief Fund, and find notes to the amount of.....\$6,277 82
On which there is accrued interest, according to computation of

Grand Secretary.....	1,369 90
Total.....	<u>\$7,647 72</u>

The following accounts overpaid by the lodges named, erroneously charged to Relief Fund, we recommend be transferred to General Fund:

Gladstone Lodge, No. 176.....	\$11 09
Elm Creek “ “ 133.....	2 86
Meridian “ “ 188.....	17 25

Bro.: Wright, 85, submitted the following report, in which Grand Lodge concurred:

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

We, your special committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address relative to the Relief Fund due this Grand Lodge by the various lodges in this jurisdiction, would fraternally recommend that this Grand Lodge place itself on record as holding the Masters of all subordinate Lodges whose notes are held by the Grand Lodge responsible. That the same be met by payment during the coming year. That the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify the several lodges of the action of this Grand Lodge.

That the matter of Bro.: Lewis A. Kent's life insurance be left as it has been in the past, viz., that the Grand Lodge pay the premium and interest on said policy.

On the recommendation of the committee on Codification of the Law, presented by its chairman, Bro.: White, 6, Grand Lodge adopted the amendment regarding objections recorded on page 5526.

The amendment regarding demits recorded on page 5525 was not agreed to.

Bro.: Hopewell, 31, submitted the following reports, which were adopted:

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

Your committee on Relief, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to relief-fund notes due this Grand Lodge from subordinate lodges, reports that in our opinion those notes should be paid and the money recovered into the relief fund at an early date. Of the twenty-one lodges that borrowed money from this fund, three, Gladstone Lodge, 176, Elm Creek Lodge, 133, and Meridian Lodge, 188, all located in the western part of the state, who borrowed in the aggregate \$850, have overpaid the amount due in the sum of \$17.25. Three have nearly paid in full: Keystone Lodge, 67, still owes 10 cents; Mason City Lodge, 170, owes \$4.43; Cable Lodge, 225, owes \$1.08. Eleven other lodges have made partial payments aggregating about \$1,700, while three who borrowed \$1,200 have made no payments, and there is now due and unpaid from said last-mentioned three lodges the sum of \$1,443.32.

We believe that the lodges should be held to strict account for these moneys, and only where good reason is shown should any part thereof be remitted. We recommend that special effort be made the coming year by delinquent lodges to reduce the amount of their indebtedness to this Grand Lodge.

Your committee reporting on the application of Zeredatha Lodge, No. 160, who requests that a credit of \$75 be allowed on their note of \$500 given to this Grand Lodge for moneys borrowed during the depression of 1894, find that the information at hand concerning the loaning of the money is not sufficient to warrant the granting of the request of Zeredatha Lodge, No. 160. We recommend that the matter be referred back to that lodge for further information as to facts and circumstances under which the loan was made.

Reporting on the application of Bro.: A. Templeton, late a member of Plumb Lodge, 186, now extinct, for a remission of his dues, about \$10, now owing this Grand Lodge, beg to say that investigation shows Bro.: Templeton to be a worthy Mason, devoted to the principles of our Order, but unable in justice to himself and family to pay his dues. We recommend that they be remitted.

Further having under consideration the case of Mrs. Mary Russell, whose husband was a member of Emmet Crawford Lodge, 148, and who has received assistance from this Grand Lodge for several years past, we recommend the continuance of the allowance of \$60 per year heretofore made, and that it be paid through the officers of Emmet Crawford Lodge, 148.

Further reporting upon the application of Bro.: Isaac N. Wolfe, who was a member of Ashland Lodge, No. 18, at the time it surrendered its charter, we find Bro.: Wolfe vouched for as a worthy Mason, who wishes to unite with Canopy Lodge, 209, and that it would be a hardship for him to pay the amount charged against him, due this Grand Lodge. We recommend that such dues be remitted.

Having under consideration the application of Crystal Lodge, 101, asking that the time of payment of its note be extended to October 1st, 1898, we recommend that such extension of time be granted. The original note, dated March 12, 1895, was for \$400. There is now due thereon \$377.37.

Bro.: Chidester, 140, presented the following report from his committee, which was considered by section and adopted:

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

Your committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to submit the following report:

1. In reference to the proposed amendment to section 107, article 10, (page 5525,) which states, "No petition for the degrees of Masonry can be received except for the three, namely, Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason; and one clear ballot shall elect to the three degrees;" we recommend that this amendment be not passed.

2. In reference to amending paragraph 12 of section 104 of the by-laws, found in Law of Freemasonry of Nebraska, edition of 1895, on page 38 thereof, your committee recommends that paragraph 12, section 104, page 38, remain as it is. (See page 5523.)

3. And in regard to the proposed amendment to paragraph 2, section 2, of the by-laws, in the fourth line of page 18 of the Law of Freemasonry, edition 1895, we recommend that paragraph 2, section 2, as stated above, be not changed. (See page 5526.)

Bro.: Strawn, 1, presented the following reports from his committee, in which Grand Lodge concurred:

To Grand Lodge:

In the appeal of Bro.: John T. Marriott, indefinitely suspended from Corinthian Lodge, No. 83, no notice of appeal was ever given to his lodge, and more than two years have elapsed since his trial and sentence. Also since that time he has petitioned his lodge for reinstatement. We are without jurisdiction in the matter, and the appeal must be denied.

Upon the memorial of Bro.: John J. Pollock, indefinitely suspended in Lebanon Lodge, No. 58, at Columbus, Neb., for restoration, we recommend that his petition be dismissed. Application for reinstatement was made to his lodge, but no action has been taken thereon, nor have any of the requirements of paragraph 5 of section 309 of the by-laws been met, something which we think is indispensibly necessary in such matters before we can act.

In the matter of the petition of J. G. Doane, late a member of Western Lodge, No. 140, but expelled therefrom, we have to say that his trial occurred more than two years ago; that no notice of appeal was ever given to his lodge, and this memorial to this Grand Lodge is the first notice we have of his attempt to reverse the decision of the lodge. Under the circumstances we are without jurisdiction, and recommend that his appeal be dismissed.

In the matter of Magnolia Lodge, No. 220, vs. Minnekadusa Lodge, No. 192, wherein they desire to have paid to them the fees for conferring the several degrees upon one David W. Parmelee, of the last-named lodge, we are clearly of the opinion that such request should be denied. From the evidence it appears that Bro.: Parmelee had resided at Emerson, in this state, until some twelve years ago; that at least six years ago he removed to the Rosebud Agency, in South Dakota, and has been there ever since. In his petition to the accused lodge he described himself as a resident of Rosebud, S. D. Jurisdiction over him was waived by the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction. His letters state that he is and at all times has continued to be a resident of Emerson. Judged by the provisions of the statutes of Nebraska as to what constitutes a *legal* residence, we think that he has at no time, within the last six years at least, been a resident of Emerson, Neb., within either the meaning of the statutes of the state or the laws of this Grand Jurisdiction.

The complaint of Square and Compass Lodge, 213, vs. Compass and Square Lodge, 212, with reference to our late Brother William A. Milton, was before this committee and your Grand Body at the last annual convocation. It was there held that the circumstances were such that lodge 212 should have relieved its distressed brother, and that the demit

pretended to have been granted by it to our late brother was a nullity. Complaint is now made to the Grand Master that, although a year has passed, lodge 212 has not yet offered to comply with your decision. Lodge 212 appears before us by its Master, and states that they at no time questioned the action of the Grand Lodge, but have not complied there with simply for the want of funds; that their membership is very small, and that they ask that this Grand Body make them a loan of the amount which they are owing Lodge 213, to wit, \$81.01, so that they may be debtor of this Grand Body instead of said lodge, which they acknowledge to be weak and in need of its money. We think that this indebtedness is one that should take priority over every other claim upon them except Grand Lodge dues, and that the matter should be referred to the incoming Grand Master to use all reasonable power to enforce its payment.

In the matter of the complaint made by Golden Sheaf Lodge, 202, against Jordan Lodge, 27, for reimbursement for \$29.81 relief alleged to have been furnished to the widow of our late Bro.: Briggs, this committee finds it is without any evidence to act upon, and therefore is unable to say that such relief has been furnished, or under circumstances which entitles the lodge to reimbursement. We are of the firm belief that matters of this kind should be investigated by the Grand Master, pursuant to paragraph 2, section 310, of the by-laws, so that if the same is referred to this Grand Body, or its committee, we will have before us the evidence upon which to make an intelligent report.

In the matter of the application of George W. Noble for reinstatement in this Order, the law in this jurisdiction with reference to restoration of one who has been expelled has in no sense been complied with so far as the record shows. Under these circumstances we are without jurisdiction to pass upon his petition and recommend that the same be dismissed. See paragraph 4, section 309, Grand Lodge by-laws.

The matter of Indianola Lodge, No. 123, vs. Jasper S. Phillips, presents three points for our recommendation and your decision:

1. Whether the article published by Brother Phillips constituted a Masonic offense.
2. Whether or not this Grand Body has appellate jurisdiction over this proceeding, no notice of appeal having been given within 90 days next following the trial, (for whether such notice was within the 90 days from and after the notification of the result to our Grand Master does not appear in the record,) and
3. Whether or not the punishment prescribed was adequate to the offense.

Upon all these propositions the committee are agreed that there was a Masonic offense; that the prosecution having been instituted by order of the Grand Master does not come under the ordinary rule of notices of appeal to the lodge, and that the punishment was wholly inadequate to the offense.

We therefore recommend that the action of the lodge in administering a reprimand be reversed, and that the brother stand suspended from

all the rights and privileges of Masonry for one year from and after this date.

In the matter of the complaint of the Masonic Board of Relief of Stockton, California; the demand of the Grand Master of that jurisdiction for reimbursement upon Edgar Lodge, No. 67, of this jurisdiction, for the sum of about \$150.00 paid for nursing Bro.: J. W. Dingman, of said Edgar Lodge, raises one of the most important questions that we think has ever come before this Grand Body. The same principle is involved in the case of the demand made for a regular and systematic support of the widow of Bro.: Anthony G. Hatt, late of Plattsmouth Lodge, No. 6, and also in the demand of Incense Lodge, 182, of this jurisdiction, against South Point Lodge, 497, of the Grand Jurisdiction of Ohio.

In the second of these cases, Bro.: Hatt was a member of Plattsmouth Lodge. He removed with his family to California, and there died. On the demand of the lodge which cared for him in his last sickness and buried him, Plattsmouth Lodge sent them something like \$190.00, with the distinct notification that it should not hold itself responsible for the support of his widow.

In the case of Bro.: Dingman, immediately upon learning of his accident, Edgar Lodge raised and sent him the sum of \$105.00, and forty-five days after his injury occurred the Stockton Board of Relief presented Edgar Lodge, 67, with a bill for \$150.00 for the payment of nurse hire.

In the case of Incense Lodge, 182, a brother named J. H. Croley, belonging to South Point Lodge, No. 497, in Ohio, fell ill within the jurisdiction of Incense Lodge, about the 8th day of December, 1897, whereupon Incense Lodge telegraphed to his home lodge. No answer came until the 23d of December, when word was received from the Ohio lodge that the brother had been suspended upon the 11th of that same month, and that it was under no legal obligation to relieve him or reimburse what has been paid for his relief. The matter was taken up by our Grand Master with the Grand Master of the jurisdiction of Ohio, who replied in substance that his Grand Lodge had always taken the position that relief was purely voluntary; the obligation to afford the same was moral only; that there was no contractual obligation between a lodge and its members; that no reimbursement would be enforced upon the Ohio lodge, and in addition thereto stated that such lodge was so weak that if such effort were made it would result in the surrender of its charter.

Under the rule, as we understand it in this jurisdiction, the demands made upon our home lodges by the Relief Board and the lodge in California, and the demand made by the lodge in our jurisdiction against the lodge in the jurisdiction of Ohio, are not enforceable, the reasoning (as above stated) in the letter of the Grand Master of Ohio seeming, in our judgment, to practically cover this class of cases. We therefore recommend that no further proceedings be had in these matters.

Bro.: Strawn, 1, made the following further report, the consideration of which was deferred: (See page 5638:)

To Grand Lodge:

In the case of Bro.: Frank C. Richards, East Lincoln Lodge, No. 219, appeal from the action of North Star Lodge, No. 227, in acquitting Bro.: John Don Carlos on charges duly preferred, received, and on which trial was had, we recommend that the decision of said lodge be reversed, a judgment of guilty be entered, and punishment fixed at six months suspension.

Bro.: Reese, 59, made report as follows, in which Grand Lodge concurred. Bros.: Reese, 59, Davidson, 17, and Ehrhardt, 41, were announced as the special committee.

To the Grand Lodge:

Your committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the query presented by Bro.: Charles J. Phelps, would fraternally represent that they have had the subject under consideration, and recommend that the question here presented be referred to a committee of three to be appointed by the Grand Master, and that said committee report their conclusion thereon to the next meeting of this Grand Lodge.

Query: Can it be maintained that, as declared by the Grand Lodge proceedings 1897, page 5526, "The Grand Master is the creature of the constitution of this Grand Lodge, and his prerogatives are defined and limited thereby"?

Bro.: Furnas, 4, moved that a committee be appointed to consider and submit at our next annual communication some plan to perpetuate the memory of our first Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Robert C. Jordan; the motion prevailed and Bros.: Furnas, 3, Wheeler, 1, and Valentine, 27, were named as the committee.

Grand Lodge was now called from labor until eight o'clock this evening.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 16, 1898.

Grand Lodge resumed labor about eight o'clock, under direction of M.: W.: John B. Dinsmore, Grand Master.

Bro.: Ehrhardt, 41, offered the following amendment changing the time of our annual communications to one week earlier

than at present; unanimous consent was given for immediate consideration and the amendment was adopted:

Amend Section 1, Paragraph 1, of by-laws, by changing the last word in the first line from "tenth" to "third."

Grand Lodge now made choice of the following-named office-bearers, other business being transacted between the ballotings:

- BRO.: FRANK H. YOUNG, 207.....Grand Master.
- BRO.: WILLIAM W. KEYSOR, 25.....Deputy Grand Master.
- BRO.: ALBERT W. CRITES, 158.....Grand Senior Warden.
- BRO.: FRANCIS E. WHITE, 6.....Grand Junior Warden.
- BRO.: CHRISTIAN HARTMAN, 11.....Grand Treasurer.
- BRO.: WILLIAM R. BOWEN, 3.....Grand Secretary.

Later in the communication appointment was made of —

- BRO.: CHARLES H. GILMORE, 4.....Grand Chaplain.
- BRO.: WILLIAMSON S. SUMMERS, 26.....Grand Orator.
- BRO.: JAMES A. TULLEYS, 53.....Grand Custodian.
- BRO.: NATHANIEL M. AYERS, 93.....Grand Marshal.
- BRO.: FRANK E. BULLARD, 32.....Grand Senior Deacon.
- BRO.: DAVID M. McELHINNEY, 50.....Grand Junior Deacon.
- BRO.: JACOB KING, 3.....Grand Tiler.

Bros.: William R. Bowen, 3; Charles J. Phelps, 34, and Samuel P. Davidson, 17, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Bros.: Francis E. White, 6; Frank G. Simmons, 38, and Robert E. Evans, 5, Committee on Codification of the Law.

Bro.:.....Trustee Orphans Educational Fund.

Bro.: Davidson, 17, presented the following report, consideration of which was deferred: (See page 5638:)

To Grand Lodge:

Your committee on Jurisprudence have had under consideration the request of a new trial in the matter of the appeal of Bros.: Frank C. Richards and others from the decision of North Star Lodge, No. 227, which was decided by this Grand Lodge at its last session, and beg leave to report, that while, in the opinion of your committee, said request for a new trial and the reasons given therefor are not only very uncomplimentary, but are highly discourteous to this Grand Body and your Past Grand Master, as well as to your committee, still we have considered the same. An examination of the records of this Grand Body and the papers in the case strongly show that the reasons assigned for said request for a new trial are not true in fact, or well founded in law. In the opinion of your committee, under the facts surrounding said case, your then sitting Grand Master had jurisdiction in the case, and his decision is amply sustained by the record. Your committee is also of the opinion that this Grand Body having by its own act referred said matter to the committee

on Jurisprudence, and by vote refused to refer it to the committee on Grievances, and your committee on Jurisprudence having fully and carefully considered the same, made report thereon, which was adopted by this Grand Body, said case was rightly disposed of.

We therefore recommend that said request for a new trial be denied.

Grand Lodge now resumed consideration of the report of the committee on Grievances, recorded on page 5635; the report was not agreed to; and, on Motion of Bro.: Ehrhardt, 41, the acquittal of Bro.: John Don Carlos, 227, was approved.

Grand Lodge now resumed consideration of the report of the committee on Jurisprudence, recorded on page 5637; on motion of Bro.: Crites, 158, the report was amended by striking out all reference to the character of the language in the application for a new trial; the amendment prevailed, and as thus amended the report was adopted.

Grand Lodge now ceased labor until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

THIRD DAY — MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 1898.

Grand Lodge resumed its labors at nine o'clock, M.:W.: John B. Dinsmore, Grand Master, in the East.

The following report, presented by Bro.: Dinsmore, 43, was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge:

It having been brought to the attention of your committee on Charters and Dispensations, by Cable Lodge, No. 225, that the name of Bro.: Byrne E. Robinson, who signed the petition for charter for said lodge, was omitted from the charter as finally issued to said lodge, your committee recommend that our Grand Secretary examine the records and documents on file in their office and report to the Grand Lodge at its next session whether or not said name was omitted by the committee on Charters and Dispensations by error.

The two following reports were received from the committee on Jurisprudence. Bro.: Wheeler, 1, moved adoption of the minority report. Bro.: Phelps, 34, moved as an amendment to adopt the majority report. Bro.: Bowen, 3, moved that further consideration be postponed until our next annual communication, which motion was lost. On motion of Bro.: Crites, 158, ten-thirty this morning was fixed as the hour at which vote should be taken. After general discussion of the reports Bro.: Bowen, 3, moved that further consideration be postponed until our next annual communication, which motion prevailed.

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

Your committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the several decisions of the Grand Master, would report upon decisions Nos. 1 and 2, that we have carefully considered the same, and are of the opinion that the views of this Grand Lodge on the liquor question in all its phases has been too often announced to require any further pronouncement on the subject. We think this Grand Lodge has clearly stated its position, and that the two decisions under consideration go farther than Masonic law or principle demand. We therefore recommend that decisions Nos. 1 and 2 be not sustained.

CHARLES J. PHELPS,

For the Committee.

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

The undersigned members of the committee on Jurisprudence would respectfully present that they are unable to agree to the other report of committee, upon decisions numbered 1 and 2 made by the Grand Master, and therefore beg leave to report that in their opinion the said decisions of the Grand Master should be approved, and we so recommend. These decisions are the only logical ones that could have been made, consistent with the former utterances of this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

DANIEL H. WHEELER.
 ROBERT W. FURNAS.
 R H. OAKLEY.
 SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON.
 GEORGE B. FRANCE.
 M B. REESE.
 JOHN J. MERCER.
 J A. TULLEYS.
 HENRY H. WILSON.

Bro.: Strawn, 1, chairman of the committee on Grievances, presented the following report, which was adopted:

To Grand Lodge:

In the matter of the complaint of Bro.: John S. Bishop, of Lancaster Lodge, 54, vs. North Star Lodge, 227, for alleged failure to discipline W.: Bro.: Harlan E. Don Carlos for abusive language and a personal assault during the progress of a Masonic trial before the committee of said lodge, we find that both the accuser and Bro.: Don Carlos were guilty of grave Masonic offenses, and of conduct which, if tolerated, would subvert the order.

Bro.: Don Carlos has already been reprimanded by his lodge, and before this committee he has expressed deep contrition for his language and his actions, and a willingness to submit to any additional punishment which your Grand Body may in its wisdom inflict. Under these circumstances we think that the desired effect has been produced, and that nothing more need be done with that brother.

Bro.: Bishop at the time and place mentioned, was guilty of the use of this language with reference to Brothers John Don Carlos and Harlan E. Don Carlos, to wit: "If you had been held up and robbed of \$2,000 by them fellows, [indicating Brothers Don Carlos,] as Brother Richards has been, you would have known who *they* were."

The conduct of both brethren was very reprehensible, but as in different ways both have been punished, and are never likely to again repeat the offense or renew the controversy, and as this body has taken a very lenient view of the conduct of two of the brothers in the main case, we recommend that the brethren be put on their good behavior, and that no further action be had at this time.

By a silent rising vote Grand Lodge adopted the following report presented by Bro.: Davidson, 17:

To Grand Lodge:

Each year as we meet in annual session, by the address of our Grand Master we are reminded of the havoc wrought by the Angel of Death among the Fraternity during the year that has just passed. It is indeed fitting that we pause in our labors and place on record some suitable mention of the loss we feel resulting from the death of our loved and honored brethren. During the year just past some of our trusted and trustworthy brethren have died. Also, we are again notified by our Grand Master that among the Fraternity at large many of the brightest and best of our leaders have fallen at their posts of duty. With becoming gravity and solemnity let us today lay upon the altar such tributes of affection and such expression of our commendation as their virtues demand at our hands. It may not be proper for us to weave garlands of praise for the fallen, nor to throw the incense of adulation upon the urns which enclose their ashes. But it is proper for us to pay the offices of

respect and affection to our fallen, and draw from the visitation which has stricken them down, such lessons as are calculated to teach us "what shadows we are, and what shadows we pursue." It has been said that "all men think all men mortal but themselves." But it is unalterably true that death is the common leveller of men and nations. No consideration can purchase a moment's respite when the decree shall go forth, "this night thy soul shall be required of thee," whether it be uttered at the gates of the stately mansion or at the cot of the lowly poor. The great and the humble, the useful and the useless, the learned and the ignorant, the mighty and the mean, the public and the private man, must all alike lie down in the cold chambers of the grave. It has been truthfully said that "the statesman falls with plans of future glory yet unaccomplished; the poet expires in the midst of his song, and the magic of his muse lingers on his dying lips; the sculptor drops his chisel before he has taught the marble to breathe, and the painter his pencil while the living figures on his canvas are yet unfinished; the sword slips from the hand of the warrior before the battle is won; and the orator is silenced while the words of wisdom are yet dropping in sweetest accents from his lips." So it will most likely be that most of us will be called at a time when our work will seem to be unfinished. He will be best prepared for the summons who, when it comes, is found at his post of duty, diligently and faithfully at work. Brethren, as we believe in and aspire to a deathless immortality, let us not seek it in the praises of men, or in the enrollment of our names on the pages of history, for these all shall perish. He who confides in the gains or pleasures or honors of the world to bring him peace at the last, will find himself miserably and grievously imposed upon and deluded. Let us rather strive to let our "faith be evinced by a correct moral walk and deportment, our hopes be as bright as the mysteries that shall be hereafter revealed, and our charity as boundless as the wants of our fellow creatures." Then shall it be given to each of us to "eat of the hidden manna, and to receive the white stone with the new name written, which shall insure perpetual and unspeakable happiness at God's right hand." Then in each succeeding generation our memory shall be blessed, and our names be had in everlasting remembrance.

Bro.: Fair, 117, submitted the pay-roll for the communication, amounting to \$4,110.10, which was adopted, an order covering the sum to be drawn.

Bro.: Simpson, 11, made report as follows, in which Grand Lodge concurred:

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

Your committee on Accounts recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorised to buy for use of Grand Lodge a receipt-book, also a new ledger.

We recommend the payment of the following:

Bill of F. H. Young.....	\$8 00
Bill of committee on Ritual.....	32 46
Bill of stenographer of committee on Grievances	5 00
Bill of Rogers, Smith & Co.....	99 00

Bro.: McElHinney, 50, introduced following report, which Grand Lodge adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee on Ways and Means recommend the following appropriations or so much thereof as may be necessary, the expenditures to be made under direction of the Grand Master:

Grand Master's expenses, 1898-'99.....	\$300 00
“ “ clerk, 1898-'99	500 00
“ Secretary's salary, 1898-'99.....	1800 00
“ “ clerk, 1898-'99	600 00
“ Treasurer's salary, 1898-'99	50 00
“ Custodian's salary, 1898-'99	1200 00
“ “ expenses, 1898-'99	500 00
Pay-roll: as much as may be necessary.....	
Postage, telegrams, and telephone tolls, 1898-'99	250 00
Stationery, 1898-'99	50 00
Blanks, including for returns, 1898-'99.....	250 00
Incidentals, 1898-'99	50 00
Grand Lodge office rent, 1898-'99.....	200 00
Heat and light, 1898-'99.....	50 00
Janitor, 1898-'99.....	60 00
Rent of telephone, 1898-'99.....	30 00
Treasurer Orphans Educational Fund, clerk, 1898-'99.....	60 00
Library purchasing, binding, etc., 1898-'99	100 00
Purchasing supplies for sale to lodges, 1898-'99	500 00
Masonic Collectors Association, 1898-'99.....	5 00
Treasurer Orphans Educational Fund, salary.....	5 00
Printing proceedings of 1898 and electrotyping same.....	600 00
Printing one charter, No. 242.....	10 00
Index for Volume VI.....	175 00
Assistant Tiler, (present session,).....	4 00
Chairman committee on Returns, (present session,).....	100 00
Chairman committee on Foreign Correspondence, 1899.....	100 00
One gross manila filing cases.....	50 00
Set working envelopes, 1899-1900.....	30 00
To pay premium and interest on Kent insurance policy	757 72

Bro.: McElHinney also presented the need of a steel-deck floor in our fire-proof library. On motion of Bro.: Black, 76,

the matter was referred to our Grand Master for such action as he may deem expedient.

On motion of Bro.: Black, 76, it was —

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to Most Worshipful Bro.: John B. Dinsmore for the able manner in which he has presided over the Craft during the past year.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body be tendered the brethren of the city of Omaha for the courteous hospitality extended to its members during the present session.

Past Grand Master Lininger, assisted by M.:W.: Bro.: Davidson, 17, now installed the newly chosen office-bearers, and proclamation thereof was made.

Bro.: Coutant, 11, submitted the following report, and it was agreed to :

To Grand Lodge:

Your committee appointed on the recent visit of our Grand Officers to the M.:W.: the Grand Lodge of Iowa at its late annual communication in Council Bluffs, take much pleasure in referring to the kind, hearty, and cordial reception with which they were received by our Iowa brethren. Those of us who attended will never forget the kind attentions and cordial welcome. Such visits are ever remembered as landmarks of Masonic life. To lay aside the labors and toils of active life, to bind up and cement fraternal and brotherly relations, we regard alike as a duty and pleasure, and this Grand Lodge extends its cordial thanks to the M.:W.: the Grand Lodge of Iowa, its officers and members, for their brotherly and fraternal greeting extended to our Grand Officers and brethren accompanying them.

On motion of Bro.: Brown, 44, the following report, presented by him, was adopted :

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

We, two members of your special committee to whom was referred the matter of delinquency in payment of lodge dues, respectfully report that we have been unable to meet Bro.: Davis, the third member of the committee.

In view of the numerous laws and rules already adopted, we have been unable in the short time since our meeting to agree upon any new law which would seem to relieve the situation.

We therefore recommend that a special committee be appointed at the beginning of the next session of the Grand Lodge, that they may have more time to investigate, and in the mean time the various lodges of the

state report the extent of delinquency within their lodge to the end that the committee may know the extent of this trouble.

We ask that this committee be excused from further action upon the subject.

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

To Grand Lodge:

The committee on Jurisprudence, to whom the request of the Master of Lodge No. 84, for a special dispensation to install the Senior Warden and Secretary, after the expiration of the time fixed by our by-laws, without paying the usual fee, have had the same under consideration, and do recommend that said request be granted.

We have also considered the query of Bro.: Albert W. Crites, and beg leave to report that we recommend the following answer: He is entitled to all the courtesies and honors due to Grand Officers, but has no rights or powers except as delegated by the Grand Master. [Query: What are the strict technical rights and powers of the Grand Wardens when visiting constituent lodges in the absence of the Grand Master, he not being out of the state nor under any disability?]

It was ordered that the mileage and per diem due Elmer B. Roper, 43, for attendance at the communication be covered by an order on the Grand Treasurer.

Bro.: Coutant, 11, made the following report, which was adopted:

To Grand Lodge:

In answer to query from our lodge No. 177, the committee on Jurisprudence recommends that decision No. 19 in the Grand Master's address, page 5454, proceedings of 1897, which was affirmed by the M.:W.: Grand Lodge, be modified so that the receipt from a brother acknowledging the receipt of a registered letter which contained the notice shall be considered sufficient proof of its service.

At the request of the committee on Jurisprudence several matters were left with it until the next annual communication, including the queries of Bros.: Smith, 123, Brown, 44, Minden Lodge, 127, and a resolution by Bro.: Strawn, 1, regarding relief.

The Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge closed and the Grand Marshal so proclaimed.

The lodge of Master Masons was closed in ample form at High Twelve.

Saml A Young.

Grand Master.

Wm R. Bowen

Grand Secretary.

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At Rest.

NAME.	LODGE.	DATE OF DEATH.
WILLIAM O. RODGERS.....	Nebraska,	No. 1....Mar. 9, 1898
WALTER T. GILBERT.....	Nebraska,	" 1....Mar. 10, 1898
CHARLES H. KORFF.....	Western Star,	" 2....Oct. 25, 1897
ROBERT C. ELVIN.....	Western Star,	" 2....July 24, 1897
HENRY N. BOSWORTH.....	Capitol,	" 3....July 26, 1897
ALFRED A. BRADFORD.....	Capitol,	" 3....May 6, 1897
RICHARD MOORE.....	Capitol,	" 3....April 12, 1898
MICHAEL PARR.....	Capitol,	" 3....Aug. 9, 1897
CHARLES D. SPRAGUE.....	Capitol,	" 3....April 7, 1898
ANDREW WATT.....	Capitol,	" 3....Jan. 20, 1898
JOHN FIKES.....	Falls City,	" 9....Oct. — 1897
JACOB N. HERBST.....	Falls City,	" 9....Dec. 23, 1897
WILLIAM MAST.....	Falls City,	" 9....Nov. 17, 1897
THOMAS J. MASON.....	Falls City,	" 9....Jan. 11, 1898
CYRUS D. THURMAN.....	Falls City,	" 9....Sept. 30, 1897
ROBERT A. WHERRY.....	Falls City,	" 9....April 20, 1898
WILLIAM F. GREEN.....	Solomon,	" 10....Dec. 23, 1897
JOEL NEFF.....	Solomon,	" 10....Feb. 1, 1898
SAMUEL V. GRAVES.....	Covert,	" 11....July 1, 1897
JOHN G. R. MORSE.....	Covert,	" 11....Oct. 1, 1897
MILES D. SIMPSON.....	Orient,	" 13....Nov. 22, 1897
GUSTAVIUS G. GOING.....	Fremont,	" 15....Oct. 13, 1897
ERNEST SCHURMAN.....	Fremont,	" 15....Jan. 6, 1898
JOHN MCCARN.....	Fremont,	" 15....Jan. 21, 1898
VALENTINE S. HOY.....	Fremont,	" 15....Mar. 2, 1898
THOMAS J. MCKINNEY.....	Fremont,	" 15....April 18, 1898
THOMAS APPELGET.....	Tecumseh,	" 17....May 19, 1897
PETER S. CRISSENBURY.....	Tecumseh,	" 17....Aug. 6, 1897
THOMAS SEWELL.....	Lincoln,	" 19....Mar. 1, 1898
JACOB BIGLER.....	Lincoln,	" 19....Mar. 2, 1898
JOSEPH PARADY.....	Washington,	" 21.... — 1897
WESLEY W. WOODWARD.....	Pawnee,	" 23....Aug. 16, 1897
JAMES J. NIXON.....	Saint Johns,	" 25....May 5, 1897
GEORGE F. HARDING.....	Saint Johns,	" 25....June 13, 1897

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JOHN G. FREDERICK STABREI..	Saint Johns,	No. 25.... July 21, 1897
J. VAN RENSALAER BROWN....	Saint Johns,	" 25.... April 16, 1898
JOHN DWYER.....	Beatrice,	" 26.... May 7, 1897
JAMES R. BURKS.....	Beatrice,	" 26.... Jan. 21, 1898
NELSON F. DONALDSON.....	Platte Valley,	" 32.... Feb. 9, 1898
JOHN W. BROWN.....	Acacia,	" 34.... Jan. 9, 1898
ORLA N. HEPPFORD.....	Fairbury,	" 35.... Sept. 17, 1897
EMERALD D. OWENS.....	Fairbury,	" 35.... May 1, 1897
GEORGE C. HULCE.....	Lone Tree,	" 36.... Mar. 3, 1898
ALFRED H. WRIGHT.....	Lone Tree,	" 36.... May 5, 1897
HENRY McCARN.....	Lone Tree,	" 36.... Nov. 6, 1897
CHARLES U. FRANCE.....	Oliver,	" 38.... Aug. 9, 1897
JOHN H. SIMMONS.....	Oliver,	" 38.... June 19, 1897
PHILIP ELSASS.....	Papillion,	" 39.... June 10, 1897
BENJAMIN F. FERGUSON.....	Humboldt,	" 40.... Nov. 17, 1897
PETER W. HAYS.....	Humboldt,	" 40.... Nov. 2, 1897
ROBERT W. COLEMAN.....	Humboldt,	" 40.... July 1, 1897
CHRISTIAN RIST.....	Humboldt,	" 40.... Dec. 29, 1897
WILLIAM A. KEARNEY.....	Northern Light,	" 41.... Dec. 28, 1897
MELVIN G. LEACH.....	Hebron,	" 43.... Oct. 27, 1897
SILAS V. SCOTT.....	Hastings,	" 50.... Feb. 2, 1898
MILTON MONTGOMERY.....	Lancaster,	" 54.... May 23, 1897
HENRY K. KERMAN.....	Lancaster,	" 54.... Oct. 12, 1897
JEFFERSON H. FOXWORTHY..	Lancaster,	" 54.... Oct. 27, 1897
OLIVER P. COLE.....	York,	" 56.... Nov. 12, 1897
TILLMAN H. BRADBURY.....	Wahoo,	" 59.... Aug. 20, 1897
JACOB LAWSON.....	Blue Valley,	" 64.... Dec. 29, 1897
HENRY W. KENNARD.....	Osceola,	" 65.... Sept. 4, 1897
DANIEL F. BOMAR.....	Trowel,	" 71.... July 9, 1897
CHARLES M. CLARKE.....	Friend,	" 73.... Sept. 8, 1897
HARLEY F. MORTON.....	Friend,	" 73.... April 14, 1898
FRANK NUCKLES.....	Friend,	" 73.... Mar. 4, 1898
MORITZ URBACH.....	Frank Welch,	" 75.... Feb. 20, 1898
JOHN W. DAVIS.....	Joppa,	" 76.... Oct. 7, 1897

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NAME.	LODGE.	DATE OF DEATH.
HENRY H. GILLETT.....	Albion,	No. 78.... June 10, 1897
WILLIAM H. GREGGSTON.....	St. Paul,	" 82.... July 15, 1897
JAMES BACON.....	St. Paul,	" 82.... Sept. 24, 1897
JOHN T. METTLAN.....	Corinthian,	" 83.... Aug. 16, 1897
GEORGE W. AVERY.....	Fairfield,	" 84.... Feb. 21, 1898
LA FAYETTE MITCHELL.....	Fairfield,	" 84.... Mar. 2, 1898
EZRA CHESEBRO.....	Doniphan,	" 86.... Sept. — 1897
ROBERT E. NOURSE.....	Star,	" 88.... Jan. 20, 1898
BENJAMIN F. GRIFFIN.....	Oakland,	" 91.... Dec. 1, 1897
JOHN AUTEN.....	Garfield,	" 95.... April 25, 1898
O J. ROOT.....	Garfield,	" 95.... — — 1897
THOMAS C. HANCE.....	Republican,	" 98.... Feb. 8, 1898
JOHN F. FINE.....	Shelton,	" 99.... Dec. 19, 1897
MELVIN B. BROWN.....	Waterloo,	" 102.... Oct. 22, 1897
SERENIS J. MINER.....	Ord,	" 103.... May 27, 1897
JOSEPH CALVIN	Table Rock,	" 108.... Sept. 7, 1897
ANDREW C. BUTLER.....	Arapahoe,	" 109.... May 13, 1898
HERBERT BRUSH.....	Pomegranate,	" 110.... Feb. 27, 1898
CALEB H. ROSE.....	Pomegranate,	" 110.... April 14, 1898
SAMUEL G. BRYAN.....	Pomegranate,	" 110.... April 30, 1898
WILLIAM J. ROBERTS.....	Springfield,	" 112.... Oct. 3, 1897
JONATHAN E. DORSEY.....	North Bend,	" 119.... April 6, 1898
HARLOW D. BAKER.....	Stromsburg,	" 126.... Aug. 3, 1897
NORMAN SPRINGER.....	Blue Hill,	" 129.... Mar. 14, 1898
STEPHEN R. NEAL.....	Tuscan,	" 130.... April 5, 1898
JESSE A. NASON.....	Scribner,	" 132.... Sept. 21, 1897
THOMAS R. GALVIN.....	Solar,	" 134.... Mar. 10, 1898
ARTHUR C. HAMM.....	McCook,	" 135.... Aug. 23, 1897
GEORGE M. CHENERY.....	McCook,	" 135.... Aug. 24, 1897
ORIN J. SHOWERS.....	Long Pine,	" 136.... July 20, 1897
JOSEPH MERRILL.....	Upright,	" 137.... Mar. 6, 1898
DAVID CLEMENT.....	Rawalt,	" 138.... May 14, 1897
ELIAS G. GROFF.....	Clay Center,	" 139.... Oct. 1, 1897
CHARLES WATSON.....	Anchor,	" 142.... Feb. 13, 1898

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NAME.	LODGE.	DATE OF DEATH.
FRED W. VOGT.....	Bancroft,	No. 145....Oct. 18, 1897
VOLNEY OSBORN.....	Jewell,	" 149....Feb. 14, 1898
GEORGE W. DEVOE.....	Trestle Board,	" 162....Sept. 28, 1897
THOMAS L. AUSTIN.....	Trestle Board,	" 162....Mar. 28, 1898
JOSEPH MATHIAS.....	Barneston,	" 165....June 28, 1897
FRANK P. HILL.....	Curtis,	" 168....Dec. 4, 1897
ALFRED B. WARRELL.....	Mason City,	" 170....Mar. 26, 1898
JOSEPH G. BURCHELL.....	Robert Burns,	" 173....Jan. 14, 1898
ELLIOT GRAY.....	Justice,	" 180....Jan. 21, 1898
EMMETT W. DAILEY.....	Faith,	" 181....April 10, 1898
ARTHUR CHILSON.....	Alliance,	" 183....May 22, 1897
JAMES H. EATON.....	Alliance,	" 183....Oct. 10, 1897
CHARLES NICHOLS.....	Alliance,	" 183....Jan. 28, 1898
JEREMIAH J. BURGE.....	Israel,	" 187....Jan. 7, 1898
MOSLEY A. NILES.....	Israel,	" 187....April 6, 1898
JAMES C. KIRK.....	Granite,	" 189....July 10, 1897
JAMES F. FENTON.....	Level,	" 196....Aug. — 1897
ELMER J. MORSE.....	Scott's Bluffs,	" 201....June 5, 1897
ORAN McCRARY.....	Golden Sheaf,	" 202....June — 1897
AUGUSTUS B. STANFIELD.....	Roman Eagle,	" 203....Dec. 16, 1897
JOSEPH BIXBY, SR.....	Napthali,	" 206....Aug. 22, 1897
JAMES DICKSON.....	Parian,	" 207....Mar. 15, 1898
JAMES A. CURRENT.....	Canopy,	" 209....Nov. 10, 1897
DUTHAN B. BREWSTER.....	East Lincoln,	" 210....Nov. 3, 1897
DAVID DYER.....	Cement,	" 211....Nov. 6, 1897
ROBERT EWING.....	Cement,	" 211....June 7, 1897
FRANK C. MORSE.....	Compass & Square	" 212....April 6, 1898
ARTHUR F. BURT.....	Square & Compass	" 213....Jan. 26, 1898
JAMES BENNETT.....	Plumbline,	" 214....May 23, 1897
WILLIAM W. VAN VELSOR.....	Bloomfield,	" 218....June 28, 1898
WILLIAM MILLS.....	Cable,	" 225....Jan. 18, 1898
ELIHU FIELD.....	Grace,	" 226....Dec. 30, 1897
IRA D. SAUNDERS.....	North Star,	" 227....May 9, 1897
JOHN E. PUFFETT.....	Golden Rule,	" 236....Mar. 6, 1898
GEORGE W. PIERSON.....	Cubit,	" 237....Oct. 24, 1897

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

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Alabama.....	Palmer J. Pillans.....	Belknap.....	June 6, 1892.
Arizona.....	Alonzo Bailey.....	Globe.....	June 6, 1892.
Canada.....	Charles W. Brown.....	Toronto, 42 Front St., E....	Apr. 4, 1892.
Colorado.....	Calvin E. Reed.....	Denver, 1320 Gaylord St....	Nov. 23, 1894.
Connecticut.....	Reuben H. Tucker.....	Ansonia.....	Dec. 4, 1894.
Delaware.....	Daniel McClintock.....	Wilmington.....	Mar. 18, 1892.
Dist. Columbia..	Frederick G. Alexander...	Washington City, 1525 Columbia St., N. W.	May 20, 1893.
Georgia.....	Thomas W. Latham.....	Atlanta.....	Feb. 4, 1890.
Idaho.....	William Hull.....	Montpelier.....	Nov. 24, 1893.
Indian Territory	David C. Blossom.....	Atoka.....	June 6, 1892.
Iowa.....	Richard J. Crouch.....	Dewitt.....	Mar. 18, 1892.
Ireland.....	Robert S. Reeves.....	Dublin, 5 Fitzwilliam Place	Mar. 31, 1891.
Kansas.....	Charles E. Cory.....	Fort Scott.....	Nov. 17, 1893.
Kentucky.....	Lorenzo D. Croninger....	Covington.....	Feb. 20, 1892.
Maine.....	Edward P. Burnham.....	Saco.....	Apr. 4, 1892.
Manitoba.....	Richard Dennis Foley....	Manitou.....	Nov. 13, 1890.
Maryland.....	John H. Miller.....	Baltimore, Brown's Wharf	Mar. 25, 1893.
Minnesota.....	Jeremiah E. Finch, M. D.	Hastings.....	June 6, 1892.
Mississippi.....	John K. McLeod.....	Moss Point.....	Apr. 4, 1892.
Missouri.....	Charles F. Vogel.....	St. Louis, 716 Chestnut St.	Apr. 4, 1892.
Montana.....	Henry M. Parchen.....	Helena.....	Mar. 18, 1892.
Nevada.....	Chauncey N. Noteware....	Carson.....	Mar. 18, 1892.
New Hampshire	Alpheus W. Baker.....	Lebanon.....	Apr. 4, 1892.
New Jersey.....	Charles Bechtel.....	Trenton.....	Feb. 21, 1893.
New Mexico.....	Richard English.....	Raton.....	Jan. 1, 1890.
New York.....	Thomas C. Cassidy.....	New York City.....	Feb. 20, 1891.
Nova Scotia.....	Alexander S. Townshend..	Parrsborough.....	Mar. 18, 1892.
Ohio.....	Robert Gwynn.....	Norwood, Hamilton Co....	Mar. 18, 1892.
Oregon.....	Phil Metschan.....	Salem.....	May 22, 1893.
Pennsylvania...	Rev. Jas. W. Robbins, D. D.	Philadelphia, Merion P. O.	Apr. 4, 1892.
Quebec.....	William M. Le Mesurier...	Montreal.....	Oct. 31, 1889.
South Carolina..	Augustine T. Smythe.....	Charleston.....	Feb. 20, 1892.
Tennessee.....	Jefferson C. Cawood, M. D.	Knoxville.....	Mar. 30, 1891.
Utah.....	Abbot R. Haywood.....	Ogden.....	Feb. 20, 1892.
Vermont.....	William Brinsmaid.....	Burlington.....	June 6, 1892.
Virginia.....	Etheldred L. Turner.....	Emporia.....	Apr. 4, 1892.
West Virginia..	Benjamin F. Martin.....	Grafton.....	Apr. 28, 1892.
Wisconsin.....	Freeman H. L. Cotter....	Eau Claire.....	Nov. 20, 1895.
Wyoming.....	John H. Symons.....	Laramie.....	Apr. 28, 1892.

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

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.
Alabama	Lewis A. Kent, 127.	Minden	Jan. 4, 1891.
Arizona	Samuel W. Hayes, 55.	Norfolk	Mar. 6, 1878.
Arkansas	William Adair, 5.	Dakota City	May 12, 1874.
Brt. Columbia	David M. McElHinne, 50.	Hastings	Nov. 17, 1890.
California	James Gilbert, 3.	Omaha	June 2, 1890.
Canada	Charles J. Phelps, 34.	Schuyler	Oct. 8, 1890.
Colorado	Samuel P. Davidson, 17.	Tecumseh	Oct. 10, 1889
Connecticut	Joseph L. Edwards, 23.	Pawnee City	Feb. 17, 1894.
Delaware	Bradner D. Slaughter, 89.	Lincoln	Oct. 22, 1890.
Dist. Columbia	George W. Lininger, 3.	Omaha	June 23, 1883.
England			
Florida			
Georgia	Edwin F. Warren, 2.	Nebraska City	Mar. 31, 1883.
Idaho	James A. Tulleys, 53.	Red Cloud	Feb. 1, 1873.
Illinois	George H. Thummel, 33.	Grand Island.	Mar. 14, 1892.
Indiana	Harry P. Deuel, 11.	Omaha	Nov. 8, 1890.
Indian Territory	James M. Kennedy, 125.	Genoa	Oct. 4, 1890.
Iowa	John J. Mercer, 4.	Omaha	July 10, 1890.
Ireland	William Cleburne, 3.	Omaha	Dec. 7, 1890.
Kansas	James P. A. Black, 76.	Bloomington	Nov. 21, 1893.
Kentucky	Henry Gibbons, 46.	Kearney.	May 27, 1885.
Louisiana	Albert W. Crites, 158.	Chadron.	Nov. 6, 1890.
Maine	Thomas K. Sudborough, 25.	Omaha	Oct. 15, 1890.
Manitoba	Edwin F. Warren, 2.	Nebraska City	Mar. 24, 1877.
Maryland			
Michigan	Daniel H. Wheeler, 1.	Omaha.	June 10, 1891.
Minnesota	Robert C. Jordan, 33.	Omaha	Feb. 11, 1889.
Mississippi	John M. Burks, 19.	Lincoln	Dec. 31, 1869.
Missouri	George B. France, 56.	York	June 25, 1888.
Montana			
Nevada	Robert C. Jordan, 33.	Omaha	Apr. 25, 1890.
New Brunswick	John J. Mercer, 4.	Omaha	May 14, 1888.
New Hampshire	Frank W. Hayes, 15.	Fremont	Feb. 8, 1879.
New Jersey	James R. Cain, 9.	Falls City	Sep. 24, 1878.
New Mexico	Henry E. Palmer, 6.	Omaha	Apr. 25, 1879.
New York	Edward K. Valentine, 27.	West Point	Feb. 11, 1889.
North Carolina	Robert W. Furnas, 4.	Brownville	Sep. 20, 1869.
North Dakota	John A. Ehrhardt, 41.	Stanton	Aug. 1, 1890.
Nova Scotia	Henry H. Wilson, 19.	Lincoln	Feb. 26, 1892.
Ohio	Robt. W. Furnas, 4.	Brownville	Sep. 10, 1869.
Oregon	Henry Brown, 3.	Omaha	Dec. 23, 1869.
P. Edward Isl'd	George E. Whitman, 138.	Oxford	Jan. 6, 1891.
Quebec	Milton J. Hull, 67.	Washington City, D. C.	Mar. 6, 1886.
Rhode Island	William M. Knapp, 56.	York	Apr. 9, 1877.
South Carolina	Frank E. Bullard, 32.	North Platte	Jan. 14, 1881
South Dakota	Manoah B. Reese, 59.	Lincoln	Mar. 30, 1885.
Tennessee	Francois E. White, 6.	Plattsmouth	June 29, 1888.
Texas	Martin Dunham, 3.	Omaha	Feb. 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.	Los Angeles, Cal.	Oct. 21, 1879.
Washington	Charles A. Holmes, 17.	Tecumseh	Feb. 15, 1877.
West Virginia	Frank E. Bullard, 32.	North Platte	July 18, 1891.
Wisconsin	George E. Hawkins, 26.	Beatrice.	Sep. 17, 1889.
Wyoming	Rolland H. Oakley, 19.	Lincoln	Mar. 7, 1877.

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

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama	H. Clay Armstrong	Montgomery.
Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tucson.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
Br. Columbia	Walter J. Quinlan	Victoria.
California	George Johnson	Masonic Temple, San Francisco.
Canada	John J. Mason	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado	Edward C. Parmelee	Masonic Temple, Denver.
Connecticut	John H. Barlow	Hartford.
Delaware	Benjamin F. Bartram	Wilmington.
Dist. Columbia	William R. Singleton	Masonic Temple, Washington.
England	Edward Letchworth	Freemasons Hall, London.
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Georgia	William A. Wolihin	Macon.
Iaho	Theophilus W. Randall	Boise City.
Illinois	Joseph H. C. Dill	Bloomington.
Indiana	William H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	Rev. Joseph S. Murrow	Atoka, Choctaw Nation.
Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland	Henry E. Flavelle, Dep'y	Dublin.
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	Henry B. Grant	Louisville.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Manitoba	William G. Scott	Winnipeg.
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson	Masonic Temple, Boston.
Michigan	Jefferson S. Conover	Coldwater.
Minnesota	Thomas Montgomery	120 Pr. Wm. St., St. Paul.
Mississippi	John L. Power	Jackson.
Missouri	Rev John D. Vincil, D.D.	St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Freemasons Hall, Omaha.
Nevada	Chauncey N. Noteware	Carson.
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	St. John.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Thomas H. R. Redway	Trenton.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	Masonic Hall, New York.
North Carolina	John C. Drewry	Raleigh.
North Dakota	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo.
Nova Scotia	William Ross	Halifax.
Ohio	Jacob H. Bromwell	Masonic Temple, Cincinnati.
Oklahoma	James S. Hunt	Stillwater.
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Eugene.
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn	Philadelphia.
Pr. Edward Isl.	Nell MacKelvie	Summerside.
Quebec	John H. Isaacson	Montreal.
Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence.
Scotland	D. Murray Lyon	Edinburgh.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Flandreau.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Texas	John Watson	Houston.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Burlington.
Virginia	George W. Carrington	Richmond.
Washington	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	George W. Atkinson	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	John W. Ladin	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	William L. Kuykendall	Saratoga.

NEBRASKA LODGES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

- Acacia, 34.
 Adams, U. S. D., (extinct.)
 Adoniram, (159.)
 Ainsworth, U. S. D., (131.)
 Albion, 78.
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 Beaver, U. S. D., (179.)
 Beaver City, 93.
 Beaver Valley, U. S. D., (230.)
 Bell Creek, U. S. D., (241.)
 Benkleman, U. S. D., (180.)
 Bee Hive, 184.
 Bennett, 94.
 Blazing Star, 200.
 Bloomfield, 218.
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 Blue Springs, U. S. D., (85.)
 Blue Valley, 64.
 Boaz, 185.
 Brainard, 115.
 Broomfield, U. S. D., (ext.)
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 Burchard, U. S. D., (137.)
 Burnett, U. S. D., (166.)
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 Capitol, 3.
 Cedar, U. S. D., (13.)
 Cedar Bluffs, U. S. D., (215.)
 Cedar Rapids, U. S. D., (143.)
 Cedar River, 89.
 Cement, 211.
 Central City, U. S. D., (ext.)
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 Chadron, U. S. D., (158.)
 Chapman, U. S. D., (239.)
 Charity, 53.
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 Columbus, U. S. D., (extinct.)
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 Fairbury, 35.
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 Seward, U. D., (38.)
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 Trenton, U. D., (extinct.)
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Ceresco, 229.
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Humboldt, 49.
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- Imperial, 198.
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- Johnson, 141.
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Franklin, 63, 76.	Nemaha, 4, 14, 29, 124, 141, 162.	York, 56, 197.
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LODGE.		TOWN.	COUNTY.	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.	CREATED.	CHARTERED.
	No. 1	Omaha	Douglas	First Tuesday	Feb. —, 55	Oct. 3, 55
	" 2	Nebraska City	Otoe	Friday on or before ○	May 10, 55	May 28, 56
	" 3	Capitol	Douglas	First Monday	Jan. 9, 57	June 3, 57
	" 4	Nemaha Valley	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	Cass	First and Third Monday	Jan. 18, 58	June 2, 58
	" 9	Falls City	Richardson	Monday before ○	Oct. 4, 64	June 23, 65
	" 10	Solomon,	Washington	Tuesday on or before ○	Aug. 15, 65	June 22, 66
	" 11	Covert,	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
	" 13	Orient,	Richardson	Monday on or before ○	June 23, 66	June 19, 67
	" 14	Peru,	Nemaha	Saturday on or before ○	May 23, 67	June 19, 67
	" 15	Fremont,	Dodge	First Tuesday	July 3, 66	June 20, 67
	" 17	Tecumseh,	Johnson	First Saturday	Dec. 7, 67	+June 24, 68
15	Lincoln,	" 19 Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	May 4, 68	June 25, 68
	" 21	Washington,	Washington	Second Tuesday	Feb. 24, 68	June 25, 68
	" 23	Pawnee,	Pawnee	First and third Tuesday	Jan. 4, 69	Oct. 28, 69
	" 25	St. Johns,	Douglas	First Thursday	May 28, 69	Oct. 28, 69
	" 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
	" 29	Hope,	Nemaha	Friday on or before ○	Nov. 8, 69	June 23, 70
	" 30	Blue River,	Seward	Thursday on or before ○	Apr. 25, 70	June 23, 70
	" 31	Tekamah,	Burt	First and third Wednesday	Aug. 19, 69	June 23, 70
	" 32	Platte Valley,	Lincoln	Second Tuesday	Jan. 15, 70	June 23, 70
25	Ashlar,	" 33 Grand Island	Hall	Second Thursday	Aug. 11, 70	June 22, 71
	" 34	Acacia,	Colfax	First Thursday	July 18, 70	June 19, 72
	" 35	Fairbury,	Jefferson	First and third Monday	June 30, 71	June 19, 72

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LODGE.		TOWN.	COUNTY.	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	CREATED.	CHARTERED.
Lone Tree,	No. 36	Central City	Merrick	First and third Saturday	Aug. 9, 71	June 19, 72
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
Papillion,	" 39	Papillion	Sarpy	First and third Saturday	Nov. 18, 72	June 18, 73
Humboldt,	" 40	Humboldt	Richardson	Thursday on or before ○	Dec. 16, 72	June 18, 73
Northern Light,	" 41	Stanton	Stanton	Wednesday on or before ○	Jan. 20, 73	June 18, 73
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
Harvard,	" 44	Harvard	Clay	First and third Tuesday	Mar. 25, 73	June 18, 73
Palmyra,	" 45	Palmyra	Otoe	Wednesday on or before ○	Jan. 9, 73	June 26, 74
Rob Morris,	" 46	Kearney	Buffalo	First Wednesday	Feb. 21, 73	June 26, 74
Fairmont,	" 48	Fairmont	Fillmore	Tuesday on or before ○	Dec. 4, 73	June 26, 74
40 Evening Star,	" 49	Sutton	Clay	Second and fourth Thursday	Dec. 22, 73	June 26, 74
Hastings,	" 50	Hastings	Adams	First Tuesday	Jan. 3, 74	June 26, 74
Fidelity,	" 51	David City	Butler	Saturday on or before ○	Jan. 19, 74	June 26, 74
Hiram,	" 52	Arlington	Washington	Saturday on or before ○	Feb. 26, 74	June 26, 74
Charity,	" 53	Red Cloud	Webster	Friday on or before ○	Mar. 2, 74	June 26, 74
45 Lancaster,	" 54	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Friday	April 20, 74	June 26, 74
Mosaic,	" 55	Norfolk	Madison	First Tuesday	Oct. 1, 74	June 23, 75
York,	" 56	York	York	First Friday	Oct. 1, 74	June 23, 75
Mount Moriah,	" 57	Syracuse	Otoe	Thursday on or before ○	Nov. 7, 74	June 23, 75
Lebanon,	" 58	Columbus	Platte	Second Wednesday	Dec. 7, 74	June 23, 75
50 Wahoo,	" 59	Wahoo	Saunders	Saturday on or before ○ *	Jan. 20, 75	June 23, 75
Melrose,	" 60	Orleans	Harlan	Saturday on or before ○	Mar. 10, 75	June 24, 75
Thistle,	" 61	Lexington	Dawson	Second Tuesday	May 8, 75	June 21, 76
Keystone,	" 62	Phillips	Hamilton	Saturday on or before ○	Jan. 1, 76	June 21, 76
Riverton,	" 63	Riverton	Franklin	Saturday on or before ○	Dec. 22, 75	June 21, 76
55 Blue Valley,	" 64	Wilber	Saline	Tuesday on or before ○ *	Oct. 6, 76	June 20, 77
Osceola,	" 65	Osceola	Polk	Friday on or before ○	Nov. 23, 76	June 20, 77

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Livingstone,	No. 66	Firth	Lancaster	First and third Wednesday	Feb. 16, 77	June 20, 77
Edgar,	" 67	Edgar	Clay	Second and fourth Monday	Feb. 27, 77	June 20, 77
Aurora,	" 68	Aurora	Hamilton	First and third Tuesday	Feb. 10, 76	June 19, 78
60 Sterling,	" 70	Sterling	Johnson	First and third Tuesday	July 16, 77	June 19, 78
Trowel,	" 71	Neligh	Antelope	First and third Wednesday	Jan. 28, 78	June 19, 78
Hooper,	" 72	Hooper	Dodge	Saturday on or before O	Mar. 19, 78	June 25, 79
Friend,	" 73	Friend	Saline	Wednesday on or before O	May 4, 78	June 25, 79
Alexandria,	" 74	Alexandria	Thayer	Second and fourth Monday	Dec. 26, 78	June 25, 79
65 Frank Welch,	" 75	Sidney	Cheyenne	First Tuesday	Dec. 26, 78	June 25, 79
Joppa,	" 76	Bloomington	Franklin	Friday on or before O	Mar. 29, 79	June 25, 79
Nelson,	" 77	Nelson	Nuckolls	Saturday on or before O	Mar. 15, 79	June 23, 80
Albion,	" 78	Albion	Boone	First and third Saturday	Aug. 1, 79	June 23, 80
Geneva,	" 79	Geneva	Fillmore	Friday on or before O*	Nov. 24, 79	June 23, 80
70 Composite,	" 81	Rising City	Butler	Tuesday on or before O	Mar. 20, 80	June 22, 81
Saint Paul,	" 82	Saint Paul	Howard	Third Thursday	April 15, 80	June 22, 81
Corinthian,	" 83	Wakefield	Dixon	Saturday on or before O	April 22, 80	June 22, 81
Fairfield,	" 84	Fairfield	Clay	First and third Monday	Sept. 3, 80	June 22, 81
Tyre,	" 85	Blue Springs	Gage	First and third Tuesday	Sept. 16, 80	June 22, 81
75 Doniphan,	" 86	Doniphan	Hall	Saturday on or before O	Jan. 7, 81	June 22, 81
Ionic,	" 87	Niobrara	Knox	Thursday on or before O	Jan. 24, 81	June 20, 82
Star,	" 88	Decatur	Burt	First Tuesday	Sept. 17, 81	June 20, 82
Cedar River,	" 89	Fullerton	Nance	First and third Tuesday	Jan. 19, 82	June 20, 82
Elk Creek,	" 90	Elk Creek	Johnson	Wednesday on or before O	Feb. 11, 82	June 20, 82
80 Oakland,	" 91	Oakland	Burt	Second and fourth Wednesday	Feb. 7, 82	June 19, 83
Hubbell,	" 92	Hubbell	Thayer	Second and fourth Saturday	April 29, 82	June 19, 83
Beaver City,	" 93	Beaver City	Furnas	Saturday on or before O	May 3, 82	June 19, 83
Bennett,	" 94	Bennett	Lancaster	Tuesday on or before O	May 5, 82	June 19, 83
Garfield,	" 95	O'Neill	Holt	First and third Thursday	June 28, 82	June 19, 83
85 Utica,	" 96	Utica	Seward	Wednesday on or before O	July 14, 82	June 19, 83
Euclid,	" 97	Weeping Water	Cass	First Monday	July 21, 82	June 19, 83
Republican,	" 98	Republican City	Harlan	Wednesday on or before O	July 27, 82	June 19, 83
Shelton,	" 99	Shelton	Buffalo	Friday on or before O	July 28, 82	June 19, 83
Creighton,	" 100	Creighton	Knox	Tuesday on or before O	Aug. 19, 82	June 19, 83
90 Ponca,	" 101	Ponca	Dixon	Friday on or before O	Sept. 1, 82	June 19, 83
Waterloo,	" 102	Waterloo	Douglas	Tuesday on or before O	Sept. 7, 82	June 19, 83

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	Ord, No. 103	Ord	Valley	Wednesday on or before ○	Sept. 14, 82 . .	June 19, 83
	Wymore, " 104	Wymore	Gage	Second and fourth Wednesday	Nov. 10, 82 . .	June 19, 83
	Stella, " 105	Stella	Richardson	Wednesday on or before ○	Dec. 4, 82 . . .	June 19, 83
95	Porter, " 106	Loup City	Sherman	Tuesday on or before ○*	Dec. 9, 82 . . .	June 19, 83
	Steele City, " 107	Steele City	Jefferson	First and third Wednesday	Jan. 23, 83 . . .	June 19, 83
	Table Rock, " 108	Table Rock	Pawnee	Second and fourth Tuesday	Jan. 24, 83 . . .	June 19, 83
	Arapahoe, " 109	Arapahoe	Furnas	Saturday on or before ○	Feb. 10, 83 . . .	June 19, 83
	Pomegranate, " 110	Ashland	Saunders	First Friday	Feb. 13, 83 . . .	June 19, 83
100	DeWitt, " 111	DeWitt	Saline	Monday on or before ○	Feb. 28, 83 . . .	June 19, 83
	Springfield, " 112	Springfield	Sarpy	Second and fourth Saturday	Mar. 30, 83 . . .	June 19, 83
	Globe, " 113	Madison	Madison	Tuesday on or before ○	Feb. 16, 82 . . .	June 24, 84
	Wisner, " 114	Wisner	Cuming	Second and fourth Wednesday	Feb. 12, 83 . . .	June 24, 84
	Brainard, " 115	Brainard	Butler	Tuesday on or before ○	July 11, 83 . . .	June 24, 84
105	Harlan, " 116	Alma	Harlan	Friday on or before ○*	July 12, 83 . . .	June 24, 84
	Hardy, " 117	Hardy	Nuckolls	Friday on or before ○	July 18, 83 . . .	June 24, 84
	Doric, " 118	Dorchester	Saline	Saturday on or before ○	Aug. 2, 83 . . .	June 24, 84
	North Bend, " 119	North Bend	Dodge	Second Tuesday	Sept. 5, 83 . . .	June 24, 84
	Wayne, " 120	Wayne	Wayne	Second and fourth Friday	Sept. 26, 83 . . .	June 24, 84
110	Superior, " 121	Superior	Nuckolls	Wednesday on or before ○	Nov. 22, 83 . . .	June 24, 84
	Jasper, " 122	Odell	Gage	Second and fourth Wednesday	Nov. 26, 83 . . .	June 24, 84
	Indianola, " 123	Indianola	Red Willow	Thursday on or before ○	Dec. 8, 83	June 24, 84
	Auburn, " 124	Auburn	Nemaha	Monday on or before ○	Dec. 25, 83 . . .	June 24, 84
	Mount Nebo, " 125	Genoa	Nance	Second and fourth Saturday	Jan. 1, 84	June 24, 84
115	Stromsburg, " 126	Stromsburg	Polk	First and third Saturday after ○	Jan. 16, 84 . . .	June 24, 84
	Minden, " 127	Minden	Kearney	Wednesday on or before ○	Jan. 22, 84 . . .	June 24, 84
	Guide Rock, " 128	Guide Rock	Webster	Wednesday on or before ○	Jan. 23, 84 . . .	June 24, 84
	Blue Hill, " 129	Blue Hill	Webster	Friday on or before ○	Feb. 18, 84 . . .	June 24, 84
	Tuscan, " 130	Surprise	Butler	Thursday on or before ○	Feb. 20, 84 . . .	June 24, 85
120	Scribner, " 132	Scribner	Dodge	First Wednesday	July 9, 84	June 24, 85

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	Elm Creek,	No. 133	Elm Creek....	Buffalo.....	First Tuesday.....	Aug. 8, 84...	June 24, 85
	Solar,	" 134	Clarks.....	Merrick.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Aug. 8, 84...	June 24, 85
	McCook,	" 135	McCook.....	Red Willow...	First and third Tuesday.....	Oct. 6, 84...	June 24, 85
	Long Pine,	" 136	Long Pine....	Brown.....	First and third Saturday.....	Oct. 6, 84...	June 24, 85
125	Upright,	" 137	Burchard....	Pawnee.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Nov. 14, 84...	June 24, 85
	Rawalt,	" 138	Oxford.....	Furnas.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Nov. 15, 84...	June 24, 85
	Clay Centre,	" 139	Clay Centre..	Clay.....	Second and fourth Wednesday...	Dec. 6, 84...	June 24, 85
	Western,	" 140	Western.....	Saline.....	Wednesday on or before○*.....	Dec. 6, 84...	June 24, 85
	Summit,	" 141	Johnson....	Nemaha.....	Second and fourth Saturday....	Dec. 6, 84...	June 24, 85
130	Anchor,	" 142	North Loup..	Valley.....	First Saturday.....	Dec. 18, 84...	June 24, 85
	Crescent,	" 143	Cedar Rapids.	Boone.....	Fourth Saturday.....	Jan. 24, 85...	June 24, 85
	Kenesaw,	" 144	Kenesaw.....	Adams.....	Friday on or before○.....	Jan. 28, 85...	June 24, 85
	Bancroft,	" 145	Bancroft....	Cuming.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Feb. 25, 85...	June 24, 84
	Jachin,	" 146	Holdrege....	Phelps.....	Third Thursday.....	Mar. 31, 85...	June 17, 86
135	Siloam,	" 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	Friday on or after○.....	Apr. 30, 85...	June 17, 86
	Emmet Crawford,	" 148	Broken Bow..	Custer.....	Saturday on or before○.....	July 13, 85...	June 17, 86
	Jewel,	" 149	Tobias.....	Saline.....	Second and fourth Tuesday....	Aug. 15, 85...	June 17, 86
	Cambridge,	" 150	Cambridge....	Furnas.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Aug. 10, 85...	June 17, 86
	Square,	" 151	Valparaiso..	Saunders....	Second and fourth Tuesday....	Sept. 7, 85...	June 17, 86
140	Parallel,	" 152	Liberty.....	Gage.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Nov. 20, 85...	June 17, 86
	Evergreen,	" 153	Pierce.....	Pierce.....	Tuesday on or before○*.....	Nov. 27, 85...	June 17, 86
	Lily,	" 154	Davenport... Hartington,	Thayer..... Cedar.....	Friday on or before○*..... Wednesday on or before○.....	Nov. 28, 85... Jan. 26, 86...	June 17, 86 June 17, 86
	Pythagoras,	" 156	Ewing.....	Holt.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Oct. 24, 86...	June 16, 87
145	Valley,	" 157	Wilsonville..	Furnas.....	Saturday on or after○.....	Feb. 22, 86...	June 16, 87
	Samaritan,	" 158	Chadron....	Dawes.....	First and third Thursday....	Mar. 17, 86...	June 16, 87
	Ogalalla,	" 159	Ogalalla....	Keith.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Aug. 14, 86...	June 16, 87
	Zeredatha,	" 160	Reynolds....	Jefferson....	First and third Saturday.....	Aug. 21, 86...	June 16, 87
	Mount Zion,	" 161	Shelby.....	Polk.....	Saturday on or after○.....	Aug. 25, 86...	June 16, 87
150	Trestle Board,	" 162	Brock.....	Nemaha.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Oct. 9, 86...	June 16, 87
	Unity,	" 163	Greenwood... Atkinson,	Cass..... Holt.....	Friday on or before○..... First and third Wednesday....	Dec. 18, 86... Aug. 19, 86...	June 16, 87 June 21, 88
	Barneston,	" 165	Barneston... Mystic Tie,	Gage..... Madison....	Tuesday on or before○..... Thursday on or before○.....	Aug. 20, 86... Feb. 18, 87...	June 21, 88 June 21, 88
155	Elwood,	" 167	Elwood.....	Gosper.....	Saturday on or before○.....	June 21, 87...	June 21, 88

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LODGE.		TOWN.	COUNTY.	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.	CREATED.	CHARTERED.
Curtis,	No. 168	Curtis.....	Frontier.....	First and third Monday.....	June 21, 87....	June 21, 88
Amity,	" 169	Rushville.....	Sheridan.....	Saturday on or before ○.....	July 29, 86....	June 21, 88
Mason City,	" 170	Mason City....	Custer.....	Tuesday on or before ○.....	Aug. 1, 87....	June 21, 88
Merna,	" 171	Merna.....	Custer.....	Saturday on or after ○.....	Aug. 2, 87....	June 21, 88
160 Grafton,	" 172	Grafton.....	Fillmore.....	Wednesday on or before ○*....	Oct. 18, 87....	June 21, 88
Robert Burns,	" 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock...	First and third Saturday.....	Nov. 15, 87....	June 21, 88
Culbeatson,	" 174	Culbertson....	Hitchcock...	First and third Wednesday....	Nov. 16, 87....	June 21, 88
Temple,	" 175	Filley.....	Gage.....	First and third Saturday.....	Dec. 9, 87....	June 21, 88
Gladstone,	" 176	Ansley.....	Custer.....	Saturday after ○.....	Feb. 18, 88....	June 21, 88
165 Hay Springs,	" 177	Hay Springs..	Sheridan.....	Monday on or before ○.....	Feb. 20, 88....	June 21, 88
Hesperia,	" 178	Shickley.....	Fillmore.....	Friday on or before ○.....	Jan. 11, 88....	June 20, 89
Prudence,	" 179	Beaver Cross'g.	Seward.....	Tuesday on or before ○*....	Aug. 24, 88....	June 20, 89
Justice,	" 180	Benkelman....	Dundy.....	Friday on or before ○.....	Oct. 8, 88....	June 20, 89
Faith,	" 181	Crawford.....	Dawes.....	Saturday on or before ○.....	Dec. 13, 88....	June 20, 89
170 Incense,	" 182	Ohiova.....	Fillmore.....	Friday on or before ○.....	Dec. 21, 88....	June 20, 89
Alliance,	" 183	Alliance.....	Box Butte...	Thursday on or before ○.....	Jan. 18, 89....	June 20, 89
Bee Hive,	" 184	South Omaha.	Douglas.....	First Thursday.....	Jan. 22, 89....	June 20, 89
Boaz,	" 185	Danbury.....	Red Willow..	Wednesday on or before ○....	Jan. 24, 89....	June 20, 89
Israel,	" 187	Ulysses.....	Butler.....	Tuesday on or before ○.....	Feb. 2, 89....	June 20, 89
175 Meridian,	" 188	Cozad.....	Dawson.....	Third Saturday.....	Feb. 4, 89....	June 20, 89
Granite,	" 189	Gibbon.....	Buffalo.....	First Thursday.....	Feb. 18, 89....	June 20, 89
Amethyst,	" 190	Gandy.....	Logan.....	Second and fourth Saturday..	Aug. 5, 89....	June 20, 90
Crystal,	" 191	Scotia.....	Greeley.....	Saturday on or before ○.....	Aug. 7, 89....	June 20, 90
Minnekadusa,	" 192	Valentine....	Cherry.....	Saturday on or before ○.....	Aug. 15, 89....	June 20, 90
180 Signet,	" 193	Leigh.....	Colfax.....	Friday on or before ○.....	Sept. 3, 89....	June 20, 90
Highland,	" 194	Cortland.....	Gage.....	First and third Monday.....	Sept. 21, 89....	June 20, 90
Arcana,	" 195	Gordon.....	Sheridan.....	First and third Monday.....	Oct. 17, 89....	June 20, 90
Level,	" 196	Stockville....	Frontier.....	Saturday on or before ○.....	Nov. 1, 89....	June 20, 90
Morning Star,	" 197	Gresham.....	York.....	Friday on or before ○.....	Dec. 16, 89....	June 20, 90

* And two weeks thereafter.

185	Purity,	No. 198	Imperial.....	Chase.....	Friday on or before ○.....	Dec. 24, 89.....	June 20, 90
	Gavel,	" 199	Carleton.....	Thayer.....	Tuesday on or before ○.....	July 20, 89.....	June 18, 91
	Blazing Star,	" 200	Burwell.....	Garfield.....	Thursday on or after ○.....	Aug. 5, 90.....	June 18, 91
	Scotts Bluff,	" 201	Gering.....	Scotts Bluff.	First Saturday.....	Aug. 8, 90.....	June 18, 91
	Golden Sheaf,	" 202	Randolph.....	Cedar.....	Monday on or before ○.....	Aug. 29, 90.....	June 18, 91
190	Roman Eagle,	" 203	Pender.....	Thurston.....	Tuesday on or before ○.....	Aug. 30, 90.....	June 18, 91
	Plainview,	" 204	Plainview.....	Pierce.....	Tuesday on or before ○*.....	Sept. 1, 90.....	June 18, 91
	Golden Fleece,	" 205	Chappel.....	Deuel.....	Thursday on or before ○.....	Sept. 2, 90.....	June 18, 91
	Naphthali,	" 206	Diller.....	Jefferson.....	Second and fourth Tuesday...	Dec. 31, 90.....	June 18, 91
	Parian,	" 207	Callaway.....	Custer.....	Thursday on or before ○.....	Jan. 31, 91.....	June 18, 91
195	Gauge,	" 208	Arcadia.....	Valley.....	Tuesday after ○*.....	Aug. 24, 91.....	June 16, 92
	Canopy,	" 209	Elmwood.....	Cass.....	Saturday on or before ○.....	Sept. 4, 91.....	June 16, 92
	East Lincoln,	" 210	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Monday.....	Nov. 5, 91.....	June 16, 92
	Cement,	" 211	Wood River.....	Hall.....	Thursday on or after ○.....	Nov. 27, 91.....	June 16, 92
	Compass and Square,	" 212	Sumner.....	Dawson.....	Tuesday on or before ○.....	Dec. 12, 91.....	June 16, 92
200	Square and Compass,	" 213	Miller.....	Buffalo.....	Friday on or before ○.....	Dec. 14, 91.....	June 16, 92
	Plumblin,	" 214	Adams.....	Gage.....	Monday on or before ○.....	Nov. 17, 91.....	June 15, 93
	Occidental,	" 215	Cedar Bluffs..	Saunders.....	Saturday on or before ○.....	July 16, 92.....	June 15, 93
	Palisade,	" 216	Palisade.....	Hitchcock.....	Tuesday on or before ○.....	July 18, 92.....	June 15, 93
	Wauneta,	" 217	Wauneta.....	Chase.....	First and third Thursday.....	Dec. 7, 92.....	June 15, 93
205	Bloomfield,	" 218	Bloomfield....	Knox.....	Tuesday on or before ○.....	Jan. 18, 93.....	June 15, 93
	Relief,	" 219	Coleridge.....	Cedar.....	Second Friday.....	Jan. 19, 93.....	June 15, 93
	Magnolia,	" 220	Emerson.....	Dixon.....	Wednesday on or before ○.....	Jan. 21, 93.....	June 15, 93
	Wood Lake,	" 221	Wood Lake....	Cherry.....	Saturday on or before ○.....	Sept. 22, 92.....	June 21, 94
	Landmark,	" 222	Herman.....	Washington..	Tuesday on or before ○.....	Mar. 1, 93.....	June 21, 94
210	Eminence,	" 223	Bromfield.....	Hamilton.....	Second and fourth Tuesday...	Sept. 26, 93.....	June 21, 94
	Silver Cord,	" 224	Ainsworth.....	Brown.....	Second Saturday.....	Oct. 17, 93.....	June 21, 94
	Cable,	" 225	Arnold.....	Custer.....	First and third Saturday.....	Nov. 17, 93.....	June 21, 94
	Grace,	" 226	Wilcox.....	Kearney.....	Monday on or before ○.....	Jan. 20, 93.....	June 13, 95
	North Star,	" 227	University Place	Lancaster.....	First Wednesday.....	July 28, 94.....	June 13, 95
215	Bartley,	" 228	Bartley.....	Red Willow..	Wednesday on or before ○.....	Nov. 23, 94.....	June 13, 95
	Comet,	" 229	Ceresco.....	Saunders.....	Friday on or before ○*.....	Dec. 5, 94.....	June 13, 95
	Delta,	" 230	Saint Edward..	Boone.....	First and third Saturday.....	Dec. 11, 94.....	June 13, 95
	Mount Harmon,	" 231	Cook.....	Johnson.....	Wednesday on or before ○.....	Dec. 19, 94.....	June 13, 95
	John S. Bowen,	" 232	Kennard.....	Washington..	Thursday on or before ○.....	Feb. 6, 95.....	June 13, 95

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LODGE.		TOWN.	COUNTY.	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.	CREATED.	CHARTERED.
220 Gilead,	No. 233	Butte.....	Boyd	Second and fourth Monday....	Nov. 22, 94....	June 10, 96
Zion,	" 234	Hyannis.....	Grant.....	Wednesday on or before ○....	July 19, 95....	June 10, 96
Fraternity,	" 235	Winside.....	Wayne	Wednesday on or before ○....	Aug. 2, 95....	June 10, 96
Golden Rule,	" 236	Allen	Dixon.....	Thursday on or before ○....	Aug. 3, 95....	June 10, 96
Cubit,	" 237	Douglas	Otoe.....	Thursday on or before ○....	Aug. 9, 95....	June 10, 96
225 Ithmar,	" 238	Crab Orchard .	Johnson.....	Monday on or before ○....	Aug. 29, 95....	June 10, 96
Friendship,	" 239	Chapman	Merrick	Second and fourth Friday....	Oct. 7, 95....	June 10, 96
Pilot,	" 240	Lyons.....	Burt.....	Friday on or before ○....	Nov. 29, 95....	June 10, 96
George Armstrong,	" 241	Craig	Burt.....	First and third Tuesday.....	Aug. 1, 95....	June 17, 97
229 Orion,	" 242	Ravenna.....	Buffalo.....	Wednesday on or before ○....	Mar. 31, 97....	June 16, 98

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WITH INSTALLED OFFICERS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 24, 1899. (See page 5672.)

LODGE.		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.
Nebraska,	No. 1	Winfield S. Strawn....	William S. Heller....	George A. Day.....	William C. McLean.
Western Star,	" 2	Henry Bourlier.....	Detrich W. Schminke.	George M. Mordock...	Milton R. Thorp.
Capitol,	" 3	Joseph P. Deegan.....	Charles A. Dunham...	John H. Chapman....	John Bamford.
Nemaha Valley,	" 4	Abraham L. Lawrence.	Charles H. Gilmore...	John B. Jack.....	S. Ott McIninch.
5 Omadi,	" 5	Robert E. Evans.....	Melford A. Schmied...	Martin Lockwood....	Henry J. Hapeman.
Plattsmouth,	" 6	Henry J. Helps.....	Adam Kurtz.....	Michael Archer.....	Robert W. Sherwood.
Falls City,	" 9	George Kachelries....	Frank C. Wiser.....	Arthur J. Weaver....	Amos E. Gantt.
Solomon,	" 10	Ira F. Gilbert.....	Hugh A. Stevenson....	Fred. H. Frahm.....	George R. Whitney.
Covert,	" 11	Edwin R. Perfect....	James W. Maynard...	Tillman P. Shirley....	Eben K. Long.
10 Nebraska City,	" 12	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orient,	" 13	Evan Kulp.....	John R. Jones.....	William M. Kelly.....	George D. Kirk.
Peru,	" 14	John W. Blankenship.	Henry F. Holtz.....	William M. Whitfield.	Daniel C. Cole.
Fremont,	" 15	John C. Cleland.....	Matthew A. Priestly...	Josiah M. Shively....	Guy M. Hinman.
Tecumseh,	" 17	Samuel P. Davidson...	Wallace R. Barton....	Edward W. Coles.....	Edward P. Bracken.
15 Lincoln,	" 19	Frank M. Tyrrell....	Edgar J. Hearn.....	Alexander E. Porter...	James W. Frow.
Washington,	" 21	Eugene S. Beaty.....	.....	William K. Fowler....	Frederick W. Arndt.
Pawnee,	" 23	Eugene H. Hollister..	Leslie W. Leonard....	Edgar L. Vance.....	George E. Becker.
Saint Johns,	" 25	George T. Nicholson..	John N. Neely.....	Charles S. Lobingier..	Samuel D. Cadwell.
Beatrice,	" 26	Leonidas A. Scroggs..	Francis A. Miller....	Samuel A. Gilliland...	Roy D. Fuller.
20 Jordan,	" 27	Ludwig Rosenthal....	Charles F. Mack.....	George G. Mullin.....	Frederick A. C. Leffert.
Hope,	" 29	.....	.....	.....	.....
Blue River,	" 30	John A. Raymer.....	John A. Cocklin.....	Gascendi Stump.....	George W. Brandon.
Tekamah,	" 31	Frank E. Ward.....	Charles F. Smith.....	Cornelius M. Kryger...	Emmett I. Ellis.
Platte Valley,	" 32	Samuel H. Donehower.	Benjamin C. Clinton..	John Sorenson.....	Frank E. Bullard.
25 Ashlar,	" 33	Joshua E. Wright.....	Wilmer B. Hoge.....	George H. Caldwell....	Oscar Wells.
Acacia,	" 34	Walter W. Wells.....	William Munger.....	James A. Grimison....	Mathias F. Shonka.
Fairbury,	" 35	Lewis E. Shelley.....	Edward L. Cline.....	Charles A. Gregory....	Wilson H. Beatty.

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LODGE.		MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.
Lone Tree,	No. 36	Samuel E. Briggs	George D. Bockes. . . .	John Foulks.	Bell E. Berryman.
Crete,	" 37	Seward L. Mainus. . . .	Elisha F. Johnson. . . .	Melville H. Fleming. .	C. William Kunzmann.
30 Oliver,	" 38	Thomas H. Wake	Major A. V. Davis. . . .	George E. Spear.	Herman H. Schultz.
Papillion,	" 39	Malcolm P. Brown. . . .	Fred D. Rhode.	Charles W. Moore. . . .	Edgar Howard.
Humboldt,	" 40	Howard S. Norton	Leroy S. Hacket.	Charles E. Nims.	Edgar S. Norton.
Northern Light,	" 41	Robert Y. Appleby	Henry F. Stephens. . . .	George A. Eberly.	William Gerecke.
Juniata,	" 42	William G. Saddler. . . .	Jacob S. Robey	Frank R. Hughes.	Will Brookley.
35 Hebron,	" 43	Fred L. Naylor	Bryson W. Hess.	Elmo B. Roper.	Clarence C. Fowler.
Harvard,	" 44	Ezra Brown.	Henry M. Hurd	Jesse F. Eller.	Griffith J. Thomas.
Palmyra,	" 45	Dwight Wait.	William P. Severs.	Alexander McIntyre. .	Charles A. Sweet.
Rob Morris,	" 46	William F. Crossley. . . .	Byron N. Loverin.	Gilbert E. Haase.	Robert E. French.
Fairmont,	" 48	Alva W. Loomis	Virgil A. Stuart.	Joseph W. Talmage. . .	Simeon Sawyer.
40 Evening Star,	" 49	Edwin H. Burnham. . . .	Albert W. Clark	Frederick C. Matteson.	William J. Legg.
Hastings,	" 50	John J. Buchanan.	Edward P. Nellis	John F. Beardsley. . . .	Lester B. Stiner.
Fidelity,	" 51	William F. Downing. . . .	Glenn A. Becker.	George L. Krahl	Melvin E. Bauer.
Hiram,	" 52	Mark B. Turner.	Sora Olsen.	George W. L. Mitchell, jr.	William H. Baker.
Charity,	" 53	D. Madison Finch.	Herbert E. Grice.	Robert M. Cochrane. . .	Algernon Galusha.
45 Lancaster,	" 54	Addison S. Tibbets. . . .	Anthony Branthwaite. . .	William Baird.	John S. Bishop.
Mosaic,	" 55	William H. Rish.	John B. Maylard	Benjamin F. Barshinger. .	Lucius M. Gaylord.
York,	" 56	Henry S. Harrison.	Almon J. Ryan	D. Webster Baker.	George R. Reed.
Mount Moriah,	" 57	James R. Alexander. . . . .	. . . . .	Henry A. Butt.	Anson L. Caviness.
Lebanon,	" 58	Camden J. Garlow.	Gustavus A. Schroeder. .	Frederick W. Herrick. .	Gustavus G. Becher.
50 Wahoo,	" 59	James O'Donnell.	Hiram P. Bellows.	Charles L. Mielenz. . . .	Philander R. Longfellow.
Melrose,	" 60	Webster Joselyn.	Benjamin R. Claypool. . .	Alex. H. Gonser.	Hervey T. Ferguson.
Thistle,	" 61	Theo. L. Warrington. . . .	Benjamin F. Krier.	Walter H. Andrews. . . .	Benjamin E. Powell.
Keystone,	" 62	Henry McCoy.	Andrew P. Peterson. . . .	Carl W. Willman	Daniel E. Price.
Riverton,	" 63	David Eastwood	Lewis Lawritson.	John D. Fulton.	Rufus M. Stark.
55 Blue Valley,	" 64	Thomas J. Taylor.	Joseph J. Burke.	Edward W. Miskell. . . .	Thomas A. Clemens.
Osceola,	" 65	Richard R. Genge.	Lee K. McGaw.	Lanson Shaw.	George L. Everett.
Livingstone,	" 66	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Edgar,	" 67	Edward S. Bottom.	Joseph C. Gardner	Ralph C. Saxton.	John J. Walley.

Aurora,	No. 68	Edmund A. Steenberg.	William T. Ronan....	Charles G. Skinner....	Henry B. Hart.
60 Sterling,	" 70	Francis O. Dort.....	E. Ross Hitchcock....	James W. Turner....	Thompson M. Patton.
Trowel,	" 71	Fred E. Geisiker....	Julius E. Wilder.....	Martin M. Abrams....	William Wolfe.
Hooper,	" 72	William M. Sanders...	Charles C. Cushman...	William O. Wisner....	Bernard Monnich.
Friend,	" 73	Frederick C. Hinman..	Alexander McFarlane.	Orville G. Ellsworth...	Charles M. Sanders.
Alexandria,	" 74	.....	.....	.....	.....
65 Frank Welch,	" 75	Charles C. Callahan...	George W. Heist.....	Henry E. Gapen.....	Leslie Neubauer.
Joppa,	" 76	Thomas F. Ashby....	Albert H. Byrum.....	Daniel H. Hallock....	James E. Kelly.
Nelson,	" 77	Franklin J. Patchin...	Henry E. Goodrich....	William M. Porter....	Edwin H. Dowland.
Albion,	" 78	Edward J. Kingham...	Frank Roberts.....	Fredrick M. Weitzel...	William Weitzel.
Geneva,	" 79	Mark Butler.....	William S. Brown....	Austin C. Shackelford.	William T. Harris.
70 Composite,	" 81	Nelson T. Holderness..	William A. Nodding..	Dennis W. Rising....	Willis A. Baldwin.
Saint Paul,	" 82	Geo. E. Bartholomew..	Eli M. Frame.....	James A. Wilhelmsen..	Fred W. Rineker.
Corinthian,	" 83	Herbert P. Shumway..	William Parks.....	David C. Leamer.....	.....
Fairfield,	" 84	James E. Broderick...	Joseph E. Spatz.....	Myrtillo L. Jones....	Eugene B. Sherman.
Tyre,	" 85	William W. Wright....	John M. Falwell....	Burt L. Spellman....	John Ault.
75 Doniphan,	" 86	Charles F. Raymer....	Clarence M. Lowry....	George C. Humphrey..	John Schwyn.
Ionic,	" 87	David M. Cunningham	Robert H. Harris.....	Charles W. Orr.....	Frank Nelson.
Star,	" 88	Thomas R. Ashley....	Henry G. Langley....	John B. Walker.....	Robert G. Langley.
Cedar River,	" 89	Cyrus H. Gilmore....	Simeon E. Huse.....	William J. Mawhiny..	Davis W. Randolph.
Elk Creek,	" 90	Thomas B. Rogers....	J. Frank Snethen....	David M. Palmer.....	.....
80 Oakland,	" 91	Charles K. Cull.....	William W. Hopkins..	Charles J. Swanson....	Victor L. Fried.
Hubbell,	" 92	Samuel A. Lockwood..	Samuel Patton.....	Richard F. Hallenbeck.	Harvey Ford.
Beaver City,	" 93	John T. McClure.....	William J. Lutton....	Albert Guy.....	John T. Sunny.
Bennett,	" 94	Henry Petterson.....	Madison Willan....	Thomas J. Dickson....	Aaron J. Vail.
Garfield,	" 95	Job J. King.....	John McHugh.....	Robert R. Dickson....	Grant W. Smith.
85 Utica,	" 96	Frederick G. Limback.	Jacob Severin.....	Daniel P. Sherwood...	Calvin E. Phinney.
Euclid,	" 97	Julian A. Pollard....	John T. McKay.....	Marion U. Thomas....	Hiram Peck.
Republican,	" 98	Clarence A. Luce.....	Samuel Hood.....	John McPherson....	Nelson J. Ludi.
Shelton,	" 99	.....	Henry H. Stedman....	John J. Light.....	Moses L. Phelps.
Creighton,	" 100	Nathaniel L. Raymond	Harry A. Cheney....	Charles Emick.....	William L. Turner.
90 Ponca,	" 101	Thomas J. Sheibley...	Robert H. Pomeroy...	Gustave Franz.....	Asa W. Rose.
Waterloo,	" 102	Ora M. Deemer.....	John A. Sullivan....	Benjamin F. Bell....	J. Arthur Cummings.
Ord,	" 103	Thomas L. Hall.....	James W. Milford....	Rudolph Sorensen....	James A. Waters.
Wymore,	" 104	George O. Lafin.....	Conrad E. Beinert....	John A. Reuling, jr...	William Whitson.
Stella,	" 105	Wesley F. Kesler.....	James R. Cain, jr....	Henry W. Hogrefe....	William R. Wyatt.

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95	Porter,	No. 106 Joseph S. Pedler	William D. Clifton	Alonzo F. Wertz	Charles W. Conhiser.
	Steele City,	" 107 James S. Taylor	John W. Hicks	John R. Zweifel	Charles L. Fowler.
	Table Rock,	" 108 Caleb R. Judkins	William H. Andrew	Charles J. Wood	James Tillotson.
	Arapahoe,	" 109 John F. Edwards	John W. Evans	Elijah Manning	Rolando J. Finch.
	Pomegranate,	" 110 Omer D. Harford	Henry H. Cone	John A. Reece	John W. Moon.
100	DeWitt,	" 111 Leroy J. Cross	Charles H. Culdice	John Badman	John W. Hartman.
	Springfield,	" 112 Jas. B. Nicholson, jr.	James W. Crever	John E. Liming	Thomas D. Roberts.
	Globe,	" 113 Peter Rubendall	Willis E. Reed	Christopher Schavland	Richard A. Maloney.
	Wisner,	" 114 Lincoln Riley	Patrick S. McGuire	Jasper L. Rewey	Lars C. Kringel.
	Brainard,	" 115 John T. McKnight	Byron Atkinson	John F. Russell	Arthur L. Land.
105	Harlan,	" 116 James Pepperl	John A. Gibson	Ashton C. Shallenberger	Clinton M. Fletcher.
	Hardy,	" 117 James H. Fair	John M. Silver	Thomas H. Powell	John A. Wood.
	Dorje,	" 118 J. Frank Longanecker	James W. Scherzer	Albert B. Kenyon	William Freidell.
	North Bend,	" 119 Michael Dowling	James H. Johnson	Clarence H. Walrath	John B. Foot.
	Wayne,	" 120 J. Murray Cherry	Fremont L. Neely	Everett P. Olmsted	Alvin T. Witter.
110	Superior,	" 121 Jesse W. Hodges	William H. Dean	William F. Allen	Thomas Currah.
	Jasper,	" 122 . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
	Indianola,	" 123 Arthur C. Crabtree	Amos H. Reynolds	Andros W. Hoyt	Samuel R. Smith.
	Auburn,	" 124 Edward M. Boyd	William Watson, jr	William B. Fisher	Thomas W. Eustice.
	Mount Nebo,	" 125 Hiram Lewis	Louis H. Peterson	William J. Irwin . . . . .	. . . . .
115	Stromsburg,	" 126 Owen W. Barnes	Hamilton R. Hardy	John W. Hart	James D. Edwards.
	Minden,	" 127 Hans P. Andersen	James E. Jones	James H. Davis	Andrew Jensen.
	Guide Rock,	" 128 . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
	Blue Hill,	" 129 Henry W. Hall	Lewis Waterbury	Jotham K. Martin	Charles L. Pope.
	Tuscan,	" 130 Simon C. Beede	Hervie H. Garwood	Abraham Towner	Amasa S. Chapman.
120	Scribner,	" 132 Alexander Ross	Edward C. Burns	James Beaver	George Foster.
	Elm Creek,	" 133 Charles A. Willis	August Pierson	Henry Jordan	George G. Case.
	Solar,	" 134 Myron H. Whaley	Mads M. Kokjer	Hiram M. Dexter	William R. Morse.
	McCook,	" 135 Clarence B. Gray	Hugh W. Cole	William Smith	George S. Bishop.
	Long Pine,	" 136 John S. Davisson	Ephriam E. Merritt	William A. McMonagle	Thomas S. Heck.
125	Upright,	" 137 William C. M. Shinn	David J. Reynish	Harvey E. Sisco	George W. Heywood.

	Rawalt,	No. 138	Neal A. Pettygrove . . .	William B. Kiser	Avon Arnsberger	J. Harvey Sherwood.
	Clay Centre,	" 139	Jacob H. Eller	William B. Kiser	George A. Allen	Charles C. Blanchard.
	Western,	" 140	Thomas J. Chidister . . .	Charles W. Edwards . .	Frank Herman	William T. Sutfin.
	Summit,	" 141	Charles C. Stone	David D. Adams	William J. Hoback . . .	Gustave Nombalais.
130	Anchor,	" 142	Nathanial K. Redlon . . .	Alza M. Stewart	W. Herman Road	Eaton S. Sears.
	Crescent,	" 143	Reuben H. Shaffer	William H. Ward	John L. Probst	William A. Gibson.
	Kenesaw,	" 144	John G. Hayzlett	F. Emil Rydberg	Elbert J. Latta	Samuel H. Smith.
	Bancroft,	" 145	Henry L. Randall	William S. Collett	Charles H. Ward	William H. Stafia.
	Jachin,	" 146	Harry E. Bush	Frank H. Porter	Christ. A. Anderson . . .	Elias W. Beghtol.
135	Siloam,	" 147	James A. Rice	John Munt	William Krotter	Robert E. Chittick.
	Emmet Crawford,	" 148	James R. Dean	Gaylord H. Thorpe	Augustin R. Humphrey . .	Edward Royse.
	Jewel,	" 149	Levi H. Mumau	George S. Gillespie	Sidney G. Empey	Richard G. Drysdale.
	Cambridge,	" 150	Ephriam R. Bee	William P. Bennett	George A. Remington . . .	George W. McKean.
	Square,	" 151	John H. Parker	William T. Craven	William Fifer	William Bays.
140	Parallel,	" 152	Hurley E. Bowhay	Charles D. Mathews	William A. Stahl	Edgar E. Harden.
	Evergreen,	" 153	Christian A. Reimers	Levasseur Mason	Woods Cones	Joseph H. Eberman.
	Lily,	" 154	J. Oliver Walker	George W. Bearnas	William Rundberg	Paul Kuhl.
	Hartington,	" 155	Wilson S. Weston	Stephen C. Lynde	Robert G. Mason	Hyman J. Huston.
	Pythagoras,	" 156	Adelbert D. Pierce	Garret H. Benson	J. Newton Trommershauser .	Jacob H. Artz.
145	Valley,	" 157	John G. Dunn	Henry O. Dixon	Benjamin H. Newell	George H. Willis.
	Samaritan,	" 158	Walter C. Parker	Alvin C. Fewler	Charles E. Foster	Thomas J. Kirk.
	Ogalalla,	" 159	Charles Krumbach	Alvin Porter	Isa Payne	Frederick Berger.
	Zeredatha,	" 160	Benjamin H. Bailey	Henry Burritt	William L. Gould	Almon C. DePue.
	Mount Zion,	" 161	William E. Hand	Lyman Osborne	Herman A. Hauptman	Robert A. Miller.
150	Trestle Board,	" 162	Vernon W. McDonald	Lenore B. Appleman	Robert E. Farmer	Jacob Hahn.
	Unity,	" 163	Seth S. Ratliff	John J. Stilson	Jesse E. Brook	Julius Vogel.
	Atkinson,	" 164	Benjamin H. Mills	Jacob F. Lutz	Henry Heiken	C. Edwin Burnham.
	Barnston,	" 165	Benton L. Chambers	Anthony J. Dunlevy	Charles M. Wuzbacher	Albert W. Seal.
	Mystic Tie,	" 166	Charles B. Compton	Alfred M. White	Charles A. Yeoman	Arthur M. Johnson.
155	Elwood,	" 167	William N. Ford	Willis M. Wilson	Byron Andrews	Henry F. Wasmund.
	Curtis,	" 168	William J. Stanford	Joseph Bell	David Dullaghan	Hugh L. McAllister.
	Amity,	" 169	Hiram C. Chase, jr.	Robert B. Walker	Alonzo E. Robertson	Clintun Day.
	Mason City,	" 170	John J. Stanford	Franklin Jacquot	William W. Burton	Christian Garrett.
	Merna,	" 171	William A. Combs	William B. Miller	George B. Miles	John H. Tracy.
160	Grafton,	" 172	John W. Kyle	Harry L. Jones	Charles A. Besack	
	Robert Burns,	" 173				

ROLL OF EXISTING LODGES, WITH OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 24, 1899.—Continued.

LODGE.		MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.	
	Culbertson,	No. 174	Wiley S. Cornutt	Francis M. Pfrimmer.	Frank J. Young	Alexander H. Miller.
	Temple,	" 175	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Gladstone,	" 176	Edward L. Cleveland..	Abraham H. Young..	Orrin B. Jenkins.....	Edwin H. Burrows.
165	Hay Springs,	" 177	Frank Tullos	Tobias J. Thompson . .	Irwin S. Knight	Mark I. Lipman.
	Hesperia,	" 178	Royal Woods	Sandford M. Huston...	Joseph W. Ireland . . .	Joseph H. Springer.
	Prudence,	" 179	John L. Evans	Joseph P. Mayhew . . .	Smith Rodman	Ira L. Dermond.
	Justice,	" 180	Cary L. Will	Andrew B. Starkey . . .	W. Bertram Wolfe.....	John Remaley.
	Faith,	" 181	Augustus L. Moyer....	William H. Fanning... .	Emmett F. Meyerhoff..	Clarence A. Sheldon.
170	Incense,	" 182	Richard A. Harvey . . .	Edwin Metcalf	John A. Fulton	Frank J. Sieber
	Alliance,	" 183	Frank M. Knight	Leon H. Mosher	John C. Cornell.....	Robert Marler.
	Bee Hive,	" 184	Charles W. Miller.....	Burton E. Wilcox.....	Frank Y. McKinstry . .	George W. Howe.
	Boaz,	" 185	Soren Simonson	William Sandon	Thomas E. McDonald..	Marion J. Walters.
	Israel,	" 187	Robert L. Downing . . .	Claude B. Coleman.....	Clement L. Baker.....	Hiram A. Creekpaum.
175	Meridian,	" 188	Samuel E. Rutledge... .	Curtis Ralston	Clark K. Brown	John T. Buckley.
	Granite,	" 189	Charles M. Beck	Leroy J. Babcock	John Reddy	Ira A. Kirk.
	Amethyst,	" 190	Charles M. Fisher	Heber A. Chapin	Isaac N. Froman	Allen C. Kirby.
	Crystal,	" 191	Henry S. Sprecher	John G. Phillips	Geo. W. Fitzsimmons..	Guy Dann.
	Minnekadusa,	" 192	William T. Bullis	James Mangan	John W. Munshower . .	William W. Thompson.
180	Signet,	" 193	Francis N. Nichols	Charles E. Beaty	Frank D. Sharrar.....	Joseph F. McKinley.
	Highland,	" 194	Omar L. Cox	Albert A. McNickle.. .	Lewis E. Smith.....	Frank A. Burling.
	Arcana,	" 195	Samuel S. Joice	Ulia Powell	Samuel H. Ladd.....	John T. Bayliff.
	Level,	" 196	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Morning Star,	" 197	Robert S. Hirsch	William H. Cone	William Downey	William E. Norton.
185	Purity,	" 198	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Gavel,	" 199	Clarence A. Capron	Archibald L. Johnson..	John D. McFaden.....	Andrew I. Sronfe.
	Blazing Star,	" 200	Herbert L. Davis.....	Robert W. Hanna.....	Albert I. Cram.....	James H. Bryant.
	Scotts Bluffs,	" 201	Peter McFarlane	Oscar W. Gardner	Fred W. Enderly.....	Thomas H. Doran.
	Golden Sheaf,	" 202	Sidney O. Reese	William H. Beckenhauer.	Alfred D. Hill	Miles J. Huffman.
190	Roman Eagle,	" 203	John King	John Forrest	William Stage	Edwin M. Tucker.
	Plainview,	" 204	George H. Hecht	Marquis M. Dutcher.. .	Snow H. Phinney.....	Merton N. Snyder.
						Ambrose M. Colson.

	Golden Fleece,	No. 205	Fredrick Sudman . . .	Harvey I. Babcock . . .	August G. Neumann . .	Howard T. Todd.
	Naphthali,	" 206	Joshua Robertson . . .	Thomas Nelson	J. Smith Diller	William H. Diller.
	Parian,	" 207	Henry H. Andrews . . .	Mark E. Schneringer . .	George B. Mair	Frank L. Haycock.
195	Gauge,	" 208	George H. Kinsey	Joseph W. Montietth . .	James B. Austin	Charles L. Cooper.
	Canopy,	" 209	John C. Current	Henry Vick	Charles W. Kraft	David L. Cartmell.
	East Lincoln,	" 210	George E. Bedell	Fred W. Vanwie	Henry P. Kauffman . . .	John W. Kaufman.
	Cement,	" 211	Samuel MacMurray . . .	Joseph P. Riddile	Joseph A. Rounds	Charles E. Towne.
	Compass & Square,	" 212	James K. Smith	Marcus E. Bush	Lambert Johnson	John L. Smith.
200	Square & Compass,	" 213	Frank D. Brown	James W. Yllie	Isaac R. Kidd	Erie W. Northrop.
	Plumblin,	" 214	James W. McKibbin . . .	Ernest F. Peck	John Kaiser	John E. Killen.
	Occidental,	" 215	Jesse Gidley	Ira M. Potter	William R. Cummins . . .	Albert Rossmiller.
	Palisade,	" 216	Charles J. Wilcox	Austin C. Pence	Clarence E. Schutz	William M. Pence.
	Wauneta,	" 217	William S. Fisher	William R. Ellis	Abram L. Jones	Ephriam Lauver.
205	Bloomfield,	" 218	James B. Lucas	Thaker T. Linkhart . . .	William C. Mitchell . . .	Frank L. Hicks.
	Relief,	" 219	George A. Gray	Frank Coye	Adelbert A. Davis	George H. Haase.
	Magnolia,	" 220	Frank O. Paulger	Andrew L. Johnson	Alfred E. Morris	Charles O. Murphy.
	Wood Lake,	" 221	Malcomb Cameron	John H. Chambers	F. Edward Fletcher	Herbert H. Herzog.
	Landmark,	" 222	John W. Farren	John W. Hobbs	B. Frank McDaniel	Orlando A. Cook.
210	Eminence,	" 223	Rollin S. Rising	Walter H. Williams	Charles H. Burleigh	James H. Hart.
	Silver Cord,	" 224	John Finch	Richard E. Allen	Howard E. Blowers	Byrne E. Robinson.
	Cable,	" 225	Charles W. Morrow . . .	Captain E. Marsteller . . .	Dennis C. Berry	Isaac H. Price.
	Grace,	" 226	Ray O. Castle	William F. Miller	James H. Keys	John J. Adams.
	North Star,	" 227	Allison G. Keys	Russell D. Bush	Charles A. Brown	Andrew L. Cochran.
215	Bartley,	" 228	Hugh Leal	J. Stewart Kennedy	Henry C. Keister	Charles D. Curveya.
	Comet,	" 229	Walter G. Gaines	Edwin T. Black	James R. Tober	Alfred Powell, sr.
	Delta,	" 230	Enos M. Shaw	William H. Epling	Jay Vestal	Charles R. Lehrack.
	Mount Hermon,	" 231	John W. Lecrone	Ezra S. Bell	Davis W. Forbes	Charles M. Weed.
	John S. Bowen,	" 232	Robert Ford	William H. Nickles	John F. Mason	William D. Spieknall.
220	Gilead,	" 233	William M. Alden	John Elliott	Jerry P. Marvin	William L. Matthews.
	Zion,	" 234	Alfred Woodward	Charles A. Coffin	John F. Pomeroy	Jacob H. Prescott.
	Fraternity,	" 235	Lyman G. Wright	Allan H. Hostetter	Albert L. Loper	Samuel Saberson.
	Golden Rule,	" 236	William Whalen	John Beal	Fred Kohn	Fernando E. Kruse.
	Cubit,	" 237	Isaac H. Rathbun	William H. H. Baird	William Ricks	Morris F. Laughlin.
225	Ithmar,	" 238	Jesse Frimann	Frederick A. Durrie	Niels P. Peterson	Samuel Saberson.
	Friendship,	" 239	Frederick A. Durrie	Francis C. Goodell		Fernando E. Kruse.
	Pilot,	" 240				Maurice Tester.
						Charles A. Darling.

ROLL OF EXISTING LODGES, WITH OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 24, 1899.—*Concluded.*

LODGE.	MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.
George Armstrong, No. 241	John Driscoll	George A. Blackstone..	Levi D. Phipps.....	Charles W. Orr.
229 Orion,	" 242 William H. Bartz	Charles F. Bukey.....	John B. Wyatt.....	Charles Miner.

INSTALLED OFFICERS OF LAST YEAR, 1897-8,

HERE LISTED BECAUSE INSTALLATION FOR CURRENT YEAR, 1898-9, HAS NOT OCCURRED, OR REPORT HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED.

LODGE.		MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.
Nebraska City,	No. 12	John M. Willman	William F. N. Houser..	William Brower	William C. Willman.
Washington,	" 21	.....	Will H. H. Davis.....	.....	.....
Hope,	" 29	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mount Moriah,	" 57	.....	William O. Stanbro ..	.....	.....
Livingstone,	" 66	Edgar D. Champion ..	Albert R. Ton Velle...	Joseph A. Burcham..	Charles F. Collins.
Alexandria,	" 74	David A. Sherwood....	Charles A. Bright.....	William L. Whitney ..	George H. Danforth.
Corinthian,	" 83	.....	.....	.....	Promoted to Master.
Elk Creek,	" 90	.....	.....	.....	Pro. to Senior Warden.
Shelton,	" 99	Walter S. Allison .....	.....	.....	.....
Jasper,	" 122	Ira N. Pickett	Thomas R. Callan....	John Bealor	Arthur B. Templeton.
Mount Nebo,	" 125	.....	.....	.....	Peter L. McFayden.
Guide Rock,	" 128	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clay Centre,	" 139	.....	Promoted to Master ..	.....	.....
Evergreen,	" 153	.....	.....	.....	Horace Woodworth.
Pythagoras,	" 156	Lewis A. Combs.....	.....	.....	.....
Ogalalla,	" 159	Cornelius S. Horton ..	Ward B. Smith	Charles F. Searle.....	Albert Muldoon.
Temple,	" 175	Ausmer C. Tilton.....	William D. Reed.....	Andrew M. Tilton ..	Samuel H. Martin.
Level,	" 196	Ambrose S. Shelley....	James A. Williams....	Luke H. Cheney.....	Lyman H. Fitch.
Purity,	" 198	Fred A. Hoffmeister ..	Harry McClelland ..	Robert Malcolm .....	.....
Plumblin,	" 214	.....	Nathaniel C. Shaw....	.....	.....
Occidental,	" 215	.....	.....	.....	Ernest F. Peck.
Grace,	" 223	.....	.....	Promoted to Master..	.....

LAW OF FREEMASONRY IN NEBRASKA.

[Extract from record, page 738 (5519) of 1897.]

Bro. White, 6, submitted the following report, in which Grand Lodge concurred; the decisions, etc., referred to will be found in the appendix:

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, June 17, 1897.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A. F. & A. M.:

As directed by resolution found on page 577, proceedings of 1896, the committee on Codification of the Law present herewith all standing resolutions, approved decisions of Grand Master, and committee on Jurisprudence, that had not been compiled in the law. The committee has not heretofore deemed these matters of sufficient importance to place them under the different subheadings of the Law of Freemasonry, as they are more of an advisory nature than anything else.

Proceedings of 1885, page 130.—Decision of Grand Master:

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

No. 5.—*Query:* Can a man who has had his hip hurt so as to make one leg a trifle shorter than the other, be made a Mason? *Answer.* If the defect is so trifling as to be scarcely discernible, and not to interfere with his performing all the requirements of Masonry, I can see no reason why he can not.

Proceedings of 1885, page 131.—Decision of Grand Master:

No. 6.—*Query:* Should the test oath be repeated by the committee or the visitor? *Answer:* The Grand Custodian says that according to our work as now practiced the committee should lead; (and recommend its change, as it is radically wrong, and the brother leading would be the best proof of his genuineness.)

Proceedings of 1885, page 166.—Recommendation of committee on Charity:

That each subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction be required to furnish each Master Mason in good standing with a diploma, and that the same be verified each year.

Proceedings of 1885, page 187.—Committee on Jurisprudence—

—Report that the Webb Monitor has heretofore been adopted by this Grand Lodge, and can see no good reason for any change.

Proceedings of 1886, page 286.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

Report that we know of nothing to prohibit a lodge from installing its officers away from home, but within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Proceedings of 1886, page 287.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

Resolved, 1. That whenever citizens of the State of Nebraska who are desirous of petitioning for the degrees of Masonry shall reside nearer some constituted lodge in the State of Kansas, and shall wish to petition said Kansas lodge for the degrees, they be allowed so to do without first obtaining permission of the Grand Master of this jurisdiction: *Provided*, That this regulation shall take effect and be in force only upon and after receipt of official information from the Grand Lodge of Kansas that similar permission is given residents of Kansas to apply for the degrees in neighboring lodges located in Nebraska.

2. That the Grand Secretary be instructed to inform the M.:W.: Grand Master of Kansas of this action, and invite concert and reciprocity in this behalf.

3. That whenever the Grand Lodge of Kansas shall have enacted similar provisions, the M.:W.: Grand Master notify lodges in this jurisdiction along the border-line between the two states of the taking effect hereof.

Proceedings of 1886, page 293:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the names of Master Masons who are members of Nebraska lodges, should be published with our next year's proceedings, and each fifth year thereafter.

Proceedings of 1888, page 552.—Decision of Grand Master:

The petition of a candidate for initiation being refused consideration by the lodge, the applicant should not be reported as rejected.

Proceedings of 1888, page 552.—Decision of Grand Master:

Every meeting of a lodge, while under dispensation, is a regular meeting, if properly convened.

Proceedings of 1888, page 552:

A public ball should not be held in a hall dedicated to Masonic purposes.

Proceedings of 1891, page 324.—Decision of Grand Master:

A lodge is in charge of the Master during the hours of labor; in charge of the Junior Warden 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.

Proceedings of 1891, page 325.—Decision of Grand Master:

7. *Query*: A brother is charged with un-Masonic 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 offense 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.

Proceedings of 1893, page 63.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

Where a lodge by resolution allows its Secretary ten (\$10.00) dollars per annum for incidental expenses, he has no right to withhold it from the cash received without reporting the same to the Treasurer and getting regular vouchers thereon.

Proceedings of 1893, page 63.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

An applicant for initiation who has lost the third finger on his right hand can be initiated.

Proceedings of 1893, page 63.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

A brother who has remained a member of an extinct lodge over one year is in good standing, provided he is clear on the books.

Proceedings of 1893, page 64.—Resolution:

That all lodges sending up by-laws for approval shall submit same in duplicate, the Grand Secretary retaining one copy; a full copy of the section amended shall also be forwarded in duplicate.

Proceedings of 1893, page 65.—Report of committee on Grievances:

A charge of perjury is sufficient to place a brother on trial.

Proceedings of 1893, page 78.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

The outgoing Master should communicate to the new Master the name of each objector, and his objections shall hold good so long as the objector lives and remains a member of that lodge.

Proceedings of 1893, page 80.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

A brother having been installed by proxy as Junior Warden, afterward re-elected as Master, all of the acts of the lodge and of the brother while serving as Master are valid.

Proceedings of 1893, page 81.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

A profane may petition the nearest chartered lodge during the month of May, who is in the jurisdiction of the lodge under dispensation on April 30.

Proceedings of 1894, page 135.—Decision of Grand Master:

A brother Entered Apprentice who is so deaf that it is questionable whether he could receive the lectures and obligations and fully understand the nature and extent thereof, should not receive further degrees.

Proceedings of 1894, page 135.—Decision of Grand Master:

The six months before a rejected petitioner can again apply, means six months from the date of the ballot to the reception of the subsequent petition.

Proceedings of 1894, page 135.—Decision of Grand Master:

A Nebraska Freemason holding a demit over one year old can not be named in a dispensation creating a new lodge, or be selected to become a charter member thereof.

Proceedings of 1894, page 135.—Decision of Grand Master:

A vote recommending a new lodge may be taken in same manner as if voting on other business before the lodge.

Proceedings of 1894, page 135.—Decision of Grand Master:

Upon request of a Kansas lodge to a lodge in this jurisdiction to confer degrees upon a brother, our lodge should do so without examination as to proficiency, unless such request is included in the request to confer the degrees.

Proceedings of 1894, page 135.—Decision of Grand Master:

The Senior Warden of a lodge can not install its officers, unless he be a Past Master.

Proceedings of 1894, page 135.—Decision of Grand Master:

After a candidate has been elected and before any degrees have been conferred, charges can not be preferred against him. The proper procedure is by objection to his receiving the degrees.

Proceedings of 1894, page 136.—Decision of Grand Master:

Members of a lodge in procession and clothed as Masons, may attend church services December 27th, Saint John's day, provided the services are purely Masonic.

Proceedings of 1894, page 136.—Decision of Grand Master:

Names of expelled Masons should not appear upon published rosters of any lodge under any heading.

Proceedings of 1894, page 136.—Decision of Grand Master:

A lodge may retain a demitting brother's dues when paid in advance.

Proceedings of 1894, page 177.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

A visiting brother may be admitted notwithstanding former objections, in the absence of any further objections.

Proceedings of 1895, page 354.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

Petition for a demit should not be referred to a committee.

Proceedings of 1896, page 511.—Decision of Grand Master:

The meeting of Saint John's Day is for the special purpose of installation, and no other business can be transacted unless such meeting is made a regular meeting by the by-laws of the lodge.

Proceedings of 1896, page 512.—Decision of Grand Master:

When a Warden is suspended for non-payment of dues, such suspension *ipso facto* vacates his office.

Proceedings of 1896, page 512.—Decision of Grand Master:

A refusal of a member of a lodge, without sufficient cause, after due notice, to watch with a sick brother, or furnish a substitute, is a Masonic offense.

Proceedings of 1896, page 512.—Decision of Grand Master:

Masonic clothing should be worn only when the lodge is at work, and should not be worn in an informal procession to attend church.

Proceedings of 1896, page 512.—Decision of Grand Master:

Notices of lodge meetings may be published in newspapers.

Proceedings of 1896, page 512.—Decision of Grand Master:

When several lodges have concurrent jurisdiction, a waiver of jurisdiction over one who resided therein, but has never petitioned any of them, to be effectual, must be granted by each of the several lodges.

Proceedings of 1896, page 513.—Decision of Grand Master:

Distance, for the purpose of settling questions of territorial jurisdiction, is to be measured in a straight line from the boundary of the city in which the other lodge is located.

Proceedings of 1896, page 513.—Decision of Grand Master:

Where a subordinate lodge finds a party guilty and imposes a penalty of suspension for one year, and upon appeal to the Grand Lodge this sentence is set aside and the sentence of indefinite suspension is imposed by

the Grand Lodge, the subordinate lodge may reinstate such brother by a two-thirds vote, and no action of the Grand Lodge is necessary for the purpose.

Proceedings of 1896, page 570.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

A lodge is not at refreshment during the time intervening between one meeting and the next.

Proceedings of 1896, page 570.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

A lodge is at refreshment only during the short interim of the same meeting, except during trials or funerals.

Proceedings of 1896, page 571.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

After the regular election of officers in subordinate lodges has been held and before the members so selected have been installed, the vote on any individual officer can not be reconsidered.

Proceedings of 1896, page 571.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

An individual brother can not file objections against an officer-elect being installed without preferring charges. Matters of this kind should always be referred to the Grand Master.

Proceedings of 1896, page 571.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

The record of a regular meeting should show how the committees on the petitions for initiation report, whether favorable or unfavorable.

Proceedings of 1896, page 572.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

A brother who has all other qualifications, is eligible to the position of Master, who has lost his forefinger and middle finger of right hand.

Proceedings of 1896, page 572.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

Where charges are preferred against or objections made to a Master-elect, before his installation, the matters should be referred to the Grand Master for investigation and decision.

Proceedings of 1896, page 577.—Resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on Codification of the Law furnish the Grand Secretary all standing resolutions, approved decisions of the Grand Master, and committee on Jurisprudence, with reference to proceedings wherein they were made, and that said resolutions and decisions shall be printed with the proceedings from year to year.

LAW OF FREEMASONRY IN NEBRASKA.—[Continued.]

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

Your committee on Codification of the Law present herewith the changes made at the session held in the city of Omaha June 15, 16, 17, 1898.

AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW.

Section 1, paragraph 1, page 13, by-laws, relating to Grand Lodge, amended so it will read —

1. On the Wednesday on or immediately following the *third* day of June of each year, at such hour as the Grand Master may appoint, a Master Masons lodge shall be opened. So soon as a constitutional number of lodges is ascertained to be present, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska shall be declared open for the dispatch of business, and the Grand Master shall then make such appointments as may be necessary to fill all vacancies in the standing committees.

Section 2, paragraph 2, page 18, by-laws, relating to Grand Lodge, amended as follows: In the 24th line from the top, strike out the words "April," "tenth," "June," and insert "March," "fifteenth," "May," so that the subdivision of said section will read, commencing at the 22d line —

The Grand Secretary shall annually notify the secretaries of the sums remaining due from or to each subordinate lodge on the *twentieth day of March*, and on the *fifteenth day of May* of each year he shall close the account of each subordinate lodge, preparatory to submitting same to the Grand Lodge at its annual communication.

Section 104, paragraph 12, page 38, by-laws, relating to lodges, amended so as to read —

12. Each lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge on or before the *thirtieth day of April*, the following Grand Lodge fees and dues, viz.: For each initiation, the sum of five dollars (\$5.00;) for each member, the sum of one dollar (\$1.00;) for each special dispensation to elect and install its officer or officers at a time other than that provided by law, the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00.) Such fee shall accompany the petition requesting the dispensation, said petition to be under the seal of the lodge making the request. All Master Masons not under the sentence of suspension who are members on the first day of the Masonic year, *April 1st*, and none others, shall be considered members liable for dues.

Section 104, paragraph 13, page 38, by-laws, relating to lodges, amended so as to read —

The Masonic fiscal year of this jurisdiction shall begin on the *first day of April*, and end on the *thirty-first day of March*, and each chartered lodge shall make its annual return to the Grand Secretary within ten days thereafter, and all Grand Lodge dues and fees of chartered lodges shall be paid on or before the thirtieth (30th) day of April.

Section 104, paragraph 14, page 38, by-laws, relating to lodges, amended so as to read —

14. On the recommendation of the committee on Returns each chartered lodge, for each Master Mason in good standing on its roll at the beginning of the year, shall be credited one cent for each day before *May 1st* both copies of its annual return, together with the appertaining funds, reach the Grand Secretary's office, provided that such credit shall in no case exceed twenty-five cents for each Master Mason in good standing at the beginning of the year. The committee on Returns shall not recommend the above-stipulated credit unless the return be reasonably accurate and well made.

Section 108, paragraph 10, page 47, by-laws, relating to lodges, amended so as to read —

10. An objection to an initiation or an advancement made to the Master or to the lodge *holds good until removed*.

Proceedings of 1898, page 5624.—Resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter no money shall be drawn from any fund under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge except it be done by regular warrant signed by the proper officers — the usual custom of drawing money.

Proceedings of 1898, page 5570.—Decisions of the Grand Master:

3. A notice to appear and show cause why a brother should not be suspended for non-payment of dues is not a summons such as is contemplated under the law.

4. A brother being unable to pay his dues, wishing to be suspended, may ask in open lodge that this be done.

5. A brother cannot be suspended by verbally requesting the Secretary that he be immediately suspended for non-payment of dues. The request should come to the lodge in writing, signed by the brother desiring to be suspended.

Proceedings of 1898, page 5622.—Report of the committee on Jurisprudence.

The law relating to exempting members from payment of dues requires that the applicant must have been an affiliated Mason for thirty years—not necessarily continuous.

When an applicant has been rejected and at the close of the lodge it is learned that a brother not a member of the lodge had voted on the application, a new ballot should be ordered and notice given at the last regular meeting before the meeting at which the ballot is to be taken.

Proceedings of 1898, page 5644.

The Grand Wardens, in the absence of the Grand Master, he not being out of the state nor under any disability, are entitled to all the courtesies and honors due to grand officers, but have no rights or powers except as delegated by the Grand Master.

A receipt from a brother acknowledging the receipt of a registered letter which contained a notice shall be considered sufficient proof of service.

[*July 10, 1898.*]

