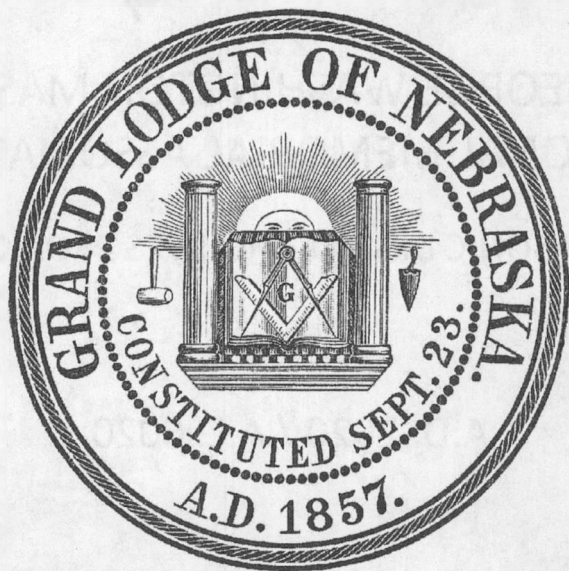


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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska met in annual communication in Freemasons Hall, Omaha, on Tuesday, June 9th, A. .L. .5908, A. D. 1908, at ten o'clock in the morning, there being present:

M. W. ORNAN J. KING	Grand Master,
R. W. WILLIAM A. DEBORD	Deputy Grand Master,
R. W. MICHAEL DOWLING	Grand Senior Warden,
R. W. HARRY A. CHENEY	Grand Junior Warden,
M. W. JOHN B. DINSMORE	Grand Treasurer,
R. W. FRANCIS E. WHITE	Grand Secretary,
V. W. GEORGE A. BEECHER	Grand Chaplain,
W. ROSCOE POUND	Grand Orator,
M. W. ROBERT E. FRENCH	Grand Custodian,
W. HENRY GIBBONS	Grand Marshal,
W. JAMES R. CAIN, JR.	Grand Senior Deacon,
W. ALPHA MORGAN	Grand Junior Deacon,
BRO. JACOB KING	Grand Tyler,

and representatives from two hundred and seventeen of the two hundred and thirty-seven chartered lodges in the jurisdiction.

A lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form, the roll of lodges was called, and a constitutional number of them being represented, the Most Worshipful Grand Master declared the fifty-first annual communication regularly opened for the transaction of business, and due proclamation thereof was made by the Grand Marshal.

It was ordered that all Freemasons properly clothed and vouched for be admitted to seats in the gallery, unless objected to by members of the Grand Lodge.

An oil painting of Past Grand Master George W. Lininger and a chair suitably draped were placed in position in the Grand East, and remained there during the communication. Deputy Grand Master DeBord delivered an eulogy on the life of Brother Lininger, and made suitable mention of the lodge under dispensation that had been named in honor of this distinguished Freemason, and in behalf of the brethren of George W. Lininger Lodge presented to the Grand Master and through him to all present, a souvenir button with the portrait of the honored brother for whom the lodge had been named. Suitable response and due acknowledgment was made by the Grand Master on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

Most Worshipful Ornan J. King, Grand Master of Masons, delivered the following address:

#### ADDRESS.

*Brethren:*

It becomes my pleasant duty to extend to you a cordial welcome to our fifty-first annual communication. Let our first thoughts be turned towards Almighty God, giving Him most humble and heartfelt thanks for His mercy and goodness unto us, and that He has permitted us to assemble at this time amidst the blessings of plenty, health, and peace. This is especially true of this Grand Jurisdiction; the earth still yields her increase, no epidemic of sickness has decimated our ranks since last we met, peace and harmony prevail in nearly every lodge, and a growing desire to promulgate principles of a high morality, to incite members to become men of independence in thought and action, and to be filled with the spirit of love for their fellow men, is apparent among the brethren everywhere.

I am thus led to believe that we are beginning to see the fruits of a higher conception of Masonry and its real mission in the world, the

natural, expected, and beneficial results of the earnest and conscientious work of my predecessors, coupled with the splendid teachings of our beloved Grand Custodian.

#### CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE JURISDICTION.

During the past year a large measure of prosperity has been meted out to the Fraternity in this state, the number initiated being the largest of which we have any record. The net increase is also the largest during any one year in the history of the Grand Lodge. Our funds are ample, if properly expended, for all necessary purposes; and it can be safely said that at no period of our history have we made greater advancement than during the past year. In reviewing these conditions, however, it is well to call the attention of the several lodges throughout the jurisdiction to the fact that the great element of strength in a Fraternity like ours consists not so much in the amount of work done as in the quality of the material received and the manner in which the degrees are conferred. Masonry is an institution peculiar unto itself. It follows none, patterns after none, and competes with none. It is an institution founded for the purpose of impressing upon the minds of its members lessons of morality, obedience to law, and the leading of just and upright lives. Every lesson in Freemasonry is intended to impress upon the minds of its votaries the duties they owe to themselves and to others; and the work of the several degrees should be done so as to make the impressions of the sublime lessons and principles as deep and lasting as possible. A small increase composed of the right kind of material is preferable to untold numbers that might in any way be undesirable. It is therefore well to see that none are admitted except such as are after due trial found worthy.

It is now my duty to render a detailed account of my official acts during the last year. In performing them I have striven to follow in the footsteps of those who have preceded me, and have admonished the brethren to ever keep in view the object and purposes of Freemasonry as bequeathed to us from the past, changing only in our growth in moral perception and in strength of character, keeping pace with the increase in knowledge and development of the intellect of mankind throughout the world. In so far as my acts shall meet with your approval, I shall feel that my efforts have been of some value to the Craft, and wherever I have erred I ask this Grand Body to correct the errors, realizing that human judgment is fallible, and I will most cheerfully submit to your criticism.

#### FRATERNAL DEAD.

George Washington Lininger, Past Grand Master, father and President of the Nebraska Masonic Home, died at his residence in Omaha on the evening of June 8th, 1907. Thus my first official act was the sad duty of convening this Grand Lodge in an emergent communication to attend his funeral, and "to offer up to his memory before the world, this last tribute of our affection."

His sudden death was a great shock. He had been in his usual place at the meeting of the Committee on Jurisprudence and the dinner of the Veteran Masons on the previous Tuesday, where his last message of advice and prophecy was given to those privileged to receive the same. His long and loyal devotion to Masonry, his zealous and generous efforts in establishing the Nebraska Masonic Home, his ever timely counsel and encouragement are enduring monuments to his memory. Truly "Death loves a shining mark."

I had looked forward with pleasant anticipation to a more intimate acquaintance with Brother Lininger while serving you as Grand Master, and can not adequately express my feelings of personal bereavement. An extended and fitting eulogy will be given in the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead. We bow with submission to the will of Him "Who doeth all things well." His chair is vacant, but the loving memory of his generous philanthropy, his wise counsels, his inspiring enthusiasm, his beautiful and blameless life, will ever bloom fresh and fragrant in the hallowed recesses of our grateful hearts.

#### FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Pursuant to the report of the Committee on Semi-Centennial Celebration as adopted at our last communication, I appointed a committee of fifteen brethren to arrange for the holding of such celebration, and to provide for the details of the occasion.

In accordance therewith I called an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge on September 23d, and in a most fitting manner the program of the day was executed. I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the members of the committee who gave so much of their time for the preliminary work, to those who delivered the addresses, to the lodges of Omaha and vicinity for the interest as shown by the large attendance of their members, to the brethren throughout the state for their presence, and especially to our visiting brethren from the Grand Jurisdictions of Wisconsin and Washington, who brought fraternal greetings, and whose presence added dignity to the occasion. The day closed with a feeling of satisfaction and pride in all who were in attendance.

Believing that the ceremonies, historical address, and orations were worthy of preservation and distribution, I decided that a souvenir volume should be printed as a further commemoration of the event, and instructed the Grand Secretary to compile and have such a book published. The sincere thanks of this Grand Lodge are due to him for the efficient manner in which he has performed the task.

Of the \$3,500.00 appropriated to meet the expense of the anniversary, only \$2,467.16 has been expended.

#### REPRESENTATIVES.

I have recommended the following named brothers as representatives of other Grand Lodges, near ours:

June 25th, Brother Thomas W. Moore, 210, Indian Territory.

June 20th, Brother Roy S. Shahan, 46, Queensland.



June 29th, Brother Harry A. Cheney, 100, Egypt.  
July 2d, Brother Frank E. Bullard, 32, England.  
July 2d, Brother James R. Cain, Jr., 105, South Carolina.  
March 31st, Brother Thomas M. Davis, 53, British Columbia.

I have issued commissions to the following named brethren to represent the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near other Grand Lodges:

August 9th, Brother Edward C. Woodworth, Vermont.  
August 26th, Brother William T. Hastings, District of Columbia.  
January 13th, Brother Percy Taylor, Alberta.  
January 24th, Brother William Henry Woods, Queensland.  
February 10th, Brother Arthur S. Burton, New Hampshire.  
February 10th, Brother Richard K. Lessey, Idaho.  
April 13th, Brother George E. Whipple, Rhode Island.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have issued the following dispensations:

June 6th, to Beaver City Lodge No. 93, to elect and install officers, dispensation ordered by Grand Lodge.

June 10th, to Osceola Lodge No. 65, to confer the Master Mason's degree without regard to time.

June 11th, to Hastings Lodge No. 50, to elect and install the Junior and Senior Wardens.

June 14th, to Parian Lodge No. 207, to confer the Master Mason's degree without regard to time.

June 14th, to Alexandria Lodge No. 74, to elect a Master.

June 17th, to Nelson Lodge No. 77, to confer the Master Mason's degree without regard to time.

June 22d, to Palisade Lodge No. 216, to elect officers.

June 29th, to Utica Lodge No. 96, extending their dispensation until their charter could be printed.

July 5th, to Elk Creek Lodge No. 90, to meet and work as a regular lodge until the charter could be printed.

July 5th, to Orient Lodge No. 13, continuing the dispensation until their charter could be printed.

September 18th, to North Star Lodge No. 227, to continue work until the regular communication of the Grand Lodge, their charter having been lost.

October 24th, to St. Johns Lodge No. 25, to confer the Master Mason's degree without regard to time.

November 4th, to Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148, to receive petition, ballot upon the same, and confer the Entered Apprentice degree.

December 17th, to Porter Lodge No. 106, to continue work while the charter was being sent to the Grand Secretary for signature of the Grand Master.

March 4th, to George W. Lininger Lodge U.'D.', to confer the E.'A.' and F.'C.' degrees without regard to time.

March 6th, to Ponca Lodge No. 101, to confer the Master Mason's degree without regard to time.

March 9th, to George W. Lininger Lodge U. D., to confer the E. A. and F. C. degrees without regard to time.

March 23d, to Gladstone Lodge No. 176, to confer the Master Mason's degree without regard to time.

April 11th, to Long Pine Lodge No. 136, to confer the Master Mason's degree without regard to time.

April 27th, to Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148, to confer the F. C. and M. M. degrees without regard to time.

May 17th, to Nelson Lodge No. 77, to confer the Master Mason's degree without regard to time.

May 21st, to Covert Lodge No. 11, to confer the Master Mason's degree without regard to time.

May 22d, to St. Paul Lodge No. 82, to confer the Master Mason's degree without regard to time.

May 26th, to East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, to receive the petition, ballot upon, and confer the three degrees, without regard to time.

May 30th, to Upright Lodge No. 137, to elect officers.

June 3d, to Wymore Lodge No. 104, to elect a secretary.

In all cases where the law requires a fee to be paid, the same has been collected and paid over to the Grand Secretary.

I recommend that the fee be returned to Palisade Lodge No. 216, because the election of officers at the regular time was prevented by an unusual storm.

#### DISPENSATIONS FOR LODGES U. D.

On June 11th I issued a dispensation to eighteen brethren at Franklin for a lodge under the name of Jephtha Lodge U. D., and appointed Brother Perry Hildreth, Master; Brother Harry S. Ayer, Senior Warden; and Brother James S. Bell, Junior Warden.

On June 21st, I issued a dispensation to nineteen brethren at Scottsbluff for a lodge under the name of Winter Creek Lodge U. D., and appointed Brother Elisha M. Cowan, Master; Brother Harvey L. Sams, Senior Warden; and Brother Winfield Evans, Junior Warden.

On June 14th, I issued a dispensation to eleven brothers at Silver Creek to form a lodge under the name of Silver Lodge U. D., and appointed Brother William C. Robinson, Master; Brother Charles R. Metzger, Senior Warden; and Brother Solomon C. Towslee, Junior Warden.

On December 26th, I issued a dispensation to sixteen brethren at Overton, for a lodge under the name of Overton Lodge U. D., and appointed Brother Henry C. Wengert, Master; Brother Charles E. Souser, Senior Warden; and Brother Edward R. Green, Junior Warden.

On January 9th, I issued a dispensation to thirteen brethren at Belgrade for a lodge under the name of Belgrade Lodge U. D., and appointed Brother Adelbert W. Knight, Master; Brother John E. Cooley, Senior Warden; and Brother Harry E. Hetherington, Junior Warden.

On February 26th, I issued a dispensation to twenty-eight brethren at Omaha for a lodge under the name of George W. Lininger Lodge

U. D., and appointed Brother William T. Bourke, Master; Brother Matthew A. Hall, Senior Warden; and Brother Herbert A. Senter, Junior Warden.

SEALS APPROVED.

I have approved seals for the following lodges:

On August 24th, Springview Lodge No. 260; on September 4th, Ornan Lodge No. 261; on February 12th, Mitchell Lodge No. 263; on March 25th, Endeavor Lodge No. 262.

BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS APPROVED.

I have approved codes of by-laws for the following lodges:

December 26th, Mitchell Lodge No. 263; January 24th, Harvard Lodge No. 44; January 24th, Clay Center Lodge No. 139; February 3d, Ashlar Lodge No. 33; May 7th, Upright Lodge No. 137; May 18th, Hickman Lodge No. 256; May 29th, Cedar River Lodge No. 89.

I have also approved amendments to by-laws as follows:

On August 29th, for St. Johns Lodge No. 25, and Laurel Lodge No. 248; on December 13th, for York Lodge No. 56; on January 16th, for Frank Welch Lodge No. 75; on January 28th, for Gladstone Lodge No. 176; on February 24th, for Lancaster Lodge No. 54, and North Star Lodge No. 227; on May 18th, for Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57.

VISITATIONS.

During the past year I have made fraternal calls and visitations upon the following lodges:

Covert Lodge No. 11, Fremont Lodge No. 15, Beatrice Lodge No. 26, Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Beaver City Lodge No. 93, Bennet Lodge No. 94, Alliance Lodge No. 183, Bassett Lodge No. 254, and Winter Creek Lodge U. D.

In all cases where lodges have been opened, the honors belonging to the office of Grand Master have been given.

NEW LODGE ROOMS.

I have given permission to the following lodges to occupy new lodge rooms:

October 11th, Highland Lodge No. 194; January 28th, Blue Hill Lodge No. 129; April 4th, Pilot Lodge No. 240.

DECISIONS.

No. 1. An objection to a candidate of a subordinate lodge of another jurisdiction, upon whom a degree is being conferred by courtesy, should be made to the lodge for whom the degree is being conferred.

No. 2. A brother applying for a demit for the purpose of enabling him to join another lodge, who is found free from all charges and clear of the books, is entitled to receive a demit, without any vote by his lodge.

No. 3. An objection to a petitioner for admission must be respected, under Section 123; the Master should declare the petitioner rejected without ballot and order his demit returned to him. The objection bo'ds, under Section 124, the same as in the case of a petitioner for initiation.

No. 4. It is unmasonic for a lodge to pay for a public lecture on any subject in a public hall, for the purpose of obtaining petitions for initiation.

No. 5. A lodge of Master Masons opened for the sole purpose of conducting a Masonic funeral should not be called from labor to refreshment before leaving the lodge room. A lodge is at labor while conducting the burial service.

No. 6. The minutes of an emergent meeting should not show that the lodge was called from labor to refreshment before leaving the lodge room.

No. 7. A man, who has lost the first and second fingers of his left hand at the third joint and the third finger of his left hand at the second joint, but whose thumb and little finger of his left hand are perfect, is not thereby disqualified by physical imperfections.

No. 8. A lodge can receive and ballot upon the petition for initiation of an unmarried man, who has resided continuously within its jurisdiction for twelve months immediately preceding, although he has been temporarily absent in another state for six months and while there filed on a government homestead, but has not yet changed his residence.

No. 9. A member of a subordinate lodge in another jurisdiction, before being examined for the purpose of visiting a lodge in this state, must present documentary evidence, not over one year old, attested by the seal of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction whence the visitor comes.

No. 10. To allow a lodge to meet in a room over a public dance hall is not for the best interests of Masonry and should not be permitted.

#### CRYSTAL LODGE NO. 191.

By action of the Committee on Grievances at the last annual communication, it was left for me to determine the course to pursue in the case of Crystal Lodge No. 191, of Scotia.

On June 26th, accompanied by Grand Custodian Robert E. French, I visited Scotia, and held a conference with a majority of the resident members. After gaining all of the information possible, and listening to the united appeals of the brethren, who were truly penitent, I left, with the promise to give the case careful consideration and an early decision. On September 9th, I ordered their charter restored, and authorized the brethren to hold a meeting and elect officers for the ensuing year, and on the evening of September 26th, I went to Scotia and installed the officers elected and appointed.

My action in this case was what I deemed for the best interests of Masonry, and the results so far have been most satisfactory to me.

I submit herewith all papers and correspondence in the case.

## GAUGE LODGE NO. 208.

Reference to the proceedings of 1907 will show that the conditions prevailing in Gauge Lodge No. 208, at Arcadia, were such as to demand my immediate attention, and I therefore visited the brethren on June 26th, with M. W. Brother Robert E. French.

Conditions were not improving, and I ordered the secretary to send me transcripts of the records of all regular meetings. This was complied with, and as no improvement was manifest, on December 19th, I ordered the Master to notify all resident members that at the next regular meeting the question of surrendering the charter would be put to vote. The meeting was held on January 17th, and the brethren by a vote of ten to three decided not to give up their charter.

On January 30th, I received notice that the Junior Warden had been instructed to prefer charges against a brother for violating paragraphs b and c, Section 148, Law of Freemasonry. Having failed at their regular meeting of February 5th, owing to complications more seeming than real, to serve the papers, I ordered the Master to serve the summons, together with a copy of the charges and specifications, upon the accused brother, and to set the trial according to the law. My order was obeyed, and the trial was held on the evening of February 25th, a verdict of guilty was rendered, and the sentence of indefinite suspension was inflicted. Complying with the request of the Master for me to come, or to send assistance to enable him to properly conduct the trial, I gave my proxy to W. Brother John S. Bishop, who was present at the trial and assisted the Master.

His report, and all papers and correspondence, are herewith submitted.

## ELM CREEK LODGE NO. 133.

At the last annual communication the Grand Master was instructed to keep a watchful eye on the affairs of Elm Creek Lodge No. 133. At the present time they seem to be in good condition, having initiated four Entered Apprentices, and peace and harmony prevailing.

## HUMBOLDT LODGE NO. 40.

It was also directed at the last session of this Grand Body, that Humboldt Lodge No. 40 should make report to me, in order that I might know the conditions prevailing in the lodge. I am very happy to report that it has been doing good work throughout the year, making a substantial gain in membership. Regular meetings have been held every month, the lodge is a good, strong, working body, and every brother seems to be interested in the work of Masonry, peace and harmony prevailing.

## FRIEND LODGE NO. 73.

Complaint having been made to me that good understanding was not prevailing among the brethren of Friend Lodge No. 73, at Friend, and that paragraphs e and g of Section 148 were being violated, I ordered

the Master to congregate the lodge on the evening of February 1st, and notified them that I would visit them on that date. A large number of brethren were present, and the conditions existing in the lodge were plainly discussed. The members of this lodge are men of intelligence, ability, and with few exceptions high morality. Feeling that the lodge should be maintained, I decided to allow them to continue, and ordered the secretary to send me a transcript of the records of all meetings until further notice. I am happy to report that my orders were complied with and that the brethren have come to a better understanding of Masonry, and are receiving desirable petitions for initiation. I have great hopes that Friend Lodge No. 73 will be speedily restored to its proper place on the roll of model lodges of the jurisdiction, for the last reports were that perfect harmony had been restored.

NORTH STAR LODGE NO. 227.

During the month of September, verbal complaint was made that the affairs of North Star Lodge No. 227, University Place, were not in a satisfactory condition, the records and accounts not having been properly kept, the Law of Freemasonry disregarded, apathy prevailing among many of its members, and also that the charter of the lodge was missing and could not be found. Believing that a lodge ought to be maintained at University Place, I immediately took steps to assist the brethren in restoring themselves to the required standing of a Masonic lodge, and to give them such discipline as was necessary to accomplish this. I secured an interview with the Master and explained to him my views of what it would be necessary for him to do, and gave the lodge a dispensation empowering them to work as a regular Masonic lodge until our next annual communication. Waiting until January 1st, 1908, and finding that conditions had not improved, I visited the lodge on that evening and arrested the jewel of the Master, placing the lodge in charge of the Senior Warden, giving the brethren such advice and instruction as I thought they needed.

I visited the lodge again on the evening of February 19th, and witnessed the conferring of the Master Mason's degree by its officers, and being informed by the secretary that my orders had been complied with, I invited the Master, who had been filling the place of the Junior Deacon during the evening, to the East, and restored to him his jewel.

The books and accounts of the secretary and treasurer had not been audited for the previous year, and much irregularity was apparent in the issuing of receipts for dues and entering the same on the ledger. I attended the regular meeting of March 4th, appointed a special committee of three brethren to audit the books and accounts of the secretary and treasurer, and requested them to perform this duty immediately. I also attended their regular meeting of May 6th, and listened to the report of the committee, which was thorough and accurate and upon which much time had been spent in a most painstaking manner. The report showed discrepancies in the accounts of former officers, and these are now in the process of adjustment.

I would recommend that the incoming Grand Master give his early attention to the condition existing in this lodge, and that a permanent charter be granted them only when he shall be satisfied that the laws, rules, and regulations of the Grand Lodge, together with the ancient landmarks of our Fraternity, are being strictly observed.

TRESTLE BOARD LODGE NO. 162 VS. DEWITT LODGE NO. 111.

Early in July a complaint was made by Trestle Board Lodge No. 162, Brock, against DeWitt Lodge No. 111, DeWitt, in which the charge was made that a rejected petitioner of the first named lodge had petitioned and received the Entered Apprentice degree in the latter, without having first secured a waiver of jurisdiction. I corresponded with both lodges, and feeling satisfied that it was of such a nature that I could not bring about a settlement, I notified both lodges that the matter would be referred to this Grand Lodge for adjustment.

All papers are herewith submitted.

ORNAN LODGE U. D. VS. GILEAD LODGE NO. 233.

The complaint of Ornan Lodge U. D., Spencer, against Gilead Lodge No. 233, Butte, having been referred to me at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, I found that Gilead Lodge No. 233 had collected one year's dues in advance from the brethren who demitted from their lodge for the purpose of joining Ornan Lodge No. 261 of Spencer. I obtained some of the receipts for dues, and finding that the complaint was a just one, I ordered the lodge to refund the excess dues which they had collected, and was later advised by the Master that my order had been complied with.

I herewith submit all of the correspondence and papers.

ZEREDATHA LODGE NO. 160.

On the night of December 15th, Zeredatha Lodge No. 160, Reynolds, lost the lodge room, together with all the paraphernalia, records, and charter, by fire. They asked for a dispensation empowering them to meet as a regular lodge in the town hall until the next annual communication, when they might receive a new charter. I visited Reynolds on December 26th, in order to inspect the room in which they proposed to hold their lodge, and finding the same wholly unsuited for the purposes of a Masonic lodge, and there being no other hall in the town which could meet the requirements, I refused to grant the dispensation until such time as a hall might be erected, which would comply with all the requirements of a Masonic lodge room. I am informed that a new building is being erected there in which a suitable lodge room will be made, but I have not yet been advised that it is ready for occupancy, and nothing further has been heard from the brethren.

## INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICER.

On August 15th I installed Worshipful Brother Roscoe Pound, as Grand Orator, he not being present when the Grand Officers were installed at the last annual communication.

## CONSTITUTION OF LODGES.

On the evening of July 18th, accompanied by M. W. Brother Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, W. Brothers Thomas W. Moore, Wilson E. Field, and John Forberger, of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, together with brethren from McCook Lodge No. 135, I formally constituted Endeavor Lodge No. 262 at Indianola.

On the evening of July 25th, accompanied by M. W. Brothers Charles E. Burnham and Robert E. French, together with visiting brethren from neighboring lodges, I constituted Orman Lodge No. 261 at Spencer.

On the evening of July 27th, accompanied by M. W. Brother Robert E. French, W. Brother Fred N. Morgan, and members of Bassett Lodge No. 254, W. Brother Lewis E. Smith, and brethren of Long Pine Lodge No. 136, I constituted Springview Lodge No. 260, Springview.

On the afternoon of September 19th, accompanied by M. W. Brother Robert E. French, and W. Brother James H. H. Hewett, of Alliance Lodge No. 183, several brethren from Scitts Bluff Lodge No. 201, Gering, and brethren from Winter Creek Lodge U. D., Scottsbluff, I constituted Mitchell Lodge No. 261, at Mitchell.

## CORNER-STONE LAYING.

Having received a formal invitation from Lebanon Lodge No. 58, Columbus, to lay the corner-stone of the Young Men's Christian Association building being erected in their city, I accepted the invitation, and on November 22d, accompanied by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master DeBord, Grand Senior Warden Dowling, Grand Secretary White, Grand Marshal Gibbons, and Grand Custodian French, I laid the corner-stone according to the ancient ceremonies of the Fraternity.

I received an invitation from Parian Lodge No. 207, Callaway, to lay the corner-stone of a new public school building being erected at that place, and not being able to be present in person, I gave my proxy to M. W. Brother Robert E. French to perform the ceremony; on the afternoon of April 30th, Brother French, with the assistance of W. Brother Alpha Morgan, Grand Junior Deacon, W. Brother Leander H. Jewett, with visiting brethren from Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148, Broken Bow, and Cable Lodge No. 225, Arnold, the corner-stone was laid, with the full ceremonies of the Craft, according to our ancient custom.

## DEDICATION OF MASONIC TEMPLES.

On February 22d, 1908, assisted by Deputy Grand Master William A. DeBord, Grand Senior Warden Michael Dowling, Grand Junior



Warden Harry A. Cheney, Grand Secretary Francis E. White, Grand Chaplain George A. Beecher, Grand Custodian Robert E. French, Grand Marshal Henry Gibbons, Grand Junior Deacon Alpha Morgan, Past Grand Master Henry H. Wilson as Grand Orator, and Past Grand Masters James P. A. Black, and Melville R. Hopewell, I formally dedicated the new Masonic Temple at North Platte. There were also present large delegations from neighboring lodges from both the east and west of the city.

In the evening a banquet was given in the dining-room of the temple, at which Past Grand Master Frank E. Bullard presided, and one of the most enjoyable occasions ever experienced in this Grand Jurisdiction closed with much credit to the officers and members of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32.

On the evening of April 24th, 1908, accompanied by M. W. Charles E. Burnham, P. G. M., R. W. Harry A. Cheney, Grand Junior Warden, and M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian. I went to Long Pine and formally dedicated the new Masonic Temple of Long Pine Lodge No. 136. There were also present large numbers of visiting brethren from Bassett and Ainsworth.

An informal banquet was served at the close of the ceremonies in the lodge room, and a splendid program was given by local talent, consisting of vocal and instrumental music and addresses by members of the lodge and by visiting brethren.

The zeal shown by the brethren of North Platte and Long Pine in securing so comfortable and beautiful quarters for their future use is commendable, and worthy of special mention to this Grand Lodge.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

On August 1st I received a communication from Brother Abel B. Fuller of Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, Ashland, giving an account of attendance of their lodge at the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in their city on Sunday, June 23d, and that by agreement the plate collection taken at this service was to be remitted to the Masonic Home for purposes of relief. The amount realized from this collection was \$10.81. I wish to commend the action of Pomegranate Lodge and would recommend that lodges generally adopt the custom of attending Divine service annually, and that they follow the example set in the taking of a collection for the benefit of the Masonic Home. Should very many lodges adopt this custom, although the amounts received from each might be small, they would, in the aggregate, amount to a substantial sum, which would be used for the benefit of the residents of the Home.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge the committee to whom was referred the question of procuring a solid gold Jordan medal, which was to be worn by the oldest Mason in Nebraska, recommended that the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure a Jordan medal in the same form as that now in use, but made of gold. On December 10th I received from the Grand Secretary the new gold medal, and I immediately sent the same to M. W. Brother Charles E. Burnham of Norfolk, re-

questing him to present this medal to M.'W.'Brother Samuel W. Hayes, Past Grand Master, the oldest living Mason in Nebraska. In due time I received a reply from Brother Burnham informing me that he had in person presented the new gold medal to M.'W.'Brother Hayes, taking up the old Jordan medal and sending the same to me.

February 19th I received a letter from the Master of Lily Lodge No. 154, Davenport, calling my attention to a chain letter which had been received, asking for a small contribution, for the purpose of raising a fund to erect a monument to the memory of our martyred President, William McKinley, and asking my opinion as to the legality or propriety of such a movement. To this I replied that having had similar inquiries previously, I had made investigation and found that the Post-office Department of the United States has a rule prohibiting the raising of money by the chain letter system, and I believe that as Masons, we should not countenance any movement which would violate the laws of our land; I would therefore advise that no attention be paid to any letters received. This decision is also in line with the action taken by Grand Master Hopewell in the case of Pawnee Lodge No. 23 as found on page 238, proceedings of 1906.

In compliance with the request of M.'W.'Brother Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, that he be examined as to his proficiency as instructor of the esoteric work of our Grand Jurisdiction, on January 13th I gave my proxy to M.'W.'Brother John J. Mercer, P.'G.'M.', and requested him to carefully examine the present Grand Custodian, Brother French, as to his proficiency and ability to promulgate the adopted work of the Grand Lodge, A.'F.'and A.'M.', in the jurisdiction of Nebraska. On January 18th I received the report of M.'W.'Brother Mercer certifying that my order had been obeyed, and that he was able to certify that the work was full and complete in every particular, rendered in accordance with our ritual, and letter correct, and that Brother Robert E. French was fully competent and qualified to teach and promulgate the work to the Craft of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Owing to some perplexing complications which have occurred during the time at which our schools of instruction were being held in the various lodges throughout the state, I have been obliged to cancel the dates for some schools and some of the sessions for others, thus doing an injury to the brethren which it is not possible to right during the year. It has occurred to me that I ought to make a recommendation that this Grand Lodge shall more specifically define the duties of our Grand Custodian, and I would recommend that during the school session time from September 1st until May 1st he shall not be required to participate in any other work of the Grand Lodge or be required to respond to any personal requests. The time for the schools of instruction, which is limited to the period above mentioned, should belong entirely to the Craft, and the visitations of our Grand Custodian should not be interfered with.

During the year my attention was called to the entrance into our jurisdiction of a new fraternal order, known as the "Veiled Prophets

of the Enchanted Realm," the conditions of membership being that the applicant must be a Master Mason in good standing. No official action or recognition has been made regarding this society, but I deemed it proper to call the attention of this Grand Lodge to the fact.

On September 18th I received notice that the Grand Lodge of California had returned the sum of \$100.00, this being a twenty per cent. pro rata of the amount contributed by this Grand Lodge for the relief of our brethren at the time of the great earthquake calamity in San Francisco. It is very gratifying to know that the response of our members throughout the world to the great need of our brethren in San Francisco was met by our Fraternity in so generous a manner that after supplying all the immediate wants of the brethren who were sufferers from that catastrophe, a balance, which amounts to thousands of dollars, has been returned to the various Masonic bodies who contributed for their relief.

In September last I received a very cordial invitation from Excelsior Lodge No. 259 of Council Bluffs, Iowa, to attend a reception to be given on October 10th to M. W. Rollin M. Hunter, Grand Master, and R. W. Newton R. Parvin, Grand Secretary, of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Iowa. One of the objects of the meeting was to give the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of Nebraska an opportunity to meet the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of Iowa. On the date named, accompanied by R. W. William A. DeBord, Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, and a number of other distinguished Freemasons, I visited the lodge and witnessed the conferring of the Master Mason's degree by the regular officers and Excelsior Lodge No. 259. The work was exceptionally well done, and reflected great credit upon the officers who filled the several stations.

After the work an elaborate banquet was served, appropriate toasts were offered, and responses made thereto by several prominent Freemasons. Fraternal courtesies were interchanged by the visiting brethren from our own Grand Jurisdiction and the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Iowa who were present. A very delightful evening was passed, and I can cheerfully testify to the hospitality of the brethren of Excelsior Lodge No. 259, and feel grateful for the opportunity afforded us to meet the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, and other honored Freemasons who were present at the meeting.

At a special meeting of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, held on the evening of December 20th, 1907, at the request of M. W. Charles E. Sweet, Grand Master of Masons in Michigan, I presented to M. W. Brother William B. Wilson a beautifully embroidered Master Mason's apron sent as a testimonial of the high esteem and regard in which the brother is held by the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Michigan, he being a Past Grand Master thereof.

#### OFFICIAL BONDS.

At the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge a form of bond for the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary was adopted;

and after some correspondence I succeeded in obtaining bonds in the form prescribed, although at a material increase in cost. The bonds when written were approved by me. I call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact that the bond given by our Grand Treasurer is fixed in the sum of \$15,000.00, and that of the Grand Secretary at \$3,000.00. The premium on these bonds amounts to \$72.00 per annum. I submit for your consideration whether the amount of the bonds could not be in a measure reduced without any material injury or chance of loss of our several funds.

#### LAW RELATING TO EXAMINATION OF MASTER MASONS.

Our law requires that all those who are hereafter raised to the degree of Master Mason shall become proficient therein, as required in the preceding degrees, and shall give proof thereof by examination in open lodge, which fact shall be entered of record. There is no penalty attached for neglect to comply with this part of the law, and the question frequently arises as to how lodges shall proceed in this matter. In my judgment the Grand Lodge should more clearly define what is expected of the lodges in the jurisdiction in order to comply with the law referred to. The law seems to me to be mandatory, as it says "Master Masons shall" do certain things, but no penalty is attached for neglecting to comply therewith. If the law is simply advisory, that fact should be made very plain; if it is the intention that it should be complied with, that fact should also be definitely stated.

#### DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE AND RELIEF.

Notwithstanding the provisions made at the last session of the Grand Lodge requiring documentary evidence from visitors, I am satisfied that many of our lodges are not complying with the Grand Lodge law on the subject. A circular was sent from the office of the Grand Secretary soon after the close of our last annual communication, relating to this matter, but in many instances I feel certain that it is overlooked or else entirely ignored.

Numerous applications for relief have been made to lodges, and while no worthy applicant should be refused, I desire to impress upon the lodges and especially upon the officers, the fact that close examination should be given the applicant to determine his standing in the Masonic Fraternity. The custom seems to be to look up the applicant's standing after relief has been granted, in place of taking reasonable precautions before anything is done. All of the lodges in the state were furnished with a list of the regular lodges of the world, and where there is the least doubt as to an applicant's standing, information should be sought by telegraph. If the provisions relating to documentary evidence are followed by lodges, the amount of relief given to unworthy applicants will be reduced to a minimum.

RELIEF.

Our present system of relief is rather complicated, and in my judgment is in the hands of too many organizations or committees. We have our Masonic Home managed through the Board of Trustees; our regular Grand Lodge Committee on Relief; and the Committee on Orphans Educational Fund. All three of these are distributing relief in one form or another; and I find in some cases parties are receiving aid from two of the sources given above.

I give below a statement of money actually expended for charity out of the appropriations made for that purpose at the last session of the Grand Lodge.

The Nebraska Masonic Home, per capita tax.....	\$ 7,375.00
The Nebraska Masonic Home, for stock in the association to help aid in building the new addition to the Home.....	17,757.46
To individual members and their families by our regular Committee on Relief.....	2,450.00
To Frank H. Young, expended by him in 1906-7.....	375.00
To Frank H. Young, to be expended in 1907-08.....	525.00
To Frank H. Young, out of the income from the Orphans Educational Fund, to be expended in 1907-08—\$1,700, and of which there has been expended.....	987.75
Total .....	\$29,470.21

Deducting the amount appropriated to the Nebraska Masonic Home leaves the sum of \$4,337.75 expended for other charity; and at the close of the Masonic year reduces our Grand Lodge charity fund, not counting the \$100.00 returned by the Grand Lodge of California, to \$185.00. In some cases I find that the Grand Lodge is contributing to the relief of members where the lodges themselves are contributing nothing, either to those we are assisting or to others; and in some instances I find we are assisting members where the lodges have an abundance of funds to care for their own needy members. I do not believe it should be the policy of the Grand Lodge to grant relief except where it is impossible for the lodge to aid its own members, for Grand Lodge aid should be supplemental only to aid by lodges. Many lodges are caring for the poor and needy in their own locality, and to require them to do this and then ask them to contribute aid to members of lodges where the lodge is doing little or nothing in the way of charity is unjust, and will eventually result in the Grand Lodge being asked to assume all the burden of relief. This would necessitate a very large increase in dues from the subordinate lodges, and in my judgment is not the way that relief should be distributed. I recommend for consideration of the Grand Lodge the following:

That Grand Lodge relief be extended to lodges when it is shown:

1st. That the dues on members or its income is sufficient to pay the necessary expenses of the lodge with a fair margin for charity.

2d. That the lodge is doing its full share in the way of relieving the distress of its own members.

3d. That the lodge asking for aid for its members cannot without great hardship render the assistance asked for.

4th. In no event should the Grand Lodge extend aid to any one individual or family in a larger sum than the lodge is contributing to the same parties, unless it can be clearly shown that the lodge is unable to pay its proportion.

5th. That no relief be granted by the Grand Lodge until it is satisfied that all requirements shown above have been complied with; a full statement of each case to be made on such blanks as the Grand Lodge shall issue. I further recommend that our entire system of relief and all the law relating thereto be modified or changed so as to make a complete system, placing the entire matter in the hands of as few persons as possible.

#### THE MASONIC HOME.

I was present and voted the stock held by the Grand Lodge at the annual meeting of the Nebraska Masonic Home in January. I also attended the organization of the Board of Trustees on the same day.

Most reluctantly I accepted the position of President of the Board—but the trustees were so insistent that finally I assumed the chair, hoping that perhaps by so doing I might annihilate the little friction that was manifest at the last session of the Grand Lodge.

I have attended each meeting of the board since and I desire to report to you the most excellent condition that exists at the Home. A change of Superintendents has just been made, the former Superintendent having resigned. I trust we have the right man—at best it is a hard place to fill. Our guests are generally old people upon whom the infirmities of age sit none too lightly, and it requires a Superintendent of most infinite patience and tact to successfully meet and please so many with such varying dispositions and temperaments, and the added weaknesses of human nature that come to us all in the evening of our lives; for in many respects our Home partakes of the nature of a hospital, thus multiplying the burdens. Thanks to your generosity there is no lack of funds to meet every legitimate want, and thus I feel it will ever be. The Home is and ought to be the pride of every Freemason in Nebraska.

Your trustees need no certificate at my hands; mostly they are your Past Grand Masters—grown old in the service of the Fraternity—freely are they giving of their time and ripe experience that this institution may grow and flourish. I have been greatly moved by the watchful care and zeal manifested by all, and these brethren are returning in most loving service to the Fraternity full measure for the honors you so generously bestowed on them in the years gone by. They are standing as grim sentinels guarding your every interest, with no schemes or plans of their own—only wishing to do for the Home that which the Grand Lodge wishes done and to carry out to the fullest extent your direction.

Brethren, the Home is yours and I have never realized it as completely and fully as I have since I became its President. It can only exist by your bounty. It is your child. Its noble founder and first

President, George W. Lininger, only assisted in bringing it to light—it is yours to foster, cherish, and maintain.

The endowment of \$50,000.00 which you so generously provided, you have by your legislation said the Grand Lodge should at all times manage and control, and seventy-five per cent. of the interest thereof should be turned over to the trustees for the use of the Home. This is most emphatically right, and the trustees have no wish or desire to have the control of this endowment fund.

The Orphans Educational Fund of this Grand Lodge should be under the control or management of a board, other and distinct from the Board of Trustees of the Home.

Our legislation in the past has been bungling and inconsistent, and the work of our last session only added thereto. This should be changed, and our laws amended to conform to your desired action, as expressed at our session of two years ago, and the inconsistent parts eliminated.

I have, at considerable pains, after much consultation with many of the brethren who are vitally interested in the Grand Lodge as well as the Home, carefully considered the legislation on the subject, and have prepared a substitute for Chapter IV. as found in our law of 1907, which I offer as a substitute for the present Chapter IV. of the Law of Freemasonry, 1907, and ask unanimous consent for its consideration at the present session. Most urgently recommending the same for your consideration and adoption, I believe most firmly that in so doing I am only carrying out your wishes and desires as expressed in our annual sessions.

Strike out of Section 9, Chapter III. the following: (6) Orphans Educational Fund, " and renumber the other committees, and strike from the eleventh line the figure 6, and insert 5, and strike from the sixteenth line the word and figure except (6). Amend Section 15 of Chapter III. of the by-laws to read as follows:

Sec. 15. RELIEF. The Committee of Relief shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Grand Master, (one to be appointed for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years, and one to be appointed each year thereafter for five years). That said committee shall have entire charge of, shall receive, consider and report upon all applications for relief from the Relief Funds of this Grand Lodge, and appropriations from the Orphans Educational Fund interest. It shall be the duty of the committee to make a thorough investigation of each and every application, and upon approval of the committee, warrants may be drawn upon the funds by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

At each annual session of the Grand Lodge the committee shall make a detailed report of its doings and of the probable apportionment of said funds and the purposes for which they shall be made for the ensuing year, and shall be subject to the order of the Grand Lodge as to such apportionments. The committee shall be a board of visitors from this Grand Lodge to and for the Masonic Home located at Plattsmouth.

Strike out all of Section 16. Strike out and repeal all of Chapter IV., and substitute the following therefor:

Chapter IV.

Section 27.—THE ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND OF THIS GRAND LODGE shall be in charge and control of a board of three Trustees, to be appointed by the Grand Master. The present Trustees of said fund shall hold their offices for the respective terms for which they were appointed, and at the expiration of each of such terms, the Grand Master shall annually appoint a Trustee for three years.

Section 27 A.—\$50,000 of this fund shall constitute the Endowment Fund of the Nebraska Masonic Home. Seventy-five per cent. of the annual interest of this fund, based on the earnings thereof for the preceding year, may be used for the care and education of orphans, and the support and maintenance of the Home, which shall be disbursed on the order of the Relief Committee, through warrants drawn by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary. This Endowment Fund, with its increase from time to time, shall by the Board of Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund be kept separate and distinct from all other funds.

Section 27 B.—NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME. The Grand Master, and in his absence from the meeting, the Deputy Grand Master or the ranking Grand Warden shall represent the Grand Lodge at all meetings of the stockholders of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

Section 28.—OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND. They shall annually elect one of their numbers as President, one as Secretary, and one as Treasurer of said Board. They shall keep a record of their proceedings, which shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Grand Master or of any one authorized for that purpose. The Treasurer shall give a bond in such form as the Grand Master shall direct, in the sum of \$5,000, or such larger sum as may be required by the Grand Master, which bond may be provided by an approved Guarantee Company, and the cost thereof paid out of said fund.

Section 29.—FUNDS: HOW LOANED. Said funds may be loaned out upon real estate first mortgages in sums not to exceed \$2,500, or 40 per cent. of the appraised value, or in the purchase of such mortgage securities, or approved public securities.

All unloaned money may be deposited in solvent banks on interest, until required for the purpose of making loans. The applicant for real estate loan shall furnish a complete abstract of title, to the lands offered as security, and sign a statement setting forth the value, condition and character of said lands, the improvement thereon, the amount of loan desired, the length of time it is to run, and the rate of interest offered. The Board shall cause an appraisal to be made by two reputable appraisers, which shall show in items the fair market value of the land, and the improvements thereon.



The applicant shall pay for said abstract and appraisements, and all recording fees. If the security offered is deemed satisfactory by a majority of the Board, a loan may be completed, and the securities therefor recorded, and held by the Treasurer of said Board. As additional security, the borrower shall secure and maintain at his own cost, sufficient solvent insurance upon the tenements upon said land, and keep the policies thereof assigned and delivered to said Board of Trustees.

No loan shall be made either directly or indirectly to any member of said Board of Trustees.

Section 30.—TREASURER'S REPORT. The Treasurer of said Board, shall at least ten days before the annual Grand Communication, file with the Grand Secretary, a full, detailed and itemized statement of the moneys received and paid out by him, the dates and sources of such receipts, the dates and objects of such payments, the securities in his custody, upon what lands, and what amounts, if any, are due and unpaid, and from whom owing. Such report shall be printed and referred in the same manner as the report of the several Grand Officers.

Section 31.—RELIEF FUND. One-tenth of the gross income of this Grand Lodge from dues and fees each year, is hereby set apart and transferred to a fund to be called the Grand Lodge Relief Fund, which, together with the Relief Fund already accumulated may be disbursed as needed, for the relief of indigent Masons and their widows, and the relief and education of their orphans.

Section 32.—ALL APPLICATIONS FOR RELIEF from this fund shall be referred to the standing Committee on Relief, and its recommendations shall be transmitted to the Grand Master, who may order warrants drawn upon the fund, in accordance with the recommendation of such committee.

Section 33.—Its report shall be made after thorough investigation of the necessity for such relief, and no relief shall be granted by the committee until all the necessary information called for has been furnished. All questions relating to relief shall be referred to the Committee on Relief.

All applications for relief to be acted upon at the session of the Grand Lodge shall be filed with the Committee on Relief at least ten days prior to the annual communication. Information must be furnished in the application the same as provided for above.

#### MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

During the past, several Grand Masters have recommended a change in our law, reducing the mileage paid to representatives and committee-men who attend our annual communications to the sum actually paid out for railroad fare. Out of a total expense for the year 1907 of \$11,935.22, \$3,578.44 was paid for mileage and per diem. At our last annual communication \$2,063.40 was paid out for mileage alone. Of this amount \$687.80 was in excess of the actual amount paid for mileage

by the brethren attending the Grand Lodge session. In opposition to a change in the law the argument is generally presented that the additional mileage is to compensate the brethren for the time lost in coming to and returning from the annual communications. As a rule we generally pay for three days' attendance, while usually our sessions last but two days. All Grand Lodge Officers, officers of lodges, and committeemen give a portion of their time without any expectation of being paid therefor; and it would seem to me that if the necessary sum for railroad fare is paid to representatives and committeemen it should be sufficient, as the brethren should be willing to give a portion of their time for the good of Masonry. After careful consideration of the subject I am fully convinced that unless we can reduce our expenses in some way, the time is not far distant when it will be necessary for us to increase our Grand Lodge dues. What I have said under the head of Relief may have some bearing on this subject. I therefore recommend that unanimous consent be granted to amend Section 5 of Chapter I., by striking out the word "six" from the fifth line and substituting the word "four." This change will fix the mileage on a basis of actual railroad fare to and from the Grand Lodge. I appeal to the good sense and principles of justice of the brethren to make the change above referred to.

#### CONCLUSION.

And now, my brethren, I return the gavel to you again, and with it my sincere thanks for your confidence and support. You have given to me a great honor, and with it the opportunity of an enlarged acquaintance and ripened friendships, and more than that, I have received at your hands an experience which is an education in itself, and the recollection of the past year will ever be to me a most pleasant remembrance, which I hope will remain clear and vivid through all my declining years.

To our Past Grand Officers I owe my thanks for the cordial manner in which I have been received when applying to them for counsel and advice, and for the free and impartial manner in which the same has been given.

To my associate Grand Officers for their loyal support, with a special mention of our Grand Secretary, whose watchful care over the affairs of the Craft and his systematic methods for recording the same, have lessened materially the burdens imposed upon me.

And last, but by no means least, to our Grand Custodian for the efficient manner in which he has not only performed his own duties, but has been ever ready to go out of his way that he might assist me whenever I have called upon him to do so.

ORNAN J. KING,  
*Grand Master.*

The address of the Grand Master, together with the following reports of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Custodian, and Treasurer of the Orphans Educational Fund, were referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers:

#### REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

John B. Dinsmore, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska:

##### GENERAL FUND.

On hand as per last report.....	\$21,629.56
Received from the Grand Secretary.....	26,953.62
Total .....	\$48,583.18
Paid orders Nos. 2697 to 2699 and 2800 to 2895, inclusive....	\$30,048.57
Balance on hand .....	\$18,534.61

##### RELIEF FUND.

Balance on hand last report.....	\$15,392.80
Received from the Grand Secretary.....	1,859.02
Total .....	\$17,251.82
Paid orders Nos. 2721 to 2768 inclusive.....	15,207.46
Balance on hand .....	\$2,044.36

##### RECAPITULATION.

General Fund on hand .....	\$18,534.61
Relief Fund on hand .....	2,044.36
Total .....	\$20,578.97

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. DINSMORE,

*Grand Treasurer.*

#### REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

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

I submit herewith my report for the year ending June 8th, 1908.

All papers relating to the six lodges U. D. have been placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations; and all papers relating to grievances, the statement of indebtedness of former members of lodges that are now extinct, and petitions for reinstatement from two expelled members, have been sent to the Chairman of the Committee on Grievances. Books, statement of accounts with vouchers, etc., have been turned over to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

## RETURNS FROM LODGES.

Returns from all chartered lodges, and statements of work from the six lodges under dispensation have been received, and all accounts between lodges and the Grand Lodge have been settled and balanced.

## CARD REGISTRY.

I have been unable to procure from some of the lodges information that seemed absolutely necessary in order to definitely determine the status of some of the members; communications on the subject remain unanswered.

## GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND, CASH DEBIT.

June 7th, 1907, Amount in the hands of the Grand Treasurer..	\$21,629.56
Received, charter-fees from lodges Nos. 260, 261, 262, and 263.	200.00
Received from Elk Creek Lodge No. 90 for duplicate charter..	15.00
Received for insurance, loss on supplies.....	37.20
Received for insurance, damage to linoleum.....	4.50
Received for insurance, damage to books.....	60.00
Received for insurance, cleaning books and supplies.....	50.00
Received from express company, proceedings lost in transit.	3.00
Received from Endeavor Lodge No. 262, for paraphernalia...	5.00
Received from Crystal Lodge No. 191, expenses of Grand Custodian .....	6.66
Received from Elk Creek Lodge No. 90, balance due the Grand Lodge, 1907 .....	1.02
Received from sale of furniture of Livingstone Lodge No. 66.	9.92
Received from Utica Lodge No. 96 for duplicate charter....	15.00
Received from special dispensations.....	200.00
Received for paraphernalia sold to Belgrade Lodge U. D. ....	4.50
Received for dispensation fees for three new lodges.....	75.00
Received for supplies sold to lodges, less \$2.25 returned by York Lodge No. 56.....	923.07
Received for dues on 15,585 at \$1.25, not including members exempt from payment of Grand Lodge dues, members of extinct lodges, and members of lodges U. D. ....	19,108.75
Received for fees on 1,225 initiations at \$5.00 each.....	6,125.00
Received for fees on 2 from Beemer Lodge No. 253, paid in error .....	10.00
Received for charter fee for Overton Lodge.....	50.00
Received for charter fee for George W. Lininger Lodge.....	50.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$48,583.18</b>

## CASH, CREDIT.

Chairman, Committee on Returns.....	\$ 100.00
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	100.00
Postage, telegrams, telephone calls, and expressage.....	254.14
Grand Lodge stationery.....	68.44

Grand Lodge janitor .....	92.65
The Grand Tyler.....	50.00
Expenses of Grand Master Baird, balance due.....	76.75
Merna Lodge No. 171, return of special dispensation fee.....	10.00
John A. Ehrhardt, expense attending semi-centennial committee meeting .....	15.30
Henry H. Wilson, expense attending semi-centennial committee meeting .....	7.30
Assistants to Grand Treasurer, session of 1907.....	10.00
Stenographer, session of 1907.....	5.00
Charles K. Coutant, Treasurer, commission for services.....	178.00
Nebraska Masonic Home, for shares of stock.....	5,000.00
Pay-roll, session of 1907.....	3,576.86
Livingstone Lodge No. 66, extinct, postage due the secretary..	1.50
Portraits of P. G. M. George W. Lininger for proceedings...	14.00
Premium on bonds of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary..	72.00
Crystal Lodge No. 191, amount due the lodge.....	88.18
600 copies of the law, edition of 1907.....	116.75
1 Burroughs adding machine and stand.....	265.00
Printing proceedings of 1907.....	834.95
1 gold Jordan medal.....	30.00
250 pamphlets, list of lodges of the world.....	88.20
Charters for lodges .....	105.00
Beemer Lodge No. 253, refund on 2 initiations.....	10.00
Rent, heat, and light.....	250.00
Nebraska Masonic Home, per capita tax.....	7,643.50
Transferred to the Relief Fund.....	1,759.02
John B. Dinsmore, Grand Treasurer, salary to June, 1908....	50.00
John B. Dinsmore, Grand Treasurer, expense account.....	4.01
Telephone for Grand Secretary's office.....	30.00
Blanks for Grand Secretary's office.....	103.10
Incidental expenses for Grand Secretary's office.....	56.64
Supplies purchased during the year.....	1,243.12
Clerk hire, Grand Secretary.....	1,173.00
Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, salary to May 31st, 1908..	1,800.00
Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, salary to May 31st, 1908.	1,200.00
Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, expense account.....	550.00
Ornan J. King, Grand Master, expense account.....	300.00
Ornan J. King, Grand Master, clerk hire.....	245.00
Expense of Robert E. French, visiting Crystal Lodge No. 191, returned by the lodge .....	6.66
Semi-centennial .....	2,464.50
Balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, May 20th, 1908.	18,534.61
	<u>\$48,583.18</u>

## RELIEF FUND.

## DEBIT.

June 4th, 1907, Balance in the Grand Treasury..	\$15,392.80
Sept. 18th, 1907, Returned by the Grand Lodge of California .....	100.00
May 10th, 1908, Transferred from the General Fund .....	1,759.02

## CREDIT.

Transferred to the Nebraska Masonic Home for stock .....	\$12,757.46
Alexandria Lodge No. 74, funeral expenses of Thomas J. Cook .....	50.00
Frank H. Young, for Mrs. Ida Holden, 1907.....	50.00
Frank H. Young, for Mrs. Serena E. Harvey, 1907	50.00
Frank H. Young, for Mrs. Mary Russell, 1907...	75.00
Frank H. Young, for Mrs. L. I. King, 1907.....	50.00
Frank H. Young, for Mrs. Lillian Wendell, 1907..	50.00
Frank H. Young, for Mrs. Lillian Longstreth, 1907 .....	50.00
Frank H. Young, for Mrs. Minnie Herrington, 1907 .....	50.00
Frank H. Young, for Mrs. Ida Holden, 1907-8...	50.00
Frank H. Young, for Mrs. Lillian Longstreth, 1907-8 .....	50.00
Frank H. Young, for Mrs. Serena E. Harvey, 1907-8 .....	200.00
Frank H. Young, for Mrs. Mary Russell, 1907-8.	125.00
Frank H. Young, for Mrs. Lizzie Wendell, 1907-8	50.00
Frank H. Young, for Ollie and Ada Crosby, 1907-8.	50.00
Falls City Lodge No. 9, for John J. Tucker, 1907-8..	60.00
Crete Lodge No. 37, for Elbert H. Cochran, 1907-8.	60.00
Edgar Lodge No. 67, for Mrs. Eliza Bunn, 1907-8..	80.00
Bennet Lodge No. 94, for Job Hiatt, 1907-8.....	60.00
Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, for Mrs. Charles P. Hackney, 1907-8 .....	240.00
Superior Lodge No. 121, for Olus C. Williams, 1907-8 .....	25.00
Rawalt Lodge No. 138, for William T. Lindsay, 1907-8 .....	180.00
Siloam Lodge No. 147, for Mrs. Serena E. Harvey, 1907-08 .....	350.00
Parian Lodge No. 207, for Mrs. James A. Pike, 1907-8 .....	60.00
Parian Lodge No. 207, for Mrs. James Dickson, 1907-8 .....	60.00
East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, for Baltzar Mowan, 1907-8 .....	120.00

Bloomfield Lodge No. 218, for Arthur N. Doane, 1907-8 .....	60.00
Relief Lodge No. 219, for Charles L. Allen, 1907-8.	25.00
George Armstrong Lodge No. 241, for Mrs. Mary Gray, 1907-8 .....	120.00
May 20th, 1908, Balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer .....	2,044.36
	\$17,251.82
	\$17,251.82

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Balance on hand as per last report.....	\$ 894.79
Purchased during the year.....	1,243.12
Returned by York Lodge No. 56.....	2.25
Sold during the year.....	\$ 925.32
Issued free during the year.....	147.70
Insurance on supplies damaged .....	37.20
Amount on hand March 20th, 1908.....	1,029.94
	\$2,140.16
	\$2,140.16

INVENTORY, MAY 20TH, 1908.

246 shares of stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$24,600.00
Supplies on hand for sale and issue.....	1,029.94
Cash in the General Fund.....	18,534.61
Cash in the Relief Fund.....	2,044.36
Grand Lodge jewels.....	227.50
Grand Lodge library.....	952.48
Grand Lodge library furniture.....	1,664.64
	\$49,053.53
Less \$100.00, charter fees for two lodges.....	100.00
Net assets of the Grand Lodge.....	\$48,953.53

TRIAL BALANCE, GRAND LODGE, A.F. & A.M., MAY 20TH, 1908.

Stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$24,600.00
Supplies .....	1,029.94
Cash, General Fund.....	18,534.61
Cash, Relief Fund.....	2,044.36
Grand Lodge jewels.....	277.50
Grand Lodge library.....	952.48
Grand Lodge library furniture.....	1,664.64
Inventory .....	\$48,953.53
Overton Lodge U.D., charter fee.....	50.00
George W. Lininger Lodge U.D., charter fee..	50.00
	\$49,053.53
	\$49,053.53

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

There have been 377 shares of stock issued and paid for; of these the Grand Lodge owns 246 shares.

For dues from members of extinct lodges.....	46.30
From the Grand Lodge per capita tax.....	7,043.50
Total .....	\$8,479.55

and has disbursed \$5,453.02, leaving cash on hand May 20th, 1908, \$20,725.46.

There is unpaid on contracts for the addition to the Home and for a piece of ground, approximately \$3,200.00. Unless some rooms are furnished without expense to the Home, about \$1,000.00 will be needed for that item. A new heating plant will have to be installed during the summer, as the present plant is not large enough to heat the addition; fire escapes are necessary, gas and electric light fixtures will have to be put in the new addition, and about \$500.00 will have to be spent in betterments and repairs.

A system of sewerage will have to be put in at an early date, and as it will be necessary to lay pipe for a long distance, it will cost considerable money. A gas heater for heating water during the summer months is a necessity, and should be supplied immediately.

When the finances of the Home will justify it an iron fence should be put around the entire grounds; the floor in the basement to the first addition should be cemented, and cement laid under the porches on the east and south sides; a few cement walks in and around the grounds would add much to the appearance of the Home. The trustees hope that by economical use of the funds on hand they will be able to properly care for the residents of the Home and make such improvements as seem absolutely necessary.

FRANCIS E. WHITE,  
*Grand Secretary.*

#### REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

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

There is a plane where a Master may preside,  
It is not in the Great Beyond—over the Divide,  
But right here now—as well as then and there  
May learn the power of Compass over Square.  
R. E. F.

Through the watchful care and loving kindness of our Heavenly Father, I am permitted to herewith submit my eighth annual report as your Grand Custodian. There has not been a single date cancelled, or a change made at my request. The only cancellations made in the past year have been either by order of the Grand Master, or at the request of the lodges.

Regular schools have been held at the following places:—St. Paul, Lexington, Ogalalla, Chappell, Sidney, Alliance, Merna, Holdrege, Willsonville, Orleans, Callaway, Ord, Loup City, Fairmont, Clay Center, Albion, Genoa, Sutton, Wahoo, Bennet, Hubbell, Blue Hill, Omaha, Lincoln, Davenport, Fairbury, Nebraska City, Brock, Cook, Peru, Burchard, Barneston, Oakland, Craig, Winside, Hartington, Ponca, Wausa, Nor-



folk, Tilden, Ewing, Wisner, Wood Lake, Rushville, Hay Springs, Chadron, and Auburn. Total number of schools fifty-one, of three days each, except two; three hundred and thirty-seven sessions of two and one-half hours each, at which there were one hundred and seventy lodges actually represented; total attendance four thousand, two hundred and forty-one; total number of miles traveled, thirteen thousand, seven hundred and fourteen.

#### CANCELLATIONS.

By order of the Grand Master, or at the request of the lodges, schools were cancelled at Arlington, Allen, Guide Rock, O'Neill, Plainview, Stuart, and Wilber. The first six were cancelled at their own request, by reason of not being able to comply with the requirements of the Grand Lodge.

The schools having the largest attendance were held at Lincoln, Omaha, Wahoo, Chadron, and Norfolk. Mosaic Lodge No. 55, Norfolk, leads all others in having the largest number of lodges represented.

It is with pleasure I report the following Grand Lodge officers present at different schools during the year: Grand Master King, Past Grand Masters Mercer, Dinsmore, Baird, Burnham, Ehrhardt, and Crites. Come again, come often, M.'W.'Sirs. Your presence not only lends dignity to the occasion, but gives enthusiasm to the Craft, and inspires and encourages the Grand Custodian.

#### SPECIAL SCHOOLS.

At the special request, and at the order of the Grand Master, schools were held at Fairbury, Brock, Cook, Norfolk, Ponca, Blue Hill, and Wisner.

#### INVESTIGATIONS.

At the request of the Grand Master, I accompanied him to Scotia and Arcadia, to investigate past and present conditions, as well as the future welfare of the lodges located at the two places.

#### CONSTITUTING NEW LODGES.

At the request of the Grand Master, I perfected all the preliminary arrangements and assisted in constituting the new lodges at Indianola, Spencer, Springview, and Mitchell, whose charters were granted at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

#### VISITATIONS.

I was present at special visitations of the Grand Master at Bassett, Scottsbluff, and Beatrice. Acting under a formal commission of the Grand Master, I officially visited McCook Lodge No. 135 and Wayne Lodge No. 120, making due report of the same to him.

#### OFFICIAL EXAMINATIONS FOR LODGES U.'D.'.

In compliance with official orders of the Grand Master, I have made formal examinations for lodges U.'D.' at the following places:

Scottsbluff, Franklin, Silver Creek, Trumbull, Overton, Belgrade, and Omaha; all of the above places having fully complied with the requirements of Article XII., Par. 2 of the Constitution, (except Trumbull), I issued my formal certificate recommending that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Grand Master King was present during parts of the examinations at Trumbull and Omaha.

#### WORK.

I have been present at, and assisted in conferring the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, at the request of the lodges, at Kearney, Shelton, Grand Island, Beatrice, and Hartington. Grand Master King honored the occasions with his presence and assistance at Grand Island, Beatrice, and Kearney. At Grand Island there were three brothers raised by the name of "Morgan." Four other brothers of the same family were present. Who says we have lost any Morgans?

At Hartington, one of the candidates was the son of Past Grand Master Baird, who presided himself, assisted by Past Grand Masters Evans, Burnham, and myself, occupying other official stations during the work. It was a happy event, long to be remembered by all those present. At Kearney, old "46" maintained her reputation of long standing, doing the work on such a high plane of proficiency as to be surpassed by none, and equaled by few. Grand Master King, Past Grand Masters Hopewell and Black, and Grand Junior Deacon Morgan were present at this meeting. In all, I have assisted in conferring fourteen degrees during the last year.

#### GRAND LODGE CEREMONIALS.

In compliance with an order of the Grand Master, I perfected all the preliminary arrangements, and was present at, and assisted in laying the corner-stone for the Y. M. C. A. building at Columbus, Nebraska.

As the official representative of the Grand Master, and by virtue of an official order under his seal and signature, assisted by Parian Lodge No. 207, and neighboring lodges from Broken Bow and Arnold, I formally laid the corner-stone of the Public High School building at Callaway, Nebraska, according to the ancient ceremonies of the Craft.

At the request of the proper officials, and by order of the Grand Master, I perfected all the preliminary arrangements, and was present at, and assisted in dedicating the beautiful Masonic Hall at Long Pine, Nebraska.

At the special invitation of the proper officials and by request of the Grand Master, I was present at, and assisted in dedicating one of the best—if not the best—Masonic Halls in this Grand Jurisdiction, that of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, North Platte, Nebraska. This magnificent structure, perfect in all its arrangements from corner-stone to capital, shows the guiding hand and watchful eye of experienced Masters and faithful Craftsmen. Long may this temple stand as a lasting monument to the liberality of its founders.

## FUNERALS.

Since my last official report, May 1st, 1907, in compliance with the special requests of bereaved relatives, Masters of lodges, and under the direction of the Grand Master, I have presided at the funeral services of beloved brethren, some of many years intimate acquaintance, who now have passed through the Valley of the Shadow, and have turned a bend in the road that conceals these loved ones from our view.

As the shades of the twilight flitted over Earth's green  
In sorrow and sadness we closed up the scene,  
In the morning they'll awake on a bright, sunny shore,  
Where hearts can ne'er break and parting no more.

These services were conducted at Genoa, Elwood, Juniata, Aurora, Kennard, Kearney, Shelton, and Miller, one of which was conducted at Kearney by the request of Hastings Lodge No. 50.

Conditions were such, owing to previous engagements, that I could not comply with other requests made for my services, at Genoa, Lincoln, and Shelton, which I regret very much.

How to comply with these requests, some made by loved ones, in writing, when we are dated for schools in other places, is a proposition that I cannot determine, a responsibility which I think the Grand Master should be relieved of, and a problem which I think the Grand Lodge ought to solve. May I ask again, that you carefully consider this matter, and advise?

To Grand Master King, I owe most grateful acknowledgement for his kindly consideration and generous forbearance towards me, in what might be deemed by some, obstinacy, but is not meant to be so on my part. If there was a difference of opinions, it was an honest one, and instead of severing a single tie of friendship's bond, it rather strengthened and united our efforts to more fully demonstrate the Masonic admonition "as to who best can work, and best agree." No one knows better than I how faithful he has been to every trust reposed. Honest in purpose, sincere in motive, was his every act. May long life crown his years with "plenty, health, and peace."

## FINALE.

After many years of experience in my present field of labor, I feel at times as though our present method is not accomplishing the desired results sought for by the Grand Lodge, that of a higher standard of proficiency in the work of the several degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry. Neither can I see my way clear to suggest an improvement over the present method, without taking chances on other serious complications that might arise from any change from the present one; the time allowed to cover the necessary programme (three days) including time for travel, in some cases is rather limited, and must of necessity crowd the general instruction, giving no time for individual instruction, which is sometimes very essential, although I am pleased to inform the Grand Lodge that there are several lodges in the state that are no

longer in need of formal instruction from the Grand Custodian, being substantially correct as a whole, and letter correct in many respects. This happy condition is in a large degree due to the untiring zeal and unwavering interest of true, noble, and devoted brethren, whose loyalty to the principles of Masonry, fidelity to its obligations, and obedience to its laws and constituted authority, have well fitted them for teachers of the mystic art.

I sincerely hope that the Grand Lodge will not permit itself to follow an old time rut that will interfere with the advancement and interest of the Craft, as a whole, regardless of the individuality or personality of any one—the twig of a tree is not to be considered in comparison with the whole body, and its vigorous branches.

Unpleasant experiences in the past, arising from generous motives no doubt, but not from a proper understanding of conditions, compel me to guard well the future from any further repetitions along the lines of extending any personal favors in the way of gifts, entertainments, or receptions to your present Grand Custodian, for reasons unnecessary to explain. They will, without a single exception, have to be respectfully declined. The Grand Lodge amply remunerates me for my services, and makes a liberal appropriation to pay all necessary expenses. See Deut., XVI. Ch., 19 verse.

The pride of vanity, egotism, and self righteousness impedes the progress from darkness to light, equally as much as the subjugation of some cultivated passion, lust of the flesh, or pride of life.

May an earnest and sincere desire for wisdom, illuminated by the great light of Masonry, lead us one and all into the peaceful realm of the realization of the "Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of Man," with the moral courage and Christian fortitude of the "Lion of the Tribe of Judea" to fully discharge the three great duties which as Masons we are charged to inculcate, viz., "to God, our neighbor, and ourselves" by practice as well as by precept.

If no good I have done in the spirit or letter,  
The sooner forgotten, the sooner the better.  
But if on Life's page, kindly acts you can trace,  
"All is Well" with me—it's known in the right place.

R. E. F.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

ROBERT E. FRENCH,  
*Grand Custodian.*

#### FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

Amount of appropriation for expenses.....	\$600.00
“ unexpended May 1st, 1907.....	25.34
“ expended to May 8th, 1908.....	\$554.32
“ appropriation not drawn.....	50.00
“ of cash in Grand Custodian's hands May 7th, 1908 .....	21.02
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	\$625.34    \$625.34

It is hereby certified that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and the above amount, \$554.32, was actually expended in the discharge of my duties as Grand Custodian, under the direction of the Grand Master.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ROBERT E. FRENCH,  
Grand Custodian.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

OMAHA, NEBRASKA, MAY 25TH, 1908.

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

The following report for the year ending at the close of business this date is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund:

Securities on hand last report.....		\$49,480.00
Purchased since:		
1907 June 21, Bean, No. 153.....	\$ 300.00	
July 18, Van Nostrand, No. 154.....	2,500.00	
July 25, Johnson, No. 155.....	1,500.00	
Oct. 22, Heath, No. 156.....	1,500.00	
1908 Mar. 10, Westerfield, No. 157.....	2,000.00	
Mar. 28, Richardson, No. 158.....	1,200.00	
Mar. 30, Goll, No. 159.....	2,500.00	11,500.00
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		\$60,980.00

Received on account of securities since last report:

1907 May 17, Goodrich, No 101.....	\$ 100.00	
June 3, Thiele, No. 139.....	60.00	
June 10, Romano, No. 106.....	150.00	
July 20, Bilby, No. 120.....	2,400.00	
Oct. 15, Thiele, No. 139.....	100.00	
Oct. 17, Hume, No. 148.....	500.00	
Dec. 4, Colson, No. 116.....	100.00	
1908 Jan. 6, Thiele, No. 139.....	40.00	
Feb. 28, Northern Light Lodge, No. 39.....	100.00	
Mar. 2, Johnson, No. 155.....	750.00	
Mar. 3, Kelley, No. 112.....	500.00	
Mar. 10, Westerfield, No. 110.....	1,500.00	
Mar. 19, Colson, No. 116.....	200.00	
Mar. 20, Bacon, No. 111.....	2,000.00	
Mar. 27, Waldecker, No. 137.....	900.00	
Mar. 31, Mauk, No. 133.....	500.00	
Mar. 28, Richardson, No. 113.....	1,100.00	
Apr. 17, Thiele, No. 139.....	80.00	11,080.00
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		\$49,900.00

## LIST OF SECURITIES ON HAND.

NO.	BORROWER	AMOUNT	RATE		INT. PAID TO
1,	Voss .....	\$ 1,000.00	6	per cent.	Dec. 1, 1907
39,	Northern Light Lodge...	500.00	6	" "	Feb. 27, 1908
44,	Cole .....	800.00	6	" "	Mar. 15, 1908
62,	Warren .....	100.00	6	" "	Apr. 20, 1907
110,	Kelley .....	1,000.00	5½	" "	Apr. 1, 1908
114,	Larson .....	750.00	8	" "	Apr. 1, 1908
118,	Tekamah Lodge, 31.....	300.00	6	" "	Febr. 17, 1908
121,	Bundy .....	500.00	6	" "	Mar. 1, 1908
122,	Hopewell .....	1,100.00	5½	" "	Jan. 12, 1908
123,	Kelley .....	1,000.00	5½	" "	Feb. 18, 1908
124,	Jenson .....	2,000.00	5½	" "	Mar. 1, 1908
125,	Thomas .....	2,000.00	5½	" "	Mar. 16, 1908
126,	Kelley .....	1,000.00	5½	" "	Mar. 24, 1908
128,	Thomas .....	2,000.00	5½	" "	Mar. 22, 1908
129,	Van Antwerp .....	1,000.00	8	" "	Mar. 1, 1908
131,	Latta .....	1,300.00	5½	" "	July 15, 1907
134,	Hansen .....	1,200.00	5	" "	Aug. 1, 1907
135,	Witmas .....	500.00	9	" "	Jan. 8, 1908
136,	Brown .....	600.00	8	" "	Jan. 25, 1908
138,	Jensen .....	2,500.00	5	" "	Feb. 20, 1908
139,	Thiele .....	700.00	6	" "	Apr. 15, 1908
140,	Sackett .....	1,300.00	5	" "	June 23, 1907
141,	Hart .....	1,500.00	5	" "	June 26, 1907
142,	Hart .....	1,500.00	5	" "	June 26, 1907
143,	Rapp .....	500.00	8	" "	July 1, 1907
144,	Groat .....	2,000.00	7	" "	Aug. 7, 1907
145,	Matthews .....	1,000.00	5	" "	Aug. 18, 1907
146,	Barrett .....	1,500.00	5	" "	Mar. 1, 1908
147,	Archibald .....	2,000.00	6	" "	Jan. 1, 1908
149,	Anderson .....	2,500.00	7½	" "	Mar. 1, 1908
150,	Sklenar .....	1,000.00	5	" "	Mar. 24, 1908
151,	Sklenar .....	1,500.00	5	" "	Mar. 25, 1908
152,	McGraw .....	1,000.00	7	" "	Apr. 1, 1908
153,	Bean .....	300.00	6	" "	Int. not due.
154,	Van Nostrand .....	2,500.00	5½	" "	Int. not due.
155,	Johnson .....	750.00	5	" "	Mar. 1, 1908
156,	Heath .....	1,500.00	5½	" "	Int. not due.
157,	Westerfield .....	2,000.00	5	" "	Int. not due.
158,	Richardson .....	1,200.00	5½	" "	Int. not due.
159,	Goll .....	2,500.00	5½	" "	Int. not due.
Total .....		\$49,900.00			

CASH.

Cash on hand last report.....	\$ 2,357.58
Received on account securities paid.....	11,080.00
Received for interest .....	3,042.70
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	\$16,480.28

DISBURSEMENTS.

For securities purchased .....	\$11,500.00
Special warrant to Frank H. Young, for charity..	219.73
Special warrant to Frank H. Young, charity.....	632.00
Special warrant to Frank H. Young, charity.....	487.75
Wheeler & Wheeler, bond.....	20.00
Taxes, Hastings property.....	20.15
Rent safety deposit vault.....	10.00
Incidental expenses, stationery and postage.....	6.15
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Cash on hand to balance.....	3,575.50
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	\$16,480.28

The lot at Hastings is still on hand unsold. We hope a sale may be made of this property.

Fraternally submitted,  
 CHARLES K. COUTANT,  
*Treasurer.*

Brother Dowling, 119, presented the following report of the Committee on Returns, and it was moved and carried that it also be referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

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

Your Committee on Returns fraternally reports that we have carefully examined the returns of the several lodges in the jurisdiction, and present herewith a table of statistics, etc., for the year ending March 31st, 1908. We have checked and counted the cards in the register, and find that they agree with the numbers under the different headings of the returns.

We are pleased to report that all lodges have made their returns and paid the amount of their indebtedness to the Grand Lodge. Some of them, however, were not received within the time prescribed by our law, but owing to what seemed to be a discrepancy in the law, no penalty has been attached to the few that were delinquent. Your committee recommends that the figures and letters "30th," in the third line of Section 57 be stricken out, and "10th" be substituted therefor, so as to make this portion of our law conform to Section 81. We further recommend that hereafter full penalty be attached to all lodges that neglect

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES							FELLOW CRAFTS												
		No. April 1, 1907	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1908	No. April 1, 1907	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1908		
			By Initiation	Other Causes		By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes			Total Loss	By Passing		Other Causes	By Raising	Adv. elsewhere	By Death		Other Causes	Total Loss
Nebraska	1	35	37	72	38			38	34	8	38	46	37			37	9				
Western Star	2	18	4	22	4			4	18	4	4	8	3			3	5				
Capitol	3	44	36	80	33	2		35	45	16	35	51	30	2		32	19				
Neimaha Valley	4	5	1	6	1			1	5		1	1				1	1				
Omadi	5	14		14	1			1	13	6	1	7	1			1	6				
Plattsmouth	6	19	7	26	6			6	20	3	6	9	7			7	2				
Falls City	9	17	2	19	3			3	16	5	3	8	4			4	4				
Solomon	10	7		7	1			1	6	1		2	1			1	1				
Covert	11	65	41	106	42			42	64	18	42	61	45			45	16				
Orient	13	9	2	11	4			4	7		4	4	4			4					
Peru	14	7	1	8	3			3	5	4	3	7	6			6	1				
Fremont	15	10	11	21	10			10	11	2	10	12	9			9	3				
Tecumseh	17	18		18			1	1	17	8		8	1			1	7				
Lincoln	19	40	33	73	37			37	36	6	37	43	36			36	7				
Washington	21	6	5	11	5			5	6	5	5	10	6			6	4				
Pawnee	23	10	2	12	1	1		2	10	4	1	5	1			2	3				
St. Johns	25	79	41	120	32			32	88	10	32	42	30			30	12				
Beatrice	26	29	20	49	8			8	41	14	8	22	14			14	8				
Jordan	27	12		12	2			2	10	6	2	8	3			3	5				
Hope	29	8		8	1			1	7	2		2				2	2				
Blue River	30	2	4	6	3			3	3	2	3	5	4			4	1				
Tekamah	31	6	3	9	1			1	8	1	1	2	1			1	1				
Platte Valley	32	17	15	32	17	1		18	14	10	17	27	16			16	11				
Ashlar	33	19	28	47	21			21	26	9	21	30	19	1		20	10				
Acacia	34	15	2	17	1	1		2	15	6	1	7	2			2	5				
Fairbury	35	21	12	33	9			9	24	4	9	13	7			7	6				
Lone Tree	36	5	8	13	9			9	4	2	9	11	9			9	2				
Crete	37	10	5	15	5			5	10	5	5	10	4			4	6				
Oliver	38	15	2	17	3			3	14		3	3	3			3					
Papillion	39	5	2	7	1			1	6	3	1	4	2			2	2				
Humboldt	40	7	4	11	5			5	6	2	5	7	4			4	3				
Northern Light	41	3	3	6	3			3	3	3	3	6	3			3	3				
Juniata	42	11	5	16	5			5	11	1	5	6	5			5	1				
Hebron	43	11	2	15	1			1	14	2	1	3	1			1	2				
Harvard	44	5	2	7	2			2	5	1	2	3	2			2	1				
Rob Morris	46	24	13	37	9			9	28	2	9	11	8			8	3				
Fairmont	48	14	3	17	4			4	13	1	4	5	4			4	1				
Evening Star	49	7	8	15	5			5	10	1	5	6	4			4	2				
Hastings	50	19	12	31	11			11	20	4	11	15	9			9	6				
Fidelity	51	17	2	19	5			5	14	4	5	9	4			4	5				



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SUSPENDED MASTER MASON		MASTER MASON												
No. April 1, 1907	GAIN		Total	GAIN				Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1908	No. of Lodge
	By Suspension	Other Causes		By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion		
35	2	35	286	37	7	2	332	6	7	1	13	319	1	
43	2	45	145	3	1	3	152	3	6	2	11	141	2	
89	6	95	432	32	11	2	477	8	10	6	24	453	3	
17	1	17	30	1	1	1	30	2	2	1	5	30	4	
18	1	19	84	1	1	1	87	2	2	1	5	82	5	
26	1	27	115	4	4	4	126	3	2	1	6	120	6	
19	1	19	95	4	2	4	101	3	1	1	3	98	6	
138	11	149	44	1	1	45	450	8	7	11	26	424	10	
7	7	14	13	4	8	5	17	7	7	11	17	17	13	
16	1	16	52	6	1	1	59	3	3	1	5	54	5	
32	32	64	248	9	7	7	264	6	3	1	9	255	15	
29	1	30	100	1	2	3	103	4	2	1	7	96	17	
86	1	87	436	36	8	1	481	1	7	1	9	472	19	
15	15	30	95	6	4	4	105	2	1	1	3	102	21	
25	25	50	107	1	1	1	110	5	2	2	8	102	23	
118	10	128	518	30	8	4	560	7	10	1	25	535	25	
67	4	71	164	14	8	3	189	6	3	4	14	175	26	
18	18	36	36	3	3	3	39	1	1	7	1	38	27	
22	7	29	35	3	3	3	36	3	3	7	10	25	29	
7	7	14	40	4	1	1	44	1	1	2	1	43	30	
13	2	15	108	1	1	1	105	2	1	2	5	100	31	
34	2	36	146	16	1	1	164	2	2	2	4	160	32	
33	3	36	177	19	3	3	202	1	1	2	5	197	33	
56	2	58	61	2	1	1	64	1	1	2	1	63	34	
40	40	80	151	7	5	5	168	4	1	1	5	158	35	
27	27	54	86	9	2	2	97	3	1	1	4	93	36	
32	32	64	70	4	5	5	79	1	2	1	3	76	37	
29	29	58	106	3	2	1	112	2	1	1	3	109	38	
25	25	50	45	2	1	1	48	4	4	1	4	44	39	
15	15	30	31	4	6	6	41	3	1	1	4	37	40	
18	18	36	20	3	2	1	50	2	2	1	4	48	41	
20	1	21	44	3	5	5	50	1	2	1	3	47	42	
24	24	48	45	5	1	1	50	1	1	1	2	47	43	
30	30	60	88	1	5	1	95	2	1	1	4	91	43	
13	13	26	49	2	1	2	54	5	1	1	6	48	44	
38	38	76	172	8	9	9	189	4	2	2	6	183	46	
27	27	54	68	4	1	1	68	4	4	1	5	63	48	
24	1	25	55	4	1	1	55	6	2	1	9	46	49	
28	4	32	211	9	7	7	227	5	5	3	12	215	50	
28	28	56	115	4	4	4	119	5	5	3	5	114	51	

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES							FELLOW CRAFTS								
		GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1897	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1898
		By Initiation	Other Causes		By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes		By Passing	Other Causes		By Raising	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	
		No. April 1, 1897							No. April 1, 1897								
Hiram	52	7	1	8				8	1		1					1	
Charity	53	8	2	10	2			8		2	2	1				1	
Lancaster	54	43	34	78	24	1	1	26	52	10	25	35	26			26	
Mosaic	55	9	12	22	10			10	12	4	10	14	14			14	
York	56	11	6	17	4			4	13	3	4	7	3			3	
Mt. Moriah	57	9	4	13	2			2	11	2	2	4	2			2	
Lebanon	58	14	7	21	7			7	14	2	7	9	4			4	
Wahoo	59	6	3	9	2			2	7	4	2	6				4	
Melrose	60	19	12	31	14			14	17	3	14	17	12			12	
Thistle	61	10	10	20	8			8	12		8	8	3			3	
Keystone	62	7	7	14	7			7	7		7	7	6			6	
Riverton	63	5	5	10	5			5	5	4	5	9	6			6	
Blue Valley	64	3	2	5	2			2	3	2	2	5	2			2	
Osceola	65	15	7	22	11			11	11	3	11	14	9			9	
Edgar	67	8	5	13	6			6	7	3	6	9	7			7	
Aurora	68	9	4	13	4			4	9	8	4	12	7			7	
Sterling	70	12	4	16					16	3		3				3	
Trowel	71	18	1	19	2			2	17	5	2	7	3			3	
Hooper	72	8	2	10	2			2	8		2	2	2			2	
Friend	73	6	1	7		2		2	5	1	2	3	1			1	
Alexandria	74	4	5	9	7			7	2	1	7	8	6			6	
Frank Welch	75	8	7	15	6			6	9	6	6	12	6			6	
Joppa	76	7	2	9	3		1	4	5	2	3	6	3			3	
Nelson	77	8	2	10	4			4	6	2	4	6	4			4	
Albion	78	9	2	11	4			4	7	2	4	6	3			3	
Geneva	79	6	10	16	9			9	7	5	9	14	12			12	
Composite	81	3		3					3	2		2				2	
St. Paul	82	10	9	19	12			12	7	3	12	15	14			14	
Corinthian	83	5	2	7	1			1	6	2	1	3	1			1	
Fairfield	84	10	4	14	3			3	11		3	3	3			3	
Tyre	85	9	2	11	1			1	10	4	1	5	2			2	
Doniphan	86	3		3					3	2		2				2	
Ionic	87	8	2	10	3			3	7	2	3	5	1			1	
Star	88	5	3	8	4			4	4		4	4	3			3	
Cedar River	89	7	12	20	11			11	9	4	11	15	10			10	
Elk Creek	90	3	4	7	2			2	5	1	2	3	3			3	
Oakland	91	2	4	6	4			4	2		4	4	3			3	
Hubbell	92	4	3	7	3			3	4	1	3	4				4	
Beaver City	93	12	3	15	5	1		6	9	1	5	6	5			5	
Bennet	94	3	1	4	1			1	3	1	1	2				2	

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No. April 1, 5907	GAIN		Total	GAIN				Total	LOSS				Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 5908	No. of Lodge	
	By Suspension	Other Causes		By Raising	By Admlsion	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion				Other Causes
25	3		28	50	2		52							4	48	52
30			30	85	1		91							4	87	53
51			5	338	26	8	373							15	358	54
34			34	100	14	5	119							4	115	55
29			29	238	3	8	252							5	247	56
10	1		11	57	2	1	60							4	56	57
7	1		8	105	4	2	111							4	107	58
21	1		22	87	4	1	92							2	90	59
19	2		17	51	12	3	64							3	61	60
19	2		21	78	3	3	85							7	78	61
9	2		11	56	6	1	63							3	60	62
11			11	35	6	1	43							2	43	63
18			18	54	2		56							2	54	64
6	5		11	68	9	2	79							2	71	65
12			12	77	7	2	86							2	84	67
27	3		30	101	7	4	114							9	105	68
10			10	41	1	1	43							5	38	70
19			19	71	3	1	76							2	74	71
9	1		10	34	2	1	36							3	33	72
20			20	48	1	1	51							9	53	73
6			6	29	6	1	36							2	34	74
17			17	69	6	1	79							1	78	75
12			12	57	3	3	61							18	43	76
15			15	55	4	3	63							2	62	77
12			12	54	3	4	61							1	60	78
32			32	114	12	6	133							2	131	79
9	1		10	26			26							1	25	81
37	2		39	122	14	3	140							6	134	82
10			10	31	1	1	33							1	32	83
7			7	70	3	4	77							4	73	84
20			20	40	2		42							2	40	85
18			18	33		1	34							2	32	86
10			10	63	1		64							3	61	87
6	3		9	45	3	3	48							5	43	88
18			18	76	10	4	91							5	86	89
10	1		11	21	3		24							1	23	90
3			3	57	3		60							4	56	91
7	5		12	41	1	1	43							6	37	92
16			16	102	5	1	108							3	105	93
8	2		10	53	1		54							7	47	94

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES										FELLOW CRAFTS									
		GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 5908	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 5908				
		By Initiation	Other Causes		By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes		By Passing	Other Causes		By Raising	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes					
																		No. Apr 1, 1907	No. Apr 1, 5907		
Garfield	95	5	3	8	1			1	7	2	1	3	1			1	2				
Utica	96	3	4	7	2	1		3	4		2	2	1			1	1				
Euclid	97	7	3	10	2	1		3	7	1	3	4	2	1		3	1				
Republican	98	9	2	11	2			2	9	3	2	3	3			3	2				
Shelton	99	11	9	20	7	1		8	12	2	8	10	7	1		8	2				
Creighton	100	9	7	16	6	1		7	9	2	6	8	3			3	5				
Ponca	101	7	2	9	1			1	8	3	1	4	2			2	2				
Waterloo	102	8	8	16	6			6	10	3	6	9	9			9	2				
Ord	103	8	5	13	6	1		7	6	4	6	10	8			8	2				
Wymore	104	13	5	18	8			8	10	5	8	13	8			8	5				
Stella	105	4	4	8	3			3	5	2	3	5	2			2	3				
Porter	106	5	1	6	1			1	5	3	1	4	1			1	3				
Table Rock	108	2	5	7	5			5	2	2	5	7	2			2	5				
Pomegranate	110	2	6	8	4			4	4	3	4	7	4			4	3				
DeWitt	111	10	4	14	3			3	11	3	3	6	3			3	3				
Springfield	112	10	4	14	5			5	9	2	5	8	5			5	3				
Globe	113	10	4	14	5			5	9	3	5	8	4			4	4				
Wisner	114	9	3	12	4	1		5	7		4	4	2			2	2				
Harlan	116	6	7	13	4			4	9	2	4	6	4			4	2				
Hardy	117	4	6	10	6	1		7	3		6	6	6			6					
Doric	118	3	1	4	1			1	3	1	1	2					2				
North Bend	119	4	5	9	4			4	5	2	4	6	4			4	2				
Wayne	120	12	11	23	11			11	12	2	11	13	11			11	2				
Superior	121	3	5	8	3			3	5	3	3	6	4			4	2				
Auburn	124	4	3	7	3			3	4	3	3	6	4			4	2				
Mt. Nebo	125	9	8	17	7	1		8	9	6	7	13	6			6	7				
Stromsburg	126	2	2	4	3			3	1		3	3	3			3					
Minden	127	6	8	14	6			6	8	3	6	9	5			5	4				
Guide Rock	128	4		4				0	4	2		2	1			1	1				
Blue Hill	129	1	7	8	5	1		6	2	2	5	7	5			5	2				
Tuscan	130	1		1				0	1	1		1					1				
Scribner	132	3	3	6	2			2	4	1	2	3	2			2	1				
Elm Creek	133	4	4	8	3			3	5	3	3	6	3			3	3				
Solar	134	6	5	11	6			6	5	1	6	7	6			6	1				
McCook	135	9	13	22	10			10	12	4	10	14	8			8	6				
Long Pine	136	11	7	18	7	1		8	10	2	7	9	2			2	7				
Upright	137	5	7	12	6			6	6		6	6	6			6					
Rawalt	138	4	4	8	4			4	4		4	4	2			2	2				
Clay Centre	139	2	7	9	8			8	1		8	8	8			8					
Western	140	1	4	5	4			4	1		4	4	4			4					

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	SUSPENDED MASTER MASONS			MASTER MASONS										
	GAIN		Total	GAIN				Total	LOSS					No. on Rolls, March 31, 5908
No. April 1, 5907	By Suspension	Other Causes		By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	
28	6	2	43	1	1	1	46	5	1	1	6	40	95	
6	1	1	39	1	1	1	40	1	1	2	1	39	96	
15	1	1	42	3	1	1	45	1	2	1	3	42	97	
5	1	1	36	3	1	1	40	2	1	1	3	37	98	
12	1	1	45	8	1	1	53	2	2	1	5	48	99	
14	1	1	76	3	1	2	82	3	2	1	5	77	100	
13	1	1	58	2	1	1	60	1	1	1	1	59	101	
23	1	1	46	9	1	1	56	1	1	1	1	55	102	
27	1	1	65	8	1	1	73	1	1	1	2	71	103	
28	1	1	97	8	6	1	111	2	10	1	12	99	104	
13	1	1	52	2	1	1	54	1	1	1	1	53	105	
9	6	1	50	1	2	1	53	1	1	6	7	46	106	
8	1	1	33	2	1	1	35	1	1	1	1	34	108	
14	1	1	82	4	3	1	90	3	1	1	3	87	110	
21	6	1	49	3	1	1	54	3	1	6	9	45	111	
16	1	1	67	5	1	1	73	3	2	1	6	67	112	
11	1	1	57	4	1	1	62	1	2	1	1	59	113	
17	1	1	53	2	1	1	57	1	1	1	1	56	114	
17	1	1	68	4	1	1	72	2	1	1	3	69	116	
6	1	1	41	6	3	1	50	2	1	1	3	50	117	
13	1	1	19	1	1	1	19	1	1	1	1	19	118	
13	4	1	82	4	1	1	87	6	1	1	7	80	119	
16	2	1	69	11	3	1	83	3	3	2	8	73	120	
11	1	1	76	4	4	1	84	2	2	1	4	80	121	
12	1	1	80	4	1	1	85	3	1	1	3	82	124	
8	1	1	76	6	1	1	83	3	2	1	5	78	125	
3	1	1	60	3	1	1	64	3	1	1	3	61	126	
15	1	1	44	5	1	1	49	1	1	1	1	48	127	
8	1	1	27	1	2	1	30	3	1	1	3	27	128	
29	1	1	39	5	1	3	48	3	1	1	3	45	129	
9	1	1	34	1	1	1	35	1	1	1	1	34	130	
2	1	1	33	2	1	1	35	1	1	1	1	35	132	
4	1	1	33	3	1	1	36	4	1	1	4	32	133	
6	1	1	60	6	3	1	70	2	1	1	2	68	134	
32	1	1	106	8	3	2	119	4	2	1	5	114	135	
7	2	1	42	2	5	1	50	1	1	2	4	46	136	
4	1	1	41	6	1	1	48	1	1	1	2	46	137	
14	1	1	63	2	2	1	67	1	1	1	3	65	138	
10	1	1	42	8	2	2	54	2	1	1	2	51	139	
8	1	1	56	4	2	1	62	5	1	1	5	57	140	

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES							FELLOW CRAFTS												
		GAIN			LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1908	GAIN			LOSS								
		No. April 1, 1907	By Initiation	Other Causes	Total	By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death		Other Causes	Total Loss	No. April 1, 1907	By Passing	Other Causes	Total	By Raising	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1908
Crescent	143	10	5	15	7			7	8	5	7	12	9			9	3				
Kenesaw	144	7	4	11	7			7	4	2	7	9	5			5	4				
Bancroft	145	13	6	19	6			6	13	1	6	7	6			6	1				
Jachin	146	15	2	17	4	1		5	12	4	5	9	5	1		6	3				
Siloam	147	5		5					5												
Emmet Crawford	148	11	7	18	5	1		6	12	5	6	11	9	1		10	1				
Jewel	149		3	3	3			3		1	3	4	3			3	1				
Cambridge	150	4	6	10	5		1	6	4	1	5	6	4			4	2				
Square	151	9	1	10	1			1	9	2	1	3	2			2	1				
Parallel	152	10	3	13	2			2	11	4	2	6	2			2	4				
Evergreen	153	3	2	5	4			4	1	4	4	8	3			3	5				
Lily	154	1	1	2					2												
Hartington	155	8	4	12	4			4	8		4	4	3			3	1				
Pythagoras	156	8	2	10	1			1	9	2	1	3	2			2	1				
Valley	157	8	3	11	2			2	9		2	2	2			2					
Samaritan	158	5	5	10	4			4	6	3	4	7	3			3	4				
Ogalalla	159	6	6	12	7			7	5	2	7	9	6	1		7	2				
Zeredatha	160	1		1					1												
Mt. Zion	161	4	2	6	1			1	5		1	1	1			1					
Trestle Board	162	3	1	4	1			1	3		1	1	1			1					
Unity	163	2	1	3	2			2	1		2	2	2			2					
Atkinson	164	3		3					3	1		1					1				
Barneston	165	6	3	9	4			4	5		4	4	4			4					
Mystic Tie	166	8		8	3			3	5	4	3	7	4			4	3				
Elwood	167	6	3	9	1			1	8	3	1	4	1			1	3				
Curtis	168	3	5	8	3			3	5		3	3	1			1	2				
Amity	169	5	2	7					7	2		2				1	1				
Mason City	170	3	3	6	2			2	4	4	2	6	3			3	3				
Merna	171	10	1	11	1			1	10	5	1	6	4			4	2				
Grafton	172	8	3	11	2			2	9	3	2	5	3			3	2				
Robert Burns	173	7		7					7	3		3	2			2	1				
Culbertson	174	3		3	1			1	2	3	1	4	2			2	2				
Temple	175	2	6	8	6			6	2	3	6	9	5			5	4				
Gladstone	176	4	3	7	3			3	4	3	3	6	5			5	1				
Hay Springs	177	5	1	6			1	1	5	1		1					1				
Prudence	179	3	2	5					5												
Justice	180	5	2	7	4			4	3		4	4	1			1	3				
Faith	181	12	10	22	10	2		12	10	2	10	12	8			8	4				
Incense	182	5		5	1			1	4		1	1					1				
Alliance	183	21	16	38	11			11	27	6	11	17	6			6	11				

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SUSPENDED MASTER MASONS										MASTER MASONS									
No. April 1, 5907	GAIN		Total	LOSS			No. on Rolls, March 31, 5908	No. April 1, 5907	GAIN			LOSS			No. on Rolls, March 31, 5908	No. of Lodge			
	By Suspension	Other Causes		Reinstatement	By Death	By Expulsion			Total Loss	By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total			By Demission	By Death	By Suspension
8	1	1	2	1	1	2	7	37	9	4	1	51	2	1	1	4	2	49	143
13	1	1	2	1	1	2	13	32	5	1	1	39	2	1	1	4	2	37	144
18	1	1	2	1	1	2	18	43	6	1	1	51	1	1	1	4	2	49	145
27	4	4	8	1	1	2	25	75	6	5	2	88	1	1	1	4	1	87	146
6	4	4	8	1	1	2	9	34	6	5	1	35	2	1	1	4	6	29	147
13	1	1	2	1	1	2	13	97	10	4	1	111	1	1	1	4	1	110	148
13	1	1	2	1	1	2	13	27	3	3	30	1	1	1	3	1	29	149	
13	1	1	2	1	1	2	13	35	4	4	39	3	3	3	7	3	36	150	
7	1	1	2	1	1	2	10	44	2	1	47	1	1	1	3	3	47	151	
11	1	1	2	1	1	2	14	45	2	2	49	1	1	1	3	2	47	152	
14	1	1	2	1	1	2	14	40	3	3	44	1	1	1	3	1	43	153	
7	1	1	2	1	1	2	6	27	1	1	28	2	2	1	5	3	25	154	
4	1	1	2	1	1	2	5	27	3	3	30	2	2	1	7	10	60	155	
8	7	7	14	1	1	2	15	66	3	1	70	3	3	3	7	3	60	156	
14	1	1	2	1	1	2	13	37	2	1	40	2	1	1	3	3	37	156	
10	1	1	2	1	1	2	9	49	2	2	54	2	1	1	3	3	51	157	
15	1	1	2	1	1	2	14	80	3	2	86	4	1	1	3	5	81	158	
10	3	3	6	1	1	2	12	54	6	6	60	2	2	3	3	5	56	159	
12	1	1	2	1	1	2	12	28	1	2	28	1	1	1	3	1	28	160	
6	1	1	2	1	1	2	6	35	1	2	38	1	1	1	3	1	37	161	
6	1	1	2	1	1	2	6	68	1	1	69	1	1	1	3	1	69	162	
12	2	2	4	1	1	2	14	37	2	2	39	2	2	2	6	2	37	163	
7	1	1	2	1	1	2	7	24	1	1	25	1	1	1	3	1	24	164	
11	1	1	2	1	1	2	11	42	4	4	46	2	2	2	6	2	44	165	
9	1	1	2	1	1	2	8	25	4	1	30	2	2	2	6	2	28	166	
12	1	1	2	1	1	2	10	55	1	1	57	3	3	1	7	4	53	167	
18	1	1	2	1	1	2	16	32	1	2	35	3	3	1	7	3	32	168	
13	1	1	2	1	1	2	12	45	3	3	46	1	1	1	4	1	45	169	
12	6	6	12	1	1	2	16	47	3	3	52	1	1	1	4	2	50	170	
7	1	1	2	1	1	2	5	37	3	3	42	2	2	5	6	2	53	171	
12	1	1	2	1	1	2	12	26	2	2	29	1	1	3	4	2	40	172	
12	3	3	6	1	1	2	14	37	2	2	39	1	1	3	4	4	25	173	
4	1	1	2	1	1	2	4	37	2	1	40	1	1	1	3	1	39	174	
16	2	2	4	1	1	2	14	31	5	1	38	1	1	1	3	1	38	175	
10	2	2	4	1	1	2	7	48	5	4	58	4	4	2	6	1	52	176	
5	2	2	4	1	1	2	7	28	1	1	29	1	1	2	4	1	25	177	
12	3	3	6	1	1	2	15	55	1	1	56	2	2	3	3	3	53	179	
7	1	1	2	1	1	2	15	42	1	1	44	2	2	1	3	3	41	180	
20	3	3	6	1	1	2	21	72	8	5	87	1	1	3	5	5	82	181	
10	3	3	6	1	1	2	13	29	1	2	31	2	2	3	3	3	26	182	
12	4	4	8	1	1	2	15	122	6	5	134	3	3	4	7	7	127	183	

## ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES								FELLOW CRAFTS											
		No. April 1, 1907	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1908	No. April 1, 1907	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1908		
			By Initiation	Other Causes		By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes			Total Loss	By Passing		Other Causes	By Raising	Adv. elsewhere	By Death		Other Causes	Total Loss
Bee Hive	184	16	3	19	7			7	12	12	7	9	8			8	1				
Boaz	185	3	4	7	4			4	3	2	4	6	6			6	3				
Israel	187	2	6	8	4			4	4	3	4	4					2				
Meridian	188	8	8	16	12			12	4	2	12	14	12			12	2				
Granite	189	1	1	2					2	4		4	1			1	3				
Amethyst	190	2	4	6	5			5	1	2	5	7	4			4	3				
Crystal	191	10		10	4			4	6	1	4	5	4			4	1				
Minnekadusa	192	12	2	15	3			3	12	2	3	5	2	1		3	2				
Signet	193	5	4	9	5			5	4	5		4	4			4	1				
Highland	194	2	4	6	2			2	4	3	2	5	2			2	3				
Arcana	195	3	5	8	5			5	3	5		5	5			5					
Level	196	6	2	8	6			6	2	2	6	8	7			7	1				
Morning Star	197	4	4	8	3			3	5	1	3	4	1			1	3				
Purity	198	9	2	11	2			2	9	3	2	5	2			2	3				
Gavel	199	3	1	4	2			2	2	2	2	4	3			3	1				
Blazing Star	200	2	10	12	6			6	6	3	6	9	8			8	1				
Scotts Bluff	201	9	5	14	6			6	8	6		6	6			6					
Golden Sheaf	202	9	6	15	9			9	6	3	9	12	8			8	4				
Roman Eagle	203	12	3	15	3			3	12	3	3	6	4			4	2				
Plainview	204	1	2	3	1			1	2	3	1	4	3			3	1				
Golden Fleece	205	4	6	10	7			7	3	1	7	8	6			6	2				
Naphali	206	3		3					3	2		2	1			1	1				
Parian	207	6	3	9	3			3	6		3	3	3			3					
Gauge	208	8		8	1			1	7		1	1					1				
Canopy	209	5	5	10	3			3	7	3	3	6	2			2	4				
East Lincoln	210	8	21	29	17			17	12	2	17	19	16			16	3				
Cement	211	3	2	5	2			2	3	1	2	3	2			2	1				
Compass & Square	212	5	1	6					6	2		2					2				
Square & Compass	213	3	3	6	2			2	4	1	2	3	2			2	1				
Plumblin	214	1	3	4	3			3	1		3	3	1			1	2				
Occidental	215	1	3	4	3			3	1	1	3	4	4			4					
Palisade	216	6	3	9	2			2	7	1	2	3					3				
Wauneta	217	3	2	5					3	2	2	4	2			2	2				
Bloomfield	218	9	5	15	5			5	10		5	5	4			4	1				
Relief	219	5	1	6		2		2	4												
Magnolia	220	5	2	7					7												
Wood Lake	221		1	1	1			1		3	1	4	3			3	1				
Landmark	222		9	9	7			7	2	4	7	11	11			11					
Eminence	223	3	4	7	2			2	5	2	2	4					4				
Silver Cord	224	2	4	6	2			2	4	1	2	3	3			3					
Cable	225	1	1	2	1			1	1		1	1	1			1					
Grace	226	3	7	10	7			7	3	3	7	10	9			9	1				
North Star	227	12	6	19	8			8	11	2	8	10	9			9	1				



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	SUSPENDED MASTER MASONS				MASTER MASONS				
	GAIN		LOSS		GAIN		LOSS		
No. April 1, 5907	By Suspension	Other Causes	Total	Reinstatement	By Death	By Expulsion	Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 5908	No. of Lodge
16	1	1	17	1	1	1	2	15	176184
3	3	5	3	2	2	2	2	2	52185
10	5	5	15	2	2	5	8	8	71187
11	1	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	76188
19	1	1	13	1	1	1	1	1	48189
4	1	1	6	1	1	1	2	2	25190
9	1	1	9	2	2	5	5	3	33191
17	1	1	17	2	2	3	3	3	72192
6	6	6	6	1	1	4	1	1	35193
15	1	1	15	1	1	2	2	2	24194
9	2	2	9	1	1	1	1	1	47195
2	2	2	4	1	1	2	2	2	42196
6	6	6	4	1	1	1	4	4	36197
7	7	7	7	1	1	1	3	3	43198
7	2	2	9	1	1	2	3	3	23199
3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	80200
10	5	5	10	2	2	5	14	14	60201
17	5	5	22	4	4	5	7	7	80202
8	8	8	8	8	8	1	5	5	62203
4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	44204
4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	46205
5	5	5	5	1	1	1	6	6	40206
11	1	1	11	2	2	1	2	2	51207
4	4	4	4	3	3	1	3	3	32208
14	1	1	15	2	2	1	2	2	84209
2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	141210
7	7	7	7	4	4	1	2	2	57211
4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	18212
11	1	1	11	1	1	1	2	2	30213
10	1	1	10	1	1	1	2	2	32214
4	4	4	4	4	4	1	4	4	58215
4	1	1	5	5	5	1	1	1	24216
10	1	1	10	2	2	1	1	1	33217
10	1	1	10	2	2	3	3	3	82218
5	5	5	5	4	4	2	2	2	37219
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	5	60220
5	5	5	5	3	3	1	2	2	20221
2	2	2	2	3	3	1	1	1	47222
3	3	3	3	1	1	1	2	2	44223
5	5	5	5	2	2	1	2	2	41224
2	2	2	2	3	3	1	1	1	38225
7	7	7	7	2	2	1	2	2	46226
2	10	12	3	3	3	10	15	56227	

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES							FELLOW CRAFTS												
		No. April 1, 1907	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1908	No. April 1, 1907	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls		
			By Initiation	Other Causes		By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes			Total Loss	By Passing		Other Causes	By Raising	Adv. elsewhere	By Death		Other Causes	Total Loss
Bartley	228	3		3	1			1	2	2	1	3	2			2				2	
Comet	229	4	3	7	5			5	2	2	5	5	5			5				5	
Delta	230	6	2	8	4			4	4	1	4	5	3			3				3	
Mt Hermon	231	3	7	10	6			6	4	2	6	8	6			6				6	
John S. Bowen	232	2	1	4	1			1	3		1	1	1			1				1	
Gilead	233	14	2	16	4			4	12	3	4	3	3			3				3	
Zion	234	4	3	7	1	1		2	5	2	1	3	3			3				3	
Fraternity	235	4	2	6	3	2		5	1		3	5	2			2				2	
Golden Rule	236	5	1	6	1			1	5	1	1	2	1			1				1	
Cubit	237	1		1	1			1			1	1	1			1				1	
Friendship	239	1	1	2					2	1		1	1			1				1	
Pilot	240	10	7	17	13			13	4	1	13	14	12			12				12	
George Armstrong	241		3	4	4			4		1	4	5	4			4				4	
Tyrian	243	5	2	7					7												
Sincerity	244	4	2	6	2			2	4		2	2	1			1				1	
Hampton	245	4		4					4	1		1									
Nehawka	246	1	1	2					2												
Corner-stone	247	7	6	13	7			7	6	9	7	7	5			5				5	
Laurel	248	5	5	10	5			5	5	2	5	7	4			4				4	
Gothenburg	249	1	1	2	1			1	1	1	1	2	1			1				1	
George Washington	250	4	6	10	5			5	5	1	5	6	5			5				5	
Wausa	251	4	2	6	1			1	5	1	1	2	1			1				1	
Hildreth	252	1	4	5	3			3	2		3	3	1			1				1	
Beemer	253	5	4	9	3			3	6	2	3	5	3			3				3	
Bassett	254	3	4	7	5			5	2		5	5	5			5				5	
Bradshaw	255	2	2	4	1			1	3		1	1									
Hickman	256	2	4	6	5			5	1	2	5	7	5			5				5	
Holbrook	257	4	9	13	10			10	3	3	10	13	12			12				12	
Anselmo	258	12	6	18	6			6	12	6	6	12	6			6				6	
Bee	259	1	1	2	1			1			1	1	1			1				1	
Springview	260	1	2	3	1			1	2		1	1	1			1				1	
Ornan	261	3	3	6	1			1	5		1	1									
Endeavor	262	2	4	6	4			4	3	1	4	5	5			5				5	
Mitchell	263	2	4	6	3			3	3		3	3	3			3				3	
Extinct Lodges		66	2	68					68	15		15									
Jeptha, U. D.			7	7	7			7			7	7	7			7				7	
Winter Creek, U. D.			9	9	9			9			9	9	9			9				9	
Silver, U. D.			7	7	6			6	1		6	6	6			6				6	
Overton, U. D.			14	14	12			12	2		12	12	8			8				8	
Belgrade, U. D.			8	8	4			4	4		4	4	1			1				1	
G. W. Lininger U. D.			3	3	2			2	1		2	2	2			2				2	
Grand Totals		1936	1225	1331	711	5221	7	711	187	1987	568	1161	617	511	1135	1135				1135	

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SUSPENDED MASTER MASONS				MASTER MASONS										
No. April 1, 5907	GAIN		Total	No. April 1, 5907	GAIN			Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1908	No. of Lodge
	By Suspension	Other Causes			By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement		Other Causes	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension		
1	3	2	1	29	2	5	31	1	1	2	1	4	30	228
3	2	2	6	48	5	3	53	1	1	1	1	4	49	229
2	2	2	2	39	3	1	43	1	1	1	2	2	41	230
2	2	2	2	38	6	1	44	2	1	1	1	2	42	231
3	2	3	3	42	1	1	43	1	1	1	1	1	42	232
3	2	2	5	45	3	1	49	10	1	2	13	36	233	
1	1	1	1	56	1	1	56	1	1	1	1	5	55	234
2	2	2	2	40	2	1	43	4	1	1	4	39	235	
1	1	1	1	23	1	1	25	1	1	1	1	25	236	
1	1	1	1	38	1	1	39	1	1	1	1	38	237	
4	4	4	4	30	1	1	31	2	2	2	2	29	239	
3	3	3	3	36	12	1	49	2	2	2	2	47	240	
1	1	1	1	71	4	1	76	2	2	2	2	74	241	
2	2	2	2	38	1	1	38	1	1	1	1	37	243	
2	2	2	2	31	1	1	32	1	1	1	1	31	244	
2	2	2	2	36	1	1	36	1	1	1	1	36	245	
2	2	2	2	35	1	1	36	1	1	1	1	36	246	
2	2	2	2	48	5	1	53	2	2	2	2	46	247	
2	2	2	2	42	4	1	46	2	2	2	2	44	248	
6	6	6	6	22	1	1	23	1	1	1	1	23	249	
6	6	6	6	68	5	1	73	2	1	6	9	64	250	
2	2	2	2	29	1	1	31	1	1	1	1	30	251	
2	2	2	2	38	1	1	39	1	1	1	1	38	252	
2	2	2	2	42	3	1	46	1	1	1	1	43	253	
2	2	2	2	44	5	1	49	6	1	1	6	43	254	
2	2	2	2	39	1	1	39	2	1	1	3	36	255	
2	2	2	2	28	6	1	33	1	1	1	2	31	256	
2	2	2	2	33	12	3	48	2	2	2	2	48	257	
2	2	2	2	32	6	1	38	2	2	2	2	36	258	
2	2	2	2	18	1	1	19	1	1	1	1	19	259	
2	2	2	2	5	1	1	13	1	1	1	1	18	260	
2	2	2	2	4	1	1	19	2	2	2	2	24	261	
2	2	2	2	5	5	1	29	2	2	2	2	27	262	
2	2	2	2	3	3	3	20	2	2	2	2	29	263	
2	2	2	2	112	514	131	25	4	88	117	14	182	264	
2	2	2	2	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	
2	2	2	2	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	
2	2	2	2	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	
2	2	2	2	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	

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Past Grand Master Coutant, for the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home, presented for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, a copy of the contract transferring property by residents of the Home, explaining that some of them were unwilling to execute the contract, and asked if it should be modified, done away with, or enforced. On motion the subject was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

An amendment to the by-laws of Wymore Lodge No. 104 was presented, and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The roll of committees appointed by the Grand Master in a circular dated May 1st, 1908, was called, and the following entered upon the discharge of their duties:

*Codification of the Law.*—Bro. William A. DeBord, 3.

*Foreign Correspondence.*—Bros. Francis E. White, 6; Charles J. Phelps, 34.

*Relief.*—Bros. Samuel S. Whiting, 54; Frank H. Young, 207; Roderick D. Sutherland, 77.

*Fraternal Dead.*—Bros. Frank E. Bullard, 32; George A. Beecher, 32; Manoah B. Reese, 19.

*Grievances.*—Bros. James G. Thompson, 116; Homer R. Hatfield, 56; Rollin H. George, 210; John G. McIlvain, 32; Arthur B. Peden, 91.

*Doings of Grand Officers.*—Bros. Daniel H. Wheeler, 1; George H. Willis, 158; George A. Scott, 58; John O'Neil, 205; James H. H. Hewett, 183.

*Accounts.*—Bros. William L. Pickett, 6; Fred W. Barnhart, 155; John J. Tooley, 258; Benjamin L. Terry, 74.

*Charters and Dispensations.*—Bros. Leander H. Jewett, 148; Lewis E. Smith, 136; Andrew H. Viele, 55; Charles H. Campbell, 26; Charles H. Fahnestock, 135.

*Credentials.*—Bros. William D. Fletcher, 34; Arthur H. Schultz, 30; Charles M. Ferree, 67; John R. Sutton, 108.

*Ways and Means.*—Bros. Roy S. Shahan, 46; J. Arnold Habegger, 181; Peter F. Nuss, 49; James M. Armstrong, 124.

*Grand Lodge Office.*—Bros. George H. Thummel, 33; Jerome G. Pace, 44; George S. Austin, 60.

*Returns.*—Bros. Michael Dowling, 119; William T. Alden, 33; Mark J. Lipman, 254; David D. Adams, 246; Johnson W. Bliss, 196.

*Pay-Roll.*—Bros. Frederic L. Temple, 61; Howard J. Whitmore, 19; Julius Beckman, 15; Winfred F. Flory, 230.

*Visiting Brethren.*—Bros. Albert W. Jefferis, 1; LaForest L. Pratt, 3; George F. West, 11; Matthew E. Muxen, 25.

*Unfinished Business.*—Bros. Charles E. Burnham, 166; Willis A. Reynolds, 50; Robert O. Wolf, 54.

*Jurisprudence.*—All Past Grand Masters present, with the junior as chairman.

The following report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers was presented by Brother O'Neil, 205, and on motion it was adopted:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

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

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers fraternally reports, and recommends as follows:

We congratulate the Grand Lodge upon the happy and prosperous condition of the Fraternity throughout the Grand Jurisdiction, and extend to Grand Master Ornan J. King the thanks of the brethren for giving so much of his time to successfully managing the affairs of the Craft during the past year. His address shows duty well and faithfully performed, and close attention to the many details so necessary to make a successful administration.

We recommend the approval of the following of his official acts: examination of the Grand Custodian as to proficiency; all that relates to our fiftieth anniversary; the appointment of representatives near other Grand Lodges and the recommendation for appointment of representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska; the special dispensations issued; approval of seals; approval of by-laws and amendments thereto; official visitations; his action in regard to Humboldt Lodge No. 40, Friend Lodge No. 73, Elm Creek Lodge No. 133, Crystal Lodge No. 191, and Gauge Lodge No. 208; his approval of official bonds; permission for lodges to occupy new lodge rooms; his action in regard to a chain letter sent out by a lodge; and procuring the gold Jordan medal.

That the following matters be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence; the decisions rendered by the Grand Master; his recommendation in regard to more specifically defining the duties of the Grand Custodian, and the portion of the Grand Custodian's report referring to the same subject; the Grand Master's reference to a new fraternal order; his reference to the law relating to examination of Master Masons; his reference to documentary evidence and relief; the subject of general relief and the manner in which it should be disbursed; all matters relating to the Nebraska Masonic Home and its management; his reference to the Orphans Educational Fund, the endowment fund of the Nebraska Masonic Home and the necessary amendments to the law relating thereto; the question of changing the law relating to mileage and per diem; and the question of reducing the bonds for the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary.

In regard to the conditions existing in North Star Lodge No. 227, we recommend that the entire subject be referred to the incoming Grand Master, with the request that he require from the lodge regular reports of its transactions. That the dispensation under which the lodge

is working be continued. That a new charter to take the place of the one lost be not issued until the Grand Master is satisfied beyond doubt that the lodge is conforming to all the rules and regulations of the Fraternity and the law of the Grand Lodge; and that if after a reasonable time no improvement in existing conditions is made, the Grand Master shall recall the dispensation and suspend the lodge.

We recommend that the controversy between Trestle Board Lodge No. 162 and DeWitt Lodge No. 111, and that between Ornan Lodge No. 261 and Gilead Lodge No. 233, be referred to the Committee on Grievances.

That the question of a dispensation permitting Zeredatha Lodge No. 160 to continue work be referred to the incoming Grand Master for such action as he may deem for the best interest of the Fraternity.

That the report of the Grand Treasurer, the financial report of the Grand Secretary, and the report of the Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund be referred to the Committee on Accounts.

That the portion of the report of the Grand Secretary relating to the Nebraska Masonic Home be referred to the Committee on Nebraska Masonic Home.

That the portion of the report of the Committee on Returns relating to the amendment of the law making the statistical table as compiled by the committee the basis of settlement between the Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges, the neglect of lodges to report mileage, and the question of some lodges carrying no insurance, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. That the neglect of lodges to furnish information asked for to complete data for the card register, as mentioned by the Committee on Returns, be referred to the incoming Grand Master, with the request that he require the lodges to supply the information needed. That the change of law asked for by the Committee on Returns be referred to the Committee on Codification of the Law, with the request that it prepare and present the necessary amendment. That the report of the Committee on Returns be approved unless objection thereto is offered during the session. That the table of statistics as compiled by the committee be made the basis on which to charge dues to the lodges for the year ending March 31st, 1909.

We recommend that the report of the Grand Custodian be approved, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge extended to him for the very valuable service he has rendered to the Fraternity in this jurisdiction; and your committee expresses the hope that our good brother may be long spared to dispense true Masonic light and information to the brethren.

Your committee commends the action of Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 in attending Divine service, and in sending the offering to the Nebraska Masonic Home, and recommends to all our lodges a similar custom, believing that many of our brethren would be glad to contribute something to help maintain the Home, if an opportunity were offered them to do so.

Your committee further recommends that all matters not specifically mentioned or passed upon by this committee in the several statements of the Grand Lodge officers be approved.

DANIEL H. WHEELER,  
*For the Committee.*

At twelve o'clock, noon, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until two o'clock, P. M.

### FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

TUESDAY, June 9th, 1908.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, with officers and members as at the morning session, M. W. Ornan J. King, Grand Master, presiding.

Past Grand Master Burnham presented the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, and on motion it was adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

##### *To the Grand Lodge:*

Your Committee on Unfinished Business has carefully examined the printed proceedings of 1907, and finds that no action was taken on the subject of kind of business to be transacted at either regular or special meetings, as mentioned on page 475 of Grand Master Baird's address.

We also find that on page 472, Grand Master Baird called the attention of the Grand Lodge to Section 66 of the law, which requires proficiency in the Master Mason's degree, and that Grand Master King has also called attention to this subject, it being referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence by the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

Several years ago a committee was appointed by the Grand Lodge to prepare a monitor, form of ceremonies for funerals, laying of cornerstones, installations, etc., of which only the form of funeral ceremonies has been presented. Attention is called to this matter so that if the Grand Lodge desires to take any action on it, it may do so.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge the following amendment to the law was offered (as found on page 538) to be considered at this session:

"Amend Section 33, page 28, Law of Freemasonry, edition of 1906, by adding after the word "Relief," in the second line, the following: 'No relief shall be granted by the committee until all the necessary information called for in the circular, ordered printed by the Grand

Lodge, has been furnished. All questions relating to relief shall be referred to the Committee on Relief before being acted upon by the Grand Lodge.' Strike out all after the word 'relief' in the seventh line."

The approved decisions of Past Grand Master Baird should be codified by the Committee on Codification of the Law, and presented for adoption at this session.

Past Grand Master Bullard, for the Committee on Fraternal Dead, being ready to report, the Grand Lodge was called to order, the brethren remaining standing during the reading of the following, after which it was adopted:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

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

The mighty river of death, flowing irresistibly onward, gathers into its mighty current day by day, youth and old age; rich and poor; the lowly and those who have worn the purple; and so it is that year by year, as we gather in Grand Communication, renewing old friendships and associations, we pause for a moment from our deliberations, and with bowed heads pay a tribute of reverential homage to the memory of those of our own Fraternity, now for the first time missing from the circle.

But yesterday, it may be, they were active earnest factors in the living chain of brotherhood that binds the world with its benefactions; today the fragrant memories of their loyal loving lives are silent links in the chain that binds us to eternity.

In many lodges, our brethren have been called to mourn the loss of those who were but little known beyond a somewhat limited horizon, yet whose counsel and influence, within the sphere of their activity, was potent for the best good of the Craft. The record of their lives is a record of responsibility fairly met, of burdens manfully borne, and of duties well performed.

By the decree of the Supreme Grand Master, now here, now there, a brother is marked for greater prominence; his spirit, his ability, his inherent force, or his consecration to the pure ideals of the Brotherhood are noted, and by the suffrages of his brethren, he ascends step by step the mystic ladder to its topmost round. The death angel marks him also, and then in all the lodges there is lamentation and rejoicing: lamentation at the loss of a leader, and rejoicing in the tender memories of his leadership.

But a few days after our separation a year ago, the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction were called upon to mourn the loss of such a leader, and as long as the Grand Lodge of Nebraska remains a living factor in the Commonwealth, the name of George Washington Lininger will be honored. Many bright stars in the constellations of our sister Grand Lodges have faded, and are missing from their orbits, but none we



feel sure, whose places will be so difficult to fill as that of the illustrious brother whose life was a benefaction to the unfortunate, a safeguard to the weak, and an inspiration to us all.

But, brethren, there is no sting in death: it is but the closing scene in the first section of the sublime degree of life. Of the mysteries beyond, we know not, yet we may pass its portal without fear, assured of an eternal progression toward new revelations of Light and Truth.

We have been officially advised of the passing of the following twenty-two distinguished brethren of other Grand Lodges, and with them and with the lodges of our own allegiance, we rejoice in the bright memories of our loved ones gone before. Let us emulate their examples, and by the loyalty and devotion of our own lives, add strength to the lives of those who shall take our places when we in our turn shall have entered upon another state of existence:

Arkansas .....	EDMUND METCALE.....	Grand Tyler.
British Columbia .....	ELI HARMAN.....	Past Grand Master.
Canada .....	HUGH MURRAY.....	Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary.
Connecticut.....	DWIGHT WAUGH.....	Past Grand Master.
Connecticut.....	ASA SMITH.....	Past Grand Master.
District of Columbia.....	ROBERT BRUCE DONALDSON.....	Past Grand Master.
Illinois.....	JOSEPH HARRISON C. DILL.....	Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary.
Indiana.....	CHRISTIAN FETTA.....	Past Grand Master.
Manitoba.....	GEORGE FREDERICK NEWTON.....	Past Grand Master.
Michigan.....	W. IRVING BABCOCK.....	Past Grand Master.
Michigan.....	MATHEW H. MAYNARD.....	Past Grand Master.
Missouri.....	WILLIAM R. STUBBLEFIELD.....	Past Grand Master.
Missouri.....	JOSHUA B. THOMAS.....	Past Grand Master.
Missouri.....	NOAH M. GIVEN.....	Past Grand Master.
New York.....	JOHN STEWART.....	Past Grand Master.
Quebec.....	JAMES DUNBAR.....	Past Grand Master.
Tennessee.....	WILLIAM S. SMITH.....	Past Grand Master.
Vermont.....	EDWIN WHEELOCK.....	Grand Chaplain.
Virginia.....	ROBERT ENOCH WITHERS.....	Past Grand Master.
Virginia.....	ROBERT TEMPLEMAN CRAIGHILL.....	Past Grand Master.
West Virginia.....	ELI MARSH TURNER.....	Past Grand Master.
West Virginia.....	HENRY BYRON BAGULEY.....	Grand Junior Warden.

The following tribute to the memory of Past Grand Master George W. Lininger, adopted at the meeting of the stockholders of the Nebraska Masonic Home, held January 23d, 1908, was ordered published with the proceedings:

GEORGE WASHINGTON LININGER.

It having pleased that God, Whom we as Masons are taught to love, honor, and serve, to remove from this world the soul of our deceased brother, George Washington Lininger,

We, the stockholders of the Nebraska Masonic Home in annual meeting assembled, do here record this our memorial expressive of that love

and esteem in which he was held by his fellow workers in that noble cause which was so near and dear to his heart.

Brother Lininger came to the Masons of Nebraska in the year 1871 in the prime of life, full of enthusiasm and love for the Order, strong in hope, and with a soul fired with a lofty ambition to make Masonry something more than a name—to have it stand for all that is noble and best in this world.

At once he took front rank in the local lodges and rapidly advanced to the highest post of responsibility and honor in the Grand Bodies of Masonry in our state.

Patiently he waited for the day when he could put before the brethren his long cherished plans for a Masonic Home for the benefit of those of our brethren who might need its fostering care, and when in his opinion the time came he made the start therefor, and fired the opening gun. He overcame all difficulties—knowing no defeat, listening to no pleas for delay, overcoming all obstacles—and as a result the Masons of today glory in the culmination of his efforts and look with pride upon the results of his labors—our commodious Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

Masonry in Nebraska owes to Past Grand Master Lininger a debt of love, honor, and gratitude it can never pay. His death left a void in our Masonic circle which can never be filled. Time will soften our sorrow over our loss—but the work that he did and the influence of his life full of generous, kindly deeds for others will ever linger in our memories to urge us on to better and purer living, and to more kindly acts and deeds for others.

So long as the Masonic Home opens its charitable doors for the unfortunate members of our Order and their dear ones, so long will the Masons of Nebraska speak the name of its founder and builder with love and reverence, and honor and cherish his name.

Let us then as Masons take renewed inspiration, devotion, and courage from his life so full of noble deeds, and dedicate ourselves anew to carry on the work he so grandly commenced. Let us emulate his unflinching fidelity of purpose lest we fail in the fulfillment of his grand work which he confided to us.

Resolved, That this memorial be spread at length on our minutes, a copy furnished the family, and that the Grand Lodge be requested to publish the same in its proceedings for the current year.

Brother Fletcher, 34, presented the report for the Committee on Credentials, and it was adopted subject to corrections during the session; as finally made it was as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

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

Your Committee on Credentials reports the presence of the following:

GRAND OFFICERS.

- M. W. ORNAN J. KING ..... Grand Master,
- R. W. WILLIAM A. DeBORD ..... Deputy Grand Master,
- R. W. MICHAEL DOWLING ..... Grand Senior Warden,
- R. W. HARRY A. CHENEY ..... Grand Junior Warden,
- M. W. JOHN B. DINSMORE ..... Grand Treasurer,
- R. W. FRANCIS E. WHITE ..... Grand Secretary,
- V. W. GEORGE A. BEECHER ..... Grand Chaplain,
- W. ROSCOE POUND ..... Grand Orator,
- M. W. ROBERT E. FRENCH ..... Grand Custodian,
- W. HENRY GIBBONS ..... Grand Marshal,
- W. JAMES R. CAIN, JR. .... Grand Senior Deacon,
- W. ALPHA MORGAN ..... Grand Junior Deacon,
- BRO. JACOB KING ..... Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Past Grand Masters: M. W. Daniel H. Wheeler, Harry P. Deuel, Martin Dunham, George H. Thummel, Edwin F. Warren, Manoah B. Reese, Charles K. Coutant, George B. France, Robert E. French, Samuel P. Davidson, James P. A. Black, John A. Ehrhardt, Henry H. Wilson, Charles J. Phelps, John B. Dinsmore, Frank H. Young, Robert E. Evans, Nathaniel M. Ayers, Frank E. Bullard, Charles E. Burnham, Melville R. Hopewell, Zuingle M. Baird. Past Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Henry Brown.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska	No. 1	Albert W. Jefferis		Ernest H. James.
Western Star	" 2		Arthur A. Bischof	
Capitol	" 3	LaForest L. Pratt		
Nemaha Valley	" 4	Abraham L. Lawrence		
Omadi	" 5	*George J. Boucher	*George J. Boucher	*George J. Boucher.
Plattsmouth	" 6	William L. Pickett	Oliver C. Dovey	
Falls City	" 9	Ralph P. Roberts		
Solomon	" 10	Wallace R. Williams		
Covert	" 11	George F. West	William R. Bennett	James Cameron.
Orient	" 13			
Peru	" 14	John W. Blankenship		
Fremont	" 15	Julius Beckman		
Tecumseh	" 17	Edgar H. Grist		
Lincoln	" 19	Howard J. Whitmore	Elmer W. Brown	
Washington	" 21	Charles T. Farnham		
Pawnee	" 23	Oscar E. Hall		
Saint Johns	" 25	Matthew E. Muxen	Eddy G. Wilmoth	August J. Pinkerton.
Beatrice	" 26	Charles H. Campbell		
Jordan	" 27			
Hope	" 29	William W. Seid		
Blue River	" 30	Arthur H. Schultz		
Tekamah	" 31		Walter M. Hopewell	Fred Wixer.
Platte Valley	" 32	John G. McIlvain	Frank L. Mooney	John F. Seibert.
Ashlar	" 33	William T. Alden		
Acacia	" 34	William D. Fletcher		
Fairbury	" 35			
Lone Tree	" 36	Albert B. May		
Crete	" 37	*Melville H. Fleming		
Oliver	" 38	Frank H. Newton	James M. Calder	Bert C. Emrick.
Papillion	" 39		George F. King	
Humboldt	" 40		Bohuslav Fruhbauer	
Northern Light	" 41	Edward B. Baer		Theodore H. Namur.
Juniata	" 42	*Enos J. Hanchett	*William G. Saddler	
Hebron	" 43			
Harvard	" 44	Jerome G. Pace		
Rob Morris	" 46	Roy S. Shahan	Charles A. Robinson	
Fairmont	" 48	Melvin E. Millen		
Evening Star	" 49	Peter F. Nuss		
Hastings	" 50	Willis A. Reynolds		
Fidelity	" 51	*Roy W. Becker	Roy W. Becker	*Roy W. Becker.
Hiram	" 52	Anson B. Newkirk		
Charity	" 53	*Albert U. Kaley		
Lancaster	" 54	Robert O. Wolf	Robert R. Gray	Mark E. Vance.
Mosaic	" 55	Andrew H. Viele		
York	" 56	Homer R. Hatfield	*George R. Reed	*George R. Reed.
Mount Moriah	" 57	Dennison P. West	Louis S. Fallers	Elbert M. West.
Lebanon	" 58	George A. Scott		Lauren W. Snow.
Wahoo	" 59	*Joseph N. Davis		
Melrose	" 60	George S. Austin		
Thistle	" 61	Frederic L. Temple		
Keystone	" 62	Emmet C. Arnett		
Riverton	" 63	John D. Fulton		

\*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Blue Valley... No. 64		Thomas Mills	
Osceola " 65			
Edgar " 67	Charles M. Ferree		
Aurora " 68	Amos D. Travis		
Sterling " 70			
Trowel " 71	Hugh L. McGinitie	*Horace B. Hauser	*Chauncey L. Wattles
Hooper " 72	Martin A. Uehling		
Friend " 73	*Andros W. Hoyt		
Alexandria " 74	Benjamin L. Terry		
Frank Welch " 75	Herman Schroeder		
Joppa " 76	Ray V. McGrew	John W. Kirkbride	
Nelson " 77			James C. Lanham, Sr
Albion " 78	Frank A. Doten		
Geneva " 79	*John Mills		
Composite " 81	*Luther J. Saylor	Luther J. Saylor	
Saint Paul " 82	Cassius B. Manuel		
Corinthian " 83	Cyrus E. Hunter		
Fairfield " 84		John P. Jenkins	
Tyre " 85	Alfred R. Morris		
Doniphan " 86			
Ionic " 87	William H. McClintock	*Soloman Draper	
Star " 88	William I. Langley		
Cedar River " 89	*William S. P. Eyder		
Elk Creek " 90	William A. Davis		
Oakland " 91	Arthur B. Peden	August C. Holmquist	David L. Preston
Hubbell " 92	Samuel Patten		
Beaver City " 93	Thomas A. Boyd		
Bennet " 94	William Nelson		
Garfield " 95	*James C. Harnish		
Utica " 96			
Euclid " 97	*Philemon S. Barnes		
Republican " 98	George H. Woolman		
Shelton " 99			
Creighton " 100			Orin A. H. Bruce
Ponca " 101		Fred W. Brown	
Waterloo " 102	Charles E. Wikins		
Ord " 103	*James W. Milford		
Wymore " 104	*Harrison F. Vernon		
Stella " 105	Asa W. Montgomery		
Porter " 106			
Table Rock " 108	John R. Sutton		
Pomegranate " 110	*Willis M. Butler		
DeWitt " 111	Thomas U. Whiffin		
Springfield " 112	*James B. Nicholson, Jr		*Thomas Nelson
Globe " 113		William H. Field	
Wisner " 114	Oscar R. Thompson	Fred Balster	
Harlan " 116	James G. Thompson		
Hardy " 117		Henry W. Gunnison	
Doric " 118	*Jerry Wilhelm		
North Bend " 119	Burlingame Walker		*Fred A. Howe
Wayne " 120	James G. Miner		
Superior " 121	John W. Mitchell		

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## REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Auburn	No. 124	James M. Armstrong..		
Mount Nebo	" 125	Frank W. Wake.....		
Stromsburg	" 126	William V. Sharp.....		
Minden	" 127	James H. Cardwell...		
Guide Rock	" 128		Isaac B. Colvin.....	
Blue Hill	" 129	Dean W. Fay.....		
Tuscan	" 130			
Scribner	" 132			
Elm Creek	" 133		Elwin C. Krewson.....	
Solar	" 134	Charles H. Fox.....		
McCook	" 135	Charles L. Fahnestock..		
Long Pine	" 136	Lewis E. Smith.....		
Upright	" 137	Jacob F. Halderman...		
Rawalt	" 138	*Neal A. Pettygrove....		
Clay Centre	" 139	Newton W. Johnson...		
Western	" 140			
Crescent	" 143	Frederick M. Tully....		
Kenesaw	" 144	Elbert J. Latta.....		
Bancroft	" 145	J. Herman Russman....		
Jachin	" 146	Eugene W. Reed.....	Charles A. Galloway..	
Siloam	" 147	Mads Johnson.....		
Emmet Crawford	" 148	Leander H. Jewett....		
Jewel	" 149	*Frank P. Steele.....		
Cambridge	" 150	William P. Bennett....		
Square	" 151	*William Bays.....		
Parallel	" 152			
Evergreen	" 153	*Louis P. Tonner.....	Louis P. Tonner.....	
Lily	" 154	L. Clark Minard.....		
Hartington	" 155	Fred W. Barnhart....	John Schwabland....	
Pythagoras	" 156	Andrew J. Davis.....		
Valley	" 157	LaVerne L. Brown....		
Sumaritan	" 158	George H. Willis.....	Duncan McMillan....	Thomas B. Augustine..
Ogalalla	" 159			Warner W. Aldridge..
Zeredatha	" 160	*James K. Perry.....		
Mount Zion	" 161	Henry Burritt.....	William T. Mawhor....	
Trestle Board	" 162	Addison C. Maynard..		Edwin C. Yont.....
Unity	" 163	William E. Hand.....		
Atkinson	" 164	*Jesse E. Brook.....	Jesse E. Brook.....	
Barneston	" 165	*Vencil F. Malicky....		
Mystic Tie	" 166	John D. Askwith.....		
Idwood	" 167	Charles T. Coate.....		
Curtis	" 168		Jacob Scherer.....	
Amity	" 169	Joseph E. West.....		
Mason City	" 170		John C. Spencer.....	
Merna	" 171	Lansing J. Read.....		
Grafton	" 172	William M. Smith.....		
Robert Burns	" 173	Charles A. Besack.....		
Culhertson	" 174			
Temple	" 175		Charles A. Burbank....	
Gladstone	" 176	John W. Scott.....		
Hay Springs	" 177	William W. Parsons....		
Prudence	" 179	John H. Ritchie.....		

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REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Justice	No. 180 John G. Walthall		
Faith	" 181 J. Arnold Habegger		
License	" 182 *Elmer W. McFarland		
Alliance	" 183 James H. H. Hewett		
Bee Hive	" 184 William Kerr		*Claude L. Talbot.
Boon	" 185 *Otto Puelz		
Israel	" 187 *Edward Northway		
Meridian	" 188 Edgar C. Stanley		
Granite	" 189		Samuel A. A. Walker
Methyst	" 190 Hugh L. McLeay		
Crystal	" 191 Henry S. Sprecher		Titus F. Howard.
Linnekadusa	" 192		
Igniter	" 193 *William F. Sott		
Highland	" 194 *Luther C. Kurtz		
Scania	" 195 Dwight H. Griswold		
Level	" 196 Johnson W. Bliss		
Morning Star	" 197		
Unity	" 198 John C. Hill		
Level	" 199 James H. Bryant		
Blazing Star	" 200 William W. Hemmitt		
Cott's Bluff	" 201 Rollin B. Judson	Fred D. Wolt	*James B. Coffman
Golden Sheaf	" 202 *Albert D. Townsend		
Roman Eagle	" 203 John G. Gannon		
Mainview	" 204	Lucian Barbour	
Golden Fleece	" 205 John O'Neil		
Apthali	" 206 Adelbert D. Stotts		
Arian	" 207 Harvey S. Mahan	Silas G. Payton	*Henry H. Andrews
Huge	" 208 *Walter Sorensen		
Unopy	" 209 Dietrich Smith		John Gerry Stark.
East Lincoln	" 210 Rollin H. George	Melvin T. Harmer	
Element	" 211 *Marcus R. Abbott		
Compass & Sq're	" 212 John Hothem		
Fire & Compass	" 213 *Eric W. Northrop		
Sumblin	" 214		James B. Coffman.
Occidental	" 215 William F. Bockemuehl		
Alisade	" 216		Solomon H. Blum.
Fauneta	" 217 Austin C. Pence		
loomfield	" 218 Edward L. Caya	*William D. Funk	*William R. Ellis.
Relief	" 219 *Frank H. Peck		
Magnolia	" 220 *Adelbert A. Davis		Julius H. Bonderson.
Wood Lake	" 221 Joseph P. Kreycik		
Landmark	" 222 *John C. Bailey		
Minence	" 223	Charles S. Fry	
Silver Cord	" 224 Charles A. Barnes		
able	" 225 John Finch	Gage J. Hammond	*Charles M. Blowers.
Race	" 226 Stewart E. Carskadon		
North Star	" 227 *John C. Pentzer	Joseph W. Seabrooke	
Artley	" 228 *John E. Hathorn		
Ormet	" 229 Joseph W. Blodgett		
Delta	" 230 Winfred F. Flory		
Mount Hermon	" 231		
John S. Bowen	" 232	John Blaco	Joseph C. Neal.

\*Proxy.

## REPRESENTATIVES—Concluded.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Gilead .....No. 233	*William D. Spicknall.....		
Zion ..... " 234	William H. Nickles.....		
Fraternity ..... " 235	*Harry E. Siman.....		
Golden Rule.... " 236	*Vernon W. McDonald.....		
Cubit ..... " 237	J. LeRoy Marshall.....		
Friendship ..... " 239	John P. Laub.....		
Pilot ..... " 240	George E. Lundburg.....	Charles McMonies.....	
Geo. Armstrong. " 241	Jacob L. Friis.....	Thomas A. Minier.....	
Tyrian ..... " 243	William S. Price.....	Ernst Meyer.....	
Sincerity ..... " 244	Frank E. Martin.....		
Hampton ..... " 245			
Nehawka ..... " 246	David D. Adams.....		
Corner-stone .. " 247	*Jasper L. Dennis.....	Jasper L. Dennis.....	
Laurel ..... " 248	Claude C. Sackett.....		
Gothenburg .... " 249	Edwin J. Spalding.....		
Geo. Washington " 250	*Charles H. Martin.....		
Wausa ..... " 251		James B. Parks.....	Theodore A. Antho
Hildreth ..... " 252			
Beemer ..... " 253	*Edwin Albright.....		
Bassett ..... " 254	Mark J. Lipman.....	Pearl H. Davis.....	
Bradshaw ..... " 255	Emile C. Roggy.....		
Hickman ..... " 256	Joseph M. Swiggart.....		
Holbrook ..... " 257	Albert W. Schroeder.....		
Anselmo ..... " 258	John J. Tooley.....		
Bee ..... " 259	Arthur Soss.....		
Springview .... " 260	John W. McLeran.....		
Ornan ..... " 261	Charles H. Ware.....	George E. Armour.....	
Endeavor ..... " 262	Samuel R. Smith.....		
Mitchell ..... " 263		John A. Burton.....	

\*Proxy.

Your committee also reports the presence of representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska from the following Grand Lodges: Alabama, Alpha Morgan, 148; British Columbia, Thomas M. Davis, 93; Canada, Williamson S. Summers, 26; Colorado, Charles J. Phelps, 34; Connecticut, Samuel P. Davidson, 17; England, Frank E. Bullard, 32; Florida, Julius Beckman, 15; Georgia, Edwin F. Warren, 2; Illinois, George H. Thummel, 33; Indiana, Harry P. Deuel, 11; Kansas, James P. A. Black, 50; Louisiana, Robert E. Evans, 5; Maine, Thomas K. Sudborough, 25; Maryland, Henry Gibbons, 46; Michigan, Daniel H. Wheeler, 1; Minnesota, George A. Beecher, 32; Missouri, George B. France, 56; Nevada, John B. Dinsmore, 49; New Hampshire, Roscoe Pound, 54; New York, William A. DeBord, 3; North Carolina, Melville R. Hopewell, 31; North Dakota, John A. Ehrhardt, 41; Nova Scotia, Henry H. Wilson, 19; Oklahoma, Zuingle M. Baird, 155; Oregon, Henry Brown, 3; Prince Edward Island, Charles E. Burnham, 166; Rhode Island, Michael Dowling, 119; South Carolina, James R. Cain, Jr., 105; South Dakota, Manoah B. Reese, 19; Tennessee, Francis E. White, 6; Texas, Martin Dunham, 3; Utah, Robert E. French, 46; Vermont, Frank H. Young, 207; Washing-



ton, Charles K. Coutant, 11; Egypt, Harry A. Cheney, 100; Queensland, Roy S. Shahan, 46; Victoria, John S. Bishop, 54; Western Australia, Ornan J. King, 54.

The following report for the Committee on Accounts was presented by Brother Pickett, 6, who moved its adoption, and the motion prevailed:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

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

We, your Committee on Accounts, beg leave to report as follows:

We have carefully checked the reports and books of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer, also the securities and books of the Treasurer of the Orphans Educational Fund, and find the several accounts correct, and with each the following amounts:

In the hands of the Grand Treasurer in the General Fund....\$18,534.61  
 In the hands of the Grand Treasurer in the Relief Fund..... 2,044.36

Total .....\$20,578.97

In the hands of the Treasurer of the Orphans Educational Fund:

Securities on hand.....\$49,900.00  
 Cash on hand ..... 3,575.50

Total securities and cash.....\$53,475.50

Interest collected during the year..... 3,042.70

Expended out of this fund for relief..... 1,339.48

We wish to commend the Grand Secretary for the methodical and accurate manner in which the several accounts are kept, they being thoroughly systematized and neat in appearance. The committee also wishes to thank the officers whose accounts they have checked for the assistance given.

Brother DeBord, 3, for the Committee on Codification of the Law, presented a report which on motion was postponed until other matter relating to changes in the law could be considered.

Brother James R. Cain, Jr., 105, called up the amendment to the law in relation to relief as offered by him at the last session, and on motion further consideration of the question was postponed until the Committee on Jurisprudence made its report on the recommendation made by the Grand Master on the same subject.

Past Grand Master Bullard, referring to the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, stated that the com-

mittee appointed to prepare a monitor, ceremonials, etc., ought to have completed the work assigned to it, as but one member of the committee had done anything (Brother Davidson, 17, prepared a form of funeral services). He moved that the committee be discharged, and it was so ordered. Brother Gibbons, 46, moved that a committee of three be appointed to prepare a form of ceremonial for the use of the Grand Lodge. Past Grand Master Bullard moved to amend the motion by adding that the committee be required to report at the next annual communication. The amendment was accepted, and the motion was adopted.

Past Grand Master Davidson was appointed a member of the Committee on the Nebraska Masonic Home to take the place of Past Grand Master Slaughter, who had been called out of the state in the service of the government.

On motion Past Grand Masters Burnham, Wilson, and Bullard were appointed a committee to visit Past Grand Master Daniel H. Wheeler, who was ill, and convey to him the good wishes of the members of the Grand Lodge, with a bouquet of flowers.

On motion of Brother Gibbons, 46, the question of requiring uniform petitions to be used by the lodges in the jurisdiction was referred to the Committee on Codification of the Law, with instructions to prepare and submit an amendment covering the subject.

A request for exempting a brother from the payment of Grand Lodge dues was presented by the representative of Gilead Lodge No. 233. Brother Pickett, 6, moved that the request be not granted. The Grand Master ruled the motion out of order, and decided that to grant the request would necessitate a change in the law.

Past Grand Master Phelps, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the following report, and moved that it be adopted; the motion prevailed:

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the Grand Lodge:*

Your committee to whom the application of the new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan for recognition was referred, fraternally reports that we find that this new Grand Lodge was duly and regularly organized in compliance with the well known regulations governing the establishment of a sovereign, independent Grand Lodge, and we recommend that fraternal recognition be extended and that an exchange of representatives be requested.

Your committee to whom the application of a body designating itself as the United Grand Lodge of Mexico was referred, fraternally reports that no sufficient information has been forwarded to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, nor to this committee, to enable a consideration of the regularity of said Mexican body to be given, and we recommend that further consideration of said application be deferred.

A like request comes from a body styling itself the "Grand Oriente d'Italia," another the "Grand Lodge of Chili," another the "Grand Orient of Greece," and one from the "Grand Orient of Paraguay," but in each of the above there is an entire failure on the part of the applicant to place before us such information as is indispensable to a favorable consideration of the advisability of extending fraternal recognition, and your committee recommends deferring action on these applications until such time as sufficient information is furnished this Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Phelps also presented his report on foreign correspondence, which, on motion, was ordered published in the proceedings.

Past Grand Master Burnham moved that a copy of the proceedings of the semi-centennial be given to each member of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons who had not already received one, and the motion was carried. Past Grand Master Davidson moved and it was carried that the distribution of the semi-centennial proceedings as reported by the Grand Secretary be approved, and that further distribution be left with that officer.

Past Grand Master Davidson presented the following report in regard to the exemption from taxation of Masonic property, and Past Grand Master Thummel moved that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to Past Grand Master Davidson, and that \$30.00 be paid him for his expenses in the case. Past Grand Master Reese moved to amend the motion by adding \$100.00, as compensation for his services; the

amendment was accepted, and the motion as amended was carried:

*To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, in Nebraska:*

As verbally reported at the last session of this Grand Body, the undersigned was requested by the then Chairman of your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which committee the matter herein referred to had been committed, to take charge of the matter of testing in the courts the question as to what property belonging to Masonic lodges, if any, was liable to taxation under the laws of Nebraska.

The case of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M. vs. Cass County, having been begun before the Board of County Commissioners of Cass County previous to my taking charge of the matter, I was requested by the local attorney of Plattsmouth Lodge, Hon. Samuel M. Chapman now of revered memory, to appear in that case if in my judgment the real questions were fully presented for decision therein, in which this Grand Body was interested. I did so. Owing to the physical disability of Judge Chapman, I tried that case in the district court for Cass County, in which court the decision was adverse to our contention. For said Plattsmouth Lodge, I prosecuted an appeal in that case to the Supreme Court of the state, where in due course the case was heard, and on the 12th day of July last a decision was rendered in the case in the Supreme Court, definitely and fully adjudicating every question involved in the litigation, in our favor. The opinion is recorded in *113 N. W. R. 167*. As most of the members of the Fraternity may not have easy access to that report, it may be useful to add that the case was tried upon an agreed statement of the facts. That portion of said agreed statement of the facts, deemed important and controlling by the Supreme Court, is as follows:

"The objects and purposes of said Lodge are to nurse, care for and provide for its sick, afflicted and needy members, and their families, bury the dead, care for the widows of its deceased members, care for and educate their orphan children, and to inculcate in its members the principles of morality, temperance, benevolence and charity and teach them their duty and true fraternal relation to mankind; to contribute to the maintenance and support of The Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, an Institution for the support and maintenance of destitute Master Masons, their widows and orphans, at the expense of the Masonic Order, without allowing such destitute Master Masons, their widows and orphans, to become public charges upon the state of Nebraska or the public, and to promote the blessings of Masonic privileges. That the revenue of said Lodge is provided by membership fees and dues, paid by persons joining said Lodge and by members thereof, and not from any revenue derived from any other source whatever.

Also each member of said Lodge is required to pay annually for the support of the Masonic Home and any other special assessment levied against the members of said Lodge by The Grand Lodge of The Order, for the maintenance and support of said Home. That in addition to other committees of said Lodge, The Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens of said Lodge are its committee on charity, and as such are authorized by the by-laws and usages and customs of said Order to

draw from the funds of said Lodge, such sum or sums as may be deemed necessary by said committee for the relief of any one object at one time. Except as above, the individual members of said lodge are not entitled to draw or receive any pecuniary benefits from said Lodge, and in no case are they entitled to receive, directly or indirectly, any pecuniary benefits or any benefit or profit or private gain from said Lodge, or in any manner participate in the distribution of the funds or property of said Lodge. That said Lodge is not engaged in any business for profit or gain, and is prohibited by the rules and regulations of The Masonic Order, of which it is a part, from engaging in any business for gain or for any other purpose whatever except relieving the needy persons as above stated. \* \* \* \* Said Lodge owns and uses the upper or second story of said building exclusively for Lodge purposes—that is to say, for the purpose of holding its lodge meetings, and for no other purpose whatever—and that said Lodge owns no other property, real or personal, except that so situated in the second story of said building (furniture), \* \* \* and the money mentioned in the pleadings, (\$500.00), all of which is held and used exclusively for said lodge purposes.”

After reciting the above statement of facts, the court, in its opinion by Justice Barnes, among other things says:—

“From the facts thus stipulated, it seems clear that the appellant is a charitable institution \* \* \* \* In this case however, our decision must rest, not on the nature of the Masonic Institution, but on the use which appellant makes of the property in question. Sec. 2 of Article 9 of the constitution of this state provides that ‘The property of the state, counties, municipal corporations both real and personal, shall be exempt from taxation, and such other property as may be used exclusively for agricultural and horticultural societies, for school, religious, cemetery and charitable purposes, may be exempted from taxation, but such exemption shall be only by general law.’ To render effective the clause of the constitution above quoted, the Legislature, by section 13 of the present revenue law, has declared, ‘The following property shall be exempt from taxes, First—all property of the state, counties and municipal corporations. Second—such other property as may be used exclusively for agricultural and horticultural societies, for schools, religious, cemetery and charitable purposes.’ This brings us to the real question involved in this controversy: Is the appellant’s property which was listed for taxation used exclusively for charitable purposes? This question must be determined, not from our own personal knowledge, if any, of the nature of the Masonic Order, its organization, its character, its aims, or its purposes, but from the stipulated facts before us. \* \* \* \* It is further agreed that the property in question is held and used by the appellant for the purpose of holding its lodge meetings, and for no other purpose whatever; that the Lodge owns no other property, personal or real, and that the money above described is held and used exclusively for said lodge purposes, to-wit, the relief of the distressed and needy members of The Order. \* \* \* \* So we are of the opinion that under the facts recited in the stipulation, the property of the appellant in question in this case, is exempt from taxation under the constitution and laws of this state. We do not wish, however, to be understood as holding that all property belonging to The Masonic Order is exempt from taxation, or that any of its property is exempt because it is such Order. It is the use of the property, and that alone, which determines the question, and the property of The Order which is used for the purpose of gain or profit of any kind is surely taxable.”

By this decision, the part of any building, that is owned and used exclusively for lodge purposes—that is for the meetings and legitimate work of the lodge—and its furniture and paraphernalia so used, and any money on hands which constitutes and is used as its legitimate charitable fund, and for the running expenses of the lodge, are each and all exempt from taxation. But any property of the lodge which is rented or loaned, or otherwise invested for the purpose of its earning an income, is not so exempt.

The undersigned deems these facts of so much importance to the Craft, that they are hereby reported, so that they may be published in our proceedings for the information of the brethren.

At five forty P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until eight o'clock P. M.

#### FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

TUESDAY, June 9th, 1908.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, with officers and members as at the preceding session.

W. Brother Roscoe Pound, Grand Orator, delivered the following oration, and on motion of Past Grand Master Evans the hearty thanks of the Grand Lodge were tendered to Brother Pound, and he was requested to furnish a copy of the oration for publication in the proceedings:

#### ORATION.

We have long outgrown the notion that Masonry is to be held to one purpose or one object or is to be hemmed in by the confines of one philosophy. If we are taught truly that the roof of the Mason's workshop is nothing less than the "clouded canopy or starry-decked heavens," nothing that goes on beneath that capacious covering can be wholly alien to us. Our Fraternity is to be of all men and for all men; it is to be of all time and for all time. The needs of no one time and of no one people can circumscribe its objects. The philosophy of no one time, of no one people, and much more of no one man, can be admitted as its final authority. Hence it is no reproach to Masonry to have, along with lessons and tenets for all times, a special lesson and a special tenet for each time, which is not to be insisted on at other times. Truth, after all, is relative. Vital truths to one time cannot be put into pellets or boluses to be administered to all times to come. If the Craft is to be perpetual, it must appeal to each time as well as to all times; it must have in its traditions something that today can use, although yesterday could not use it and tomorrow need not. We are a Craft of workmen. It is our

glory to be engaged in useful service. Our rites and usages are not merely a proud possession to be treasured for their beauty and antiquity. They are instruments imparted to us to be used. Hence we may properly inquire, what can we make of this splendid tradition of which we are the custodians that will serve the world of today?

For three centuries, at least, men have been egoists. The Hindu and the Hebrew gave us our spiritual inheritance. The Greek showed us the power of the intellect and gave us science and letters. The Roman taught us law and administration. Then came the Teuton to teach us individuality; to make through individual responsibility and individual rights for individual character; to raise higher the mass by the higher development of its several components. Kept back for a time by the weight of the learning of antiquity and the authority of Roman organization in religion, the Teutonic individualism broke all bonds in the sixteenth century and gave us freedom of conscience, freedom of thought, and anon freedom of political action. But an altruist reaction has set in. While the individual will not lose his hard-won powers of believing, reasoning, and choosing freely, he must abate his pretensions to be the center of the universe. In the state we are each day more collectivist; in the world we are each day more international. The words of today are not "I" and "mine," but "we" and "ours." Where the eighteenth-century philosopher could tell us that the public are so much interested in nothing as in seeing that each individual is secure in all his rights, today we feel that each individual will find his chief interest in insuring that the public are secure in all their rights. We no longer begin all philosophy of right and of the state with the isolated individual. We realize that the isolated individual is an abstraction. He never did exist and he never will exist. We no longer hold that society exists solely for the sake of the individual. We recognize that society is in some wise a co-worker with each in what he is and in what he does, and that what he does is quite as much wrought through him by society as wrought by himself alone. We look for liberty through society, not through unrestrained self-assertion of the individual. Moreover, the world is learning that states and nations are not wholly sufficient unto themselves. No one of them is so strong that it can stand by and of itself in the world of today. To individual consciousness and class-consciousness and race-consciousness, we are adding a humanity-consciousness that is to harmonize them all. For such a time, the Masonic lesson is universality.

Men grouped themselves first by the bond of kinship. Kinship was the whole basis of ancient society. The household and the clan were the units legal and political. Within those groups there was peace and government and order; beyond them, war and anarchy. The kinsman was a brother. He had rights. There were duties owing to him. The non-kinsman was an enemy. He had no rights. If there were duties toward him, it was because he and his kindred were strong enough to exact them by force. War between clans was constant and inevitable. There was no common religion to restrain them, no common state

to coerce them, no common tribunal to judge them. The sole recourse of the injured was the blood feud. "Let the burghers seize the murderers," say the Anglo-Saxon laws, "or their nearest kinsmen, head for head." But little by little the state grew at the expense of the clan and the blood feud was put down; so that one must go to the jungles of Central Africa or the mountains of Kentucky to see it in operation as an ordinary agency of society. Outside the immediate household, the tie of kinship became a feeble one. The non-kinsman was no longer of necessity an enemy. A common interest in the state brought citizens of diverse kinship together. If any was wronged, he no longer summoned his kindred to go forth with him to do battle. Tribunals were afforded to which the weak were glad and the strong were compelled to resort. From kin-consciousness the horizon widens to state-consciousness; and with the development of the state from a local federation of clans or a single city to embrace a whole race or even to federate many races in a common empire, the step forward is a long one.

As political organization succeeded kin-organization, the position which the non-kinsman had held was taken by the foreigner. Law was for the citizen, rights were possessed by citizens, duties were owed to citizens. Laws, rights, and duties were not for the alien. He was *hostis*, enemy; the state did not exist for him and took no account of him. War between states involved a war between every citizen of the one and every citizen of the other; and such war was the normal condition of the primitive state. In time, trade and commerce relaxed the legal and political view of the *status* of aliens and it came to be held that there were rights belonging to all citizens of civilized states which were to be recognized and accorded in every land. Gradually a broader principle gained currency. It came to be felt that the unit was the *man*, not the citizen. It came to be recognized that while political rights were for the citizen only, rights of life, liberty, and property were in *men*. This distinction between political rights and civil rights, which the Romans introduced through their theory of natural law, was another long step forward. Its cardinal principle was insistence upon common humanity as the basis of rights and duties. Its source was reason. It looked beyond political boundaries and found the origin of all rules governing the relations of man with man, not in the fiat of a local legislator, but in the universal facts of human nature and the common reason of mankind. But the overthrow of the Empire and the eclipse of Roman learning during the Middle Ages lost much of the ground, and the modern world has had to take this forward step anew. It required the enlightened exertions of a Washington and a Franklin to secure justice in each of our newly liberated American states for the citizens of its neighbors. It required a constitutional provision to secure to the citizens of each state the privileges and immunities of citizens of the several states. Even in the teeth of that provision, provincial legislation in our several American commonwealths against the citizens of other commonwealths is by no means at an end. And, though there are enlightened jurists in the modern world who adhere to a theory of cosmopolitan justice and



believe that a right duly acquired anywhere in the civilized world is good everywhere, the orthodox theory even in this country is still that if we do anything for the alien in such matters we do it not of right, not for the sake of justice, but out of courtesy. But backward as the world still is in its treatment of the alien and of rights acquired abroad, in our views and our practice as to rights and duties between nations we are more backward still. The essential rights of the alien as a man are guarded the world over. It is only in single instances here and there that the old antipathy to the non-citizen appears. On the contrary, when relations of state with state are in question, we are no further advanced than was primitive man in adjusting the relations of individuals. Now as between states, as then between men, war is the final arbiter. "Law," said the barbarian to the Roman missionary, "is for the weak and defenseless, for the woman and the child; what does a strong man want of law?" And just as the primitive man went about armed and relied on his skill in arms and the number of his kindred to vindicate his rights and redress his wrongs, just as the frontiersman carried a rifle to protect his claim, just as the cowboy carried revolvers to repel aggression and protect his honor from affront and insult, the nation of today is burdened with military and naval armaments, not to preserve internal security, but to protect against attack from without and to be prepared to resent affronts.

It has become a commonplace to compare the modes of peaceful redress of grievances which now obtain among nations to the crude remedies which ancient law appointed for the redress of grievances among men. But it may be worth our while to pause a moment to see how complete is the analogy and to note the moral which it has for us. Between nations, as between men in the primitive community, the ultimate test of right and wrong is combat. But there are said to be six measures short of war to which resort may be had by a wronged people: Retorsion, retaliation, reprisals, compromise, mediation, and arbitration. We should laugh today at a people which offered these as the sole remedies to a wronged individual. Yet they were all that primitive law could conceive of for that purpose. If one state enacts laws which injure the citizens of another, the latter may retort with like unjust and inequitable legislation. If one state wrongs the citizens of another, the latter may wreak a petty vengeance upon innocent citizens of the former within its jurisdiction by way of retaliation. Such is International Law of the twentieth century. But if we wish to see anything equally crude in private law, we must go to the law of Babylon, in which, some 2,250 years before Christ, Hammurabi enacted, "if he has caused the son of the owner of the house to die, one shall put to death the son of that builder," or to the Roman law of 450 B. C. which enacted, "if he break a limb, unless they comprise, let there be retaliation," or to Alfred's laws of 890 A. D., which provide that if an ox gore a man, the ox shall be given up to the person injured, that he may be avenged upon it. Again, if one nation has wronged another and persistently refuses to make redress, the injured state may make reprisals, that is, may seize the shipping or

the persons, or the property of innocent citizens of the offending state as security for justice. Under the name of distress, this seizure of the property of a wrongdoer to bring pressure on him to do justice was the staple remedy of ancient law. Little by little men have learned better methods; they have discarded this clumsy device and substituted remedies designed to do exact justice, until, in this commonwealth, the last remnant of distress is to be found in the right, still existing in some cases, to seize and hold trespassing cattle. Yet between nations we still cling to this crude and archaic device. Nor are our more peaceable remedies between nations much better. Compromise, in its very nature, is a giving up of right and justice. To avoid the greater evil of war, the weaker state assumes the lesser evil of yielding or abating its just demands. Under pressure of a powerful state, a lesser power accepts its tendered offices and allows it to mediate without reference to the demands of justice. Not of right, not out of respect for justice, but out of policy or expediency or courtesy, two states agree to arbitrate the differences they might have fought out. So between individuals in ancient law, the state sought to persuade them to compromise in the interest of public peace without necessary reference to the justice of their respective cases. So in the beginnings of Roman law, in every action the parties went through the fiction of a combat between the litigants and an armed intervention of the neutral praetor to preserve the peace and mediate the dispute. So in all ancient legal systems, before the state learns to compel men to litigate their disputes before permanent tribunals of justice, the staple proceeding is an arbitration. It is humiliating indeed to reflect that with all the culture and refinement and science we apply to internal concerns, our modes of adjusting external relations should be so crude and so barbarous. I need not speak to you of the horrors of war. General Sherman spoke no less than the plain truth when he said that war was hell. But an occasional war is not the whole. The energies of all peoples are sapped to provide the means of forcible assertion of rights and redress of wrongs. We do not think of ourselves as a warlike people nor as a people oppressed by a military regime. We think of ourselves as devoting our main energies and the greater portion of our surplus means to education. In this commonwealth we maintain a University which is justly the pride of the state. It trains farmers and teachers and lawyers and physicians and engineers and mechanics whom we may expect to till our fields and raise our flocks and develop the character of our youth and administer justice and heal the sick and harness nature to the service of our industries for nearly two generations after they go forth from its walls. But the damage wrought by the single shot fired but the other day by the Arkansas at the Florida, to test the efficiency of gun and armor, would pay the running expenses of the University of Nebraska for three years! Such, my brethren, is the tribute we pay to the ignorance and the prejudice of the past.

Universal peace is not at all a modern notion. While justice to the non-kinsman and justice to the non-citizen were slowly evolving, while

private war was fading away before the onward march of justice between individuals, there were those who strove for the putting down of public war as well. But the way for public justice had to be cleared by private justice, and the means by which universal peace has been sought have not, hitherto, been such that men could accept them. Universal empire, a universal church, a universal political federation, universal legal tribunals have been proposed and have their several advocates. But the world is too wide for a universal empire, if, indeed, the modern world will tolerate empire at all. Human reason is too varied and has grown too strong to yield to a universal church. Political federation, conceived of by Henry IV. of France in 1603 and elaborated upon by the genius of Kant, is no nearer. And as we see how much remains to do to inculcate respect for law and cultivate habits of obedience within each state, we may question the sanguine belief of the lawyer that what Hebrew prophet and Greek philosopher and Roman emperor failed in, and priest and poet and philosopher and statesman of the modern world have only dared to dream of, he is about to accomplish. Law but formulates the *external* conditions of life measured by reason. To make it effective, the *internal* conditions must first be developed, and these are the task of education and religion and morals; of the school, the church, and the lodge.

What, then, are the obstacles to that peaceable adjustment of the relations of nations which now obtains with respect to the relations of individual men? What are the *internal* conditions we have to obviate before we may formulate effectively the *external* conditions of international peace? I think we may say there are four: (1) distrust of foreign peoples due to ignorance of their life and institutions and lack of acquaintance with their individual citizens, (2) the prevalence of individualist philosophy, leading each people to regard its rights first and its duties afterwards, (3) the difficulty involved in all abstract reasoning, which makes it hard for men to think of duties and obligations as resting upon a people which they would concede at once to rest upon a man, and (4) popular lack of restraint, the tendency to be governed by passion rather than by reason, which, latent in every man, is multiplied in associations of men and breaks out in the mob. Let us look at each more in detail for a moment, for our attack must be upon these, if we are to effect anything for peace.

Among the Manchus there is a saying, "the man who comes from a strange locality is contemptible." The Mongols also say "the thighbone of an elk cannot be fitted into a saucepan, and a stranger does not jibe with a stranger." Even among those whom we know, among those with whom we are brought in daily contact, the opportunities for misunderstanding are infinite and afford the novelist and the dramatist their chief materials. As to those who do not speak our tongue, whose language we do not understand, whose institutions we half know, if at all, there is a certainty of misunderstanding. When one reads what passes for news from America in the newspapers of continental Europe, he ceases to wonder that a large part of the world regards us as hopeless

savages. When one reads what passes for news from Europe in many of our own journals, and assumes that the cream of the sensations of all Europe which is served up to us is characteristic of the everyday life of supposed civilized peoples, he is tempted to be thankful that in at least one land God reigns and the government at Washington still lives. But Manchu and Mongol are wrong. The man who comes from a strange locality is not contemptible; rather we are contemptible if we will not understand him. Stranger will jibe with stranger if each will but try.

A more formidable difficulty has existed in the hitherto dominant individualism. However much we may talk of protecting rights, what the law does among men after all is to enforce duties. But in all theorizing and philosophizing for at least three hundred years, we have put the whole emphasis on rights. In the Middle Ages duty was put in the foreground. But the Middle Ages insisted first of all upon authority. The individual was to be in subjection. On every hand there were ultimate authorities which he might not even question. When the individual burst the bonds of authority, he saw his rights rather than his duties, and this was at the time when International Law was coming into being. We cannot doubt that the advance of law between states has been retarded by the very circumstance which has given law within states such rapid and complete development.

Again, we must not forget that the state is an abstraction and that all reasoning is difficult and abstract reasoning doubly difficult. We can see and hear and feel a man; we know the state only by abstract mental processes. Honest men who would never think of cheating a tangible fellow man, are not so clear about a corporation, a municipality, or a state. Men who are scrupulously just in every private relation ask scant questions as to how a corporation earns the dividends it pays them. We are only just learning that the duties we owe a city or a state are simply those we owe another man. How much harder, then, is it for the public to realize the duties that rest upon the state. The king could do no wrong. He did justice not of right, but of grace. He has been known to pay his debts by burning the evidences thereof. This royal prerogative of dishonesty has been inherited by the modern state, and is only just disappearing from our polity. Most of our American states still leave the public creditor to appeal to the legislature for such help as a political body may afford him, and courts of claims which deal between the state and its creditors as the ordinary courts between individual debtors and creditors are still few. But if states are only just coming to recognize their full duty of justice to their own citizens, we must not ask too much in the way of recognizing their full duty of justice toward other states.

Finally, the governments of today are popular governments, and it is a prime requirement of a popular government that it be interesting. A dull government is lost. But passion is always more interesting than reason, and the politician who appeals to the one has many advantages over him who relies upon the other. Hence the innate tendency to be governed by passion rather than reason, latent in all of us, but kept

down to a minimum by the law in our private relations, is given free rein in matters of international relation and is even stimulated on occasion by the exigencies of politics.

If the obstacles to international justice, the causes of continued adherence to crude and barbarous modes of adjusting public relations, after they have become obsolete for centuries in private relations, have been stated correctly, a new and vital meaning for the present time is given to our tenet of universality. If ignorance of the customs and modes of life and thought of foreign peoples creates prejudice, the Mason must insist on brotherhood. If current philosophy leads a people to look solely to their own right in dealing with another people, the Mason must ascertain, call attention to and insist upon duty. If the difficulty of abstract reasoning blinds the multitude to the duties which rest upon states even as upon men, the Mason has the immemorial and universal language of signs and symbols to fall back upon, by which he at least may have his mind opened. If reason is rejected and passion put in its place, the Mason, who has learned from his first initiation to measure and lay out, to live by rule, to act upon the square, and to circumscribe his desires and keep his passions in due bounds, must needs bestir himself to set reason up once more. In the ordinary affairs of life, we realize these duties entirely. But it is our duty to the state to realize them also when the state is in disputes with other states. For the Mason is in a real sense a citizen of the world. The very form of our lodge, the oblong square, has reference to the early tradition that such was the shape of the world. The oblong square with the pillars of Hercules in the west, with deep Cimmerian darkness in the north and the sun at its meridian in the south, was a symbol of the world. Thus the world itself is the true Mason's lodge, in which he is to live and labor. He must be international. He must think of *men*, not of citizens. He must think of himself as one of a universal brotherhood, not as one of a local lodge owing obedience to a provincial Grand Lodge.

Unhappily the universal spirit has been backward in Masonry itself. When it became necessary to assert the individual against the excessive deference to authority of the Middle Ages, when local independence had to be vindicated against obsolete notions of empire, the local and individual elements in Masonic institutions, the local lodge and the sovereign Grand Lodge in each jurisdiction, were rightly insisted on. Even if apocryphal, the noble answer of the Masons to the King in the Leland MS. illustrates a sturdy individualism that was commendable in our ancient brethren. But that spirit has done its work. Now for a season we must dwell upon another phase of Masonry. We must remind ourselves continually that we are for all people and for all time. There is danger now of too narrow insistence in every jurisdiction on the local independence and local sovereignty, so essential in the past. Not that we should relinquish a jot of them. But let us use them for broad, Masonic, universal, human purposes! When we reflect on the controversy over perpetual jurisdiction, on the invasions of jurisdiction that are still too common, on the situation which some of the oldest Grand

Lodges of the world have created in Australasia, on the attitude of English-speaking Masons toward the rest of the Masonic world, and on the far from satisfactory condition of the problem of negro Masonry, must we not confess that we are in some measure out of accord with the times and delinquent in our duty toward our own professions?

My brethren, we of all men, owe it to ourselves and to the world, to be universal in spirit. Universality is a lesson the whole world is learning and must learn. But we ought to know it well already. We ought to be upon the front bench of the world's school, setting an example to our more backward school-fellows. Wherever in the world there is a lodge of Masons, there should be a center of the new idea of universality, radiating reason to put down prejudice and advance justice in the disputes of peoples, and making for the peace and harmony that should prevail in this great lodge of the world.

Moreover, the idea of universality has a special message to the Mason for the good of Masonry. Every world-organization hitherto has been wrecked ultimately upon its own dogmatism. It has taken the dogmas, the interpretations, the philosophy of its youth for a fixed order of nature. It has assumed that universality consisted in forcing these dogmas, these interpretations, this philosophy upon all times to come. While it has rested serene in the ruts made by its own prosperity, the world has marched by it unseen. We have a glorious body of tradition handed down from the past, which we owe it to transmit unimpaired to the future. But let us understand what in it is fundamental and eternal, and what is mere interpretation to make it of service to the past. Let us while we have it use it well to make it of service to the present. Yet let us fasten upon it nothing hard and fast that serves well enough to make it useful today, but may make it useless tomorrow. As the apprentice stands in the corner of the lodge, the working tools are put in his hands and he is taught their uses. But they are not his. They are the tools of the lodge. He is to use them that the Worshipful Master may have pleasure and the Craft profit. The Grand Master of the Universe has entrusted to us the principles of Masonry as working tools. They, too, are not ours, they belong to the lodge of the world. We are to use them that He may have pleasure and the craft of humanity that labors in this wide lodge of the world profit thereby.

At half past nine o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until Wednesday, June 10th, at half past nine o'clock A. M.

#### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 10th, 1908.

At the appointed hour the Grand Lodge resumed labor with officers and members as at preceding sessions, M.·W.·. Brother King presiding.

Past Grand Master Young presented the following report of the Committee on Orphans Educational Fund, and on motion the report was approved, and the fidelity of Brother Young, Chairman of the committee, was cordially commended:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

I would fraternally report that under the resolution of our last Grand Lodge I have received and expended the following amounts for relief and educational purposes:

Receipts.

July 4th, 1907, Orphans Educational Fund.....	\$ 632.00
May, 1908, Orphans Educational Fund.....	487.75
July 4th, 1907, Relief Fund.....	525.00
Relief Fund .....	350.00
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	\$1,994.75

Of this amount \$132.00 was for cash expended and reported last year .....	\$ 132.00
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	\$1,862.75

Disbursements.

Pawnee Lodge No. 23, Mrs. Flora A. Valentine, Leslie Valentine, 16 years .....	\$ 50.00
St. Johns Lodge No. 25, Mrs. Christina Clemenson, Alfred Clemenson, 18 years, Howard Clemenson, 14 years.....	100.00
Papillion Lodge No. 39, Mrs. Lizzie Morrison, Zella Morrison, 14 years, Merna Morrison, 13 years.....	75.00
Edgar Lodge No. 67, Mrs. Ida May Holden, Erma Holden, 19 years, Ethel Holden, 15 years, Carus Holden, 17 years, Vera Holden, 12 years, Leland Holden, 9 years.....	200.00
Siloam Lodge No. 147, Mrs. Serena E. Harvey, James Harvey, 9 years, May Harvey, 8 years.....	500.00
Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148, Mrs. Lillian King, Hollis E. King, 16 years, Dora B. King, 18 years.....	40.00
Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148, Mrs. Mary Russell, Belle Russell, 19 years, Emmett Russell, 17 years.....	150.00
Trestle Board Lodge No. 162, Mrs. Lizzie Wendell, Oliver Wendell, 18 years, Emma Wendell, 15 years, Paul Wendell, 14 years, Herman Wendell, 12 years, Lena Wendell, 10 years.	150.00
Hesperia Lodge No. 178, ext., Master Ralph Springer, 17 years.	48.75
Israel Lodge No. 187, Mrs. Lillian M. Longstreth, Ivaln Longstreth, 10 years, Esther Longstreth, 9 years, Thelma Longstreth, 8 years, Martin Longstreth, 7 years, Lillian Longstreth, 5 years.....	100.00

Highland Lodge No. 194, Ollie Crosby, 11 years, Ada Crosby, 13 years .....	200.00
Bassett Lodge No. 254, Mrs. Minnie L. Herrington, Katie Herrington, 17 years, James Herrington, 15 years, Carl Herrington, 10 years, George Herrington, 5 years.....	39.00
Crete Lodge No. 37, Mrs. Birdie Cochran, Birdie Cochran, 18 years, Warren Cochran, 11 years, Robert Cochran, 9 years..	50.00
George Armstrong Lodge No. 241, Mrs. Mary A. Gray, Myrtle Gray, 15 years, Gordon Gray, 13 years, Morris Gray, 11 years, Sadie Gray, 9 years, Paul Gray, 7 years.....	100.00
Cash in my hands.....	60.00
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	\$1,862.75

In response to a query from the Committee on Pay-Roll, Past Grand Master Thummel moved that the committee be instructed to make the per diem for two days' attendance. Past Grand Master Davidson moved to amend by instructing the committee to pay for three days' attendance, and the amendment was adopted, also the motion as amended.

On motion of Past Grand Master Dunham two o'clock P. M., was made a special order for the election of officers.

Brother Hunter, 83, submitted the following query, and it was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

A candidate is rejected by lodge A, and afterwards petitions lodge B, stating in his petition that he had been rejected by lodge A. Lodge B receives his petition, elects him, and confers the E. A. and F. C. degrees upon him without asking for a waiver of jurisdiction. Then lodge B asks lodge A to waive jurisdiction, and lodge A refuses. The whole matter was referred to the M. W. Grand Master, who ordered lodge B to remit the fee belonging to the Grand Lodge to the Grand Secretary, and the balance of the money lodge B had collected from the candidate to lodge A, which was done.

What is the standing of the candidate, and what is the duty of lodge A, in order to lawfully raise the candidate? Should lodge A elect him to membership, or should he only be examined as to his proficiency as a Fellowcraft and be allowed to petition for the Master Mason's degree?

The committee made the following report thereon:

The candidate is the material of lodge A. Lodge B should be required to report to lodge A the dates upon which the degrees were conferred, accompanied by the original petition. Lodge A should then enter his name upon their record as a Fellowcraft whose further advancement has been stopped by an unfavorable ballot.



Past Grand Master Phelps made the following minority report:

In the matter of the query submitted by W. Brother Cyrus E. Hunter, 83, to the Grand Lodge:

The undersigned fraternally submits a minority report, urging that this Grand Lodge has in a great many cases decided that the candidate thus made by the trespassing lodge becomes the member of the trespassing lodge, and we recommend that the same be the rule in this case.

Past Grand Master Young moved that the majority report be adopted; after some discussion Past Grand Master Davidson moved that the entire matter be postponed until the next annual communication. The motion to postpone until the next annual communication was adopted.

Brother Bishop, 54, offered the following, and on motion it was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

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

I respectfully ask that the Committee on Jurisprudence be requested to prepare and submit to this Grand Lodge an amendment to the law making it a Masonic offense for any subordinate lodge to receive and ballot upon the petition of a man who is the rejected material of another lodge of this jurisdiction, and that a suitable penalty for the wilful or negligent commission of such offense be provided for.

The committee made the following report thereon, and it was adopted:

Your committee would respectfully report that as the subject is fully covered by the law now in force, it is recommended that no action be taken on the subject.

Brother Abbot, 211, offered the following amendment to the law, and it was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence to consider with the recommendation of the Grand Master on the same subject:

Amend Section 66, Chapter IX. by adding thereto:

And no member shall be allowed to vote after three calendar months from the date of his receiving the Master Mason's degree have elapsed, unless he shall have undergone such examination and proof thereof has been duly recorded.

Later in the session the committee made the following report and it was on motion adopted:

The Committee on Jurisprudence refuses to take any action on this subject, as they have before considered and acted upon it.

Brother Nicholson, 112, presented the following statement, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

A profane petitioned Springfield Lodge No. 112 for initiation. The petition was accepted and referred to a committee. The petition was not in form, one of the most essential clauses being omitted, to wit: "that he believes in the existence of a Supreme Being," but the chairman of the committee to which the petition was referred took it to the petitioner for correction by order of the Master of the lodge, and the petitioner said he did not wish to go any further, and wanted to withdraw it as he was informed that an objection would be filed against him. The chairman then took the petition and informed the Master of the petitioner's request. The Master thereupon said that there had been an objection filed and demanded the petition, and sustained the objection filed against the applicant.

At twelve o'clock, noon, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until two o'clock P. M.

## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 10th, 1908.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour with officers and members as at the preceding sessions.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers under the special order, other business being transacted while the judges were counting the ballots. Grand Master King appointed Brothers Gray, 54, Cole, 3, Pace, 44, Yont, 162, Hatfield, 56, and James, 1, as tellers, and Brothers Habegger, 181, Brown, 19, and McLeran, 260, as judges. The election resulted as follows:

BRO.: WILLIAM A. DEBORD, 3.....	Grand Master.
BRO.: MICHAEL DOWLING, 119.....	Deputy Grand Master.
BRO.: HARRY A. CHENEY, 100.....	Grand Senior Warden.
BRO.: HENRY GIBBONS, 46.....	Grand Junior Warden.
BRO.: JOHN B. DENSMORE, 49.....	Grand Treasurer.
BRO.: FRANCIS E. WHITE, 6.....	Grand Secretary.

Later in the communication appointment was made of:

BRO. SAMUEL D. DUTCHER, 3	Grand Chaplain.
BRO. ALBERT W. JEFFERIS, 1	Grand Orator.
BRO. ROBERT E. FRENCH, 46	Grand Custodian.
BRO. JAMES R. CAIN, JR., 105	Grand Marshal.
BRO. ALPHA MORGAN, 148	Grand Senior Deacon.
BRO. THOMAS M. DAVIS, 93	Grand Junior Deacon.
BRO. JACOB KING, 3	Grand Tyler.

Bros. Joseph B. Fradenburg, 3; J. Arnold Habegger, 181; Elmer W. Brown, 19; Melville H. Fleming, 37; Walter M. Hopewell, 31; Committee on Codification of the Law.

Bros. Francis E. White, 6; Charles J. Phelps, 34; Eddy G. Wilmoth, 25; William T. Bourke, 268; Asa W. Montgomery, 105; Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Bros. Frank E. Bullard, 32; Manoah B. Reese, 19; Jerome G. Pace, 44; Zuingle M. Baird, 155; George A. Beecher, 268; Committee on Fraternal Dead.

Bros. Ornan J. King, 54, (5 years); Frank H. Young, 207, (4 years); Robert E. Evans, 5, (3 years); Albert W. Crites, 158, (2 years); Alpha Morgan, 148, (1 year); Committee on Relief.

Bros. Melville R. Hopewell, 31, (term expires June, 1909); Charles K. Coutant, 11, (term expires June, 1910); Michael Dowling, 119, (term expires June, 1911); Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund.

Bros. George H. Thummel, 33; Robert E. French, 46; James R. Cain, Jr., 105; Committee on Monitor and Ceremonies.

Past Grand Master Baird offered the following report, Deputy Grand Master DeBord presiding, and after reading the same, asked for unanimous consent to consider the amendments to the law offered by the committee; consent was granted, the report of the committee was adopted, and the amendments considered separately and adopted by the necessary vote:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend that decisions Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10 be approved.

That decision No. 2 have added thereto "but a petition for demit must be received and read at a regular meeting of the lodge, an opportunity given to any brother to prefer charges, and if no charges are preferred that the Master shall order the demit granted and the Secre-

tary shall make a record of such action." And that the decision so amended be approved.

That in decision No. 9, all after the word "evidence" be stricken out, and the following added: "in accordance with the action of the Grand Lodge as found on page 529 of the proceedings for 1907."

We recommend that no change be made in the amount or premium of the official bonds.

In reference to the law relating to the examination of Master Masons, we would say that the entire matter is covered by an approved decision of the Grand Master in 1907.

It is the sense of this committee that the Grand Lodge should not assume the authority or responsibility of laying down rules for the admission or discharge of residents of the Nebraska Masonic Home, such authority and responsibility being vested in the Board of Trustees of said Masonic Home.

It is the sense of this committee that the time of the Grand Custodian should not be taken from schools of instruction except under urgent circumstances, which in the opinion of the Grand Master shall be sufficient to justify it.

In the matter of the query of Brother James B. Nicholson, of Springfield Lodge No. 112, we find that the lodge acquired jurisdiction by the acceptance of the regular petition, and that after the said petition was referred to the committee, the applicant's request for the withdrawal of the petition was ineffectual, and that the applicant stands as the rejected material of the lodge.

With reference to the amendment to the by-laws of Wymore Lodge No. 104 it is the opinion of this committee that the name of a chartered lodge cannot be changed by an amendment to its by-laws.

It is the opinion of this committee that the matter of mileage and per diem be referred back to the Grand Lodge without action.

We recommend the following amendments to the law:

Strike out of Section 9, Chapter III. the following: (6) Orphans Educational Fund," renumber the other committees, and strike from the eleventh line the figure 6, and insert 5, and strike from the sixteenth line the word and figure except (6). Amend Section 15 of Chapter III. of the by-laws to read as follows:

Sec. 15. RELIEF. The Committee on Relief shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Grand Master, (one to be appointed for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years, and one to be appointed each year thereafter for five years.) That said committee shall have entire charge of, shall receive, consider, and report upon all applications for relief from the Relief Fund of this Grand Lodge, and appropriations from the Orphans Educational Fund interest. It shall be the duty of the committee to make a thorough investigation of each and every application, and upon approval of the committee, warrants may be drawn upon the funds by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

At each annual session of the Grand Lodge the committee shall make a detailed report of its doings and of the probable apportionment of said funds and the purposes for which they shall be made for the ensuing year, and shall be subject to the order of the Grand Lodge as to such apportionments. The committee shall be a board of visitors from this Grand Lodge to and for the Nebraska Masonic Home located at Plattsmouth.

Strike out all of Section 16. Strike out and repeal all of Chapter IV., and substitute the following therefor:

#### CHAPTER IV.

Section 27.—THE ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND OF THIS GRAND LODGE shall be in charge and control of a Board of three Trustees, to be appointed by the Grand Master. The present Trustees of said fund shall hold their offices for the respective terms for which they were appointed, and at the expiration of each of such terms, the Grand Master shall annually appoint a Trustee for three years.

Section 27-A.—\$50,000.00 of this fund shall constitute the Endowment Fund of the Nebraska Masonic Home. Seventy-five per cent. of the annual interest of this fund, based on the earnings thereof for the preceding year, may be used for the care and education of orphans, and the support and maintenance of the Home, which shall be disbursed on the order of the Relief Committee, through warrants drawn by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary. This Endowment Fund, with its increase from time to time, shall by the Board of Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund be kept separate and distinct from all other funds.

Section 27-B.—NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME. The Grand Master, and in his absence from the meetings, the Deputy Grand Master or the ranking Grand Warden shall represent the Grand Lodge at all meetings of the stockholders of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

Section 28. OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND. They shall annually elect one of their number as President, one as Secretary, and one as Treasurer of said board. They shall keep a record of their proceedings, which shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Grand Master or any one authorized for that purpose. The Treasurer shall give a bond in such form as the Grand Master shall direct, in the sum of \$5,000.00, or such larger sum as may be required by the Grand Master, which bond may be provided by an approved guarantee company, and the cost thereof paid out of said fund.

Section 29. FUNDS: HOW LOANED. Said funds may be loaned out upon real estate first mortgages in sums not to exceed \$2,500.00 or 40 per cent. of the appraised value, or in the purchase of such mortgage securities, or approved public securities.

All unloaned money may be deposited in solvent banks on interest, until required for the purpose of making loans. The applicant for real estate loan shall furnish a complete abstract of title, to the lands offered as security, and sign a statement setting forth the value, condition and

character of said lands, the improvements thereon, the amount of loan desired, the length of time it is to run, and the rate of interest offered. The board shall cause an appraisalment to be made by two reputable appraisers, which shall show in items the fair market value of the land, and the improvements thereon.

The applicant shall pay for said abstract and appraisements, and all recording fees. If the security offered is deemed satisfactory by a majority of the board, a loan may be completed, and the securities therefor recorded, and held by the Treasurer of said board. As additional security, the borrower shall secure and maintain at his own cost, sufficient solvent insurance upon the tenements upon said land, and keep the policies thereof assigned and delivered to said Board of Trustees.

No loan shall be made either directly or indirectly to any member of said Board of Trustees.

Section 30. TREASURER'S REPORT. The Treasurer of said board, shall at least ten days before the annual grand communication, file with the Grand Secretary, a full, detailed, and itemized statement of the moneys received and paid out by him, the dates and sources of such receipts, the dates and objects of such payments, the securities in his custody, upon what lands, and what amounts if any, are due and unpaid, and from whom owing. Such report shall be printed and referred in the same manner as the reports of the several Grand Officers.

Section 31. RELIEF FUND. One-tenth of the gross income of this Grand Lodge from dues and fees each year, is hereby set apart and transferred to a fund to be called the Grand Lodge Relief Fund, which, together with the Relief Fund already accumulated may be disbursed as needed, for the relief of indigent Masons and their widows, and the relief and education of their orphans.

Section 32. ALL APPLICATIONS FOR RELIEF from this fund shall be referred to the standing Committee on Relief, and its recommendations shall be transmitted to the Grand Master, who may order warrants drawn upon the fund, in accordance with the recommendation of such committee.

Section 33. Its report shall be made after thorough investigation of the necessity of such relief, and no relief shall be granted by the committee until all the necessary information called for has been furnished. All questions relating to relief shall be referred to the Committee on Relief.

All applications for relief to be acted upon at the session of the Grand Lodge shall be filed with the Committee on Relief at least ten days prior to the annual communication. Information must be furnished in the application the same as provided for above.

Past Grand Master Davidson offered the following amendment to the law and it lies over for consideration until the next annual communication:

Repeal Section 146-A. of the law, being the law requiring an applicant for the privilege of visiting a lodge, to furnish documentary evidence of his being a member of a lawful lodge.

Brother DeBord, for the Committee on Codification of the Law, offered the following amendments to the law, and asked for unanimous consent to consider them; consent being granted, the amendments were unanimously adopted:

Amend Section 7 by inserting after the words, "and shall prepare all diplomas provided for in these by-laws," the following words: "but he shall not authenticate any diploma except it be of the form heretofore adopted and in use by this Grand Lodge."

Amend Sec. 8, by inserting therein after the words, "next communication of the Grand Lodge," the words:

"But the work of the Grand Custodian in conducting schools of instruction or otherwise, shall not be interrupted by calls upon him for Masonic funerals or other meetings, or work, except under urgent circumstances which in the opinion of the Grand Master shall be sufficient to justify such interruption."

Amend by adding Section 46-A as follows:

"Section 46-A.—NAME OF LODGE. The name of a chartered lodge must be approved by the Grand Lodge, and no change of name may be made by a lodge except upon approval by the Grand Lodge."

Amend Section 57 by substituting for the words "On or before April 30th," the following words: "And transmitted to the Grand Secretary on or before the 10th day of April."

Add Section 66-A as follows:

Sec. 66-A. REFUSING EXAMINATION.

A brother refusing to qualify and pass an examination as provided by Section 66 renders himself liable to charges. But neither his right to a demit nor any other of his privileges as a Master Mason, shall be denied him, unless in consequence of such refusal on his part, charges have been preferred against him.

Amend Sec. 70 by inserting after the words "over a saloon," the following words: "or public dance hall."

Amend Section 72 by adding thereto the following:

"At all regular meetings eight Master Masons, members of the lodge, must be present. At all meetings of the lodge the charter must be present, also the three great lights and the representatives of the three lesser lights. At special meetings no business matters may be taken up or passed upon by the lodge except funerals, installations, conferring of degrees, and those matters specifically authorized in the Grand Lodge laws, or referred to such special meeting by the Grand Master.

Add Section 72-A as follows:

Section 72-A. CALLING OFF AND ON. The conferring of degrees and examination of candidates shall be conducted by the lodge

opened upon the degree then under consideration. To pass from a lodge of one degree to a lodge of another degree, the lodge may be first called to refreshment and then opened in the degree desired. The closing of a lodge in one degree also closes the lodge opened on all inferior degrees.

Amend Sec. 77, by adding the following:

"A lodge is at labor while conducting a funeral service, and upon leaving the lodge room for such service, it should not be called from labor to refreshment."

Amend Section 81 to read as follows:

Section 81. GRAND LODGE DUES. Each lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge on or before the 5th day of April, for each initiation, the sum of five dollars (\$5.00), for each member (except those exempt from the payment of dues as provided for in Section 84), the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25); fifty cents of which shall be paid for the maintenance of the Nebraska Masonic Home. Each lodge shall at the same time pay to the Grand Lodge for all supplies purchased from the Grand Lodge during the preceding year. Returns in duplicate and the amount due the Grand Lodge may be sent in at any time between March 31st and April 5th. The Committee on Returns shall add as a penalty one cent per day for each member on the rolls as shown in the table as printed in the preceding year's proceedings of the Grand Lodge, to all lodges that neglect to send in their returns and pay their indebtedness to the Grand Lodge by the 10th of April. All settlements shall be made in accordance with the account of the Grand Secretary, who shall base the same upon the table as printed in the preceding year's proceedings of the Grand Lodge. Unaffiliated brethren formerly belonging to lodges now extinct shall pay the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) as Grand Lodge dues. Such dues when paid shall be used for the purpose of helping to maintain the Nebraska Masonic Home.

Amend Section 82 by substituting for the words "Grand Lodge dues to the end of the current Masonic year" the words: "and all Grand Lodge dues for which his lodge is liable on his account to the Grand Lodge."

Amend Section 98 so as to read when amended as follows:

Section 98.—PETITIONS: WHERE PRESENTED.—Petitions for initiation must be made out upon the form heretofore adopted by this Grand Lodge and for sale through the office of the Grand Secretary, or upon forms prepared by the lodge, which must in all cases embrace all of the matter contained within the form adopted by the Grand Lodge. Petitions for initiation must be presented to the lodge nearest the residence of the petitioner; in cities having more than one lodge, the petition may be presented to any one of them.

Add Section 105-A as follows:

"It is unmasonic to solicit a profane to petition for initiation; nor should a lodge pay for a public lecture, or take any steps to solicit petitions for initiation."



Amend Sec. 108 by adding thereto, the following:

"And upon such receipt and reference being made at a regular meeting of the lodge, the petitioner becomes, and thereafter, and unless regular waiver is made, remains the material of such lodge."

Amend Section 111 by substituting for the words "follow the usual course" the following: "be referred, balloted upon, and in all things take the course of an original petition."

Amend Sec. 114, by adding thereto the following:

"But in no case shall a petitioner be required to pay the same fee more than once."

Amend Sec. 124 by adding thereto the following:

"An objection to a petitioner for affiliation remains effective until the objector withdraws it, dies, or ceases to be a member in good standing of the lodge. But neither an objection, nor an unfavorable ballot upon a petition for affiliation can preclude the petitioner's right to petition any other lodge for admission."

Amend Sec. 125 by adding thereto the following:

"Objections should in all cases be presented to, and can be passed upon only by the lodge having jurisdiction of the candidate."

Amend Sec. 138 so as to read when amended as follows:

"Section 138.—HOW OBTAINED.—Any brother desiring a demit must apply therefor in writing, stating that it is wanted for the purpose of enabling him to join another lodge of Freemasons. Such petition must be received and read at a regular meeting of the lodge, and if, after an opportunity is given, no charges are preferred against the petitioner, and if the brother is clear on the books, the Master shall order that the demit be issued, and the secretary shall make a record of such action."

Add Section 146-A as follows:

Sec. 146-A.—No lodge in this jurisdiction shall receive a visitor from any lodge outside of this state, unless a Master Mason, known as such in the lodge, shall vouch for the visitor as a Master Mason in good standing, or until the visitor, after strict examination, shall prove himself to be a Mason in good standing; and no such visitor shall be examined until he produces to the Worshipful Master of the lodge, or to the committee of examination appointed by him, a certificate under the seal of his lodge, authenticated by the seal of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction whence the visitor comes, which certificate must show that he is a member of said lodge in good standing. And the Master and committee must be satisfied that the lodge giving the certificate is a regular lodge, working under the jurisdiction of a regular Grand Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska. And unless such certificate is dated within one year prior to the date of such examination, the visiting brother must also present some receipt or other documentary evidence from his lodge, bearing a date not to exceed twelve months prior to the date of such examination, showing that he remains a member of said lodge in good standing.

Amend Section 148 by adding thereto the following:

"1—Gambling, including transactions commonly known as bucket-shop deals, and dealing in options, with no intention of delivery of the commodity, but with the expectation of speculating upon the future price, and intention of settling the difference according to market quotations."

Amend Section 212 by adding thereto the following:

"But in no case may a suspended Mason present with his petition for reinstatement an application for a demit, nor may his reinstatement be made to depend upon his severance of membership in the lodge."

Amend Section 213 by adding thereto the following:

"But should a brother fail for a period of five years after suspension to pay his dues, he may not be reinstated, even by the payment of his dues, except upon a favorable two-thirds vote by his lodge upon his petition in writing for reinstatement, which petition must be referred and lie over for at least four weeks."

Past Grand Master Evans offered the following amendment to the law, and asked for unanimous consent to consider it; consent was granted, and the amendment to the law was adopted:

Amend Section 12 so as to read as follows:

Sec. 12. CODIFICATION OF THE LAW.—The Committee on Codification of the Law shall digest the approved decisions of the Grand Master, and the approved report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and after harmonizing the same as far as may be possible, shall submit them in the form of proposed by-laws to the Grand Lodge at the communication at which they are approved.

Brother Thompson, 116, for the Committee on Grievances, offered the following report, Deputy Grand Master DeBord presiding during its consideration, and on motion all excepting that portion relating to the appeal of a member from the action of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57, and the case of Trestle Board Lodge No. 162 *vs.* DeWitt Lodge No. 111, was approved:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

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

We, your Committee on Grievances, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have examined the report and action of the Grand Master relative to Gilead Lodge No. 233, and recommend that his action taken in said matter be affirmed.

Elm Creek Lodge No. 133: We have examined the report and findings of the Grand Master, and recommend that the same be approved.

Humboldt Lodge No. 40: We have examined the action of the Grand Master and his recommendation, and recommend that the same be approved.

Friend Lodge No. 73: We have gone over carefully the acts, findings, and recommendations of the Grand Master, and recommend that the same be approved.

North Star Lodge No. 227: We have gone over the acts, findings, reports, and all papers, and we recommend that the action of the Grand Master taken in said matter be approved.

Gauge Lodge No. 208: We have examined the papers carefully in this matter, and find that the acts of the Grand Master are, we feel, right, and we recommend that they be approved.

Crystal Lodge No. 191: After having carefully examined the papers in this case, we find that the recommendations made by the Grand Master are the only ones which could have been made, and we recommend that his acts be approved.

As to the application of a brother who was expelled from Fairfield Lodge No. 84, on the 19th day of August, 1905, the lodge having taken favorable action upon his petition for reinstatement, the committee recommends that he be reinstated to all the rights and privileges of a Master Mason.

As to an expelled member of Charity Lodge No. 53, we find that favorable action has been taken by the lodge for his reinstatement, and we recommend that the brother be reinstated as a Master Mason, entitled to all the rights and privileges thereof.

In the matter of the petition of an expelled member of Plumblin Lodge No. 214, his lodge having recommended his reinstatement, we recommend that the brother be reinstated and granted all the rights and privileges of a Master Mason.

Your committee further recommends that the members of extinct lodges in the state, who have been notified by the Grand Secretary to take demits and have failed to do so, be and the same are hereby suspended.

In the matter of the appeal of a brother from Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57, we find that the brother was regularly charged with conduct unbecoming a Mason; that he had due notice of the filing of said charges, and at the time set for the trial, pleaded guilty as to the first count of said complaint, and not guilty as to the second and third; that the lodge proceeded to a trial and upon the termination thereof a ballot was taken and he was found not guilty as to the second and third charges, and guilty only as to the first. That a ballot was taken as to what punishment should be given, and the lodge voted for indefinite suspension. From the evidence that we have before us and the proceedings had by the lodge, we are satisfied that the brother was guilty of unmaasonic conduct. But the committee is of the opinion that for a

first offense indefinite suspension is too great a punishment; and we recommend that it be changed to definite suspension for one year. We further recommend that in case the brother persists or is guilty of unmasonic conduct such as was proved against him and upon which he was tried by the lodge, or guilty of any other acts unbecoming a Mason, that his lodge prefer charges against him, that he be placed upon trial, and if found guilty that he be expelled.

Your committee finds that in the question of jurisdiction between DeWitt Lodge No. 111 and Trestle Board Lodge No. 162, Trestle Board Lodge No. 162 obtained jurisdiction over the applicant and that they have never waived jurisdiction; and we further find that an objection has been interposed to the applicant being made a Mason, and he was declared rejected on that ground less than a year before DeWitt Lodge No. 111 received his application. We further find that the application received by DeWitt Lodge No. 111 was within itself sufficient to have put said lodge upon inquiry and they ought to have inquired of Trestle Board Lodge No. 162 before taking any action whatever on said application. That the application itself shows that the applicant had made application to Trestle Board Lodge No. 162, and that he had withdrawn the same, and that they made no inquiry whatever. We further find that the applicant was within the jurisdiction of Trestle Board Lodge No. 162; that they obtained jurisdiction over him, and that DeWitt Lodge never has obtained jurisdiction; but that notwithstanding all this, they went ahead and gave the applicant the Entered Apprentice degree, since which time no action has been taken. We find that their action in assuming jurisdiction was null and void, that they had no authority whatever to confer said degree, that the applicant was not entitled to the same, and that said degree has never been Masonically conferred. We recommend that DeWitt Lodge No. 111 be censured for their acts in this matter.

The committee further finds that there has been gross irregularity on the part of DeWitt Lodge No. 111, and the committee asked the members of said lodge yesterday, who were representing the same in this Grand Body, to send and get the record of said lodge, which they promised to do, and have it by noon today. But they inform the committee that they cannot do so, and we further recommend that the incoming Grand Master immediately visit DeWitt Lodge No. 111, inspect their records and proceedings, and deal with them as in his judgment may seem best.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Past Grand Master Phelps moved that the report of the committee relating to the appeal of the brother from the action of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57 in indefinitely suspending him from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, be not adopted, and that the action of the lodge be sustained. After

considerable discussion, the committee asked permission to withdraw this portion of the report, and the request was granted, whereupon the committee offered the following:

We, the members of your Committee on Grievances, in the matter of the appeal of the brother from the action of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57 most respectfully refer this matter to the incoming Grand Master, to take such action as may seem to him just and lawful.

Past Grand Master Warren moved that the matter be so referred. Past Grand Master Phelps raised the point of order that the matter could not be considered, as the law did not provide for it. The Grand Master decided that the point of order was not well taken, and the motion of Past Grand Master Warren was carried.

Past Grand Master France moved, and it was carried, that the controversy between Trestle Board Lodge No. 162 and DeWitt Lodge No. 111 be referred to the incoming Grand Master with full power to act.

Brother Shahan, 46, presented the following report for the committee, and it was regularly adopted; in addition to the foregoing, \$2,000.00 was appropriated for stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home, and \$150.00 for a desk and chair for the Grand Secretary, making a total of \$14,941.95:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

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

Your Committee on Ways and Means respectfully recommends the following appropriations for the year 1908-9:

Pay-roll (the necessary amount).....	\$3,839.95
Chairman, Committee on Returns.....	50.00
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	100.00
Grand Master's expense, or the necessary amount thereof.....	300.00
Grand Master's clerk hire, or the necessary amount thereof..	500.00
Grand Treasurer's salary.....	50.00
Grand Secretary's salary.....	1,800.00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire.....	1,200.00
Grand Custodian's salary.....	1,200.00
Grand Custodian's expense.....	600.00
Grand Lodge Office, rent.....	200.00
Grand Lodge Office, heat and light.....	50.00

Grand Lodge Office, janitor.....	75.00
Grand Lodge Office, telephone.....	40.00
Grand Treasurer's surety bond.....	60.00
Grand Secretary's surety bond.....	12.00
Postage, telegrams, telephone calls, and expressage.....	300.00
Stationery .....	70.00
Incidentals .....	75.00
Blanks .....	200.00
Purchasing supplies for sale and issue.....	700.00
Printing and electrotyping proceedings of 1908.....	900.00
Library, purchasing and binding.....	50.00
Printing parchment charters.....	75.00
Grand Tyler.....	50.00
Grand Treasurer's assistants at Grand Lodge, \$5.00 each.....	10.00
Stenographer for the session.....	10.00
Commission, Treasurer of the Orphans Educational Fund, 1 per cent. on entire investment.....	115.00
Refund to Palisade Lodge No. 216, dispensation to elect officers.	10.00
Refund to Upright Lodge No. 137, dispensation to elect officers.	10.00
Printing 1,000 copies of the law, the necessary amount.....	
P. G. M. Davidson, services in Plattsmouth tax case, \$100.00, expenses, \$30.00.....	130.00
Bro. Elisha D. Bellis, organist.....	10.00

We recommend that none of the money appropriated for the expense of the Grand Custodian, namely \$600.00, be expended for any purpose other than the holding of regular schools of instruction.

All services rendered for individual lodges, such as preliminary arrangements for the laying of corner-stones, dedication of halls, constituting of new lodges, examinations of lodges U. D., and conducting of funeral services must be paid for by the lodges receiving the services.

Past Grand Master Young presented the following report, which was adopted:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF.

*To the Grand Lodge:*

Your Committee on Relief submits the following report:

On proper application we recommended to the Grand Master the payment of \$5.00 per month to Superior Lodge No. 121, for the relief of Brother Olus C. Williams; also the payment of \$5.00 per month to Relief Lodge No. 219, for the relief of Brother Charles L. Allen.

We also recommended the payment of \$350.00 for the relief of Mrs. Serena E. Harvey, the widow of a member of Siloam Lodge No. 147.

We also recommended the payment of \$5.00 per month to the widow of Brother James Dickson, and a like amount to the widow of Brother

James A. Pike, both of whom were members of Parian Lodge No. 207, at the time of their death.

Past Grand Master Thummel offered the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office, and moved that it be adopted; the motion prevailed:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICE.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge:*

Your Committee on Grand Lodge Office would report the necessity of a new desk and chair for our most efficient Grand Secretary.

RESOLVED. That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) be appropriated for a new desk and office chair, together with such sum as may be realized from the sale of the old desk and chair which the Grand Secretary is authorized to sell.

The report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations was presented by Brother Jewett, 148, who moved, and it was carried, that it be adopted:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

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

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations reports as follows:

We recommend that a charter be granted to each of the following lodges working under dispensation, and that their by-laws as submitted be approved:

Rolland H. Oakley Lodge No. 264, formerly Jephtha Lodge U. D., located at Franklin, Nebraska.

Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265, formerly Winter Creek Lodge U. D., located at Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Silver Lodge No. 266, formerly Silver Lodge U. D., located at Silver Creek, Nebraska.

James A. Tulleys Lodge No. 267, formerly Overton Lodge U. D., located at Overton, Nebraska.

George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, formerly George W. Lininger Lodge U. D., located at Omaha, Nebraska.

We recommend that Belgrade Lodge U. D., located at Belgrade, Nebraska, be continued under dispensation.

Further: that we concur in that part of the Grand Master's recommendation relative to the charter of North Star Lodge No. 227, and we recommend that if a new charter is granted, North Star Lodge No. 227 bear all expense pertaining thereto.

The following report of the committee, offered by Past Grand Master Davidson, was, on motion adopted:

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

*To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

We, your Committee on the Nebraska Masonic Home, have had the matters referred to us under consideration. We have noted the suggestions made in reference to the Home by our Most Worshipful Grand Master in his address, and we recommend that the spirit and intent of his suggestions be approved, and that the said Home be fostered, cherished, and maintained by this Grand Body, and fraternally commended to the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction as worthy of their confidence and support. We note with great satisfaction the report of the Grand Secretary giving the facts relating to the management of the finances of the Home, and of the excellent work it has already done, and we recommend that all of the acts of the Trustees and officers in the management and conduct of the business of the Home be approved.

We further recommend that the articles of incorporation be amended by the stockholders thereof so as to provide that the wives, mothers, sisters, and daughters of needy or deceased Master Masons may be cared for and maintained in the Home, in all cases deemed proper by the Board of Trustees, and also so as to increase the number of members of said Board of Trustees; and also so as to provide that the Grand Master of Masons, the Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons, the Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters, the Grand Commander of Knights Templar, and the Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, all within this state, be made honorary members of said Board of Trustees, but not entitled to vote.

We further recommend that this Grand Lodge appropriate for the support and maintenance of the Home, from time to time, such amounts from its general fund as may be deemed advisable by it.

†ast Grand Master Davidson presented the following proposed amended articles of incorporation for the Nebraska Masonic Home, and moved that they be approved by the Grand Lodge, and that the stockholders be requested to adopt them at the next meeting; the motion prevailed:

## NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

## AMENDED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

## ARTICLE I.

The Name of this Corporation shall be "The Nebraska Masonic Home."

## ARTICLE II.

The principal business office of the Corporation shall be in the City of Omaha, Nebraska.



ARTICLE III.

Unless sooner dissolved according to law, this Corporation shall continue until December 31st, A. D. 2000.

ARTICLE IV.

The business of this Corporation shall be to care for and maintain poor, needy and distressed Freemasons, and the poor and needy wives, widows, mothers, sisters, and children of Freemasons, and to educate their children, and for this purpose, this Corporation may purchase, or acquire by devise, gift or otherwise, lots, and lands, improved or unimproved, and erect and maintain necessary and suitable buildings, establish and maintain suitable home or homes for its business, and may purchase, or acquire by gift or devise, and may sell and convey any and all kinds of property, real or personal, and may do all other acts and things necessary, convenient and incidental to the performance of the main business of the Corporation.

ARTICLE V.

The affairs of this Corporation shall be under the control of a Board of twenty-four Trustees, and the officers and employees selected by said board. The members of such Board of Trustees shall be elected by ballot at the annual meetings of the stockholders of the Corporation. The trustees now in office shall hold their offices for the remainder of the term for which they have been elected, and at the meeting of said stockholders at which these amended ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION shall be adopted, there shall be elected three of said trustees for a term of one year, three for a term of two years, three for a term of three years and six for a term of four years, and at each annual meeting thereafter there shall be elected six of said trustees for the term of four years. Each trustee shall hold his office until his successor shall have been chosen and has accepted the office.

The stockholders shall in like manner at their annual meetings elect trustees to fill any vacancy in such offices occasioned by death, resignation, or from any other cause, but the Board of Trustees may temporarily fill any such vacancies until the next ensuing annual meeting of the stockholders.

ARTICLE VI.

None but Master Masons in good standing in their respective lodges shall hold office in this Corporation. The Board of Trustees shall, immediately after each annual election, meet and organize by electing by ballot from their number, a President, three Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, and all of said officers so chosen by said Board shall be like officers of the Corporation. The Board of Trustees shall elect from their number an Executive Committee of five members, which, when the said Board is not in session, shall have and exercise all the powers of said Board, except the power to buy or sell real estate, or to authorize the erection of permanent buildings or other permanent im-

provements. It is expressly provided however, that The Grand Master of Masons, the Grand High Priest, the Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters, The Grand Commander of Knights Templar, and The Grand Matron of The Order of the Eastern Star, during their respective terms of office shall be honorary members of said Board of Trustees, entitled to a seat and voice in the discussions, but not entitled to a vote.

#### ARTICLE VII.

The Board of Trustees may adopt such by-laws as it may deem proper for the dispatch of the business of the Corporation and of the Board, and for the regulation of the residents and employees of the Homes and Hospitals established by the Corporation. At any and all meetings of the Board of Trustees, five members shall constitute a quorum.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

The authorized Capital Stock of this Corporation shall amount to \$500,000.00, and shares shall be issued in the sum of \$100.00 each. Said shares of stock shall not be transferable, either by sale and purchase, or by gift, bequest or devise, but each certificate of stock shall provide that at the death of the person in whose name it is drawn, the same shall become the property of some Masonic Body, to be named by him in said certificate of stock. Each stockholder shall have one vote for each share of stock he may hold, at each and all meetings of the stockholders.

#### ARTICLE IX.

The right to vote at stockholders' meetings is hereby declared to be personal entirely, to the stockholders, which right shall not extend beyond the life of the persons or corporations named in the certificate of stock.

#### ARTICLE X.

The Annual Meeting of the stockholders for the election of trustees and for the transaction of other business of the Corporation shall be held on the Anniversary of Saint John, The Almoner, January 23rd, or the following Monday should that Anniversary fall on Sunday.

#### ARTICLE XI.

The President shall, upon the written request of the holders of one-third of the stock of the Corporation, call a meeting of the stockholders; and he may without such written request call such meeting. Due notice shall be given the stockholders of all stockholders' meetings.

#### ARTICLE XII.

The title to all the property of the Corporation shall be taken and held in the name of "The Nebraska Masonic Home," and when any real estate is sold, conveyance thereof shall be made in the name of the corporation, and shall be executed by the President or Vice President,

attested by the Secretary of the Corporation, and the seal of the Corporation shall be affixed to such conveyance.

ARTICLE XIII.

No property of the Corporation shall ever be applied to or for the use of any stockholder or officer, or of any other person or corporation, but all of its property and income shall be devoted to and used in the establishment, maintenance and operation of the Homes and the Hospitals of the Corporation, and in the conduct of its other legitimate business above mentioned.

ARTICLE XIV.

The Corporation shall not have the power to mortgage or encumber any of its property, nor incur any liability until provision shall have been made for its payment.

ARTICLE XV.

These Articles may be amended at any Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Corporation, notice in writing of such amendment having been given to the stockholders at least thirty days previous to the meeting at which such amendment shall be considered.

Past Grand Master Young moved and it was carried that \$2,000.00 be appropriated from the General Fund to purchase twenty shares of stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home.

At half past six o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until eight o'clock P. M.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 10th, 1908.

At the appointed hour the Grand Lodge resumed labor, Grand Master King presiding, and with officers and members as at preceding sessions.

Brother Temple, 61, presented the report of the Committee on Pay-roll, and on motion it was adopted subject to corrections during the session.

Past Grand Master Ehrhardt moved that the Grand Secretary have 1,000 copies of the law printed after it had been codified by the committee.

Special dispensations without fee were asked for by the following lodges, and were ordered granted: Hope Lodge No. 29 to elect officers; Juniata Lodge No. 42 to elect a secretary;

Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 to elect a Senior Warden; and Laurel Lodge No. 248 to elect a treasurer. Upright Lodge No. 137 also asked for and was granted a return of the fee paid for a special dispensation to elect officers, the same having been granted by Grand Master King.

At nine o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock A. M., Thursday, June 11th.

### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 11th, 1908.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, with officers and members as at the preceding session.

Past Grand Master Young, Chairman of the Committee on Orphans Educational Fund, moved that the names of parties receiving aid from the Grand Lodge be omitted from the printed proceedings; the motion did not prevail.

Past Grand Master Burnham, assisted by Past Grand Master King as Grand Marshal, installed the officers of the Grand Lodge, except the Grand Orator who was absent, in a very impressive manner. Each officer on being presented to the installing officer was greeted with words of commendation for his past services to the Grand Lodge, and he was admonished as to the duties he owed to the brethren, and counseled to continue steadfast in his labors for the good of the Craft. Each of the Grand Officers installed was invested with the jewel of his office.

Authority was given to Grand Master DeBord to install the Grand Orator, at a meeting of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha.

Past Grand Master Thummel moved, and it was carried, that the hearty and appreciative thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to M. W. Ornan J. King, for having devoted so much of his time to administering the affairs of the Grand Lodge during his term as Grand Master, and for the efficient services he had rendered to the Craft in every part of the jurisdiction.

On motion of Past Grand Master Hopewell, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were tendered to the Masonic Temple Craft of Omaha for furnishing at a nominal cost vault room, offices, heat and light for the Grand Lodge, and to the lodges of Omaha for courtesies received during the session.

Brother Cain, Jr., 105, moved that the form of circular issued by order of Grand Master Ornan J. King relative to applications for relief, be approved by the Grand Lodge, and the motion prevailed.

Past Grand Master Reese commended the action of the Grand Lodge during the annual communication in giving the necessary time to consider important legislation, and closed his remarks by saying that in point of harmony, good fellowship, and deliberation, it had been the most successful meeting held for a number of years. The same sentiment was expressed by others, and none "went away dissatisfied."

At half past ten o'clock A. M., no further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed.

WILLIAM A. DEBORD,  
*Grand Master.*

Attest:

  
*Grand Secretary.*

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ARTHUR B. JAQUITH.....	Nebraska,	1..	April 2, 1907
WILLIAM D. ROWLES.....	Nebraska,	" 1..	May 4, 1907
SAMUEL D. MERCER.....	Nebraska,	" 1..	Oct. 10, 1907
HARRY GILMORE.....	Nebraska,	" 1..	Dec. 4, 1907
LEWIS REED.....	Nebraska,	" 1..	Febr. 17, 1908
GEORGE H. PALMER.....	Nebraska,	" 1..	March 9, 1908
JUDD S. TOBIAS.....	Nebraska,	" 1..	March 9, 1908
HENRY J. DUBOIS.....	Western Star,	" 2..	July 21, 1907
CHARLES B. BICKEL.....	Western Star,	" 2..	Oct. 8, 1907
JAMES REED.....	Western Star,	" 2..	Oct. 22, 1907
ALFRED PARDOE.....	Western Star,	" 2..	Nov. 15, 1907
CHARLES W. SEYMOUR.....	Western Star,	" 2..	Jan. 23, 1908
MORRIS M. HAMLIN.....	Western Star,	" 2..	Mar. 26, 1908
JOHN H. GREEN.....	Capitol,	" 3..	April 19, 1907
GEORGE W. LININGER.....	Capitol,	" 3..	June 8, 1907
WILLIAM C. LOUCKS.....	Capitol,	" 3..	Sept. 21, 1907
FRANK D. ADDIS.....	Capitol,	" 3..	Dec. 3, 1907
ALLANSON ROBERTS.....	Capitol,	" 3..	Dec. 23, 1907
HANFORD P. DUFUR.....	Capitol,	" 3..	Jan. 10, 1908
ISAAC S. HASCALL.....	Capitol,	" 3..	Jan. 18, 1908
EMIL SCHNELLBACHER.....	Capitol,	" 3..	Feb. 6, 1908
GEORGE C. BASSETT.....	Capitol,	" 3..	Feb. 20, 1908
ROBERT L. SANDEN.....	Capitol,	" 3..	Mar. 27, 1908
WILLIAM ADAIR.....	Omadi,	" 5..	Nov. 5, 1907
WILLIAM NIXON.....	Omadi,	" 5..	Jan. 31, 1908
WILLIAM H. EDGERTON, JR.	Plattsmouth,	" 6..	Oct. 5, 1907
JOSEPH WOREL.....	Plattsmouth,	" 6..	Jan. 17, 1908
CARL H. SCHMIDT.....	Solomon,	" 10..	Oct. 16, 1907
FRANK S. MEAD.....	Covert,	" 11..	May 18, 1906
ELI GARRET.....	Covert,	" 11..	Febr. 22, 1907
JUDSON T. MARTIN.....	Covert,	" 11..	April 14, 1907
HUGO RAMACCIOTTI.....	Covert,	" 11..	Sept. 10, 1907
HARRY C. STRAIGHT.....	Covert,	" 11..	Febr. 6, 1908
JOHN SHILL.....	Covert,	" 11..	Febr. 26, 1908
THOMAS H. TODHUNTER.....	Covert,	" 11..	Mar. 26, 1908
SYLVESTER HUSTON.....	Peru,	" 14..	Aug. 30, 1907
NELSON TONCRAY.....	Fremont,	" 15..	July 9, 1907
HENRY FUHRMAN.....	Fremont,	" 15..	Aug. 22, 1907

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CHARLES C. SWEET.....	Fremont,	15..	Dec. 1, 1907
BENJAMIN WADE LAFLIN..	Tecumseh,	17..	May 12, 1907
JOHN GRAFF.....	Tecumseh,	17..	Febr. 7, 1908
GILBERT L. LAWS.....	Lincoln,	19..	April 25, 1907
WEBSTER EATON.....	Lincoln,	19..	June 16, 1907
WILLIAM A. STEARNS.....	Lincoln,	19..	Nov. 22, 1907
JAMES O. MESSARVEY.....	Lincoln,	19..	Nov. 29, 1907
THOMAS D. WORRALL.....	Lincoln,	19..	Dec. 31, 1907
REUBEN HOLBEN.....	Lincoln,	19..	Febr. 22, 1908
JOHN ZEHRUNG.....	Lincoln,	19..	Mar. 11, 1908
REUBEN PATRICK.....	Washington,	21..	Dec. 30, 1907
JOHN W. HURLESS.....	Pawnee,	23..	May 29, 1907
ALEXANDER CARLETON...	Pawnee,	23..	July 16, 1907
VERN WILCOX.....	Pawnee,	23..	Aug. 5, 1907
GEORGE SELIGSOHN.....	Saint Johns,	25..	April 15, 1907
JOHN A. CUMMINGS.....	Saint Johns,	25..	May 12, 1907
CHARLES BAXTER.....	Saint Johns,	25..	May 26, 1907
ADOLPH B. HUBERMAN.....	Saint Johns,	25..	Dec. 6, 1907
ROBERT C. HEMPHILL.....	Saint Johns,	25..	Nov. 29, 1907
HENRY R. PENNEY.....	Saint Johns,	25..	Dec. 28, 1907
LOUIS A. GUNERAD.....	Saint Johns,	25..	Febr. 15, 1908
EDWARD RICHELIEU.....	Saint Johns,	25..	Febr. 18, 1908
ROBERT S. BIBB.....	Beatrice,	26..	May 7, 1907
CHARLES TREADWELL.....	Beatrice,	26..	May 28, 1907
HARRISON F. COOK.....	Beatrice,	26..	Jan. 16, 1908
WILLIAM E. KRAUSE.....	Jordan,	27..	Febr. 21, 1908
JAMES E. HILDRETH.....	Tekamah,	31..	July 3, 1907
ROBERT SHUMAN.....	Platte Valley,	32..	May 18, 1907
WILLIAM EVES.....	Platte Valley,	32..	Dec. 17, 1907
ANDREW COSH.....	Ashlar,	33..	April 1, 1907
LUTHER S. POWELL.....	Ashlar,	33..	May 5, 1907
MARVIN WARREN.....	Fairbury,	35..	Aug. 12, 1907
JONATHAN M. HOBER.....	Lone Tree,	36..	Sept. 6, 1907
ELBERT H. COCHRAN.....	Crete,	37..	Aug. 14, 1907
ARTHUR C. CONRAD.....	Crete,	37..	Aug. 18, 1907
T. FRANK SKEEDE.....	Oliver,	38..	May 17, 1907
CHARLES M. TOWNLEY.....	Humboldt,	40..	May 30, 1907
ARTHUR W. McCARTY.....	Juniata,	42..	July 21, 1907

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EDWARD HUGHES.....	Juniata,	No. 42..Oct. 20, 1907
WILLIAM D. CHURCH.....	Hebron,	" 43..Dec. 10, 1907
LEWIS A. STANTON.....	Harvard,	" 44..Dec. 13, 1907
PETER PHILLIPPAR.....	Rob Morris,	" 46..Mar. 9, 1908
GEORGE C. RAY.....	Rob Morris,	" 46..Mar. 10, 1908
GAINES C. HOLLINGSHEAD.....	Fairmont,	" 48..Aug. 4, 1907
STEPHEN KENDALL.....	Evening Star,	" 49..May 27, 1907
JOHN H. MOORE.....	Evening Star,	" 49..Febr. 18, 1908
GEORGE W. HOWARD.....	Hastings,	" 50..April 10, 1907
GEORGE E. DOUGLAS.....	Hastings,	" 50..Sept. 10, 1907
CLAYTON B. COX.....	Hastings,	" 50..Mar. 10, 1908
SAMUEL G. GLOVER.....	Hiram,	" 52..Nov. 14, 1907
ELEAZER S. GORE.....	Lancaster,	" 54..July 6, 1907
FRANKLIN A. WALTERS.....	Lancaster,	" 54..Aug. 4, 1907
FRANK R. WATERS.....	Lancaster,	" 54..Oct. 1, 1907
EDWARD A. COMPTON.....	Lancaster,	" 54..Oct. 19, 1907
THOMAS C. BENNETT.....	Lancaster,	" 54..Jan. 17, 1908
CYRUS S. McCASLIN.....	Mosaic,	" 55..Mar. 4, 1908
JOHN TODD.....	York,	" 56..Mar. 15, 1908
ASA F. CODDINGTON.....	Mount Moriah,	" 57..Jan. 2, 1908
GEORGE W. McKEE.....	Mount Moriah,	" 57..Jan. 28, 1908
J. HERMAN JOHANNUS.....	Lebanon,	" 58..Febr. 12, 1908
JOSEPH McCARTER.....	Thistle,	" 61..Oct. 13, 1907
JOHN WISNER.....	Thistle,	" 61..Febr. 21, 1908
BENJAMIN J. FULTON.....	Keystone,	" 62..Aug. 8, 1907
HORACE A. SCOTT.....	Osceola,	" 65..April 24, 1907
JOHN C. ARNOLD.....	Osceola,	" 65..July 30, 1907
WILLIAM H. STREETER.....	Aurora,	" 68..Aug. 19, 1907
DANIEL H. TUNISON.....	Aurora,	" 68..Oct. 31, 1907
FRANK B. FOSTER.....	Sterling,	" 70..Febr. 8, 1908
PETER M. FITHIAN.....	Sterling,	" 70..Mar. 29, 1908
JEREMIAH DENSLOW.....	Hooper,	" 72..April 13, 1907
JUSTICE E. WARNER.....	Friend,	" 73..June 8, 1907
JOHN PENDARVIS.....	Friend,	" 73..Oct. 17, 1907
JOHN HEADRICK.....	Alexandria,	" 74..Aug. 24, 1907
JONATHAN SPICER.....	Joppa,	" 76..Dec. 27, 1907
CHARLES A. WARNER.....	Geneva,	" 79..Nov. 20, 1907
JOHN J. PAUL.....	Saint Paul,	" 82..Aug. 17, 1907



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JAMES E. WILKINS.....	Fairfield,	84..	Aug. 15, 1907
SIMON CAVANAUGH.....	Doniphan,	" 86..	April 16, 1907
F. WM. WIESCHENDORFF..	Tonic,	" 87..	May 27, 1907
SETH H. PENNEY.....	Cedar River,	" 89..	Jan. 11, 1908
WILLIAM W. HOPKINS.....	Oakland,	" 91..	April 11, 1907
WILLIAM A. HARTLEY.....	Bennet,	" 94..	Nov. 18, 1907
SAMUEL PUGH.....	Garfield	" 95..	May 24, 1907
JOHN W. VAN CLEVE.....	Euclid,	" 97..	Aug. 16, 1907
JOHN A. DONELAN.....	Euclid,	" 97..	Dec. 21, 1907
LEE AULT.....	Republican,	" 98..	Sept. 27, 1907
SOLOMON F. HENNINGER...	Shelton,	" 99..	Febr. 16, 1908
MARSHALL MORSE.....	Shelton,	" 99..	Mar. 31, 1908
JAMES E. ANTRIM.....	Creighton,	" 100..	June 30, 1907
LUTHER B. LEWIS.....	Creighton,	" 100..	Aug. 23, 1907
WILLIAM KOERNER.....	Waterloo,	" 102..	Sept. 16, 1907
LEWIS N. MILLS.....	Stella,	" 105..	Febr. 12, 1908
FRANK A. PHILLIPS.....	Porter,	" 106..	Jan. 23, 1907
ENOS W. MYERS.....	Table Rock,	" 108..	Jan. 5, 1908
JOHN R. NICHOLSON.....	Springfield,	" 112..	Febr. 29, 1908
REUEL S. ALFORD.....	Springfield,	" 112..	Mar. 17, 1908
RICHARD A. MALONY.....	Globe,	" 113..	July 18, 1907
JOHN HORSHAM.....	Globe,	" 113..	Dec. 16, 1907
ERNEST C. ACHEN.....	Harlan,	" 116..	Nov. 5, 1907
WILLIAM B. STAMBAUGH...	Wayne,	" 120..	April 12, 1907
CHARLES O. FISHER.....	Wayne,	" 120..	Nov. 22, 1907
LUTHER E. PETERSON.....	Wayne,	" 120..	Febr. 12, 1908
STEPHEN H. BARNABEE....	Superior,	" 121..	May 7, 1907
WILLIAM PHILLIPS.....	Superior,	" 121..	Sept. 20, 1907
JAMES M. KENNEDY.....	Mount Nebo,	" 125..	May 12, 1907
HENRY C. CRAIG.....	Mount Nebo,	" 125..	Nov. 11, 1907
URIAH CHESTER.....	Long Pine,	" 136..	Mar. 29, 1908
SAMUEL EATHERTON.....	Kenesaw,	" 144..	Mar. 1, 1909
DAVID BARBER.....	Bancroft,	" 145..	Febr. 12, 1908
JOHN F. LAPPART.....	Jachin,	" 146..	June 1, 1907
EDWIN R. OLMSTED.....	Parallel,	" 152..	April 22, 1907
EDWARD S. GILMOUR.....	Pythagoras,	" 156..	April 17, 1907
WILLIAM MONOHAN.....	Valley,	" 157..	Dec. 12, 1907
AUSTIN F. ROCKWELL.....	Samaritan,	" 158..	

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HENRY M. VANDERBILT	Mount Zion,	No. 161..Febr. 11, 1908
SILAS C. PURDY	Atkinson,	" 164..April 7, 1907
BURTON L. CHAMBERS	Elwood,	" 167..June 7, 1907
NYRUM B. BARNES	Amity,	" 169..July 30, 1907
MARCUS N. PALMER	Justice,	" 180..Sept. 18, 1907
GEORGE W. TANDY	Faith,	" 181..Sept. 17, 1907
ALONZO V. MILLER	Bee Hive,	" 184..Dec. 18, 1907
RICHARD W. CAREY	Bee Hive,	" 184..Febr. 11, 1908
W. FRANK ELLIOTT	Bee Hive,	" 184..Febr. 12, 1908
THOMAS J. STOWE	Israel,	" 187..Febr. 6, 1908
NOEL M. ADAMS	Meridian,	" 188..July 27, 1906
JAMES H. DAVIS	Granite,	" 189..Dec. 9, 1907
DAVID DOAN	Morning Star,	" 197..April 7, 1907
JAMES J. W. FOX	Golden Sheaf,	" 202..April 5, 1907
JOHN BLANCHARD	Roman Eagle,	" 203..Febr. 18, 1908
JOHN L. HENRICHS	Napthali,	" 206..Dec. 13, 1907
JEHIEL ROWLEY	Gauge,	" 208..May 28, 1907
GEORGE S. CARNAHAN	Canopy,	" 209..Dec. 9, 1907
JAMES J. EDDY	East Lincoln,	" 210..April 18, 1907
W. CLARENCE WINGERT	Cement,	" 211..July 6, 1907
JAMES W. WYLIE	Square & Compass,	" 213..Febr. 18, 1908
HENRY H. BRAINARD	Occidental,	" 215..May 5, 1907
ALTON C. PORTER	Wood Lake,	" 221..Febr. 2, 1908
FRED REGLER	Eminence,	" 223..Dec. 28, 1907
JAMES M. CALDWELL	Cable,	" 225..May 14, 1907
HENRY J. DAY	North Star,	" 227..Dec. 2, 1907
DAVID H. GOULD	Comet,	" 229..Aug. 6, 1907
EDWARD C. HALL	Delta,	" 230..Nov. 6, 1907
JOHN KLOTZ	John S. Bowen,	" 232..Sept. 25, 1907
ALBERT S. WARNER	Gilead,	" 233..Jan. 13, 1908
RICHARD F. JONES	Pilot,	" 240..Sept. 20, 1907
CHARLES F. GOODELL	Pilot,	" 240..Nov. 20, 1907
YUMA O. SMITH	George Washington	" 250..Sept. 5, 1907
DAVID MELOY	Bradshaw,	" 255..June 4, 1907
CASPER MARTIN	Hickman,	" 256..Mar. 29, 1908
AHIRA Z. JONES	Endeavor,	" 262..July 20, 1907
FRANK FRITSCH	Endeavor,	" 262..Dec. 4, 1907

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

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*Robert C. Jordan.....	1857-58-59
*George Armstrong.....	1860-61-62
Daniel H. Wheeler, Omaha, 559 South 26th Ave.....	1863-64
*Robert W. Furnas.....	1865-66
*Orsamus H. Irish.....	1867-68
Harry P. Deuel, Omaha, 1902 Dodge Street.....	1869-70
William E. Hill, Los Angeles, Cal., 2220 East 4th Street, Station B.....	1871-72
Martin Dunham, Omaha, 712 South 17th Street.....	1873
*Frank Welch.....	1874
*Alfred G. Hastings.....	1875
George H. Thummel, Omaha, Post Office Building.....	1876
*George W. Lininger.....	1877
Edward K. Valentine, Chicago, Illinois, 103 E. 51st St.....	1878
*Rolland H. Oakley.....	1879
*James A. Tulleys.....	1880
James R. Cain, Sr., Falls City.....	1881
Edwin F. Warren, Nebraska City.....	1882
Samuel W. Hayes, Norfolk.....	1883
John J. Wemple, Cleveland, Ohio, 97 Bell Avenue.....	1884
Manoah B. Reese, Lincoln.....	1885
Charles K. Coutant, Omaha, 1406 Farnam Street.....	1886
Milton J. Hull, Washington, D. C., Winder Bldg., Treasury Dept.....	1887
George B. France, York.....	1888
John J. Mercer, Omaha, 2811 Hickory Street.....	1889
Robert E. French, Kearney.....	1890
Bradner D. Slaughter, Omaha, U. S. Army Headquarters.....	1891
Samuel P. Davidson, Tecumseh.....	1892
James P. A. Black, Hastings.....	1893
John A. Ehrhardt, Stanton.....	1894
Henry H. Wilson, Lincoln.....	1895
Charles J. Phelps, Schuyler.....	1896
John B. Dinsmore, Sutton.....	1897
Frank H. Young, Broken Bow.....	1898
William W. Keysor, Kirkwood, Missouri.....	1899
Albert W. Crites, Chadron.....	1900
Robert E. Evans, Dakota City.....	1901
Nathaniel M. Ayers, Oaks, Oklahoma.....	1902
Frank E. Bullard, North Platte.....	1903
Charles E. Burnham, Norfolk.....	1904
Melville R. Hopewell, Tekamah.....	1905
Zuingle M. Baird, Hartington.....	1906
Ornan J. King, Lincoln, 1126 N Street.....	1907

\*Deceased.

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

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
Alabama	George A. Beauchamp	Montgomery.
Alberta	George Macdonald	Calgary.
Arizona	George J. Roskrug	Tucson.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
British Columbia	Robert E. Brett	Victoria.
California	George Johnson	Spreckels Bldg., San Francisco.
Canada	Ralph L. Gunn	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado	Charles H. Jacobson	Masonic Temple, Denver.
Connecticut	Frank W. Havens, Deputy	Hartford.
Costa Rica	Diego Povedano	P. O. Box 220, San Jose.
Cuba	Carlos G. Charles Y. Hunter	Apartado 72, Havana.
Delaware	Virginius V. Harrison	Wilmington.
District Columbia	Arvine W. Johnston	Masonic Temple, Washington.
England	Edward Letchworth	Freemasons Hall, London.
Egypt	Elias G. Nachon	P. O. Box 148, Cairo.
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Georgia	William A. Wolfhin	Macon.
Idaho	Theophilus W. Randall	Boise.
Illinois	Isaac Cutter	Camp Point.
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	Joseph S. Murrow	Atoka.
Iowa	Newton R. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland	Henry E. Flavelle, Deputy	Freemasons Hall, Dublin.
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	Henry B. Grant	Louisville.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Manitoba	James A. Ovas	Winnipeg.
Maryland	William M. Isaac	Masonic Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Thomas W. Davis	Masonic Temple, Boston.
Mexico	Felix M. Iglesias	Box 10, Mexico City.
Michigan	Lon B. Winsor	Reed City.
Minnesota	John Fishel	315 Dispatch Bldg., St. Paul.
Mississippi	Frederic Speed	Vicksburg.
Missouri	John R. Parson	510 Pine St., St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges, Jr.	Helena.
Nebraska	Francis E. White	1608 Capitol Ave., Omaha.
Nevada	Chauncey N. Noteware	Carson.
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	Ritchie's Bldg., St. John.
New Hampshire	Frank D. Woodbury	Concord.
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New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Masonic Hall, 283 Castlereagh St.,
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	Masonic Hall, New York.
New Zealand	Malcolm Niccol	Auckland.
North Carolina	John C. Drewry	Raleigh.
North Dakota	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo.
Nova Scotia	Thomas Mowbray	Freemasons Hall, Halifax.
Ohio	Jacob H. Bromwell	Masonic Temple, Cincinnati.
Oklahoma	James S. Hunt	Guthrie.
Oregon	James F. Robinson	388 Yamhill St., Portland.
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Prince Edward Is.	Neil MacKelvie	Summerside.
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal.
Queensland	Charles H. Harley	231 Elizabeth St., Brisbane.
Rhode Island	S. Penrose Williams	Freemasons Hall, Providence.
Saskatchewan	John M. Shaw	Regina. [Edinburgh.
Scotland	David Reid	Freemasons Hall, 96 George St.,
South Australia	James H. Cunningham	Adelaide.
South Carolina	Jacob T. Barron	Columbia.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls.
Tasmania	John Hamilton	Hobart.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Texas	John Watson	Waco.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Henry H. Ross	Burlington. [Melbourne.
Victoria	John Brahm	Freemasons Hall, 25 Collins St.,
Virginia	George W. Carrington	Richmond.
Washington	Horace W. Tyler	Masonic Temple, Tacoma.
Western Australia	J. D. Stevenson	Freemasons Hall, Perth.
West Virginia	Hiram R. Howard	Point Pleasant.
Wisconsin	William W. Perry	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	William L. Kuykendall	Saratoga.

## NEBRASKA LODGES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

- Acacia, 34.  
 Adams, U. D., (extinct)  
 Adoniram, 159.  
 Ainsworth, U. D., (131)  
 Albion, 78.  
 Alexandria, 74.  
 Allen, U. D., (236)  
 Alliance, 183.  
 Amethyst, 190.  
 Amity, 169.  
 Anchor, 142, (extinct)  
 Anselmo, 258.  
 Arapahoe, 109, (extinct)  
 Arcana, 195.  
 Ark and Anchor, 131, (ext.)  
 Armada, U. D., (extinct)  
 Ashland, 18, (extinct)  
 Ashlar, 33.  
 Atkinson, 164.  
 Auburn, 124.  
 Aurora, 68.  
 Bancroft, 145.  
 Bannack City, U. D., (ext.)  
 Barneston, 165.  
 Bartley, 228.  
 Bassett, 254.  
 Battle Creek, U. D., (ext.)  
 Beatrice, 26.  
 Beaver, U. D., (179)  
 Beaver City, 93.  
 Beaver Valley, U. D., (230)  
 Bee, 259.  
 Bee Hive, 184.  
 Bell Creek, U. D., (241)  
 Benkelman, U. D., (180)  
 Beemer, 253.  
 Bennet, 94.  
 Blazing Star, 200.  
 Bloomfield, 218.  
 Blue Hill, 129.  
 Blue River, 30.  
 Blue Springs, U. D., (85)  
 Blue Valley, 64.  
 Boaz, 185.  
 Bradshaw, 255.  
 Brainard, 115, (extinct)  
 Bromfield, U. D., (ext.)  
 Bromfield, U. D., (223)  
 Burchard, U. D., (137)  
 Burnett, U. D., (166)  
 Butte, U. D., (233)  
 Cable, 225.  
 Cambridge, 150.  
 Canopy, 209.  
 Carleton, U. D., (199)  
 Capitol, 3.  
 Cedar, U. D., (13)  
 Cedar Bluffs, U. D., (215)  
 Cedar Rapids, U. D., (143)  
 Cedar River, 89.  
 Cement, 211.  
 Central City, U. D., (ext.)  
 Ceresco, U. D., (229)  
 Chadron, U. D., (158)  
 Chapman, U. D., (239)  
 Charity, 53.  
 Clay Center, 139.  
 Columbus, U. D., (ext.)  
 Columbus, U. D., (58)  
 Columbus, 8, (extinct)  
 Comet, 229.  
 Compass and Square, 212.  
 Composite, 81.  
 Corinthian, 83.  
 Corner-stone, 247.  
 Covert, 11.  
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 Crawford, U. D., (181)  
 Creighton, 100.  
 Crescent, 143.  
 Crete, 37.  
 Crystal, 191.  
 Cubit, 237.  
 Culbertson, 174.  
 Cuming City, U. D., (21)  
 Custer, U. D., (148)  
 Curtis, 168.  
 Dakota, 5.  
 Danbury, U. D., (185)  
 Davenport, U. D., (154)  
 Decatur, 7, (extinct)  
 Delta, 230.  
 DeWitt, 111.  
 Doniphan, 86.  
 Doric, 118.  
 Douglas, U. D., (237)  
 East Lincoln, 210.  
 Edgar, 67.  
 Elk Creek, 90.  
 Elm Creek, 133.  
 Elwood, 167.  
 Eminence, 223.  
 Emmet Crawford, 148.  
 Endeavor, 262.  
 Euclid, 97.  
 Eureka, 16, (extinct)  
 Evening Star, 49.  
 Evergreen, 153.  
 Ewing, U. D., (156)  
 Exeter, U. D., (extinct)  
 Fairbury, 35.  
 Fairfield, 84.  
 Fairmont, 48.  
 Faith, 181.  
 Falls City, 9.  
 Fidelity, 51.  
 Firth, U. D., (66 ext.)  
 Fortitude, 69, (extinct)  
 Frank Welch, 75.  
 Fraternity, 235.  
 Fremont, 15.  
 Friend, 73.  
 Friendship, 239.  
 Garfield, 95.  
 Gauge, 208.  
 Gavel, 199.  
 Geneva, 79.  
 Genoa, U. D., (125)  
 George Armstrong, 241.  
 George Washington, 250.  
 George W. Lininger, 268.  
 Gibbon, (see 46)  
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 Giddings, 2.  
 Gilead, 233.  
 Gladstone, 176.  
 Globe, 113.  
 Golden Fleece, 205.  
 Golden Rule, 236.  
 Golden Sheaf, 202.  
 Gothenburg, 249.  
 Grace, 226.  
 Grafton, 172.  
 Grant, U. D., (34)  
 Grant, U. D., (186)  
 Granite, 189.  
 Greenwood, U. D., (163)  
 Gresham, U. D., (197)  
 Guide Rock, 128.  
 Hamilton, U. D., (68)  
 Hampton, 245.  
 Hardy, 117.  
 Harlan, 116.  
 Harmony, U. D., (extinct)  
 Harmony, U. D., (extinct)  
 Hartington, 155.  
 Harvard, 44.  
 Hastings, 50.  
 Hay Springs, 177.  
 Hebron, 43.  
 Hermon, U. D., (231)  
 Hesperia, 178, (extinct)  
 Hickman, 256.  
 Highland, 194.  
 Hildreth, 252.  
 Hillsdale, U. D., (29)  
 Hiram, 52.  
 Holbrook, 257.  
 Holdrege, 146.  
 Hooper, 72.  
 Hope, 29.  
 Hubbell, 92.  
 Humboldt, 40.  
 Hyannis, U. D., (234)  
 Idaho, U. D., (extinct)  
 Imperial, U. D., (198)  
 Incense, 182.  
 Indianola, 123, (extinct)  
 Ionic, 87.  
 Israel, 187.  
 Ithmar, 238, (extinct)  
 Jachin, 146.  
 James W. Tulleys, 267.  
 Jasper, 122, (extinct)  
 Jephtha, U. D., (264)  
 Jewel, 149.  
 John S. Bowen, 232.  
 Johnson, U. D., (141, ext.)  
 Joppa, 76.  
 Jordan, 27.  
 Juniata, 42.  
 Justice, 180.  
 Kenesaw, 144.  
 Keystone, 62.  
 Lafayette, 24, (extinct)  
 Lancaster, 54.  
 Landmark, 222.  
 Laurel, 248.  
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- Leigh, U. D., (193)  
 Level, 196.  
 Liberty, U. D., (152)  
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 Lincoln, 19.  
 Livingstone, 66, (extinct)  
 Lone Tree, 36.  
 Long Pine, 136.  
 Loup Fork, U. D., (8, ext.)  
  
 Mackey, U. D., (242)  
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 Magic City, U. D., (184)  
 Magnolia, 220.  
 Mason City, 170.  
 McCook, 135.  
 Melrose, 60.  
 Meridian, 188.  
 Merna, 171.  
 Minden, 127.  
 Minnekadusa, 192.  
 Mitchell, 263.  
 Monitor, U. D., (extinct)  
 Morning Star, 197.  
 Mosaic, 55.  
 Mount Hermon, 231.  
 Mount Moriah, 57.  
 Mount Nebo, 125.  
 Mount Zion, 161.  
 Mystic Tie, 166.  
  
 Napthali, 206.  
 Nebraska, 1.  
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 Nehawka, 246.  
 Nelson, 77.  
 Nemaha Valley, 4.  
 Norfolk, U. D., (55)  
 North Bend, 119.  
 North Loup, U. D., (142, ex)  
 Northern Light, 41.  
 North Star, 227.  
  
 Oakland, 91.  
 Occidental, 215.  
 Odell, U. D., (122, ext.)  
 Ogalalla, 159.  
 Oklawaha, U. D., (182)  
 Oliver, 38.  
 Omadi, 5.  
 Ord, 103.  
 Orient, 13.  
 Orion, 242, (extinct)  
 Ornan, 261.  
 Osceola, 65.  
 Overton, U. D., (267)  
 Oxford, U. D., (138)  
  
 Palestine, U. D., (extinct)  
 Pallsade, 216.  
 Palmyra, 45, (extinct)  
  
 Papillion, 39.  
 Parallel, 152.  
 Parian, 207.  
 Pawnee, 23.  
 Pawnee City, U. D., (23)  
 Peru, U. D., (extinct)  
 Peru, 14.  
 Pilot, 240.  
 Plainview, 204.  
 Platte Valley, 32.  
 Plattsmouth, 6.  
 Plumb, 186, (extinct)  
 Plumblin, 214.  
 Pomegranate, 110.  
 Ponca, 101.  
 Porter, 106.  
 Prudence, 179.  
 Purity, 198.  
 Pythagoras, 156.  
  
 Rawalt, 138.  
 Relief, 219.  
 Republican, 98.  
 Reynolds, U. D., (160)  
 Rising, U. L., (81)  
 Rising Star, U. D., (20 ext.)  
 Riverton, 63.  
 Robert Burns, 173.  
 Robert W. Furnas, 265.  
 Rob Morris, 46.  
 Rock Bluff, 20, (extinct)  
 Rocky Mountain, 8, (trans-ferred)  
 Rolland H. Oakley, 264.  
 Roman Eagle, 203.  
  
 Saint Johns, 25.  
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 Salem, 47, (extinct)  
 Saline, U. D., (73)  
 Saline, U. D., (101)  
 Saline, U. D., (118)  
 Samaritan, 158.  
 Scotia, U. D., (191)  
 Scotts Bluff, 201.  
 Scribner, 132.  
 Seward, U. D., (38)  
 Shelby, U. D., (161)  
 Shelton, 99.  
 Shickley, U. D., (178, ext.)  
 Signet, 193.  
 Siloam, 147.  
 Silver, 266.  
 Silver Cord, 224.  
 Silver Creek, U. D., (ext.)  
 Sincerity, 244.  
 Solar, 134.  
 Solomon, 10.  
 Springfield, 112.  
 Springview, 260.  
 Square, 151.  
  
 Square and Compass, 213.  
 Stanton, U. D., (41)  
 Star, 88.  
 Steele City, 107, (extinct)  
 Stella, 105.  
 Sterling, 70.  
 Stockville, U. D., (196)  
 Stromsburg, 126.  
 Summit, 7, (transferred)  
 Summit, 141, (extinct)  
 Superior, 121.  
 Syracuse, U. D., (57)  
  
 Table Rock, 108.  
 Talmage, U. D., (162)  
 Tecumseh, 17.  
 Tekamah, 31.  
 Temple, U. D., (5)  
 Temple, 175.  
 Thistle, 61.  
 Tobias, U. D., (149)  
 Trenton, U. D., (extinct)  
 Trestle Board, 162.  
 Trilumular, U. D., (210)  
 Trowel, 71.  
 Tuscan, 130.  
 Tyre, 85.  
 Tyrian, 243.  
  
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 Unity, 163.  
 Upright, 137.  
 Utica, 96.  
  
 Valentine, U. D., (113)  
 Valley, 157.  
 Valparaiso, U. D., (151)  
  
 Waco, 80, (extinct)  
 Wahoo, 59.  
 Washington, 21.  
 Waterloo, 102.  
 Wauneta, 217.  
 Wausa, 251.  
 Wayne, 120.  
 Weeping Water, U. D., (97)  
 Western, 140.  
 Western Star, 2.  
 Wilcox, U. D., (226)  
 Winside, U. D., (235)  
 Winter Creek, U. D., (265)  
 Wisner, 114.  
 Wood Lake, 221.  
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LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED	BECAME EXTINCT
Summit, No. 7*	Parkville, Colorado		May 6, 1861	June 5, 1861	
Rocky Mountain, No. 8*	Gold Hill, Colorado		May 21, 1861	June 5, 1861	
Peru, U. D.	Peru	Nemaha	June 13, 1861		June 23, 1863
Central City, U. D.	Colorado		1860 or 61		
Decatur, No. 7	Decatur	Burt		June 3 or 4, 1862	June 18, 1873
Bannack City, U. D.	Bannack City, Idaho		April —, 1863 or June 21, 1863		
Monitor, U. D.	United States Army		July 30, 1863		Prior to 1867
Columbus, No. 8	Columbus	Platte	Aug. 25, 1863	June 23 or 24, 1864	June 25, 1868
Idaho, U. D.	Nevada City, Idaho		Nov. 17, 1863		June 23, 1864
Nebraska City, No. 12	Nebraska City	Otoe	Feb. 19, 1866	June 22, 1866	Mar. 10, 1903
Eureka, No. 16	Arago	Richardson	Jan. 27 or 29, 1868	June 24, 1868	Dec. 23, 1875
Ashland, No. 18	Ashland	Saunders	Jan. —, or April 10, 1868	June 24, 1868	Aug. 17, 1881
Rock Bluff, No. 20	Rock Bluff	Cass	July 15, 1867	June 24 or 25, 1868	July 16, 1884
Macoy, No. 22	Plattsmouth	Cass	Feb. 10, 1869	Oct. 29, 1869	Dec. 31, 1877
Lafayette, No. 24	Lafayette Pct. (later Grant)	Nemaha	June 29, 1869	Oct. 27 or 28, 1869	Mar. 27, 1877
Wyoming, No. 25*	South Pass City, Wyoming		Nov. 24, 1869	June 23, 1870	
Harmony, U. D.	Saint Deroin	Nemaha	Nov. 26, 1870		1870
Columbus, U. D.	Columbus	Platte	Jan. 3, 1871		May 12, 1871
Harmony, U. D.	Saint Deroin	Nemaha	Jan. 3, 1871		June 19, 1873
Palmyra, No. 45	Palmyra	Otoe	Jan. 9, 1872	June 26, 1874	Nov. 20, 1901
Salem, No. 47	Salem	Richardson	Feb. 21, 1873	June 26, 1874	June 18, 1891
Livingstone, No. 66	Flrth	Lancaster	Feb. 16, 1877	June 20, 1877	June 5, 1907
Fortitude, No. 69	Ulysses	Butler	April 24, 1877	June 19, 1878	July 14, 1887
Waco, No. 80	Waco	York	Mar. 20, 1880	June 23, 1880	Jan. 31, 1885
Steele City, No. 107	Steele City	Jefferson	Jan. 23, 1883	June 19, 1883	Aug. 13, 1902
Arapahoe, No. 109	Arapahoe	Furnas	Feb. 10, 1883	June 19, 1883	June 8, 1904
Brainard, No. 115	Brainard	Butler	July 11, 1883	June 24, 1884	Sept. 5, 1903
Jasper, No. 122	Odell	Gage	Nov. 26, 1883	June 24, 1884	April 24, 1901
Indianola, No. 123	Indianola	Red Willow	Dec. 8, 1883	June 24, 1884	June 8, 1904
Ark & Anchor, No. 131	Ainsworth	Brown	July 3, 1884	June 24, 1885	Sept. 26, 1890
Summit, No. 141	Johnson	Nemaha	Dec. 6, 1884	June 24, 1885	Feb. 5, 1901
Anchor, No. 142	North Loup	Valley	Dec. 18, 1884	June 24, 1885	June 5, 1901
Silver Creek, U. D.	Silver Creek	Merrick	Feb. 26, 1886		June 17, 1886
Battle Creek, U. D.	Battle Creek	Madison	Aug. 23, 1886		June 21, 1888
Trenton, U. D.	Trenton	Hitchcock	June 27, 1887		June 20, 1889
Bromfield, U. D.	Bromfield	Hamilton	July 1, 1887		June 20, 1890
Hesperia, No. 178	Shickley	Fillmore	Jan. 11, 1888	June 20, 1889	Sept. 9, 1905
Palestine, U. D.	Beatrice	Gage	July 9, 1888		June 20, 1889
Plumb, No. 186	Grant	Perkins	Jan. 31, 1889	June 20, 1889	Nov. 15, 1897
Adams, U. D.	Adams	Gage	Jan. 18, 1890		June 20, 1890
Armada, U. D.	Armada, Miller and Sumner	Buffalo	Aug. 26, 1890		1891
Exter, U. D.	Exeter	Fillmore	Feb. 21, 1894		June 10, 1896
Ithmar, No. 238	Crab Orchard	Johnson	Aug. 29, 1895	June 10, 1896	Feb. 9, 1903
Royal, U. D.	Savage	Antelope	Nov. 13, 1900		June 6, 1901
Orion, No. 242	Ravenna	Buffalo	Mar. 31, 1897	June 16, 1898	July 6, 1904

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	CREATED	CHARTERED
Nebraska,	No. 1	Omaha	Douglas	First Tuesday	Feb. —, 55	Oct. 3, 55
Western Star,	" 2	Nebraska City	Otoe	Friday on or before○	May 10, 55	May 28, 56
Capitol,	" 3	Omaha	Douglas	First Monday	Jan. 9, 57	June 3, 57
Nemaha Valley,	" 4	Brownville	Nemaha	Wednesday 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
Plattsmouth,	" 6	Plattsmouth	Cass	First and third Mondays	Jan. 18, 58	June 2, 58
Falls City,	" 9	Falls City	Richardson	Monday before○	Oct. 4, 64	June 23, 65
Solomon,	" 10	Fort Calhoun	Washington	Tuesday on or before○	Aug. 15, 65	June 22, 66
Covert,	" 11	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	July 24, 65	June 22, 66
10 Orient,	" 13	Rulo	Richardson	Monday on or before○	June 23, 66	June 19, 67
Peru,	" 14	Peru	Nemaha	Saturday on or before○	May 23, 67	June 19, 67
Fremont,	" 15	Fremont	Dodge	First Tuesday	July 3, 66	June 20, 67
Tecumseh,	" 17	Tecumseh	Johnson	First and third Saturdays	Dec. 7, 67	Oct. 28, 69
Lincoln,	" 19	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	May 4, 68	June 25, 68
15 Washington	" 21	Blair	Washington	Second Tuesday	Feb. 24, 68	June 25, 68
Pawnee,	" 23	Pawnee City	Pawnee	First and third Tuesdays	Jan. 4, 69	Oct. 28, 69
Saint Johns,	" 25	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	May 28, 69	Oct. 28, 69
Beatrice,	" 26	Beatrice	Gage	Second and fourth Mondays	Mar. 23, 70	June 22, 70
Jordau,	" 27	West Point	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Dec. 25, 69	June 23, 70
20 Hope,	" 29	Nemaha City	Nemaha	Friday on or before○	Nov. 8, 69	June 23, 70
Blue River,	" 30	Milford	Seward	Thursday on or before○	Apr. 25, 70	June 23, 70
Tekamah,	" 31	Tekamah	Burt	First and third Wednesdays	Aug. 19, 69	June 23, 70
Platte Valley,	" 32	North Platte	Lincoln	Second Tuesday	Jan. 15, 70	June 23, 70
Ashlar,	" 33	Grand Island	Hall	Second Thursday	Aug. 11, 70	June 22, 71
25 Acacia,	" 34	Schuyler	Colfax	First Thursday	July 18, 70	June 19, 72
Fairbury,	" 35	Fairbury	Jefferson	First and third Mondays	June 30, 71	June 19, 72

		Lone Tree,	No. 36	Central City	Merrick	First and third Saturdays	Aug. 9, 71	June 19, 72
		Crete,	" 37	Crete	Saline	First Friday	Jan. 8, 72	June 19, 72
		Oliver,	" 38	Seward	Seward	Saturday on or before○	July 25, 71	June 18, 73
30		Papillion,	" 39	Papillion	Sarpy	First and third Saturdays	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
		Hebron,	" 43	Hebron	Thayer	First Thursday	Mar. 10, 73	June 18, 73
35		Harvard,	" 44	Harvard	Clay	First and third Tuesdays	Mar. 25, 73	June 18, 73
		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
		Evening Star,	" 49	Sutton	Clay	Second and fourth Thursdays	Dec. 22, 73	June 26, 74
		Hastings,	" 50	Hastings	Adams	First Tuesday	Jan. 3, 74	June 26, 74
40		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	First and third Fridays	Mar. 2, 74	June 26, 74
		Lancaster,	" 54	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Friday	Apr. 20, 74	June 26, 74
		Mosaic,	" 55	Norfolk	Madison	First Tuesday	Oct. 1, 74	June 23, 75
45		York,	" 56	York	York	Last 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
		Wahoo,	" 59	Wahoo	Saunders	First Wednesday	Jan. 20, 75	June 23, 75
		Melrose,	" 60	Orleans	Harlan	Saturday on or before○*	Mar. 10, 75	June 24, 75
50		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
		Blue Valley,	" 64	Wilber	Saline	Tuesday on or before○*	Oct. 6, 76	June 20, 77
		Osceola,	" 65	Osceola	Polk	Second and fourth Saturdays	Nov. 23, 76	June 20, 77
55		Edgar,	" 67	Edgar	Clay	Second and fourth Mondays	Feb. 27, 77	June 20, 77
		Aurora,	" 68	Aurora	Hamilton	First and third Tuesdays	Feb. 10, 76	June 19, 78
		Sterling,	" 70	Sterling	Johnson	Tuesday on or before○	July 16, 77	June 19, 78
		Trowel,	" 71	Neligh	Antelope	First and third Wednesdays	Jan. 28, 78	June 19, 78

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	Hooper,	No. 72	Hooper .....	Dodge .....	Saturday on or before○....	Mar. 19, 78... June 25, 79
60	Friend,	" 73	Friend .....	Saline .....	Thursday on or before○....	May 4, 78... June 25, 79
	Alexandria,	" 74	Alexandria .....	Thayer .....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Dec. 26, 78... June 25, 79
	Frank Welch,	" 75	Sidney .....	Cheyenne .....	First Tuesday .....	Dec. 26, 78... June 25, 79
	Joppa,	" 76	Bloomington .....	Franklin .....	Friday on or before○....	Mar. 29, 79... June 25, 79
	Nelson,	" 77	Nelson .....	Nuckolls .....	Thursday on or before○....	Mar. 15, 79... June 23, 80
65	Albion,	" 78	Albion .....	Boone .....	First and third Saturdays..	Aug. 1, 79... June 23, 80
	Geneva,	" 79	Geneva .....	Fillmore .....	Friday on or before○*....	Nov. 24, 79... June 23, 80
	Composite,	" 81	Rising City.....	Butler .....	Tuesday on or before○....	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○....	April 22, 80... June 22, 81
70	Fairfield,	" 84	Fairfield .....	Clay .....	First and third Mondays...	Sept. 3, 80... June 22, 81
	Tyre,	" 85	Blue Springs ...	Gage .....	Tuesday on or before○....	Sept. 16, 80... June 22, 81
	Doniphan,	" 86	Doniphan .....	Hall .....	Saturday on or before○....	Jan. 7, 81... June 22, 81
	Ionic,	" 87	Niobrara .....	Knox .....	Thursday on or before○....	Jan. 24, 81... June 20, 82
	Star,	" 88	Decatur .....	Burt .....	First Tuesday.....	Sept. 17, 81... June 20, 82
75	Cedar River,	" 89	Fullerton .....	Nance .....	First and third Mondays...	Jan. 19, 82... June 20, 82
	Elk Creek,	" 90	Elk Creek .....	Johnson .....	Wednesday on or before○...	Feb. 11, 82... June 20, 82
	Oakland,	" 91	Oakland .....	Burt .....	Second and 4th Wednesdays.	Feb. 7, 82... June 19, 83
	Hubbell,	" 92	Hubbell .....	Thayer .....	Second and fourth Saturdays	April 29, 82... June 19, 83
	Beaver City,	" 93	Beaver City ...	Furnas .....	Saturday on or before○....	May 3, 82... June 19, 83
80	Bennet,	" 94	Bennet .....	Lancaster .....	Tuesday on or before○....	May 5, 82... June 19, 83
	Garfield,	" 95	O'Neil .....	Holt .....	First and third Thursdays..	June 28, 82... June 19, 83
	Utica,	" 96	Utica .....	Seward .....	Wednesday on or before○...	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○...	July 27, 82... June 19, 83
85	Shelton,	" 99	Shelton .....	Buffalo .....	Friday on or before○....	July 28, 82... June 19, 83

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	Creighton,	No. 100	Creighton .....	Knox .....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Aug. 19, 82...	June 19, 83
	Ponca,	" 101	Ponca .....	Dixon .....	Friday on or before○.....	Sept. 1, 82...	June 19, 83
	Waterloo,	" 102	Waterloo .....	Douglas .....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Sept. 7, 82...	June 19, 83
	Ord,	" 103	Ord .....	Valley .....	Wednesday on or before○...	Sept. 14, 82...	June 19, 83
90	Wymore,	" 104	Wymore .....	Gage .....	Second and 4th Wednesdays.	Nov. 10, 82...	June 19, 83
	Stella,	" 105	Stella .....	Richardson.....	Wednesday on or before○...	Dec. 4, 82...	June 19, 83
	Porter,	" 106	Loup City .....	Sherman .....	Tuesday on or before○*.....	Dec. 9, 82...	June 19, 83
	Table Rock,	" 108	Table Rock .....	Pawnee .....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Jan. 24, 83...	June 19, 83
	Pomegranate,	" 110	Ashland .....	Saunders .....	First Friday .....	Feb. 13, 83...	June 19, 83
95	DeWitt,	" 111	DeWitt .....	Saline .....	Monday on or before○.....	Feb. 28, 83...	June 19, 83
	Springfield,	" 112	Springfield .....	Sarpy .....	Second and fourth Saturdays	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 f'th Wednesdays.	Feb. 12, 83...	June 24, 84
	Harlan,	" 116	Alma .....	Harlan .....	Friday on or before○*.....	July 12, 83...	June 24, 84
100	Hardy,	" 117	Hardy .....	Nuckolls .....	Thursday 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 Fridays..	Sept. 26, 83...	June 24, 84
	Superior,	" 121	Superior .....	Nuckolls .....	Wednesday on or before○...	Nov. 22, 83...	June 24, 84
105	Auburn,	" 124	Auburn .....	Nemaha .....	Monday on or before○.....	Dec. 25, 83...	June 24, 84
	Mount Nebo,	" 125	Genoa .....	Nance .....	Second and fourth Saturdays	Jan. 1, 84...	June 24, 84
	Stromsburg,	" 126	Stromsburg .....	Polk .....	Saturday on or before○.....	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 .....	Thursday on or before○.....	Jan. 28, 84...	June 24, 84
110	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
	Scribner,	" 132	Scribner .....	Dodge .....	First Wednesday .....	July 9, 84...	June 24, 85
	Elm Creek,	" 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
115	McCook,	" 135	McCook .....	Red Willow .....	First and third Tuesdays...	Oct. 6, 84...	June 24, 85
	Long Pine,	" 136	Long Pine .....	Brown .....	First Saturday .....	Oct. 6, 84...	June 24, 85
	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 .....	First and third Saturdays...	Dec. 6, 84...	June 24, 85
120	Western,	" 140	Western .....	Saline .....	Wednesday on or before○*..	Dec. 6, 84...	June 24, 85

\*And two weeks thereafter.

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	CREATED	CHARTERED
Crescent,	No. 143	Cedar Rapids ...	Boone .....	Saturday on or before○....	Jan. 24, 85...	June 24, 85
Kenesaw,	" 144	Kenesaw .....	Adams .....	Friday on or before○....	Jan. 28, 85...	June 24, 85
Bancroft,	" 145	Bancroft .....	Cuming .....	Second and 4th Wednesdays.	Feb. 25, 85...	June 24, 85
Jachin,	" 146	Holdrege .....	Phelps .....	Third Thursday.....	Mar. 31, 85...	June 17, 86
125 Siloam,	" 147	Stuart .....	Holt .....	Friday on or after○.....	April 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 Tuesdays.	Aug. 15, 85...	June 17, 86
Cambridge,	" 150	Cambridge .....	Furnas .....	Tuesday on or before○....	Aug. 10, 85...	June 17, 86
Square,	" 151	Valparaiso .....	Saunders .....	First and fourth Tuesdays..	Sept. 7, 85...	June 17, 86
130 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 .....	Thayer .....	Friday on or before○....	Nov. 28, 85...	June 17, 86
Hartington,	" 155	Hartington .....	Cedar .....	Wednesday on or before○....	Jan. 26, 86...	June 17, 86
Pythagoras,	" 156	Ewing .....	Holt .....	Saturday on or before○....	Oct. 24, 86...	June 16, 87
135 Valley,	" 157	Wilsonville .....	Furnas .....	Friday on or before○....	Feb. 22, 86...	June 16, 87
Samaritan,	" 158	Chadron .....	Dawes .....	First and third Thursdays..	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 Thursdays..	Aug. 21, 86...	June 16, 87
Mount Zion,	" 161	Shelby .....	Polk .....	Monday on or before○*....	Aug. 25, 86...	June 16, 87
140 Trestle Board,	" 162	Brock .....	Nemaha .....	Saturday on or before○....	Oct. 9, 86...	June 16, 87
Unity,	" 163	Greenwood .....	Cass .....	Friday on or before○....	Dec. 18, 86...	June 16, 87
Atkinson,	" 164	Atkinson .....	Holt .....	First and third Wednesdays.	Aug. 19, 86...	June 21, 88
Barneston,	" 165	Barneston .....	Gage .....	Tuesday on or before○*....	Aug. 20, 86...	June 21, 88
Mystic Tie,	" 166	Tilden .....	Madison .....	Thursday on or before○....	Feb. 18, 87...	June 21, 88
145 Elwood,	" 167	Elwood .....	Gosper .....	Saturday on or before○....	June 21, 87...	June 21, 88
Curtis,	" 168	Curtis .....	Frontier .....	First and third Mondays....	June 21, 87...	June 21, 88
Amity,	" 169	Rushville .....	Sheridan .....	Third Saturday.....	July 29, 86...	June 21, 88

\*And two weeks thereafter.

	Mason City,	No. 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
150	Grafton,	" 172	Grafton .....	Fillmore .....	Wednesday on or before○*..	Oct. 18, 87...	June 21, 88
	Robert Burns,	" 173	Stratton .....	Hitchcock .....	Second and 4th Wednesdays.	Nov. 15, 87...	June 21, 88
	Culbertson,	" 174	Culbertson .....	Hitchcock .....	First and third Wednesdays.	Nov. 16, 87...	June 21, 88
	Temple,	" 175	Filley .....	Gage .....	First and third Saturdays..	Dec. 9, 87...	June 21, 88
	Gladstone,	" 176	Ansley .....	Custer .....	Saturday after○.....	Feb. 18, 88...	June 21, 88
155	Hay Springs,	" 177	Hay Springs .....	Sheridan .....	Second and fourth Mondays†.	Feb. 20, 88...	June 21, 88
	Prudence,	" 179	Beaver Crossing.	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 .....	First and third Thursdays..	Dec. 13, 88...	June 20, 89
	Incense,	" 182	Ohioa .....	Fillmore .....	Friday on or before○.....	Dec. 21, 88...	June 20, 89
160	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
	Meridian,	" 188	Cozad .....	Dawson .....	Third Saturday .....	Feb. 4, 89...	June 20, 89
165	Granite,	" 189	Gibbon .....	Buffalo .....	First Thursday .....	Feb. 18, 89...	June 20, 89
	Amethyst	" 190	Gandy .....	Logan .....	Second and 4th Wednesdays.	Aug. 5, 89...	June 20, 90
	Crystal,	" 191	Scotia .....	Greeley .....	Saturday on or before○.....	Aug. 7, 89...	June 20, 90
	Minnekadusa,	" 192	Valentine .....	Cherry .....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Aug. 15, 89...	June 20, 90
	Signet,	" 193	Leigh .....	Colfax .....	Friday on or before○.....	Sept. 3, 89...	June 20, 90
170	Highland,	" 194	Cortland .....	Gage .....	First and third Mondays....	Sept. 21, 89...	June 20, 90
	Arcana,	" 195	Gordon .....	Sheridan .....	First and third Mondays...	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
	Purity,	" 198	Imperial .....	Chase .....	Friday on or before○.....	Dec. 24, 89...	June 20, 90
175	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 and third Saturdays..	Aug. 8, 90...	June 18, 91
	Golden Sheaf,	" 202	Randolph .....	Cedar .....	Monday on or before○.....	Aug. 29, 90...	June 18, 91
	Roman Eagle,	" 203	Pender .....	Thurston .....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Aug. 30, 90...	June 18, 91
180	Plainview,	" 204	Plainview .....	Pierce .....	Tuesday on or before○*.....	Sept. 1, 90...	June 18, 91
	Golden Fleece,	" 205	Chappell .....	Deuel .....	Thursday on or before○....	Sept. 2, 90...	June 18, 91
	Napthali,	" 206	Diller .....	Jefferson .....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Dec. 31, 90...	June 18, 91

\*And two weeks thereafter.

†And on the Festival of St. John the Baptist.

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		Callaway	Custer	Thursday on or before○	Jan. 31, 91	June 18, 91
	No. 207	Arcadia	Valley	Tuesday after○*	Aug. 24, 91	June 16, 92
185		Elmwood	Cass	Saturday on or before○	Sept. 4, 91	June 16, 92
	" 209	Lincoln	Lancaster	Second Thursday†	Nov. 5, 91	June 16, 92
	" 210	Wood River	Hall	Thursday on or before○	Nov. 27, 91	June 16, 92
	" 211	Sumner	Dawson	Tuesday on or before○	Dec. 12, 91	June 16, 92
	" 212	Miller	Buffalo	Friday on or before○	Dec. 14, 91	June 16, 92
	" 213	Adams	Gage	Monday on or before○	Nov. 17, 91	June 15, 93
190		Cedar Bluffs	Saunders	Saturday on or before○	July 16, 92	June 15, 93
	" 214	Palisade	Hitchcock	Tuesday on or before○	July 18, 92	June 15, 93
	" 215	Wauneta	Chase	First and third Thursdays	Dec. 7, 92	June 15, 93
	" 216	Bloomfield	Knox	Tuesday on or before○	Jan. 18, 93	June 15, 93
	" 217	Coleridge	Cedar	Second Friday	Jan. 19, 93	June 15, 93
195		Emerson	Dixon	Wednesday on or before○	Jan. 21, 93	June 15, 93
	" 218	Wood Lake	Cherry	Saturday on or before○	Sept. 22, 92	June 21, 94
	" 219	Herman	Washington	Tuesday on or before○	Mar. 1, 93	June 21, 94
	" 220	Giltner	Hamilton	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Sept. 26, 93	June 21, 94
	" 221	Ainsworth	Brown	Second Saturday	Oct. 17, 93	June 21, 94
200		Arnold	Custer	First and third Saturdays	Nov. 17, 93	June 21, 94
	" 222	Wilcox	Kearney	Monday on or before○*	Jan. 20, 93	June 13, 95
	" 223	University Place	Lancaster	First Wednesday	July 28, 94	June 13, 95
	" 224	Bartley	Red Willow	Wednesday on or before○	Nov. 23, 94	June 13, 95
	" 225	Ceresco	Saunders	Thursday on or before○*	Dec. 5, 94	June 13, 95
205		Saint Edward	Boone	First and third Saturdays	Dec. 11, 94	June 13, 95
	" 226	Cook	Johnson	Wednesday on or before○	Dec. 19, 94	June 13, 95
	" 227	Kennard	Washington	Third Saturday	Feb. 6, 95	June 13, 95
	" 228	Butte	Boyd	Second and fourth Mondays	Nov. 22, 94	June 10, 96

\*And two weeks thereafter.

†And June 24th each year.



210	Zion,	No. 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 .....	Tuesday on or before○....	Aug. 3, 95...	June 10, 96
	Cubit,	" 237	Douglas .....	Otoe .....	Thursday on or before○....	Aug. 9, 95...	June 10, 96
	Friendship,	" 239	Chapman .....	Merrick .....	Second and fourth Fridays..	Oct. 7, 95...	June 10, 96
215	Pilot,	" 240	Lyons .....	Burt .....	Fourth Friday.....	Nov. 29, 95...	June 10, 96
	George Armstrong,	" 241	Craig .....	Burt .....	First and third Tuesdays...	Aug. 1, 95...	June 17, 97
	Tyrian,	" 243	Oak .....	Nuckolls .....	First and third Wednesdays.	Aug. 24, 98...	June 8, 99
	Sincerity,	" 244	Battle Creek .....	Madison .....	Second Tuesday.....	Feb. 18, 99...	June 8, 99
	Hampton,	" 245	Hampton .....	Hamilton .....	First and third Wednesdays.	July 13, 99...	June 7, 00
220	Nehawka,	" 246	Nehawka .....	Cass .....	Wednesday on or before○...	Jan. 2, 00...	June 7, 00
	Corner-stone,	" 247	Osmond .....	Pierce .....	Friday on or before○.....	Jan. 3, 00...	June 7, 00
	Laurel,	" 248	Laurel .....	Cedar .....	Second and 4th Wednesdays.	Feb. 12, 00...	June 7, 00
	Gothenburg,	" 249	Gothenburg .....	Dawson .....	Wednesday on or before○...	June 20, 00...	June 6, 01
	George Washington,	" 250	Havelock .....	Lancaster .....	Second and fourth Thursdays	June 20, 00...	June 6, 01
225	Wausa,	" 251	Wausa .....	Knox .....	Wednesday on or before○...	Nov. 18, 00...	June 6, 01
	Hildreth,	" 252	Hildreth .....	Franklin .....	Wednesday on or before○*..	July 2, 01...	June 5, 02
	Beemer,	" 253	Beemer .....	Cuming .....	First and third Wednesdays.	Jan. 1, 02...	June 5, 02
	Bassett,	" 254	Bassett .....	Rock .....	Second Thursday.....	Oct. 8, 02...	June 4, 03
	Bradshaw,	" 255	Bradshaw .....	York .....	First and third Mondays....	June 17, 03...	June 9, 04
230	Hickman,	" 256	Hickman .....	Lancaster .....	Thursday on or before○....	Dec. 7, 03...	June 9, 04
	Holbrook,	" 257	Holbrook .....	Furnas .....	First and third Saturdays..	Jan. 11, 04...	June 9, 04
	Anselmo,	" 258	Anselmo .....	Custer .....	Wednesday on or before○...	Dec. 10, 04...	June 7, 05
	Bee,	" 259	Bee .....	Seward .....	Thursday on or before○....	Feb. 11, 05...	June 7, 05
	Springview,	" 260	Springview .....	Keya Paha.....	Second and fourth Saturdays	Feb. 27, 06...	June 5, 07
235	Ornan,	" 261	Spencer .....	Boyd .....	First and third Mondays....	Mar. 5, 06...	June 5, 07
	Endeavor,	" 262	Indianola .....	Red Willow .....	Thursday on or before○....	June 28, 06...	June 5, 07
	Mitchell,	" 263	Mitchell .....	Scotts Bluff.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	July 5, 06...	June 5, 07
	Rolland H. Oakley,	" 264	Franklin .....	Franklin .....	First and third Fridays.....	June 11, 07...	June 10, 08
	Robert W. Furnas,	" 265	Scottsbluff.....	Scotts Bluff.....	First and third Fridays.....	June 21, 07...	June 10, 08
240	Silver,	" 266	Silver Creek....	Merrick .....	Thursday on or before○....	June 14, 07...	June 10, 08
	James W. Tulleys,	" 267	Overton .....	Buffalo .....	Saturday on or before○....	Dec. 26, 07...	June 10, 08
	George W. Lininger,"	268	Omaha .....	Douglas .....	First Friday.....	Feb. 26, 08...	June 10, 08

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
Nebraska,	lo. 1	Ernest H. James.....	Bert A. Wilcox.....	Dean T. Gregg.....	William C. McLean.
Western Star,	" 2	Arthur A. Bischof ....	John E. Bloomingdale.	George M. Thomas....	Milton R. Thorp.
Capitol,	" 3	Joseph B. Fradenburg.	George R. Young.....	A. Sherman Pinte....	John Bamford.
Nemaha Valley,	" 4	Abraham L. Lawrence.	Wm. M. Kauffman, Sr.	John B. Lewis. ....	John A. Anderson.
5 Omadi,	" 5	John H. Ream.....	Willie L. Ross.....	Walter Cheney.....	Mell A. Schmied.
Plattsmouth,	" 6	Oliver C. Dovey.....	Fred T. Ramage.....	John W. Crabill.....	Michael Archer.
Falls City,	" 9	Ralph P. Roberts....	Edwin G. Whitford...	Samuel H. Bayne....	Amos E. Gantt.
Solomon,	" 10	Wallace R. Williams..	Charles W. Clark.....	Lee Smith.....	Camille Saltzman.
Covert,	" 11	William R. Bennett...	James Cameron.....	Edgar N. Bowles....	Frank W. Boyer.
10 Orient,	" 13	John C. Shepherd.....	Dudley VanValkenburg	John Young.....	Clement Davis.
Peru,	" 14	Willard Redfern.....	Clayton E. Hadley....	William E. Clark.....	Julius C. Chatelain.
Fremont,	" 15	Julius Beckman.....	John M. Archer.....	Matthew A. Priestley..	John C. Cleland.
Tecumseh,	" 17	Edgar H. Grist.....	Frank L. Brundage....	Nelson M. Davidson...	Leo B. Heskett.
Lincoln,	" 19	Elmer W. Brown.....	Frederick Ihringer...	Charles Youngblut...	James W. Frow.
15 Washington,	" 21	Charles T. Farnham...	John P. White.....	William Kelly.....	Frederick W. Arndt.
Pawnee,	" 23	Oscar E. Hall.....	B. Chernocke Smith...	Jacob H. Keim.....	Joseph B. Brooks.
Saint Johns,	" 25	Eddy G. Wilmoth.....	August G. Pinkerton...	Arthur J. Jackson....	Carl E. Herring.
Beatrice,	" 26	Charles H. Campbell..	Marshall W. Roby....	John A. Kees.....	William F. Gingrich.
Jordan,	" 27	Peter Poellot.....	Alonzo L. Krause....	Reuben M. Campbell..	William C. Smith.
20 Hope,	" 29	William W. Sanders..	William E. Seid.....	John I. Dressler.....	Alfred B. Kinton.
Blue River,	" 30	Arthur H. Shultz....	Davison F. Todd.....	Joseph H. Perkinson..	John A. Cocklin.
Tekamah,	" 31	Walter M. Hopewell...	Fred Wixer.....	Emmett I. Ellis.....	James M. Crowell.
Platte Valley,	" 32	Frank L. Mooney....	John F. Seibert.....	Robert A. Armstrong..	Frank E. Bullard.
Ashlar,	" 33	Emil H. Viereggs....	Oscar Kirschke.....	Henry Allan.....	Robert R. Watson.
25 Acacia,	" 34	James A. Grimison....	James C. McKenzie....	Jacob A. Pence.....	Venzel Malz.
Fairbury,	" 35	Charles M. Hurlburt..	John Bond.....	Willis B. Kinnamon...	Royal E. Riley.
Lone Tree,	" 36	Albert B. May.....	Arthur J. Lindley....	Franklin D. Caldwell..	Joseph E. Benton.

	Crete,	No. 37	Melville H. Fleming...	Jesse O. Goodwin, Jr..	Herman Wissenbrugh..	Jared J. Atwater.
	Oliver,	" 38	James M. Calder.....	Bert C. Emrick.....	J. Ray Roberts.....	Smith D. Atkins.
30	Papillion,	" 39	George F. King.....	Charles Schaab.....	James P. Spearman...	William E. Patterson.
	Humboldt,	" 40	Bohuslav Fruhvauer..	Milton Kotouc.....	John W. Youngmann..	J. Frank Snetten.
	Northern Light,	" 41	Edward B. Bear.....	John T. Shocker.....	Theodore H. Namur...	William T. MacFarland.
	Juniata,	" 42	Jacob S. Robey.....	Lee Johnston.....	John J. Coats.....	William E. Cadwalader.
	Hebron,	" 43	William L. Whitney...	Oscar A. Otten.....	Calvin R. Phillippi...	William B. Hughes.
35	Harvard,	" 44	Jerome G. Pace.....	Nathan H. Lewis.....	John T. Fleming.....	Griffith J. Thomas.
	Rob Morris,	" 46	Charles A. Robinson..	William C. Lantz....	Don Leake.....	James D. Hawthorne.
	Fairmont,	" 48	Melvin E. Millen.....	Byrant D. Loomis....	Willis J. Sawyer.....	Joseph W. Talmage.
	Evening Star,	" 49	*James E. Marsh.....	Edgar Clippinger....	Roy N. Clark.....	Herman H. Schultz.
	Hastings,	" 50	Willis A. Reynolds...	William R. Alexander.	Curtis L. Walters....	Robert R. Damerell.
40	Fidelity,	" 51	Roy W. Becker.....	John Harper.....	Thomas J. Hinds.....	Alexander E. Etting.
	Hiram,	" 52	Anson B. Newkirk....	Henry S. Menke.....	James Sutton.....	Joseph C. Blackburn.
	Charity,	" 53	John C. Myers.....	Walter B. Saunders..	George M. Morhart...	Albert U. Kaley.
	Lancaster,	" 54	Robert R. Gray.....	Mark E. Vance.....	Lewis M. Troup.....	Robert O. Wolf.
	Mosaic,	" 55	William R. Hoffman..	Harrison L. Snyder...	Miner C. Hazen.....	George H. Burton.
45	York,	" 56	Ezra H. Smith.....	Joseph L. Browitt...	John W. Broadwell...	Irvin A. Baker.
	Mount Moriah,	" 57	Louis S. Fallers.....	Elbert M. West.....	*Yancy R. Hedges.....	Dennison P. West.
	Lebanon,	" 58	Lauren W. Snow.....	Charles A. Linstrum..	Henry N. Ragatz....	James R. Meagher.
	Wahoo,	" 59	John D. Frahm.....	Carl P. Hultin.....	Frank C. Baldwin...	Benjamin D. Rupp.
	Melrose,	" 60	Charles F. W. Bloedorn	Herbert L. Stein.....	Daniel J. Lideen.....	Frank P. Smith.
50	Thistle,	" 61	Frederic L. Temple...	William G. Kugler....	Andrew T. Whitten...	Samuel C. Mullin.
	Keystone,	" 62	Emmett C. Arnett....	George E. Dixon.....	Alexander S. Gilbert..	Didrick Sorenson.
	Riverton,	" 63	John D. Fulton.....	Walter M. Moore.....	Rolland C. Shetler...	Edward T. Rasmussen.
	Blue Valley	" 64	Porter F. Dodson....	Charles Whipple.....	J. Reginald Doane...	Jesse I. Moore.
	Osceola,	" 65	Thomas Mills.....	Edward H. Sorenson..	Henry H. Campbell...	Frederick H. Ball.
55	Edgar,	" 67	Charles M. Ferree....	Frank M. Ferree.....	Thomas H. Hill.....	John J. Walley.
	Aurora,	" 68	William E. Worthington	Amos T. Parris.....	Horace E. Newton...	William H. Alden.
	Sterling,	" 70	Alfred Shipman.....	Warren A. White.....	Lorin J. Catchpole...	E. Ross Hitchcock.
	Trowel,	" 71	Harry B. Hauser.....	Willis W. Cole.....	John W. Lamson.....	Chauncey L. Wattles.
	Hooper,	" 72	Martin A. Uehling....	George W. Heine.....	William J. Bucholz...	Charles H. Lyman.
60	Friend,	" 73	John H. Ball.....	John M. Brown.....	Owen E. Champe.....	Andros W. Hoyt.

\*Elected, no report of installation.

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
Alexandria,	No. 74	Benjamin L. Terry....	Edwin A. Woltemath..	Fred E. Hubbard.....	Elton N. Averill.
Frank Welch,	" 75	Charles Callahan.....	Walter R. Pate.....	Alfred Ovall.....	Leslie Neubauer.
Joppa,	" 76	John W. Kirkbride....	Thomas R. Robertson.	Sanford Y. Hartt.....	Richard W. Montgomery.
Nelson,	" 77	John T. Dysart.....	Thomas W. Cole.....	James C. Lanham, Sr.	Jacob Ritterbush.
65 Albion,	" 78	Frank A. Doten.....	*Gilbert B. McGill.....	Warren B. Martin....	William B. Burgess.
Geneva,	" 79	Royal Woods.....	Calvin S. Stover.....	Barthold Koehler....	Job Smith.
Composite,	" 81	Luther J. Saylor.....	Charles A. Strockey..	Hugo C. Seidel.....	Francis G. Oesterreicher.
Saint Paul,	" 82	George Bartholomew..	Benjamin C. Clinton..	James J. Bisgard.....	Frank E. Pope.
Corinthian,	" 83	Cyrus E. Hunter.....	Joseph Boeckenhauer..	Edward F. Powell.....	Frank L. Shoop.
70 Fairfield,	" 84	John P. Jenkins.....	David B. Massie.....	William M. Wheeler..	Melvin D. Gates.
Tyre,	" 85	John M. Falwell.....	Ira W. Kenagy.....	Thomas L. Green.....	William M. Taylor.
Doniphan,	" 86	Samuel B. Marsh.....	David C. Gideon.....	Alonzo L. Koch.....	Isaac T. Ward.
Ionic,	" 87	Charles A. Nippell....	George W. Chambers..	Frederick Opocensky..	George L. Adams.
Star,	" 88	Edgar A. Sears.....	John G. Maryott.....	Daniel W. Ettelman..	George F. Marley.
75 Cedar River,	" 89	Albert R. Miller.....	Jacob D. Counts.....	Lew M. Gay.....	William S. P. Eyler.
Elk Creek,	" 90	William A. Davis.....	James H. Mitchell....	Nicholas J. Wirz.....	John Robison.
Oakland,	" 91	Arthur B. Peden.....	David L. Preston.....	William E. Minier....	Victor L. Fried.
Hubbell,	" 92	Samuel Patten.....	Oscar D. Gooden.....	James A. Miles.....	Ario P. Wilcox.
Beaver City,	" 93	Thomas A. Boyd.....	Berton F. Moore.....	James D. Phillips....	Thomas F. Newton.
80 Bennet,	" 94	Howard L. Eggleston..	Henry F. May.....	Henry C. McKee.....	Harry Honner.
Garfield,	" 95	Lloyd G. Gillespie....	Ira Lapham.....	Charles E. Hall.....	James C. Harnish.
Utica,	" 96	Elmer Nelson.....	Hermine B. Robbins...	George H. Robinson..	Robert C. Hunter.
Euclid,	" 97	John T. McKay.....	Fred E. Bricka.....	George H. Dennis....	Philemon S. Barnes.
Republican,	" 98	Wallace L. Washburn..	Oscar J. Vallicott....	Arthur H. Warren....	Charles W. Whitney.
85 Shelton,	" 99	Henry H. Stedman....	Herman Schepers.....	Erwin H. Spicer.....	Charles M. Wallace.
Creighton,	" 100	Orin A. H. Bruce.....	George H. Hanks.....	*Gus W. Klockenteger..	Harry W. Woodworth.
Ponca,	" 101	James E. Meyers.....	Fred W. Bronn.....	Glyndon A. Young.....	Marion I. Mellon.

\*Elected, no report of installation.

	Waterloo,	No. 102	Charles E. Wilkins....	Christian Bull.....	Frank Young.....	Byron B. Hopper.
	Ord,	" 103	Truman A. Waters....	James H. Bradt.....	Ernest J. Williams....	Rudolph Sorensen.
90	Wymore,	" 104	*Linley T. Rogers.....	*James A. McGuire....	*George E. Ogden.....	*George O. Laftin.
	Stella,	" 105	Asa W. Montgomery..	Isaac L. Callison.....	James Bowen.....	L. Edward Lyanna.
	Porter,	" 106	John W. Long.....	Amos Stanley Main...	Charles H. French....	William T. Draper.
	Table Rock,	" 108	John R. Sutton.....	John N. Phillips.....	Jay I. Barnard.....	Charlie J. Wood.
	Pomegranate,	" 110	Willis M. Butler.....	John C. Railsback...	Jesse B. Parks.....	Shelby A. Fowler.
95	DeWitt,	" 111	Thomas U. Whiffin...	Jacob E. Carey.....	Gustave R. Klein....	John W. Hartman.
	Springfield,	" 112	John C. Geib.....	Thomas J. Wright....	Stewart L. Heacock...	James C. Miller.
	Globe,	" 113	William H. Field....	Frank A. Peterson...	Robert G. Mossman...	Willard G. Jones.
	Wisner,	" 114	Fred Balster.....	Sylvanus Lant.....	Fred J. Buck.....	C. Henry Hoff.
	Harlan,	" 116	Samuel M. Baker....	Charles E. Alter.....	William C. Bartlett...	Philetus P. Bentley.
100	Hardy,	" 117	Henry W. Gunnison..	Charles E. Stone.....	Jacob E. Hart.....	James H. Fair.
	Doric,	" 118	William Freidell....	Samuel H. Weston...	John G. Potter.....	J. Frank Longanecker.
	North Bend,	" 119	George A. Millar....	John R. Tapster.....	Charles A. Millar....	Asa J. Farnham.
	Wayne,	" 120	Albert R Davis.....	Lambert W. Roe.....	David C. Main.....	J. Murray Cherry.
	Superior,	" 121	H. Clyde Johnston...	Roy W. Hunter.....	Louis H. Beck.....	Marcellus L. Pierce.
105	Auburn,	" 124	Thomas E. McKnight..	Charles E. Eustice...	Edward H. Dort.....	Thomas F. Horn.
	Mount Nebo,	" 125	Frank W. Wake.....	Carl John Elm.....	Smith D. Many.....	Hiram Lewis.
	Stromsburg,	" 126	William V. Sharp....	John Povey.....	Edward P. Pike.....	James D. Edwards.
	Minden,	" 127	James H. Cardwell...	Geo. H. Hartsough, Sr.	Otto Ackermann.....	George F. Milbourn.
	Guide Rock,	" 128	Isaac B. Colvin.....	John H. Crary.....	Jesse W. Hodges.....	Earl B. Crary.
110	Blue Hill,	" 129	Dean W. Fay.....	Jotham K. Martin...	Andrew D. McNeer...	Albert D. Ranney.
	Tuscan,	" 130	Ernest E. Miller....	William Kunzman...	Thearon J. Smith....	Amasa S. Chapman.
	Scribner,	" 132	Edward C. Hoffman...	Alexander Ross.....	John F. Drenguis....	Charles Inches.
	Elm Creek,	" 133	George L. Richards...	Edward C. Krewson...	Edward Frates.....	Joseph B. Elliott.
	Solar,	" 134	Charles H. Fox.....	John W. Blair.....	John W. Key.....	William R. Morse.
115	McCook,	" 135	Charles L. Fahnestock.	Burris H. Stewart...	Robert J. Gunn.....	Alonzo Cone.
	Long Pine,	" 136	Otto Berger.....	Wesley A. Bucklin...	Henry A. Hall.....	John S. Davison.
	Upright,	" 137	Jacob F. Halderman...	William Hackenburg..	Val Raugh.....	Paul Nielson.
	Rawalt,	" 138	Neal A. Pettygrove...	George A. Ayer.....	J. Harvey Sherwood...	Harry L. Lee.
	Clay Centre,	" 139	Newton W. Johnson...	Ambrose C. Epperson..	John K. Gibson.....	Charles C. Blanchard.
120	Western,	" 140	Marshal J. Rhynolds..	Lincoln Jenkins.....	Paul E. Stevens.....	Horace B. Wilkinson.
	Crescent,	" 143	Frank D. Burgess....	Daniel H. Tate.....	Charles W. Shaffer...	William A. Gibson.

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ROLL OF EXISTING NEBRASKA LODGES, WITH INSTALLED OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1909—Continued.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
	Kenesaw, No. 144	Harry N. Jones.....	Ezra E. Schultz.....	Charles E. Tripp.....	S. Howard Smith.
	Bancroft, " 145	Niels Hjelm.....	Edward H. Mack.....	John J. Kiefer.....	William Craig.
	Jachin, " 146	Charles A. Gallaway..	Ward C. Hunt.....	James R. Cooper.....	Eben E. Brown.
125	Siloam, " 147	Mads Johnson.....	Fred L. Barclay.....	Burt Shearer.....	Horace Shank.
	Emmet Crawford, " 148	Joseph S. Molyneux...	John S. Squires.....	George Willing.....	Augustin R. Humphrey.
	Jewel, " 149	Frank P. Steele.....	Henry Hein.....	Everett A. Moore.....	Archie S. Mumau.
	Cambridge, " 150	Charles N. Barber...	James W. Hammond...	Benjamin F. Butler...	George W. McKean.
	Square, " 151	William G. Johnson....	George W. Grever....	Charles H. Wood.....	William Bays.
130	Parallel, " 152	William Lynch.....	William B. Beck.....	Guy W. Stahl.....	Henry L. Yother.
	Evergreen, " 153	Louis P. Tonner.....	Emil H. Oelke.....	Schuyler M. Durfee...	William B. Chilvers.
	Lily, " 154	Nelson B. Larson.....	Charles C. Snowden...	Edward Sedgwick.....	Henry Ritzen.
	Hartington, " 155	John Schwabland.....	Fred M. Kimball....	George H. Searing....	David E. Ewing.
	Pythagoras, " 156	Andrew J. Davis.....	J. Newton Trommerhauser	David G. Roll.....	Porterfield M. Conger.
135	Valley, " 157	Amos W. Hunt.....	Claude L. Stratton...	Preston T. Soverns....	Edward J. Hamilton.
	Samaritan, " 158	Duncan McMillan.....	Adolph W. Reikman...	J. Rockwood Jenkins..	Edwin D. Crites.
	Ogalalla, " 159	Warner W. Aldridge....	Theodore F. Goold....	Frank A. Allen.....	Laurids Sillasen.
	Zeredatha, " 160	*John Patterson.....	*James F. Gregory....	*Julius Adams.....	*Thomas J. Kirk.
	Mount Zion, " 161	William T. Mawhor....	C. Oscar Olson.....	John Lees.....	Fred Berger.
140	Trestle Board, " 162	Edwin C. Yout.....	Herman F. Wildberger	William R. Jones.....	Almon C. DePue.
	Unity, " 163	Edwin Metcalf.....	Joseph E. Gavin.....	William C. Boucher...	Cyrus F. Hall.
	Atkinson, " 164	Jesse E. Brook.....	Charles J. Wilson.....	Elsworth J. Mack.....	Alexander Searl.
	Barneston, " 165	Seth S. Ratliff.....	John A. Anderson.....	Arthur Goin.....	Vencil F. Malicky.
	Mystic Tie, " 166	Charles H. Snider....	George Krumm.....	Homer C. McDonald....	John F. Newhall.
145	Elwood, " 167	Charles A. Yeoman....	Walter L. Tilden....	George Burt.....	Hiram A. Willard.
	Curtis, " 168	Jacob Scherer.....	Samuel W. Gilbert....	Frank C. Thorne.....	Willett W. Keith.
	Amity, " 169	John H. Jones.....	Charles Plants.....	Henry F. Wasmond, Jr.	Cornelius Patterson.
	Mason City, " 170	John C. Spencer.....	James K. McAllister...	James R. Woods.....	Henry L. Crosley.
	Merna, " 171	Lansing J. Reed.....	B. Frank Edwards....	William W. Burton....	Ernest M. Coleman.

\*From last report of installation.

150	Grafton.	No. 172	William M. Smith.....	Peter W. Walters.....	Leslie L. Miles.....	Christian Garrett.
	Robert Burns,	" 173	Francis M. Pfrimmer..	Charles A. Besack.....	*Columbus C. Vennum..	F. George Burchelle.
	Culbertson,	" 174	George G. Eisenhart..	Henry Kleven.....	Arvene C. Eisenhart...	Alexander H. Miller.
	Temple,	" 175	Charles A. Burbank...	Horace M. Miller.....	James F. Boggs.....	John W. Wright.
	Gladstone,	" 176	William R. Young.....	James H. Kerr.....	Levi C. Pringle.....	Chas. H. F. Steinmeier.
155	Hay Springs,	" 177	William W. Parsons...	Louis J. Stiehl.....	Charles Weston.....	Israel R. Bray.
	Prudence,	" 179	John H. Ritchie.....	Marion King.....	Chris Brissey.....	John A. Witter.
	Justice,	" 180	Lewis C. Rudisill.....	Daniel L. Ough.....	Clode L. Krutsinger...	George W. Druliner.
	Faith,	" 181	J. Arnold Habegger..	J. Walter Moyer.....	L. Herbert Bigelow...	Ellwood W. Evans.
	Incense,	" 182	Elmer W. MacFarland..	Alex. W. Fitzsimons...	Claude M. Chenoweth.	William G. McFarland.
160	Alliance,	" 183	James H. H. Hewett..	Thomas Allen.....	Penrose E. J. Romig...	Leon H. Mosher.
	Bee Hive,	" 184	William Kerr.....	Lloyd D. Erion.....	Adolph M. Hansen....	Charles MacAdam.
	Boaz,	" 185	Chauncey S. Messner..	Ray B. Ryan.....	Charles W. Rogers....	Loyd E. Naden.
	Israel,	" 187	Eli H. Bassett.....	Loyd C. Jackson.....	Anson B. Andrews....	John W. Burge.
	Meridian,	" 188	Edgar C. Stanley.....	James A. Byrnes.....	Charles H. Sandquist..	John T. Buckley.
165	Granite,	" 189	Samuel A. A. Walker..	James G. Walker.....	*John T. Morrow.....	Ira A. Kirk.
	Amethyst,	" 190	Allen C. Kirby.....	John H. Johnson.....	Bert H. Smee.....	Henry A. Tunnell.
	Crystal,	" 191	Titus J. Howard.....	Obediah B. Bundy....	Alonzo B. Story.....	Emil T. Beushausen.
	Minnekadusa,	" 192	John H. Neiss.....	Phylander H. Young...	Levi C. Sparks.....	George Elliott.
	Signet,	" 193	Henry C. Hooker.....	Joseph F. McKinley...	Glen P. Beaty.....	Henry P. Buhman.
170	Highland,	" 194	Orville R. Deming....	Jay E. Compton.....	Perry R. Burling.....	Albert B. McNickle.
	Arcana,	" 195	Dwight H. Griswold...	Rupert O. Bard.....	Lynn S. Thompson....	Charles B. Selbig.
	Level,	" 196	Johnson W. Bliss....	Lynman H. Fitch.....	Homer B. Sawyer.....	Loyal M. Graham.
	Morning Star,	" 197	William Davidson....	Frank O. Steffen.....	James E. Hart.....	Samuel A. Tobey.
	Purity,	" 198	Clarence N. Cottrell...	Andrew J. Sroufe.....	Philander N. Foster...	Perlee W. Scott.
175	Gavel,	" 199	George W. Bailey.....	J. G. Wm. Westerhoff.	Herman L. Weimer....	Theodore C. Becke.
	Blazing Star,	" 200	William W. Hemmett..	Fred W. Sawyer.....	William C. Johns.....	Allen Mitchell.
	Scotts Bluff,	" 201	Fred D. Wolt.....	Enos S. DeLaMatter...	James B. Boyer.....	Clarence W. Bonham.
	Golden Sheaf,	" 202	Sidney O. Reese.....	Leroy V. DeVore.....	William Cain.....	Albert D. Townsend.
	Roman Eagle,	" 203	Samuel D. Love.....	Edward L. Rolph.....	Harry D. Hancock....	Charles S. Hughes.
180	Plainview,	" 204	Lucian C. Barbour....	Fred H. Free.....	*Frank C. Holbert.....	Abel Buckingham.
	Golden Fleece,	" 205	John O'Neil.....	William E. Roudebush.	Henry G. Wiegand....	Guy C. Neumann.
	Napthali,	" 206	J. Smith Diller.....	William A. Snyder....	Charles E. Waggoner..	Ora J. Mayborn.

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
	Parian, No. 207	Harvey S. Mahan.....	Silas G. Payton.....	Everett H. Young.....	Henry H. Andrews.
	Gauge, " 208	Warren D. Bennett....	Charles H. Downing...	David C. Bennett.....	Henry S. Kinsey.
185	Canopy, " 209	William Atchison.....	John Gerry Stark.....	James A. White.....	Floyd L. Woolcott.
	East Lincoln, " 210	Melvin T. Harmer.....	Edward B. Ransom...	Benjamin Wood.....	Thomas W. Moore.
	Cement, " 211	George B. McGlasson..	John J. Carter.....	Samuel McMurray....	William W. Mitchell.
	Compass & Sq're, " 212	John Hotham.....	Marcus E. Bush.....	Lambert Johnson....	Gustav Hald.
	Sq're & Compass, " 213	Lester W. Hall.....	Elmer F. Wagner....	Charles M. Houston...	Byron J. Morey.
190	Plumbline, " 214	James W. McKibbon..	George H. Kretzer....	James B. Coffman....	John E. Killen.
	Occidental, " 215	Frank B. Knapp.....	Ernest F. Peck.....	Orson A. Scott.....	John H. Mackprang.
	Palisade, " 216	Charles J. Wilcox....	Solomon H. Blum.....	Silas K. Glen.....	Asher J. Blount.
	Wauweta, " 217	James A. Dick.....	Anthoñ Deininger....	James W. Shrigley....	Orville D. Higley.
	Bloomfield, " 218	Edward L. Caya.....	Bower J. Hunt.....	J. Harvey Mettlen....	Joachim J. Barge.
195	Relief, " 219	George I. Parker.....	George H. Peck.....	Ford B. Barber.....	Elliot W. Wilson.
	Magnolia, " 220	Morris H. Evans.....	A. Ira Davis.....	Julius H. Bonderson...	George H. Haase.
	Wood Lake, " 221	Joseph P. Kreycik....	William F. Parker....	William T. Bailey....	Andrew L. Johnson.
	Landmark, " 222	Allan J. Cameron....	George W. Hart.....	G. Otis Yowell.....	John C. Ackerman.
	Eminence, " 223	Charles C. Beery.....	Frank H. Brock.....	William H. Wright....	George H. Washburn.
200	Silver Cord, " 224	Charles F. Howe.....	William M. Ely.....	David H. Troxel.....	William H. Metcalfe.
	Cable, " 225	John Finch.....	Gage J. Hammond....	Hiram R. Black.....	William C. Beltz.
	Grace, " 226	Captain E. Marsteller.	I. Lee Marsteller....	James A. Burford....	Herman G. Otto.
	North Star, " 227	Rude Daily.....	Daniel L. Showalter..	Charles H. Roper....	John C. Pentzer.
	Bartley, " 228	Foster G. Stilgebouer..	Dewitt C. Baker.....	Frank M. Jennings...	Jade W. Arbogast.
205	Comet, " 229	Charles A. Gould.....	Peter K. Biggerstaff..	Travis Cameron.....	Robert C. Knudsen.
	Delta, " 230	Judson C. Wilson.....	Oley A. Britell.....	Eugene E. Fellers....	Alfred Powell.
	Mount Hermon, " 231	William Whalen.....	Lewis P. Richards....	Roy P. Webber.....	Alvis A. Robertson.
	John S. Bowen, " 232	John Blaco.....	Joseph C. Neal.....	Claude C. VanDusen..	August F. Schafer.
	Gilead, " 233	Eugene C. Bushnall...	Robert V. Wilson.....	Gordon E. VanAvery..	Robert Ford.
210	Zion, " 234	William H. Nickles...	John M. Gentry.....	Albert E. Shelden....	William M. Alden.



	Fraternity,	No. 235	George S. Farran.....	Jacob H. Prescott.....	William T. Prince.....	Gilbert E. French.
	Golden Rule,	" 236	James L. McDonald...	Walter S. Hart.....	Orra L. Whitford.....	Vernon W. McDonald.
	Cubit,	" 237	J. LeRoy Marshall...	Charles B. F. Smith...	Sidney A. Hazelton...	George J. Steele.
	Friendship,	" 239	Henry Kortum.....	William H. Corcilius...	William H. H. Baird..	Adolph J. Frimann.
215	Pilot,	" 240	Charles McMonies.....	Robert A. McHale....	Paul Calnon.....	George W. Little.
	Geo. Armstrong,	" 241	Thomas A. Minier.....	Walter D. Romans....	Lec M. Bovee.....	William T. Minier.
	Tyrian,	" 243	William S. Price.....	Ernst Meyer.....	John F. Montgomery...	Vincent P. Britts.
	Sincerity,	" 244	Frank E. Martin.....	Charles T. Richardson..	Luther B. Baker.....	John R. Witzigman.
	Hampton,	" 245	*Hiram R. Groer.....	*F. Herman Cox.....	*Peter C. Hansen.....	*Stephen C. Houghton.
220	Nehawka,	" 246	James E. Banning.....	Julian A. Pollard, Jr.	Alexander E. Walker..	David D. Adams.
	Corner-stone,	" 247	Jasper L. Dennis.....	Preserved J. Canon...	Ruel L. Senift.....	Louis E. Mann.
	Laurel,	" 248	William E. Oxby.....	Henry C. Peterson....	William R. Trow.....	Joseph F. Guss.
	Gothenburg,	" 249	Edwin J. Spaulding...	John H. Kelly.....	George Scarr.....	John J. Jennings.
	Geo. Washington,	" 250	Charles H. Martin....	Charles A. Hugart....	Harry A. Bell.....	Frank B. Young.
225	Wausa,	" 251	James B. Park.....	Theodore A. Anthony..	Peter H. Peterson....	William Berridge.
	Hildreth,	" 252	Horace E. Onderkirk..	Nels P. Johnson.....	Earnest Anderson....	Winfield S. Marr.
	Beemer,	" 253	Alfred C. Nellor.....	Harry A. Crosby.....	Frank Nellor.....	Edwin Albright.
	Bassett,	" 254	Pearl H. Davis.....	Harry E. Artus.....	Milton E. Smith.....	Fred N. Morgan.
	Bradshaw,	" 255	John F. Houseman....	Chancy B. Palmer, Jr.	Charles Broehl.....	Emile C. Roggy.
230	Hickman,	" 256	Joseph M. Swiggart...	Claude L. Morrison...	Arthur E. Swiggart...	Cyrus Black.
	Holbrook,	" 257	Albert W. Schroeder..	Oliver J. Colver.....	John R. Cooper.....	Stephen A. Wolfe.
	Anselmo,	" 258	John J. Tooley.....	Charles E. Bass.....	Ira M. Foster.....	Chalmers G. Empfield.
	Bee,	" 259	Albert Terwilliger....	James Kudrna.....	Whitwood J. Batchelder	Arthur Soss.
	Springview,	" 260	John W. McLeran.....	Lewis A. Wilson.....	Clarence A. Ripley....	George W. Palmer.
235	Ornan,	" 261	*George E. Armour.....	*James T. Woods.....	*Willie J. Woods.....	*Charles D. Mothersead.
	Endeavor,	" 262	Samuel R. Smith.....	George E. Mick.....	Frank B. Hardesty....	Charles H. Russell.
	Mitchell,	" 263	Joseph L. Sanford....	John A. Burton.....	John W. Cormack.....	Edward Scriven.
	Rolland H. Oakley,	" 264	Perry Hildreth.....	Harry S. Ayer.....	James S. Bell.....	Frank M. Richard.
	Robt. W. Furnas,	" 265	Elisha M. Cowen.....	Harvey L. Sams.....	Winfield Evans.....	Horace E. Brown.
240	Silver,	" 266	William C. Robinson..	Charles R. Metzger....	Solomon C. Towslee...	Percy H. Bell.
	Jas. A. Tulleys,	" 267	Henry C. Wengert....	Charles E. Souser.....	Edward R. Green.....	Samuel D. Rengler.
	Geo. W. Lininger,"	" 268	William T. Bourke....	Miles P. Chumlea....	Matthew A. Hall.....	John Nicholson.

Elected, no report of installation.

## REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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*To the Grand Lodge:*

Herewith we submit our report on correspondence. We have reviewed all of the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions received before sending our manuscript to the printer. Statistics will be found in a table appended, and are so placed to be more convenient for reference than if mingled with the body of the report.

CHARLES J. PHELPS.

*For the Committee.*

ALABAMA, 1907.

December 3d, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Montgomery, the eighty-seventh annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Benjamin M. Jacobs, with all but one of the Grand Officers, and the representatives of three hundred and seventy-eight of the four hundred and forty-five chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master dwelt upon the progress of Masonry in his Grand Jurisdiction, its beneficent influence, from "the beautiful valley of the Tennessee to the sun kissed shores of the Gulf." He had issued nineteen dispensations to organize new lodges, and one to reorganize a lodge; and for other purposes he had issued several special dispensations. He had made some official visits to his lodges, had authorized the laying of a goodly number of corner-stones, had laid some himself, had appointed a committee of Past Grand Masters to receive gifts and donations of property of all kinds toward the establishment of a Masonic Home, and appointed lecturers in each of their ten districts.

To the memory of their deceased Grand Tyler, Brother Charles A. Allen, who died September 21st, 1907, the Grand Master pays fraternal tribute.

An amendment to their constitution provides for an increase of annual dues to the Grand Lodge, fifty cents per capita of which is to maintain a Masonic Home.

R. W. George A. Beauchamp, Grand Secretary, presents an excellent report, and speaks enthusiastically of their Grand Lodge library and its rapid growth.

The new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan received fraternal recognition.

Twenty lodges under dispensation were granted charters, and one charter was restored to a dormant lodge.

Brother William Y. Titcomb again presents a good report on correspondence, covering three hundred and thirty pages and reviewing

the proceedings of sixty-six Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1907, receives generous fraternal consideration. He refers to the writer's citing the general proposition that Grand Lodges possess supreme legislative authority, and asks "whether or not the Grand Master can exercise the dispensing power, and Grand Lodge ratify that action on his part, in cases in which the Constitution expressly prohibits the same under any and all circumstances?"

Answering, we beg to say that we regard it a sound maxim to say that "Masonry is a law unto itself;" that constitutional limitations, as understood in the civil law, are not applicable in Masonic jurisprudence; that it is not in the power of any man, or body of men to alter or change the ancient landmarks, or make innovations in the body of Masonry; that if the Grand Master, in dispensing power, acts within the authority conferred upon Grand Masters, or prerogatives pertaining to his office, he is not amenable to Grand Lodge, nor Grand Lodge constitution. The supreme power of the Grand Lodge in legislation is always subject to the inhibition referred to, but extends to making and amending its constitution, and enacting regulations, even by submitting the amendments to its subordinate lodges, but its advisability is what the writer was discussing.

M. W. Hugh S. D. Mallory, Selma, is Grand Master.

R. W. George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, is Grand Secretary.

#### ALBERTA, 1907.

February 20th, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Macleod, the second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. O. W. Kealy, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from all but one of their nineteen chartered lodges in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of Past Grand Master Thomas Tweed, who died April 4th, 1906, in the city of Montreal. He had been long a resident at Medicine Hat, within the present province of Alberta, an active Mason, and was Grand Master of Manitoba before the erection of the new province and the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The Grand Master speaks of the prompt recognition of their new Grand Lodge by other Grand Lodges, New York, in May, 1906, being, he says, the first; Nebraska's recognition followed on June 5th, 1906, and was doubtless the second.

He registers a protest:

I received a complaint from Bow River Lodge relative to a Lodge in the Jurisdiction of Scotland having made a resident in Calgary, previously rejected by Bow River brethren, a Mason. This Mason subsequently presented himself as a visitor to the Lodge which had rejected him. From what I have read of the proceedings in other Grand Lodges in the Empire similar complaints have been made, and the Grand Lodge in Scotland appears to have a law (I presume an unwritten one) forbidding an answer being made to such complaints. With a

view to avoiding the necessity of apparently addressing the air, I inquired of Bow River Lodge as to the dates when the Mason in question received his degrees, my idea being that we could pass the matter on to Manitoba. I have not as yet received the information asked for, and doubtless the brethren in Calgary have decided to deal with the matter in another form.

He rendered a few decisions, granted a few dispensations, and says:

I signed ten dispensations to Lodges permitting them to attend divine service Masonically clothed, in compliance with the usual custom in such cases. It puzzles me to understand what the object is for these parades. As Masons we acknowledge the existence of God, but the attendance at a place of worship implies that Masons go further. I very much fear that these "attendances at divine worship" would amount to very little if the parade was not made a part of it, and each went to his own place of worship (should he have one). We have amongst our numbers Jews and Unitarians, possibly those who believe in but one person of the Holy Trinity, and why ask them to go through what to them is a farce? Why compel a Catholic to go to a place of worship in which he has nothing in common, and so with a Methodist, or any other of the many divisions in religion? If there was one place of public worship where Masons could honestly go and as honestly say they were united in a common worship, well and good; but so long as our Lodges are the only places in which we can unitedly say, that there is a God "before whom we should all with reverence most humbly bow," and in which we are actually united in the bonds of fellowship and love, so long should we keep from these parades, in which we pretend a unity which does not actually exist. If we must parade to a church, do not let us cut out any one; let us take the synagogue, Roman church, or any other place of worship (not forgetting the Unitarians), each in its turn, and show the universality of Masonry, when you can show nothing else.

He says that he refused a dispensation to consider the application of a candidate who had lost the thumb of his right hand, but granted one in the case of a candidate having a stiff knee. We should think that neither could conform to the manner of his initiation, and that both, if either, would be ineligible. He had constituted two newly chartered lodges, and had visited all but one of his lodges.

He discusses the subject of ritual, and discloses the fact that some of their lodges work the American and some the Canadian, and says:

Why not a combined Ritual? It is generally acknowledged that the first degree in the Canadian work is finer than in the other; and that the second degree in the American is finer than in the Canadian; the third degrees are largely different in the two works. My suggestion is that a ritual be adopted containing the opening in the Canadian Rite and the closing of the Lodge in the American Rite; the first degree from the Canadian Rite, the second degree from the American Rite, and the third degree from both as alternatives. I think that the difficulty of the differences in the obligations can and should be overcome by setting one obligation for each degree. Regarding the third degree, I think the two forms we have will be most useful as alternatives. It is generally agreed the third degree in the American Rite is very fine, if conferred by a trained team well drilled to their work, but to do this you require a steady attendance of the same members and a fairly large number of them; for country Lodges and town Lodges weak in membership, my ex-

perience teaches me the Canadian Rite is better, because the work is done almost solely by the Master. I have been brought up in the American Rite, and for that reason earnestly desire that we get one standard work to go by, as completely under the control of the Grand Lodge as the Canadian Rite is.

From the reports of the Grand Master and their District Deputy Grand Masters it is shown that the growth of Masonry in the jurisdiction is vigorous, and great credit is certainly due to the officials in the Grand and subordinate bodies.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. Hedley C. Taylor, Edmonton, is Grand Master.

M. W. George Macdonald, Calgary, is Grand Secretary.

#### ARIZONA, 1907.

November 19th, in the stope, i. e. a place from which the ore has been worked out, in the Lone Star mine, under the town of Morenci, the twenty-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Herbert Brown, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from eighteen of the nineteen chartered lodges in attendance.

With only a small membership in their lodges, of course there cannot be very much for a Grand Master to do, but we have always been interested in that Grand Jurisdiction, and have noted with pleasure, from year to year, the zeal of the leaders and the Craft in Arizona. Things Masonic are in the beginning there, but we opine that Arizona is to become a great commonwealth in this Union; its natural resources, when developed, will result in making it agriculturally the garden spot in this country, and in other resources an important state. But we are wandering from our task.

The Grand Master, in his annual address, extends fraternal greetings, reports his official acts of the year, comments upon conditions, and recommends such things as his observation had suggested. He had convened the Grand Lodge in special communication to lay the cornerstone of a new Masonic Temple in the city of Prescott, and gives an excellent account of a good time had there. He had laid other cornerstones with like success.

M. W. Brother George James Roskruge, Grand Secretary, presents, as is usual with him, a carefully prepared report of all things passing through his office. For his faithful performance of duties in the past the Grand Lodge generously raised his salary.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. Cyrus Grant Jones, Tempe, is Grand Master.

M. W. George J. Roskruge, Tucson, is Grand Secretary.

## ARKANSAS, 1906.

November 20th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Little Rock, the sixty-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Antonio B. Grace, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from four hundred and twenty-five of their five hundred and fifteen lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master submitted his address, occupying twenty-six pages, in which he fully discusses existing conditions. He says that Masonry in Arkansas is, on the whole, in a prosperous and flourishing condition; but death had entered their officials ranks. He praises their system of schools of instruction, and records his presence at one at Little Rock, which was attended by nearly all of their District Deputy Grand Masters, and presided over by their Grand Lecturer, who for two days instructed the District Deputies in the esoteric work.

Preliminary steps to establish a Masonic Home had been taken, and the Grand Master gives his hearty approval to the undertaking.

He reports having refused special dispensations for novel purposes: to reinstate a suspended brother after he was dead, and bury his body with Masonic honors; to initiate divers worthy persons who had lost hands, arms or legs, or were otherwise more or less mutilated; to appear as a lodge in public, in regalia, etc., for the purpose of joining a townsite parade; to attend Easter services at a church; to parade with the old soldiers at a reunion, to dedicate a church, etc., etc.; to give a dance in a Masonic hall. But other dispensations for the ordinary purposes had he granted, including some to confer degrees out of time; but, remarking: "I must confess that I have sinned quite often by allowing a natural disposition to accommodate the brethren to overrule my convictions as to the propriety of such dispensations, and have granted more of them than deliberate judgment would pronounce to be for the good of the candidates and of Masonry." He was evidently embarrassed, his "convictions" and "judgment" seem not to have been sufficient to enable him to refuse.

He was called upon to render, and reports, with reasons, thirty-six decisions. He had arrested three charters, one of which he thus reports:

Dutch Mills Lodge No. 539, over the protest of R. W. Bro. L. P. Kempner, D. D. G. M. of the Sixth District, who was present, proceeded to ballot for and confer degrees upon candidates who were residents of the Indian Territory, or who had not resided in this State for the required twelve months. The Lodge failed in respect and obedience to the District Deputy Grand Master, who is the representative of the Supreme Power, as well as failed to observe the law. For these reasons I caused Brother Kempner to arrest their charter, jewels, etc., which he now holds, awaiting your further orders in the premises.

In the above he locates "the Supreme Power," and we cannot but wonder that he allowed it to bow to the desire of his brethren in the matter of special dispensations. For new lodges he granted nine dispensations. He quotes from some of his District Deputies, in support of his views expressed that "a rapid and continuous increase in the

number of lodges is not conducive to the best interest of the institution of Freemasonry." And he justly regards a large number of weak lodges as not conducive to the good of the Craft.

He says:

Pass an edict—and then enforce it—that every brother receiving the degree of Master Mason shall, at the time he receives the final "charge," be given a copy of the latest digest of the Edicts, containing the Constitution, By-Laws and decisions, and also a copy of the Official Monitor. Not as a present or gratuity, but as a right for which he has paid. If necessary increase the minimum fee for the three degrees to thirty instead of twenty-five dollars. In these days of rapid increasing prosperity, no man worthy of being made a Mason would withhold his application because of this small increase in the cost while the sum mentioned would about cover the cost of the books and also pay the tax levied on degree work by this Grand Body for the support of the Widows' and Orphan's Home. Both the lodge and the candidate would be benefited by such a system.

R. W. Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary, submits a very full and excellently arranged report of all the important business of the year passing through his hands. He has served faithfully in that important office for twenty-five years, and is known far and wide as an authority upon Masonic law and usage.

The Grand Lodge granted charters to twelve new lodges, and restored the charters to three lodges, that had been deprived of them as a matter of discipline, gave permission for the removal of the domicile of eight lodges, and the change in name of one of them.

The report of the Board of Trustees of the Orphans' Home shows a donation of one hundred acres, to be improved to some extent by the Board of Trade and citizens of Batesville, near which the same is situated, as a site for the Home, and the collection of considerable means to build.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta received due recognition.

R. W. R. A. Rowe, Grand Orator, delivered a very interesting and instructive oration, largely historical, and dealing in the beneficent teachings of Freemasonry from its earliest days.

The Grand Lodge enacted that:

Hereafter every Lodge in this jurisdiction, at the raising of a brother, shall present to him a copy of the By-Laws of the Lodge, and recommend that he at once obtain a copy of the Monitor adopted by this Grand Lodge. Such presentation shall be made by the Worshipful Master immediately after the charge is delivered. The W. M. shall impress upon the newly made brother the importance of carefully studying both the By-Laws and the Monitor.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. Jacob Trieber, Little Rock, is Grand Master.

R. W. Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, is Grand Secretary.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1907.

June 20th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Vancouver, the thirty-sixth annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. James A. Schofield, Grand Master, with all the principal Grand Officers and representatives from thirty-five of the forty chartered lodges in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master expresses pleasure that prosperity is general throughout their Province, and that it had been a year of progress in Freemasonry, and gratitude that the officers past and present of the Grand Lodge had been spared the touch of death.

He reports only three decisions: that a Past Master of that jurisdiction, who does not hold membership in the jurisdiction, but is a member of a lodge in Canada, can confer degrees in British Columbia, providing he is requested to do so by the Master or acting Master of any lodge there; that a suspended Mason cannot prefer charges against a member of the lodge by which he was suspended, but the charges may be laid by another who is in good standing; and that a candidate who has lost the first finger of his right hand between the second and third joints is not eligible to receive the degrees.

He reports having issued special dispensations, but does not specify for what purposes. One dispensation for a new lodge had he issued, and he had made many official visits among his lodges. He suspended the Master and Wardens of a lodge for admitting an applicant who should have been declared rejected. And he did a very commendable act in the following:

It was brought to my attention that an old Brother, who had been a Mason for sixty years, was in destitute circumstances, and was being supported by a widowed daughter and individual Masons. His Lodge in Ireland had gone out of existence. I deemed this a case of deserving charity and wrote the Grand Treasurer to forward a cheque for one hundred dollars to W. Bro. Shaw, of Nanaimo, who had kindly consented to administer it.

The Deputy Grand Master, and each of the nine District Deputy Grand Masters, submitted a report of performing his duty, and in this way the visiting, instructing, and assisting in the work of the lodges was pretty thoroughly carried out.

The Grand Secretary, in his report presents not only the work of the year, but also matters of interest brought up from preceding years.

We notice that Brother Smith's report on correspondence was not only received and ordered printed, but was also "adopted" by the Grand Lodge.

One of the lodges under dispensation was granted a charter and the other was continued under dispensation.

The District Deputy Grand Masters were complimented for their zeal, and it is recorded that they had officially visited nearly every lodge in the jurisdiction. The Grand Master's official acts and decisions received approval.



R. W. W. A. DeWolf H. Smith presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and seventy-two pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-two Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1906, is honored with six pages. He does not see how it can be claimed that the Grand Lodge of Queensland can be said to have been regularly formed. Well, in the first place, it was clearly within the rule recognized in a very large majority of the Grand Lodges in the English-speaking world. The rule. "When it is desired to organize a Grand Lodge, three or more legally constituted lodges, working in any state, territory, or other independent political division, where no other Grand Lodge already exists, may meet in convention, adopt by-laws, elect officers, and organize a Grand Lodge." Every Grand Lodge in the United States, and many in the provinces and colonies of the British Empire, regard this rule. Mackey says that it follows "that adopted, in essential particulars, by the four lodges which established the Grand Lodge of England in 1717." Inasmuch as "Masonry is a law unto itself," and this rule has been so thoroughly settled and acted upon by many a Grand Lodge throughout the Masonic world, there is little fear that the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland will be able to uproot it in the selfish interest of either. No one has plead its justice with more earnestness than those interested in the Grand Lodges in Australasia. Brother DeWolf H. Smith will note, in the current proceedings, that Nebraska did its duty in the premises.

He says:

In his review of Florida Brother Phelps charges us with inconsistency in having recognized the Grand Lodges of Italy and Bavaria while refusing recognition to the Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico. It certainly looks a little that way, but it must be remembered that recognition was given these Grand Lodges before we were made Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence—in fact, before we were made a Mason.

Inasmuch as his Grand Lodge "adopts" his reports on correspondence, there is yet a chance to correct whatever of irregularity was committed before he was "made Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence—in fact, before we [he] were made a Mason."

But he charges the writer with mistakes, first, about that negro, Prince Hall, and his brood, and contends against overwhelming odds for the regularity of that aggregation. We have no time to thresh over that "old straw." Again, that we are wrong in our account of Masonry in Mexico, because in 1810, and subsequently, Masonry was established in Mexico. Yes, but if our late Brother John Q. A. Fellows was right, and we have never before seen it disputed, all that was done had disappeared, and in 1860, no vestige of Masonry, in organized form, existed in Mexico.

But he urges that "no stream can rise higher than its source" and charges the writer with another mistake, because we, supported by the authority, not only of writers, but by the action of many Grand Lodges, hold that lodges erected by Grand Councils in countries having no Grand

or Blue Lodge system, may throw off the yoke, recede from their obedience to the Supreme Council, and erect a Grand Lodge. But no, "How can a stream run up hill?" queries our brother.

We belong to a New England family that was numerously engaged in throwing off a certain yoke, from on, before, and subsequent to July 4th, 1776, and think that the certain thirteen—lucky number—colonies engaged in establishing something quite above the old rule, quite generally are regarded as higher and better, at least for a free people, than the old source. Do you see the parallel? And further, answering your query, we answer—Yankee-like, by asking did that struggle in 1776 change the nature of the government of those thirteen colonies and all that has developed therefrom?

But our brother is a painstaking and able writer and the report is a good one.

M.'W.'.Francis Bowser, Vancouver, is Grand Master.

V.'W.'.Robert E. Brett, Victoria, is Grand Secretary.

#### CALIFORNIA, 1907.

October 8th, at the Golden Gate Commandery Building, in San Francisco, the fifty-eighth annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.'W.'.Edward H. Hart, Grand Master, with representatives from two hundred and fifty of its three hundred and fifteen lodges in attendance.

In the Grand Master's address we find him saying:

During the past year no Lodges have surrendered their charters, and none have lost their identity through consolidation. Dispensations have been issued to form eight new Lodges, and the net gain in membership within the jurisdiction has been 2357, the greatest within the State since the formation of the Grand Lodge, fifty-seven years ago, and exceeded only once by 33 when the newly formed Lodges in the Orient added a considerable number to the net gain of the whole jurisdiction.

So good a showing following the great disaster by earthquake and fire is, indeed, encouraging. Perhaps, too, the great growth may be attributed in some degree to the great object lesson presented by our Fraternity in the relief afforded to the distressed in the dark days of quake and fire.

The Grand Master in words of tender regard pays tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead.

He explains with careful particularity the exercise of his discretion, in granting a dispensation to organize a new lodge in a case where the nearest lodge had refused its consent, but the matter had already been before the Grand Lodge and it had commissioned the Grand Master to investigate and act in the matter—a wise course, we think, under such circumstances.

We extract from what he says of the continued work of relief:

At the Annual Communication of 1906, the general direction of relief necessitated by the Great Calamity of April, 1906, was, by virtue of his office, and resolution of the Grand Lodge, continued in the hands of the Grand Master, and in rendering final report thereon, we would state that the organization, with its several branches, specially established after the catastrophe for handling the details of the work, was carried forward with one or two changes in the official staff, and a high order of efficiency distinguished the administration of both the San Francisco and Oakland Boards. Brothers W. Frank Pierce, President of the Board in this city, and Rodolph W. Meek, President of the Board in Oakland, are especially deserving of the unqualified praise and thanks of the fraternity for their unselfish devotion to the cause of the needy and distressed, serving without one farthing of compensation, and surrendering almost their entire time for a whole year to the exacting duties of their positions, performing arduous toil, actuated only by the love of humanity and Masonry, and with no thought of reward except the approval of conscience and the generous approbation of their brethren.

Many pages are devoted to itemized particulars of relieving distress. \$311,048.14, had been received. In some cases, funds raised in various Grand Jurisdictions were not sent, because of notices from the Grand Master of California that they were not needed.

The Grand Master says that the administration of the trust imposed upon the chosen officers in distributing funds thus freely given, had been, he believed, careful and judicious; and yet no worthy case, so far as he could learn, had been overlooked and there remained more than \$60,000.00 which it was proposed to return, proportionately, to the donors, which was accordingly done.

The Grand Master well says that thus closed in Masonic history the greatest episode of its kind that has occurred in the centuries of the existence of Freemasonry; it has reflected honor, and only honor, upon the Craft, and has placed a crown of light upon the teachings and professions of our Fraternity.

A lodge ordered its Junior Warden to prefer charges against one of its members, which was reported to the Grand Master, who held that the lodge by such action disqualified itself to try the case, and he ordered the case transferred to another lodge. The important question was the Grand Master's decision in ordering the transfer of the trial to the other lodge. This was thus disposed of by the Committee on Jurisprudence, the Grand Lodge concurring:

In the matter of a trial transferred from San Bernardino Lodge, No. 348, to Phoenix Lodge, No. 178, the Grand Master says: "The only important question of procedure involved is the decision of the Grand Master which is submitted for approval—That San Bernardino Lodge had by virtue of its action in ordering its Junior Warden to prefer the charges disqualified itself from trying the same."

While your committee are not willing to establish the general rule that a Lodge by ordering its Junior Warden to prefer charges thereby renders itself disqualified from trying the case, yet in this particular instance your committee find good and sufficient reasons in the correspondence of San Bernardino Lodge with the Grand Master to justify the transfer of the trial to Phoenix Lodge, No. 178, and commend his wisdom in so acting.

The Grand Master visited:

A tour of visitation throughout the Masonic districts of California impresses most forcibly upon one the immensity of our wonderful land. California is an empire covering an area more extensive than the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania combined, with a coast line, if measured upon the Atlantic seaboard, extending from the coast of Maine to that of South Carolina. There are in California fifty-four regular, and four special Masonic districts, making fifty-eight in all, and the Grand Master has, during the past year, visited officially and held district meetings in all of these fifty-eight districts, omitting none, and in several of the larger and more important districts, we have visited nearly every individual Lodge therein. He has extended his tour of visitation over the seas, exchanging fraternal greetings with our Lodges in the Hawaiian Islands, more than two thousand miles from our shores—the so-called Forty-ninth California Masonic District; and the only district within the broad sweep of the embracing arms of the mighty jurisdiction of California not visited by the Grand Master during the past year, is the so-called Fiftieth District, comprising the Philippine Islands, and the only reason why he failed to call upon this far away district was that the year contained only twelve months, instead of fourteen.

The distance traveled on land by the Grand Master in his tour of visitation was more than twenty thousand miles, and the distance traveled by sea nearly five thousand miles, together being sufficient to encircle the globe.

R. W. George Johnson, Grand Secretary, presented a very full report. From it we learn that eight newly chartered lodges had been constituted during the year. Their two Masonic Homes are generously maintained.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. George M. Perine, San Francisco, is Grand Master.

R. W. George Johnson, Spreckels Building, San Francisco, is Grand Secretary.

CANADA, 1907.

July 17th, in the city of Ottawa, the fifty-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. James H. Burritt, Grand Master, with the principal Grand Officers, and representatives from two hundred and ninety-seven of the three hundred and ninety-eight chartered lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master's address evidences zeal, ability, and what is so admirable in a Grand Master, great consideration for his brethren. He speaks of the rapid passage of time: "To one who has been uniformly busy in any line of work, he is not measuring hours nor weeks, and consequently not keeping track of the units; to him, time space is covered by leaps and bounds." The year, he says, had been marked as one of almost universal peace within his jurisdiction, with only one case of minor import before the Committee of Grievances and Appeals, the smallest number in the history of the Grand Lodge for forty-nine years. Prosperity, financially and numerically, abounds.

To the memory of the fraternal dead the Grand Master pays loving tribute. Among his official acts he reports an exchange of Grand Representatives with the Grand Lodge of Queensland, which we note with peculiar pleasure, having just laid aside the review for British Columbia, by Brother DeWolf-Smith, who takes this writer to task for recommending the recognition of Queensland to our Nebraska Grand Lodge. Speaking of the subject of extending such recognition it is safe to say that British Columbia would do well to get onto the broad ground occupied by the Grand Lodge of Canada, where, under the wise guidance of broad-minded Craftsmen, the universality of Masonry is recognized. M. W. Brothers J. Ross and Henry Robertson, and others, have wrought faithfully in the upbuilding of correct Masonic views in that Grand Jurisdiction. All doubts as to the regularity of formation of the Grand Lodge of Queensland should, says Brother Henry Robertson, be set at rest.

The Grand Master reports the granting of warrants to six lodges, the continuing of three under dispensation, and the instituting of three under dispensation, and the dedicating and constituting of thirteen; the laying of two corner-stones, and the granting of a good many special dispensations, of which he thus speaks:

I have issued Dispensations to the respectable number of 267. For the information of Grand Lodges of some foreign jurisdiction on this continent, who issue very few, and cannot understand the occasion of so many issued by our Grand Lodge, I may say, to curtail all sorts of functions held under Masonic auspices, Grand Lodge, in its wisdom, enacted that there could be no Masonic function of a public character without a dispensation from the Grand Master. This was mainly done for the purpose of giving the Grand Master the circumspection and control of all public Masonic doings during his term, in order that no thoughtless or doubtful act would be performed under the guise of Masonry, and to keep all public doings of our lodges under healthful control.

All credit should be accorded to him for his active and successful efforts in preventing the procuring of a charter from their Provincial House of Commons, under the title "Masonic Protective Association," a business venture. Among his reported decisions, we find the following:

2. I ruled that every candidate must take the necessary obligations prescribed, and that an affirmation was not permissible.

3. Royal Arch Masons cannot legally appear in their regalia at a blue lodge meeting or function.

4. No dispensation can be granted to initiate a candidate under 21 years of age.

5. When can a petitioner withdraw petition? Ans. At any time before it has been received by the lodge.

His two years of service as Grand Master, he says, had been very happy ones.

The reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer attest the prosperity of their lodges, and of their Grand Lodge, and the reports of their District Deputy Grand Masters show faithful attention to the

duties of their office. The business before the Grand Lodge received earnest and careful consideration, and was dispatched with due regard to Masonic usage.

M. W. Brother Henry Robertson presents the report on correspondence, covering ninety-five pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-seven Grand Lodges, with that ability which has marked all his former reviews.

M. W. Augustus T. Freed, Hamilton, is Grand Master.

M. W. Hugh Murray, Hamilton, is Grand Secretary.

#### COLORADO, 1907.

September 17th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Denver, the forty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Arthur E. Jones, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from one hundred and seven of its one hundred and nine chartered lodges in attendance.

The Grand Representatives were invited to the East, where they were received and welcomed, in a short address, by the Grand Master. In response, Past Grand Master Ernest LeNeve Foster, in behalf of the Grand Representatives, eloquently portrayed the advantages of the system which maintains Grand Representatives between Grand Lodges the world over, as also the custom of their reception at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, a custom observed in many Grand Lodges.

In opening his address the Grand Master congratulates his brethren upon the steady advancement and general prosperity of Masonry in his jurisdiction. He pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead, among whom their Past Grand Master George Keith Kimball is named. He died at his home in Golden, Colorado, April 8th, 1907.

The Grand Master reports the granting of dispensations for six new lodges, a considerable number of special dispensations for the usual purposes, including the conferring of degrees out of time, and the issuing of commissions to his special representatives to dedicate halls, install officers, and lay corner-stones. He made a great many official visits to his lodges, convened some nine special communications of the Grand Lodge, and personally conducted the laying of several corner-stones.

R. W. Charles H. Jacobson, Grand Secretary, submitted a full and excellently arranged annual report, showing good conditions.

The report of the trustees of their benevolent fund shows careful management, and that there is now in the fund over \$20,000.00. The Grand Lodge extended recognition to the new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan and the Grand Lodge of Queensland, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, from which we briefly extract:

With regard to the application of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, which we have had under consideration since 1904, we would say we have delayed recommending any formal action out of courtesy and def-

erence to the three Mother Grand Lodges, England, Ireland and Scotland.

From the tripartate agreement among these Grand Lodges, with regard to the steps to be taken before a new Grand Lodge can be formed in the Colonies, any such organization in the future would seem to be an impossibility. Much of the history of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Queensland has been given in previous reports, and it is unnecessary to dwell upon it at this time. From the data at hand, upwards of fifty Lodges are upon its roll, and others are acknowledging its authority from time to time. Recognition has been granted by the Grand Lodges of New South Wales, New Zealand, Western Australia, Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and some twenty of the Grand Lodges of the United States. A most hopeful sign, and one that augurs well for its future, was the election last June of Lord Chelmsford, Governor of the Province, Grand Master.

Their Grand Lecturer, Past Grand Master Ernest LeNeve Foster, makes report of active performance of duty, and says that generally the officers of the lodges visited are well versed in the ritual and take an interest and pride in rendering it aright.

Brother H. W. Woodward, Grand Orator, delivered a very excellent address, discussing the origin, purpose, and teaching of Masonry; from it we quote a single paragraph:

No society founded on and governed by purely altruistic principles could have withstood the open and pronounced opposition of one of the great religious organizations of the world, the fierce onslaughts made upon it by political demagogues in the last century, the numberless minor perils which have beset its growth and development, and passed calmly and undisturbed along its appointed path, until today it numbers in this country alone more than one million of the best of our citizenship, unless it had, indeed, been founded upon that Divine attribute, Truth, the greatest of the virtues.

Five lodges under dispensation were each granted a charter. Colorado Masons had sent generous contributions to relieve the distressed California sufferers, \$750.94 of which was returned. But, by resolution offered by Past Grand Master Harper M. Orahood, it was ordered that this money be returned to our brethren in San Francisco for use in their benevolent fund or for whatever other purpose they may please to apply it.

A full account of interesting proceedings is given of a special communication of the Grand Lodge, held at the temple, in the hall of their Oriental Lodge No. 87. April 24th. 1907. for the purpose of welcoming to Colorado the brethren of Capitol Lodge No. 3 of Omaha, Nebraska, acting as an escort to the Traveling Silver Trowel.

Our R. W. Brother William A. DeBord, representing his lodge, addressed the assemblage, and in pleasing and impressive language transferred the charge of the trowel to the said Oriental Lodge of Denver.

Past Grand Master Lawrence N. Greenleaf presents another, his twenty-third annual, report on correspondence, covering two hundred and seven pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-six Grand Lodges. The report, like all his preceding ones, is marked by ability, and evi-

dences his well known learning in all that pertains to the literature of Freemasonry. We extract from his conclusion :

First, let us dwell for a moment upon our Symbolism. Few of our Brethren fully realize the grandeur and significance of this inheritance and possession of the Craft, which is the most exalted and inspiring that has ever engaged the thought of man. Other guilds and crafts have risen and flourished for a time, with initiatory ceremonies whose phrasology was connected with their handicrafts, but none other save the building art could have furnished such a wealth of terms capable of moral application and in harmony with our conception of the creative work of the universe. The symbolism of Masonry thus stands pre-eminent above all other. It has its foundation in truth, and is, therefore, eternal and unchangeable. It is a priceless heritage from the fathers who chose The Builder for its ideal and The Temple of Living Stones as its work and the aspiration of human endeavor. Despite the contention of some Masonic writers and even members of our guild, we believe that the speculative era of Masonry antedates by many centuries the formation of the premier Grand Lodge in 1717.

M. W. Joseph A. Davis, Boulder, is Grand Master.

R. W. Charles H. Jacobson, Denver, is Grand Secretary.

#### CONNECTICUT, 1908.

January 15th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Hartford, the one hundred and twentieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Andrew J. Hallock, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from one hundred and eight of the one hundred and ten chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master greets his brethren, and expresses gratitude that they may "view with joy and gratitude the splendid condition of our Lodges, our Masonic Home, and the entire Craft in this Grand Old State."

To the memory of the fraternal dead of his Grand Jurisdiction, he pays loving tribute; among them their Past Grand Chaplain, Rev. Andrew C. Hubbard, D. D., who was also a Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Connecticut. He was buried by the Grand Lodge, in emergent communication, at Danbury, on April 22d, 1907. On September 29th, 1907, their Past Grand Master, Asa Smith, died at his home in New Haven, and was likewise buried by the Grand Lodge.

Grand Master Hallock reports visiting many of his lodges, and gives space to recounting the good conditions found on each occasion. He also embodies reports made to him of visits made by the District Deputies. He granted a considerable number of special dispensations. Speaking of the Order of the Eastern Star, he says: "This organization is still with us and doing splendid work in connection with our Masonic Home, and we join with all those who know of their work, and how unselfishly they are aiding the craft in Connecticut in extending to them our thanks, and wishing them prosperity."

In his recommendations we find some sound advice :



First. We feel that the practice of encouraging young Masons to advance as rapidly as possible through the several degrees of Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery, in order that they may join the Order of Mystic Shrine, is wrong. Our observations along this line have been that such an one never becomes a good Mason, never appreciates what he has passed through, and derives no benefit from the beautiful lessons taught therein. This we know to be the practice of many Masons in different Lodges, and a sense of duty to their Mother Lodge and Masonry, should cause them to stop the same at once.

He gives a glowing account of conditions found at their Masonic Home:

On August 6th, by request of the Board of Managers, I issued an invitation to the Masons of Connecticut with their families, and the Order of Eastern Star, to assemble at the Home on the 25th of September and enjoy an outing to be known as in former years as "Grand Master's Day." I endeavored in every way possible to bring this to the notice of the entire Craft, and in this I was most ably assisted by my Associates on the Board, District Deputies, and Grand Lodge Officers. It was a large gathering, and the day was spent in a most pleasant manner. A program consisting of addresses by several of the Brethren present, selections by the Temple Quartette and Miss Quien of Danbury, recitations by Miss Hubbard of Wallingford also an address by the Grand Matron of the O. E. S. Mrs. Lina H. Baldwin.

M. W. Brother John H. Barlow, Grand Secretary, presents, as usual, a concise report with valuable comment. Brother Barlow also presented a Revision of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge for the committee having the matter in charge, largely his work, we presume, for they present evidences of his handiwork, and they were adopted. We extract a single paragraph:

1.—The buying, selling, loaning, or giving away, or otherwise putting in circulation any book or paper either written or printed, purporting to contain the secrets of masonry, is un-masonic, and any mason within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge who shall thus have or dispose of such book or paper, shall be liable to expulsion from the fraternity.

We like Brother Barlow's special report, as follows:

Your Committee on Correspondence has received request for recognition from the Grand Orient of Greece, The Grand Orient of Paraguay and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. The edict of non-intercourse against the Grand Lodge of Hamburg has been withdrawn and the Grand Lodge of New York has again extended full recognition. To them we extend fraternal greetings, but like further time for consideration before recommending full recognition.

The business, all carefully considered, of the Grand Lodge, was routine, as well it should be in so well organized and conservative a Grand Jurisdiction as staid "Old Connecticut."

M. W. Brother John H. Barlow presents the report on correspondence, his fourteenth annual, covering two hundred and one pages. Nebraska, 1907, receives generous fraternal consideration. He especially approves our Grand Master Hopewell's recommendation to abolish the

provisions of our law exempting those over a certain age from lodge dues. And well he may, for like provisions in their own regulations have wrought injury to their Grand Lodge. We note that the Grand Lodge statistics of Connecticut show that out of a total membership of 21,422, 4,861 are exempt from the payment of Grand Lodge dues. Brother Barlow has for years protested against such exemption. He once said:

Masonry, like all institutions, even the church, cannot be sustained without money, and all who are able should do their part. If they shirk it they throw an additional burden upon others, nor do we believe that a brother has brought all the rights and privileges of Masonry, save lodge membership, when he pays his initiation fees. He has then simply entered the fraternity and should be willing to sustain it. If this is commercialism it is simply another word for duty, and not subject to the objectionable meaning placed upon it.

M. W. Edward E. Fuller, Tolland, is Grand Master.

M. W. John H. Barlow, Hartford, is Grand Secretary.

#### DELAWARE, 1907.

October 2d, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Wilmington, the one hundred and second annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Robert K. Stephenson, Grand Master, with all the living Grand Officers and a large number of Past Masters, permanent members, and Masters and Wardens from nearly all their twenty-two chartered lodges, in attendance.

The Grand Master announced the death of their R. W. Brother Benjamin Franklin Bartram, who had died in the morning of that day, and in opening his address he pays tribute to the dead of the year. The loss of the Grand Lodge's permanent members was fourteen, one Past Grand Master among them, M. W. Brother John A. Nicholson, who died November 5th, 1906.

Accompanied by two Past Grand Masters, and upon invitation, he visited the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and there met the Grand Master of New York, with his staff, and when the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was in session, in its annual communication, he, accompanied by some of his Grand Officers, made a like visit. And again when the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple at Washington, D. C., was laid he was on hand, participating in the proceedings. He speaks enthusiastically of these occasions. Such visits are quite common in some of the older jurisdictions. Such reciprocal interchange of fraternal courtesies serves "to brighten the chain of friendship; to cherish the worthy and to hold in due veneration the ancient landmark."

A resolution of their Grand Lodge puts the Grand Master under the duty of visiting every lodge during the year. He declares that it is a wise provision, and he performed the duty and reports good conditions.

He urges upon the Masters of the lodges their duty to see that a fair standard of membership is maintained, and that committees on petitions be required to do their duty.

We are glad to find in his decisions, (two only), one holding that a brother having received the degrees of E. A. and F. C., and who thereafter met with an accident in which he lost his left arm, was not thereby disqualified to receive the degree of Master Mason, for we think that the rule requiring physical ability to conform to the manner of initiation applies only to the profane petitioner; that when he becomes a brother through initiation he is entitled, though maimed, to be passed and raised. We like this, from his conclusion:

I have not thought to do as well as others, nor has this been my aim, but to do my best for the Fraternity. To give my best thought, best work, and best living, I have tried to fairly represent you everywhere I have been, at home and away from home, remembering the noble body of men back of me.

I have had the most cordial support from every officer and every committee at whose hands I have asked work. I am now ready to hand the authority of this office to the brother whom you select to preside over the Craft for the coming year, and take my place in the ranks with you and still be an active participant in the work of our splendid Fraternity.

The reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer are examples of concise statements, yet full enough to contain all needful information.

Officers elected in the lodges are required to submit to an examination and prove themselves capable of conferring the degrees before they can be installed. Lodges of instruction, with an official instructor, in each of the three districts, are held to prepare elected officers for installation.

The Grand Master of the District of Columbia was present and addressed the Grand Lodge, and a District Deputy Grand Master from Pennsylvania was also in attendance.

From the report of a committee we extract words that ought to find a hearty approval from every Mason the world over:

Of course it is wrong in the exercise of this inherent right of independent ballot to be influenced by unworthy and unmasonic motives, but whether a brother is or is not influenced by such motives no one has a right to inquire or to question, nor can he be called to account for the vote he has deposited. A Lodge is not entitled to know how any of its members has voted. No inquiry on this subject can be entertained. No information can be received. The independence of the ballot should be preserved as the great safe-guard of its purity, and no Master, Lodge, Grand Master or Grand Lodge has any right or power to interfere in reference to the ballot for a candidate notwithstanding apparent injustice may have been done to an upright and excellent man by his rejection. Neither can the Grand Lodge nor the Grand Master afford any redress.

We like the following plan of furnishing members with documentary evidence. It is embodied in one of their standing resolutions:

*Resolved*, That each Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Delaware be required to furnish each one of its members who are in good standing, a card certificate annually, one side of said card

shall bear the imprint of the seal of the Grand Lodge or a fac simile thereof, and certifying that the Lodge named on the opposite side is a legitimate Lodge and operating under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Delaware. The signature of the Grand Secretary to be affixed thereto.

The opposite side of said card shall bear the imprint of the seal of the Lodge named thereon and certifying that the brother whose name shall appear on the margin in his own handwriting, is a member of said Lodge in good standing. The signature of the Secretary to be affixed thereto. Be it further

*Resolved*, That from this date all visitors to Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Delaware shall, before examination, be required to produce a certificate of good standing.

R. W. Brother Lewis H. Jackson again presents the report on correspondence, covering seventy-nine pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-five Grand Lodges. We regret that Nebraska did not reach him.

He notes, and briefly comments upon all the more important matters found in the proceedings and his review is full of choice reading. Again and again he expresses his commendation of Masonic Homes, remarking: "May the Great Architect of the Universe hasten the day and crown with success all such laudable undertakings." He notes that California, like Delaware, extends the right to all Past Masters in the jurisdiction to vote in Grand Lodge, thereby, we presume, treating them as permanent members of the Grand Lodge. He expresses the regret that we all feel, that Brother William A. Davies retires from the work of reviewing for California. He quotes Brother Greenleaf's poetry under Colorado, and compliments that gifted reviewer. Under Idaho he is consoled, expressing it in the following:

As we open the volume of Proceedings, a neat one of 272 pages, the M. W. Grand Master for 1907, Brother William F. Smith, greets us with a cheery countenance. Like our own, the hair on his pate is thin, but we can the better discern his benevolent bumps, which indicate the true Mason.

We are glad to find him quoting and approving, under Indiana:

Among decisions rendered was the following: "It is not proper for a Blue Lodge to act as an escort to a Commandery of Knights Templar when the funeral ceremonies are being conducted by the Knights Templar. A Blue Lodge recognizes nothing higher than itself, except the Grand Lodge, and does not act as an escort to any body of any kind or description."

We most cordially approve and endorse the above decision and for the same reasons given have always asserted that a body of Blue Lodge Masons or a Grand Lodge of such should not accept the escort of Knights Templar. There is no congruity in such practice. Masons are Knights Templar, and none but Masons can be such, but there is no Masonry in the Orders of Knighthood. They are built upon a different foundation. We are both Master Mason and Knight Templar, and know whereof we speak. To us there is nothing higher and nobler than the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry.

And we quote his conclusion :

We have once again traversed the world-wide Jurisdictions of Freemasonry with wonder and amazement at its growth, value and importance among the affairs of mankind. It is an invaluable link in the great chain of human existence, a noble heritage influencing for good the hearts and minds of all who will be amenable to its principles and precepts. We close our year's review of its wide domain with fraternal congratulations to one and all of the universal brotherhood.

M. W. Thomas J. Day, Wilmington, is Grand Master.

R. W. Virginius V. Harrison, Wilmington, is Grand Secretary.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1907.

December 18th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Washington, the ninety-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Francis J. Woodman, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from all the twenty-seven chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master announced that the year had been a strenuous and most prosperous one for the Craft. The lodges, he says, have been earnest and zealous in every good work; excellent material had been received and many good Masons had been made; and with it all peace and harmony had prevailed between the several constituent lodges and no contention had arisen "save that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree."

Death had entered their jurisdiction for Past Grand Master Robert Bruce Donaldson died November 22nd, 1907; Past Senior Grand Warden William Easby Hutchison died February 17th, 1907; Past Junior Grand Warden George W. Balloch died May 17th, 1907; Past Senior Grand Warden Andrew Glass died November 16th, 1907, and the lodges suffered the loss of many zealous Craftsmen. To their memory loving fraternal tribute is paid.

Grand Master Woodman used, with discretion, the prerogative of a Grand Master to grant special dispensations in several cases; one will serve as an example:

One dispensation was granted to Acacia Lodge, No. 18, to receive the petition of Wm. T. Davis, a surgeon in the United States Army, who prior to his appointment in 1903 had been a resident of the District of Columbia since 1895. He had served three years in the Philippines, was ordered back to Washington, and before he could acquire a year's residence here expected to be ordered elsewhere. Being a "citizen of the world" and well known to a large number of the residents of Washington, I considered that evidence as to his character and reputation was easy of access to an efficient committee of the Lodge, and therefore granted the dispensation.

We note, with pleasure, that among the Grand Representatives named by the Grand Master during the year, one for Nebraska is a son-in-law of the writer, and who was made a Mason by us, in our home lodge at Schuyler, Nebraska.

Speaking of their great undertaking, the Grand Master says :

It has been my effort during the past year to keep constantly before the Craft the necessity of standing with a united front, and of putting forth earnest, persistent effort to assist in every possible way the erection of a Masonic temple commensurate with the needs and necessities of the fraternity, and which would in no wise suffer by comparison with the other magnificent public buildings of our city. On June 8, 1907, I laid the corner-stone of such a temple, and after many months of hard labor a suitable foundation has been erected upon which the superstructure will speedily arise.

Speaking of visitations, he says :

According to the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have, accompanied by the other officers of the Grand Lodge, made a visitation to each of the twenty-seven Lodges within this jurisdiction, and it gives me most unalloyed pleasure to testify here to the general prosperity that was exhibited in the reports at these visitations. The receptions of the grand officers by the Masters and brethren of the Lodges were most cordial and courteous, and the programs submitted for our entertainment were of a high order and exceedingly entertaining. The visitation to Naval Lodge, No. 4, was, perhaps, the most noteworthy. The brethren had but recently had their beautiful Lodge room frescoed, and they had for the orator of the evening Bro. Fairbanks, Vice President of the United States, which with the other entertainment, was in a measure responsible for the large and enthusiastic attendance.

He reports the instituting of one new lodge under dispensation, and the constituting of one under charter.

Past Grand Master George W. Baird submits a special report :

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence has the honor to present its eighth annual report on the proceedings of the several Grand Lodges which have been received since our last annual communication.

We make it a point to review every report which reaches us, whether it be from a Grand Lodge which we have formally recognized or not, provided such Grand Lodge has not been barred. It is our purpose to give our readers all the information we have been able to glean.

I have succeeded in borrowing eighteen electro-plates from the Government, illustrating very important things in the discovery and identification of the body of our late brother, Admiral John Paul Jones, U. S. N. The Government is about to publish a large volume on this subject, but the issue will be limited and copies can only be procured through Senators and Members of Congress. It appeared to me to be advisable to reproduce the address of Gen. Porter and his report, advance sheets of which are now in my possession, to the end that the Masonic fraternity may have sufficient record. This will cost about \$200. I think it proper to ask the Grand Lodge whether or not it will stand this expense.

M. W. Augustus B. Coolidge, Washington, is Grand Master.

R. W. Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, is Grand Secretary.

## FLORIDA, 1907.

January 15th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Jacksonville, the seventy-eighth annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Charles W. Johnson, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from one hundred and fifty-four of the one hundred and sixty-six chartered lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master in opening his address extends a hearty greeting to his brethren, and announces the deaths of two of their Past Grand Masters, M. W. Brother George S. Hallmark, who died July 12th, 1906, and M. W. Brother Norville R. Carter, who died December 1st, 1906, and suspending the reading of his address for the purpose, called upon Past Grand Masters Marcus Endel and Samuel Pasco, and they delivered memorials of the deceased.

The Grand Master, resuming the reading of his address, reports the holding of seven emergent communications of the Grand Lodge, for appropriate purposes, two to bury their deceased Past Grand Masters and the other five to lay corner-stones.

In reporting the several communications and dealings with foreign Masonic bodies, he gravely refers to one, thusly:

A communication was received from a body styling itself Grand Lodge of the Angels in Cuba. Believing that I was not fitted to cope with such a body, the communication has been turned over to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, with a translation kindly made by R. W. Brother Thos. G. Hutchinson. This document is submitted for your consideration and reference.

He reports quite fully communications with the Masonic authorities of California, to whom, soon following the earthquake, the Florida brethren sent nearly \$3,000.00 to relieve the distress consequent upon the earthquake and fire accompanying it. The total amount thus sent by Masons from far and near, approximated, he says, \$300,000.00.

He reports the constituting of eight newly chartered lodges and the instituting of eight under dispensation. The following shows their way of meeting an emergency:

June 15.—Kings Ferry Lodge, No. 59, on the night of June 5th, lost by fire its building, furnishings and charter. The Grand Secretary was directed to issue to the lodge a duplicate charter and pending its receipt the lodge was authorized to work. I am pleased to say that the lodge carried \$475.00 insurance on their property.

He reports the issuing of a considerable number of special dispensations for the usual purposes, including a few to ballot and confer degrees out of time, but he set aside the action of a lodge in balloting on a petition of a candidate with one leg, and electing him, and ordered the fee returned.

Among his reported decisions we find one which has reference to the animal kingdom:

4.—An E. A. purchases a business in connection with which a "blind tiger" had been run, and it is thought the E. A. intends to con-

tinue the menagerie feature of the business. Should his progress be arrested?

Answer: If the E. A. is now engaged or does engage in the liquor business whether it be illicit or otherwise, his progress should be arrested and charges preferred.

Another wisely discriminates:

1.—Is a member of a lodge in Florida who is bookkeeper and accountant for a man engaged in the liquor business, and who has no other connection with the business other than a clerical one and working in that capacity alone, liable to charges under our regulation?

Answer: No.

He did some visiting among his lodges, and expresses great pleasure in doing so.

The new Grand Lodge of Alberta, on recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence, was duly recognized. The reports of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer show good conditions, both as to membership and financial stability. Eight lodges under dispensation were granted charters.

The sale of the old Masonic Temple in Jacksonville for \$55,000.00 was authorized, and the issuing of bonds to the amount of \$70,000.00 to build a new one was voted, and relating thereto the following was adopted:

Resolved, That in the sale of the bonds to be issued and sold for the purpose of raising funds for the construction of the new Masonic Temple, the committee in charge of the work of construction be directed to give to the Masonic organizations of the State and their members the privilege of purchasing as many of the same as they desire, before they are put on the market for sale to the general public, provided, that the trustees of the Masonic Home and Orphanage shall before any of said bonds are sold be allowed to invest any of said orphanage funds in said bonds at their par value.

Past Grand Master Silas B. Wright presents his sixth annual report on correspondence covering two hundred and twenty pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-seven Grand Lodges. It is a very valuable contribution to the literature of Freemasonry and presents many subjects of interest discussed from the standpoint of quoted authority. We quote a single paragraph from his conclusion:

The question of the recognition of Grand Lodges organized by lodges originally chartered by Scottish Rite bodies is gradually being settled in favor of such recognition. The Washington episode of 1898 has been settled and the influences which prevailed in that Grand Lodge at that time seem to have passed from the stage. The question of "Documentary evidence" as a prerequisite for examination, as a guard against clandestinism, is receiving attention everywhere with wide diversity of opinion. It is a matter about which all should go slow, for too much legislation is sure to be injurious.

M. W. Elmer E. Haskell, Palatka, is Grand Master.

R. W. Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, is Grand Secretary.



## GEORGIA, 1907.

October 29th, in the Auditorium in the city of Macon, the one hundred and twenty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Max Meyerhardt, Grand Master, with most of his officers, and representatives from four hundred and ninety of the five hundred and five chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his address, he recalls a scene: "A stately ship was putting out to sea," from the Atlantic shore, on which he stood:

Suddenly, at the masthead, the Stars and Stripes appeared, and proudly floated in the summer air. And as the throng on ship and shore beheld that banner of the free—the glorious flag that typifies our country's power, a mighty shout arose, and many a bosom throbbed and many an eye was dimmed with joyful tears. To those who journeyed far to foreign lands, that flag meant home and country, safety amid unknown dangers, the great Republic's might, resistless, strong, unconquerable.

It was the symbol of a people's greatness, a nation's power, the hope and glory of mankind.

Of conditions he says: "Our treasury is full beyond our greatest expectations. Our numbers have increased beyond our fondest hopes. \* \* \* Our Home has sheltered all our helpless and dependent ones. And from the mountains to the sea, in all our Jurisdiction, the principles for which we stand have been upheld and practiced with a loyalty and zeal unknown in all our glorious past."

He pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of their dead, among them Past Grand Master William A. Davis, who died January 19th, 1907, and on February 27th, 1907, their Past Grand Master Josiah I. Wright died at his home in Fort Worth, Texas, and on July 14th, 1907, their Grand Chaplain, R. W. R. W. Hubert died.

The Grand Master reports a few decisions, many official visits to lodges, traveling in all parts of the state to make them, several cornerstones, presiding at District conventions, and attending many special gatherings of the Craft, made pleasant by social and festive features, and being active everywhere, and almost constantly, in promoting the interests of the Craft.

Four Masters had been found guilty by commissions and disciplined, but after mature consideration, he says, he decided not to give their names in his address, feeling that these brethren, while guilty of unmasonic conduct, should not be exposed to additional punishment than that which was imposed upon them, which would result in publishing their names.

He reports the granting of a very large number of special dispensations, some of which were to confer degrees out of time. He instituted five lodges under dispensation, and caused to be constituted sixteen newly chartered lodges.

The Grand Lodge, in a body, visited their Masonic Home, and it is recorded that "the time spent socially with the inmates brought happiness to the hearts of the inmates as well as the visitors. This visit

to the Home will long be remembered as one of the most pleasant events of the session."

They maintain the District Deputy system, but in their joint report show that they have not accomplished as much as ought to be accomplished. This is all the more deplorable, because the plan has been very successful in many—not all—jurisdictions.

Twenty-three lodges under dispensations were granted charters, and the new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

Brother A. Q. Moody again presents the report on correspondence, his seventh, covering one hundred and fifty-one pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-one Grand Lodges, Nebraska, 1906, among them, receiving generous fraternal consideration. His report is enriched by liberal extracts from the best passages found in Grand Master's addresses, orations, and addresses, and makes excellent reading, which should be appreciated by his readers. He expresses his own opinion occasionally, but sparingly.

M. W. Thomas H. Jeffries, Atlanta, is Grand Master.

R. W. William A. Wolihin, Macon, is Grand Secretary.

#### IDAHO, 1907.

September 10th, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Boise, the fortieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. William F. Smith, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from twenty-six of the forty chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master congratulates his brethren that "the Order in our Jurisdiction is in a flourishing condition, keeping pace with the prosperity that prevails throughout the land." He pays loving tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead, and reports that during the year four special communications of the Grand Lodge were held, one to constitute a newly chartered lodge, and three to lay corner-stones for as many churches. He did a good deal of visiting among his lodges, taking the precaution in each case to request that the usual banquet, or lunch, be dispensed with, believing that more good could be accomplished by remaining in the hall. We wonder at such a conclusion, because it is believed by many that the neglect of such social features has injured our Masonic bodies in these later years. Surely our brethren from the earliest days have not mistaken the value of breaking bread together.

He reports the granting of a dispensation for one new lodge, and a few special dispensations for the ordinary purposes, and commissions to his proxies to constitute two newly chartered lodges. He is not satisfied that instruction by a Grand Lecturer alone is the right plan, and recommends a Board of Custodians, consisting of four appointees of the Grand Master, the Grand Lecturer to be a member and chairman, the others to hold schools of instruction in their several districts. We, in Nebraska, have found that, by keeping one man, (Grand Custodian,

we call him), in the field the year around, and paying him a salary, we get good results. Such a course in a small jurisdiction, we think, obtains better results.

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Theophilus W. Randall, presents a well arranged and excellent report of all the important transactions of the year.

A special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recommending the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland was adopted, and a like report by the Committee on Jurisprudence, recommending the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, was also adopted. A lodge under dispensation was granted a charter.

The writer regrets that in any jurisdiction a "cipher" or other printed ritual should be tolerated in the Blue Lodge, and that the Grand Lodge in Idaho should have adopted, as it did the following:

The majority of your Committee appointed to consider the recommendation by the Grand Master, regarding the "Adopted Work" of this Jurisdiction, beg leave to report the adoption of the following motion; and recommend that the Grand Lecturer be authorized and directed to prepare a cipher of such work and that one copy thereof be placed in the hands of the Worshipful Master of each and every constituent lodge in this Jurisdiction, as also in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

But we are glad that the instructing of the lodges is retained in the hands of one custodian of the work, the Grand Lecturer, under the direction of the Grand Master.

Brother George E. Knepper again presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and twelve pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-one Grand Lodges. He wisely selects in quoting, as in the following, from Brother Robbins' report:

"Masonic usage shows that the Grand Master's ability to afford a remedy where a lodge is bereft of its Master and Wardens by death, disability, or removal, lies in his right to preside in any lodge in his Jurisdiction, which he may do in person or by a deputy specially authorized. The records of almost every Jurisdiction, whether this general usage is reflected in its enacted law (as in Illinois) or not, will afford abundant precedents for the appointment in such emergencies, of a special deputy to preside in the lodge until the time fixed by its laws for an election."

He gets enthusiastic in his review of the District of Columbia:

The proposed new Masonic Temple at the national capital is making commendable progress but it seems to us that the furtherance of this splendid enterprise should not rest upon the shoulders of the brethren of the District of Columbia, it should become a matter of national Masonic interest. The Temple at Washington City should be an index to the Masonic spirit of this country. While it would not need to be the largest, it certainly should be the handsomest and best equipped building of its kind in the world. With the energy already displayed by the local brethren, a popular subscription not exceeding one dollar from each Mason in the United States would do the work.

M. W. William C. Whitwell, Salmon, is Grand Master.

R. W. Theophilus W. Randall, Boise, is Grand Secretary.

## ILLINOIS, 1907.

October 1st, at Medinah Temple, in the city of Chicago, the sixty-eighth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Chester E. Allen, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and a large number of representatives from the chartered lodges in attendance.

From the opening prayer of the Grand Chaplain, R. W. William White Wilson, we extract a brief portion: "May we appreciate the necessity for the exercise of that spirit of brotherly love taught in our order and through which alone we can attain its great possibilities. Lift us out of all pettiness and smallness of feeling; save us from all trifling and technical discussions. Broaden our minds with wide conceptions of the principles we are to advance and quicken us with noble impulses for the great work we are to carry forward."

In his annual address the Grand Master announces that the past year has been a most prosperous one. He pays loving tribute to the memory of their fraternal dead of the year, specially honoring some of the more active among them, and speaks of their great loss in the death of their R. W. Brother, Joseph Harrison Collins Dill, Grand Lecturer, and for thirteen years their Grand Secretary, who died August 5th, 1907.

He reports the constituting of ten new lodges, the dedication of six halls, the laying of five corner-stones, the instituting of ten lodges under dispensation, and his attending five schools of instruction, conducted by their Board of Grand Examiners. They have a large number of District Deputy Grand Masters, and many Grand Lecturers, and a thoroughly organized force to carry on instruction and visitation of their lodges.

Their admirable system of relief is represented by a Charity Committee, the Masonic Home at Sullivan, and the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home in Chicago. The reports, embracing the receipts, expenditures, and transactions of these organizations, are full and very interesting to those interested in the noble work being carried forward.

Upon the recommendation of M. W. Brother Joseph Robbins, Committee on Correspondence, the new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was duly recognized, and the edict against the Grand Lodge of Hamburg was rescinded. Eleven lodges under dispensation were granted charters.

M. W. Brother Joseph Robbins again presents an excellent report on correspondence, covering three hundred and thirty-six pages. He also presents a very interesting special report in response to the following Grand Lodge request:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Correspondence be requested to revise the three lists of Recognized, Unrecognized and Recognizable Grand Lodges (the latter class known as the waiting list) as made in his report of 1898, and to present the same at the next meeting of the grand lodge in two lists, the Recognized and Unrecognized, to the end that lodges may have definite information from what grand lodges they may receive visitors and applicants for membership.

It contains a list of Grand Lodges to which qualified recognition has been given to the extent that will warrant the Masons of the obedience, not only of Illinois, but generally we think, in visiting their lodges, with the consent thereof, and will warrant Illinois lodges, and lodges in other Grand Jurisdictions in this country, in receiving on like terms the members of the obedience of any of the bodies therein named, as visitors or as applicants for affiliation. It is a valuable contribution. A like work in each Grand Jurisdiction would be of great value, and assistance to the Masters and Wardens of chartered lodges everywhere.

Under Nebraska, 1906, in discussing the writer's report, he says:

The bluff put up by the grand lodge of the British Isles, assuming the responsibility of fixing the status of masonic affairs in Queensland, seems to have impressed quite a number of committees whose experience did not reach far enough back to have carried them through a thorough discussion of the conditions to be met in the formation of a new grand lodge; but the long established consensus of opinion that in such cases the parent grand lodges have no more voice in the matter than any other grand lodge has rapidly filtered through their consciousness, and they may be relied upon to make their grand lodges see that where the conditions are fully met, recognition goes to the new body as a matter of right, and is not a favor to be withheld out of superfluous courtesy to a body which cries out in its wounded pride because its progeny, having become of age, has concluded to set up business for itself.

Brother Kuykendall, in referring to Brother Robbins, had declared: "Surely our brother does not hold that where a profane lives in one state a lodge in whose jurisdiction he lives can waive jurisdiction over him in favor of a lodge in another state without permission from the grand master or grand lodge of the former."

To which Brother Robbins thus replies:

We surely do hold just that, and we think we are justified in saying that such was the universal consensus—so far as the idea of the grand lodge having anything to waive, was concerned, until a very recent period. Mississippi, and perhaps one other jurisdiction, did prior to that time, as it does now prohibit the waiver of territorial jurisdiction altogether—although it permitted work by proxy—not because it was giving away something in which the grand lodge claimed an interest, but avowedly to compel the lodge to ballot for every person living within its jurisdiction who approached the temple of Masonry.

M. W. Alexander H. Bell, Carlinville, is Grand Master.

R. W. Isaac Cutter, Camp Point, is Grand Secretary.

#### INDIANA, 1907.

May 28th, in Knights of Pythias Hall, in the city of Indianapolis, the ninetieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Lincoln V. Cravens, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, excepting the Grand Tyler, and representatives from five hundred and twenty-six of its five hundred and thirty chartered lodges, in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master speaks of their gratifying progress, which is evidenced by a net increase in membership of two thousand, two hundred, and ninety-four for the year. Death had not claimed any of their Grand Lodge officials, nor any of their twenty Past Grand Masters, for which he expresses gratitude.

He reports the exchange of Grand Representatives with other Grand Lodges; that \$2,537.75 had been sent early after the earthquake to California, and that the further sum of \$2,048.75, collected for the same purpose, that of relieving our California brethren, was still on hand, because of word from the Grand Master of California that they did not need any more. He reports the constituting of three newly chartered lodges; the instituting of four under dispensation; the dedicating of several new Masonic Halls, and a good many special dispensations for the usual purposes, and he had laid seven corner-stones. Two duplicate charters had been issued, and he had permitted two lodges to consolidate, taking the number of the older, 157.

And this is what he allowed in an unusual case:

After a candidate had received the Entered Apprentice degree, it was discovered that he had been a member of a clandestine Lodge; that he had gone to some of the leading workers of the Lodge, explained the situation and his desire to be made a Mason in the regular way. On their advice, he petitioned in the regular way, thus ignoring entirely his former connection with the clandestine Lodge. Feeling that the petitioner was acting in good faith, had not misrepresented himself in any way to the Lodge, I ordered the Worshipful Master to confer the other degrees upon him.

By the sale of their old Masonic Temple they have \$235,000.00; less \$70,000.00 paid for the ground on which to build, what he thinks will be, when completed, in many respects the most elaborate and complete temple in the United States. The Indianapolis Masonic Association joins in the undertaking, but the amount it puts into the work is not given. If it really is to be "the most elaborate and complete," our Philadelphia and Boston brethren will have occasion to "sit up and take notice."

The Grand Master rendered a good many decisions, from which we select one, to show how Indiana has changed. Formerly the "perfect youth" theory found its strongest adherents there, but now:

15. A petitioner who has lost the entire four fingers of his left hand is eligible to be made a Mason, because that is not such a defect as would prevent him from fulfilling strictly the requirements of Masonry. If it was the right hand, the decision would be otherwise.

This decision was approved, as was also the following:

21. Can charges of gross unmasonic conduct be preferred against a Mason while he is under the penalty of indefinite suspension for non-payment of dues?

Replying to the above, I answered no, as being suspended, the brethren of the Lodge desiring to try him could hold no Masonic intercourse with him, suggesting that the Lodge could voluntarily remove the penalty of suspension, by a majority vote, thus placing him in a position

of non-affiliate. Then the charges could be preferred and he could be tried without a violation of our obligations.

The latter was clearly wrong, and contrary to every decision of the question which has come to the writer's attention. Until fully expelled from all rights and privileges, a Mason is subject to discipline by trial for offenses committed against Masonic law.

R. W. Calvin W. Prather, Grand Secretary, submitted a concisely written report, showing an excellent condition in the membership and finances of the Grand Lodge; that the subordinate lodges made reports promptly and the returns came in better shape than ever before. They have a Grand Inspector who reports inspections and, in the matter of delinquent dues, their aggregate amount is \$31,369.33.

A special committee on building the new Temple reports:

The estimated cost of the whole of said building and ground, not including furnishings and decorations, is \$430,000.00, of which amount this Grand Body agrees to pay one-half, or \$215,000.00; but they are to receive from the Temple Association annually, interest on one-fourth of the total cost of the construction of said building, estimated at \$90,000.00, which will give this Grand Lodge an income from that source of \$2,700.00 annually. The Grand Lodge agrees to loan to the said Temple Association the sum of \$90,000.00 at four per cent. annual interest, payable annually.

Surely this will hardly measure up to what the Grand Master was pleased to say in his annual address about "the most elaborate and complete Temple in the United States."

M. W. Brother Daniel McDonald again presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and ninety-two pages, and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-eight Grand Lodges.

He thus sensibly comments upon the decision of the Grand Master of British Columbia:

He made several decisions most of which were explanatory of the law of that Jurisdiction. At a regular meeting of a Lodge where a candidate was balloted on for the degrees one of the members refused to cast his ballot. He was asked whether it was necessary for all members present to vote, to which he responded, yes. We have often wondered if a member refuses to vote, how the Master or Lodge can compel the member to vote if he does not want to. Of course, if he asked to be excused from voting and the Lodge refused to allow him to do so, he would be guilty of a Masonic offense and could be charged, tried and punished for refusing, but we have never heard of that being done. The better way is to excuse him or permit him to retire.

Speaking of Queensland, he says:

We do not have a history of the formation of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, whose parentage is practically the same as the Grand Lodge of Queensland, but we predict it will not be many years until the Grand Lodge of Queensland will be recognized by more than a majority of the Grand Lodges of the world.

We think that Queensland has, at this writing, very nearly a majority of the English-speaking Grand Lodges on its roll of those that have extended recognition, and others that have expressed entire sympathy with its claims to recognition. Brother McDonald speaks with approval of Past Grand Master Teller's memorial in the Grand Lodge of Colorado, setting forth the powers and prerogatives of Grand Lodges. He argues forcefully the Queensland question, saying:

But if Indiana has erred in extending recognition, it prefers to err in giving the Masons of Queensland the right of self-government in the territory where they reside, than to have them governed by District Deputy Grand Masters appointed by Grand Lodges thousands of miles away. There is no more reason why the Masons of Queensland should be governed by the Grand Lodge of England than that the Grand Lodge of England should govern the Grand Lodge of Delaware or the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

M. W. Walter O. Bragg, Greenfield, is Grand Master.

R. W. Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, is Grand Secretary.

#### INDIAN TERRITORY, 1907.

August 13th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of South McAlester, the thirty-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. William Andrew McBride, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, except the Grand Chaplain, and representatives from one hundred and thirty-five of the one hundred and eighty-four chartered lodges in attendance.

Past Grand Master George Thornburg of Arkansas, being present, was introduced and received in the Grand East with Masonic honors.

A cordial greeting marks the opening of the Grand Master's address. Prosperity prevailing, a prosperous outlook for the future, peace and harmony among the Craft, are all declared to exist, and no year in the history of Freemasonry in Indian Territory, has shown greater accessions to their ranks, more zealous devotion on the part of their members, nor such avowed respect for the Order, says the Grand Master. Again, gratitude is expressed that their circle of Grand Officers assembled in Grand Lodge is unbroken. But they mourn the loss of their Past Grand Master Silas B. Armstrong, of whom the Grand Master says:

He was a Wyandotte Indian of great prominence, having been a potent factor in the dealings between this tribe and the United States Government. His death occurred January 11th, 1907, at his home in Wyandotte, Indian Territory. All the honor and dignity due to his exalted station was rendered when the Grand Lodge in an Emergent Communication paid the last sad tribute to his memory. We have sustained losses all over our Grand Jurisdiction. The sympathy of this Grand Lodge is extended to every Subordinate Lodge, to every bereaved home, to every aching heart which "yearns for the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is stilled."

The Grand Master reports the constituting of eighteen chartered lodges, the holding of six emergent communications, one of which was for the funeral of their deceased Past Grand Master Armstrong, one to



dedicate the Masonic Temple at North McAlester, and four to lay cornerstones. He had granted dispensations for the forming of twelve new lodges, and many special dispensations for the usual purposes one of which, only, was to confer degrees out of time. Among his decisions, we find the following :

4. Question : Brother L. C. Busong of Monett, Missouri, an E. A., having moved into the jurisdiction of Chickasha Lodge No. 79, the Lodge at Monett requested Chickasha Lodge to confer the F. C. and M. M. degrees upon him for them. Upon presenting himself for the degrees he was found to have a cork foot and leg. The Lodge refused to proceed with the work and referred the case to me for my ruling.

Answer : Our laws and the laws of Masonry in general disqualified him, and not being willing to do for some other Jurisdiction what I would not do for my own, and thus wilfully violate Masonic Law and our Ancient Landmarks, I instructed the W. M. of Chickasha Lodge to decline to do the work and to return him to Monett Lodge for completion.

Plans are being formulated for the consolidation of the two Grand Lodges, Indian Territory and Oklahoma, to meet the new political condition, the consolidation of the two territories into the one state of Oklahoma, and these plans he ably discusses. We shall be interested to see the final outcome of the undertaking. The Grand Master urges eloquently the early establishment of a Masonic Home, for which large sums of money have been collected in both territories, and that enterprise awaits the consolidation. He further urged that a temporary Home be, at the earliest possible day, established, and the Grand Lodge approved and so ordered.

M. W. Brother Joseph S. Murrow submitted his twenty-ninth annual report, as Grand Secretary; it is full and an interesting paper. He was Grand Master in 1877, is the father-in-law of Grand Master McBride, and in his current report we find the following :

For several years I have employed a young lady to assist me in my work during the months of July and August. This year the work became so great that I employed a young man, my grandson, Joseph Murrow McBride, who has been helping me since January. He has proven himself to be a very efficient helper, intelligent, energetic and willing. He has relieved me very much and perhaps thinks himself almost as smart as his old grandfather. In this, however, he is very much mistaken.

The writer has read with great interest from year to year not only his reports as Grand Secretary, but likewise his reviews for his Grand Chapter, and he formerly wrote the reports on correspondence for their Grand Lodge.

We extract :

M. W. Brother Thos. C. Humphry introduced to the Grand Lodge Brother John Thomas Aud, of Checotah, the oldest Mason in the Indian Territory. He was made a Mason in Bloomfield Lodge, Kentucky, 59 years ago. He lived in the neighborhood with Posey, the author of The Old Kentucky Home. His Grandfather was with Washington and his father was with Jackson at New Orleans. The Grand Master called

upon the Grand Secretary to extend a welcome to Brother Aud, which he did in a few well chosen words.

Brother Thomas C. Humphry presents the report on correspondence, covering eighty-seven pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-four Grand Lodges. Nebraska receives fraternal and generous consideration. He says:

As we lay down our pencil it is with feelings akin to bidding friends farewell, especially to the members of the Guild. However, it is with the hope that the labors of the committee will meet with the expectation of the readers at home and abroad, the report is fraternally submitted.

M. W. James Boyd Morrow, Checotah, is Grand Master.

M. W. Joseph S. Murrow, Atoka, is Grand Secretary.

#### IOWA, 1907.

June 4th, in the Clinton Opera House, in the city of Clinton, the sixty-fourth annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. William F. Cleveland, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from four hundred and fifty-three of the five hundred and eight chartered lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master, in opening his address, contributes a gem to literature, in his discussion of the passing of another year: "But as for man, every year brings him into the shadows and steals some rosy grace of youth and strength away from him. The best thing in all this heroic history is that in the face of this ungracious and well-known attitude of time, man has the courage to rally his forces and dash into each recurring year as if it held the glory of all his being in its untried deeps." To quote fully such treasures, would encroach upon the limit set for our report. Many learned dissertations on the history, traditions, and antiquity of Freemasonry, are found in the proceedings the reviewer is called upon to scan, which are a rich reward for his scrutiny.

The Grand Master reports the constituting of three lodges, chartered at the last preceding communication of the Grand Lodge, and the granting of dispensations to form three new ones. He issued a good many special dispensations to enable lodges to hold elections, made necessary on account of stated meetings depending upon the "full moon," and gives an interesting history of the trouble that has grown out of the moon's getting full. Few special dispensations, aside from the above, did he grant. He had personally attended and laid corner-stones whenever invited to do so, holding special communications of the Grand Lodge therefor, as also for the reception of the Traveling Silver Trowel, and to dedicate a Masonic Temple at Dubuque, and he did all the visiting of his lodges that he found time to do; a very large portion of his time, he says, he gave to the duties of his office as Grand Master.

A very full, complete, and excellently arranged report, as Grand Secretary and Librarian, is made by R. W. Newton R. Parvin.

The new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was accorded recognition; three lodges under dispensation were granted charters; six cases coming up on appeal from convictions, were all affirmed.

They have a very liberal provision in the following:

"This Grand Jurisdiction does not recognize the doctrine that a subordinate lodge, either within or without this Grand Jurisdiction, has perpetual jurisdiction in a case where a profane has petitioned for the degrees therein. The only limitation on his right to petition is that after he has been rejected he shall not again petition a lodge thereof within six months of the date of rejection. Subject to such limitation he may petition without authority or consent from any lodge; *provided always*, that it is after such timely residence as provided by law."

The Grand Lodge Trustees having in charge, among other things, the publishing of a history, or the first volume of a history of Freemasonry in Iowa, being prepared by Brother Joseph E. Morcombe, are not in entire accord with the historian as to certain features of the work, and for that reason its publication seems to have been delayed.

And now comes M. W. Brother Charles C. Clark, and presents an excellent report on correspondence, covering one hundred and sixty-nine pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-three Grand Lodges. He says that it is his first report, but he has evidently read a great many. As to Masonic Homes, he is not in entire accord as to their efficiency, and rather leans to Iowa's method, a charity or relief fund judiciously administered. There can be no doubt whatever that great good is accomplished in many jurisdictions under that plan alone. We, in Nebraska, have such a fund administered carefully, generously, and judiciously, and then we have a Masonic Home which is doing its full part in relieving the distressed. There are cases when the Home affords the very relief most desirable, and then there are other cases when the distressed can be much better relieved in the other way. So that to meet every case that may arise, the writer thinks our plan in Nebraska comes as near filling the requirements of a Grand Jurisdiction as has been devised.

The reviewer agrees with Brother DeWolf-Smith of British Columbia, that the proposal for a Grand Collegium of Lecturers will come to naught, which is surely the sensible view of the matter. Noting the fact that the Grand Lodge of Canada had extended recognition to the Grand Lodge of Queensland, he remarks: "When the colonies of Great Britain recognize Queensland and similar applicants for recognition, it seems somewhat strange that American Grand Lodges should hold aloof and seek to show by specious argument that these aspirants for fraternal recognition have not yet proved their respectability." He thinks, and the writer agrees, that where waiver of jurisdiction is asked by a lodge in favor of one in another Grand Jurisdiction, or a request is made between such lodges to confer degrees for each other, the matter should be settled by the lodges, and that it seems foolish to require such waiver, or request, to come through a Grand Master.

We heartily agree with what he says in the following:

The thing that has impressed us most during the year is the proneness of Grand Lodges to attempt to cure all ills by specific legislation. Does the non-affiliate threaten, hit him with a law; is dimission an increasing evil, check it with an enactment; is temperance a burning question, regulate morality by a statute; does the clandestine become a nuisance and the imposter annoy, soak them with rigid regulation. In short, without waiting to find out whether the laws already in force are not ample or the case covered by ancient regulation, we rush into hasty, ill-advised, and inconsiderate legislation. It is, perhaps, the age tendency, and therefore we should not complain. But the Masonic fraternity numbers among its adherents the brainiest, broadest-minded men of every community, and if Masons are not to be the leaders in every field, where, then, shall we look for guidance? The statute books of every state contain hundreds of provisions which, enacted for the moment's seeming necessity, are without force or permanence, and we opine that many a Masonic Code is subject to a like criticism. Condensation, not amplification, should characterize our law-making. Broad, general principles should be declared, and specific instances will easily fall in line. The founders of the craft built wide and deep, and a stricter adherence to ancient principles would save much hasty action.

M. W. Rollin Madison Hunter, Sibley, is Grand Master.

R. W. Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, is Grand Secretary.

#### KANSAS, 1907.

February 19th, in Representative Hall, in the city of Topeka, the fifty-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Edward W. Wellington, Grand Master, with all, except the Grand Tyler, of the Grand Officers, and a large number of representatives from the chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master speaks of their great prosperity, there being a larger increase in numbers than in any previous year. He reports the constituting of six new lodges under charters issued at the previous annual communication; the official visitation of thirty-seven of his subordinate lodges; and the instituting of three lodges U. D.

With four copies of a "new official cipher" in the hands of each of their 382 Masters, and an "able corps" of assistant lecturers, Kansas will do a great stunt in preserving the secrets of their particular brand of work. One would as soon think of hiring a hall and exhibiting the aforesaid secrets (?) at so much per head for admission, as to send broadcast thousands of copies of a pretended secret ritual. And the Grand Master discusses the matter as greatly stimulating the interest in their lodges, and this is to be followed by recommended amendments to the constitution and laws to accommodate the new conditions brought about by their flagrant innovation "in the body of Masonry." An old writer said: "Antiquity is dear to a Mason's heart; innovation is treason, and saps the venerable fabric of the Order."

The Grand Master reports the laying of eleven corner-stones and the dedication of several Masonic Halls; the granting of 106 special dispensations, and an active year among his brethren. Their splendid Masonic Home is doing its good work and is liberally supported.

R. W. Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary, submits a very full report covering many pages and setting forth all the more interesting transactions of the year. Three lodges U. D. were granted charters.

M. W. Brother Matthew M. Miller, in a special report, for the Committee on Correspondence, discusses ably the subject of the recognition of foreign Grand Lodges. He suggests the submission of certain questions to Grand Lodges seeking fraternal relations, and an affirmative answer as a condition to recognition. They are as follows:

1st. Is the Masonry of your Grand Body founded upon and does it require of its initiates a belief in the existence of God, and in the immortality of the soul?

2d. Are the obligations of its initiates taken in the name of God, upon the Holy Scriptures or Book of Faith, recognized by the candidate as the word of God?

3d. Is your Grand Lodge in every respect sovereign, and independent of control by any other Body whatever?

4th. Is the work of your Grand Lodge limited to and does it have to do only with the first three degrees of Symbolic Masonry?

We think the above not only contains essential propositions, but that quite generally it has been upon that basis that recognition of foreign Grand Lodges has been granted by our American Grand Lodges.

W. Brother Dallas Grover, Grand Orator, delivered a very able address on "Some Features of Freemasonry." We quote a single paragraph:

In determining the character of an institution, it is helpful and important to know what that institution has not done as well as to know what it has done, and it is pleasant to think that the records of Masonry are unstained by crime or cruelty. Masonry has never been an ally of unjust authority. It has never drawn an unholy sword. It has never shed blood. It has never caused tears. It has never built prison walls nor scaffolds. It has never persecuted. And to its everlasting credit must it be said that, although ignorance and bigotry have hawked at it and sought to destroy it, although it has been slandered and maligned, it has never manifested a spirit of retaliation, but has ever pursued the even tenor of its way, with charity for all, caring nothing for the malice of its enemies, and leaving in its course nothing but benefits and blessings, even for those who had planned its overthrow and its annihilation.

M. W. Brother Matthew M. Miller presents the report on correspondence, his sixth annual, covering one hundred and thirty-eight pages. He opens with a discussion of Queensland, from the standpoint of a friend, and we rejoice that he deals able blows in favor of her recognition.

M. W. Henry F. Mason, Garden City, is Grand Master.

R. W. Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, is Grand Secretary.

## KENTUCKY, 1907.

October 15th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Louisville, the one hundred and seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Samuel Keene Veach, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from three hundred and sixty-five of their five hundred and twenty-one lodges in attendance.

Their Past Grand Master Thomas Todd, who is eighty-seven years old, sixty-five years a Mason, and who had attended every annual communication for sixty-one years, received special attention and honor; it was ordered:

2. As a token of the fraternal love for our venerable brother, The Grand Tyler is instructed to provide a comfortable chair for the use of Bro. Todd, so long as he shall be pleased to occupy it; and that it be placed next to the Deputy Grand Master, or wherever it may best suit our beloved brother.

The Grand Master conducted Brother Todd to the chair provided for him, and the Grand Secretary presented him with a vase of flowers, as symbols of fragrant memories and emblems of hope.

In his annual address the Grand Master reports the granting of a considerable number of special dispensations, including three to confer the Entered Apprentice degree on, in one case, eight candidates in one day, in another case, eleven, and in the third, fifteen at one meeting, but he refused all applications to confer degrees out of time. He visited a good many of his lodges, attended four meetings of the Board of Directors of their Widows and Orphans' Home, seven meetings of the Building Committee of their Old Masons' Home, and looked carefully after the work of building their Masonic Temple. Kentucky Masons have ever been alive and active in building and maintaining these large institutions. The Grand Master discusses, and recommends, ways and means which show a live interest in all things pertaining to the practical conducting of these enterprises.

The Grand Treasurer's report discloses that the receipts of the year amount to nearly eighty-five thousand dollars, and that he had disbursed nearly fifty-two thousand dollars. The Grand Secretary, Brother Grant, makes full report, containing interesting matter, especially to Kentucky Masons. Twenty lodges under dispensations had been set to work, and eleven lodges had been constituted under charters during the year. Of lodge secretaries he says, among other good things:

It is my deliberate judgment, based upon experience and close touch with secretaries, that they occupy the most important lodge office, and one requiring the greatest diversity of excellent qualifications. He must have honesty, skill as a bookkeeper, be ready with the pen, quick of perception, of good judgment in determining what to record and how to do it, accurate in figures, patient under criticisms, painstaking and industrious, well informed in Masonic law and usage, courteous and faithful.

The Grand Master reports a case and his decision :

1. Has a Kentucky lodge a right to receive into membership a book-keeper for a distilling company?

*Held:* That there is some question as to the ground covered by the resolution as passed at last Grand Lodge as to just who is engaged in the manufacture or sale of liquor, and while a *strict* construction might exclude him, conclude that the resolution was intended by Grand Lodge to exclude such people as are salesmen and such people as participate in the profits of the manufacture or sale of such liquors, either as stockholder or owner. Now if this young man does not participate in the profits of the company as an owner or stockholder and is simply a book-keeper, then in my opinion he is eligible.

The case coming before the committee, it was fully discussed in their report, and the final conclusion arrived at is as follows :

As the Grand Lodge will probably adopt a revised constitution at this session and this law will in effect no doubt be incorporated in it, the necessity of a clear and emphatic statement as to its scope and effect is imperative. And this interpretation should be made now and in no uncertain terms. Your committee believes that the decision of the Grand Master was the result of a clear conception of the great interests at stake and the serious results which might follow a mistake in this matter. And that while impressed with the importance of the question and its far reaching consequences if interpreted in the narrow way which we have endeavored to describe in this report, he has taken the conservative, the charitable, the truly Masonic view of the question, and we most heartily approve of his decision.

The proposed amendment referred to was adopted, in the language following :

It shall be unlawful for a Kentucky lodge to receive or accept into its membership one who is engaged in the manufacture or sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors as a beverage, except where such manufacture or sale is for medicinal purposes. Any and all lodges guilty of violating this provision shall be dealt with.

A more drastic resolution providing: "That it shall be unlawful for any subordinate lodge to receive the petition of anyone who uses spirituous, vinous or malt liquors in any form whatsoever—except for medical purposes," was offered, but failed to carry as a regulation, and the Grand Lodge refused to send it to the Jurisprudence Committee as a proposed amendment to the constitution.

Three days of active work, in considering more than ordinary matters, is the record made in the proceedings of this annual communication. Two hundred and forty-seven pages are devoted to publishing the names of all the members of all the lodges in the jurisdiction.

M. W. Brother William W. Clarke presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and twenty-six pages. Nebraska, 1906, receives careful attention, our Grand Master Hopewell's recommendation, and our Grand Lodge action thereon, in repealing the exemption from dues provisions of our former law, is approved, as it generally is by all reviewers who comment upon it. The right of the lodges

to remit lodge dues, in deserving cases, is ample, and it is undoubtedly wise to leave the matter with the lodge. Other matters, over which some Grand Lodges worry themselves, might be committed to the subordinate lodge with better results.

Brother Clarke presents an admirable review, freely commenting on all the more important questions being discussed in Grand Lodges and correspondence reports.

M. W. Henry P. Barret, Henderson, is Grand Master.

R. W. Henry B. Grant, Louisville, is Grand Secretary.

#### LOUISIANA, 1908.

February 3d, in Masonic Temple, in the city of New Orleans, the ninety-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Lee E. Thomas, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, except the Grand Deacons, and representatives from one hundred and forty-five chartered lodges in attendance.

From the Grand Master's opening of his address, we extract from his discussion of Masonry, a single paragraph:

No one can, with absolute certainty, point to the time or the place when its teachings were first propagated among the children of men, but we do know that from the garnered truths by it let fall upon the fallow ground of the ages gone, have grown the mighty facts of religion, and humanity and freedom that are to live through all the ages yet to be.

He says that the year had been one of unalloyed prosperity hitherto unknown in the annals of Masonry in Louisiana. By dispensation he had established eleven new lodges. The lodges, he says, generally appear to have been cautious in the class of material composing the new membership, and have endeavored to maintain a high standard for their novitiates—1,178 for the year. The finances, he says, of the Grand Lodge, are in splendid condition. Their temple, he says, has been beautified, adorned, and modernized to meet their needs for several years.

The Grand Master regrets that he could not visit more than twenty-one of his lodges, but of these he speaks approvingly. He granted special dispensations in considerable number, attended special public gatherings, addressing his brethren, and actively devoted much of the year to the duties of his office. He reports a good many decisions, most of which involve provisions of local law and are not of general interest.

He pays tribute to the memory of their late Past Grand Master Robert H. Cage, who died May 30th, 1907.

He recommends, as soon as practicable, the establishment of a Masonic Home for the helpless and destitute orphans who have positive claims on the Fraternity that cannot, and should not, be ignored.

R. W. Richard Lambert, Grand Secretary, submits a very full and excellently arranged report. The Grand Lodge granted charters to ten lodges, under dispensation, and continued one U. D.



The Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Guatemala were duly recognized, and the exchange of Grand Representatives with California resumed.

The following goes over until the next annual communication:

WHEREAS, The A. and A. Scottish Rite of Free Masonry in all its branches and authority over all the degrees of Free Masonry, according to its Rite, from the first or Entered Apprentice degree to the thirty-third degree, inclusive, is a recognized Masonic Rite and its governing bodies recognized and lawfully organized Masonic authority; and

WHEREAS, The Supreme Council, the supreme governing powers of said Rite, surrender and always have surrendered, especially in the United States of America and in some other countries, jurisdiction over the three first symbolic or Blue Lodge degrees of E. A., F. C. and M. M. wherever there is or are lawful Grand Lodges claiming such jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, There are many countries, especially on this Western Continent, in all of which it is desirable that Masonic and fraternal intercourse and recognition should exist, where the Scottish Rite is predominant and the said three original degrees conferred under authority of Scottish Rite governing bodies; and

WHEREAS, Under existing laws and regulations Master Masons thus made in lawfully organized Scottish Rite bodies are now denied recognition;

*Be it Resolved*, That this M. W. Grand Lodge of F. and A. M. of the State of Louisiana do hereby recognize the legitimacy of Master Masons made in Lodges of the A. and A. Scottish Rite in countries where that is the dominant Rite, and welcome them to the right of visitation and affiliation under the usual Masonic restrictions, the same as if made in Lodges of our obedience.

Brother Herman C. Duncan again presents an excellent report on correspondence, covering one hundred and thirty-seven pages. Nebraska, 1907, receives fraternal consideration.

M. W. James C. Drew, New Orleans, is Grand Master.

R. W. Richard Lambert, New Orleans, is Grand Secretary.

#### MAINE, 1907.

May 7th, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Portland, the eighty-eighth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Charles F. Johnson, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from one hundred and eighty-nine of the two hundred and two chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master, referring to the late Peace Congress at Portsmouth, dwells upon the theme, longing for the time when the nations shall learn war no more. Freemasonry, he says, has exerted great influence in bringing about the almost universal desire of the great nations to unite in the cultivation of the arts of peace, and in freeing the world from the horrors and carnage of war. Perhaps it is with a view to have peace if they have to fight for it, that the "great nations," aforesaid, are building up their navies as never before.

He pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of the dead, especially mentioning the Masonic life of R. W. Brother Wilford J. Fisher, their Past Grand Junior Warden and Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, who died April 25th, 1907, at the advanced age of eighty-five.

He reports a goodly number of special dispensations, the constituting of one newly chartered lodge, the dedication of two new Masonic Halls, and several decisions.

M. W. Brother Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer, had not been sleeping, for he had held lodges of instruction, and says:

During the year now closing I have performed the duties of Grand Lecturer as promptly and faithfully as health and ability would permit. My correspondence has been large, and I think I have given more instruction, both privately and at "Lodges of Instruction," than ever before in one year.

R. W. Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary for many years, from force of habit presents a concise and well arranged report, embodying the returns, credited to a committee, but unquestionably his work.

A much needed amendment is embodied in the following:

SEC. III. Every candidate who shall receive the third degree in any lodge in this jurisdiction, shall thereby become a member of said lodge, and the Secretary shall record his name upon the roll of membership; provided, that this section shall not be so construed as to prohibit any lodge in this jurisdiction from conferring any degree upon a candidate lawfully elected thereto by a lodge in this or in any other jurisdiction with which this Grand Lodge holds fraternal relations, on the request under seal from the electing lodge, the identity and standing of the candidate being fully established, in which case the membership of the brother shall remain in the electing lodge.

And we hope that no other provision in their law will require, where the request comes from a lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction, that the request or consent be sanctioned and transmitted through the office of the Grand Master.

From an adopted report we extract:

The Grand Lecturer's report, supplemented by the unanimous corroboration of District Deputy Grand Masters, re-affirms the value and importance of the "School" and "Convention" systems.

The zeal and fidelity, which the Deputies have manifested in the discharge of their important, and often arduous duties, are commendable.

If any of them have, under misapprehension of their powers, granted a dispensation for a lodge "to form a *public* procession without permission from the Grand Master," we would call their attention to amendment of Section 127, made 1899, page 245. If there is anything which your committee would add in admonition to lodges, it would be, *collect your just dues*. "Collect," "remit" or "suspend."

The twenty-five District Deputy Grand Masters all reported, showing active attention to their respective duties.

M. W. Brother Albro E. Chase presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and fifty-two pages and reviewing the proceedings of seventy Grand Lodges.

He quotes liberally and with good judgment, interspersing judicious comment, evidencing a careful reading of the proceedings reviewed.

The following is one of his excerpts:

"When John Brown was fighting, and Mrs. Robinson was writing, and Jim Lane was speaking, and Richard Realf was dreaming, there was a lodge of Master Masons meeting on a high hill, up in Doniphan County, and a brother, mounted on a horse, rode around it, with a drawn sword, that he might ward off all cowans and eavesdroppers. Think of that, you Entered Apprentices, who were taught that only our ancient brethren were the subjects of such dire necessity. That was the first lodge of Kansas to receive a charter from this Body, and today we call it Smithton No. 1. Those early communications were like the secret meetings of lovers, and that high hill was their trysting-place. The motive of that gathering was of the kind that has kept Masonry alive and progressive during the ages, as it has kept the family, which is the true unit of life. It will forever be a thrilling reflection that the beginning of our Order of Kansas was so simple and rugged,—so near to the very heart of nature, and fortunate are we in being able, at this first anniversary, to reach back and actually touch it."

M. W. Charles F. Johnson, Waterville, is Grand Master.

R. W. Stephen Berry, Portland, is Grand Secretary.

#### MANITOBA, 1907.

June 12th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Winnipeg, the thirty-second annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. John McKechnie, Grand Master, with most of the Grand Officers and representatives from fifty of the fifty-six chartered lodges in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master pays fraternal tribute to the memory of one of the members of their Grand Lodge, Very Worshipful Brother William Braden, who died July 29th, 1906.

He reports the laying of the corner-stone of a church, and he installed the officers of the new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, at Regina. but he says: "This makes the second Grand Lodge [Alberta was the first] that we may fairly claim the parentage of, and I hope the last. It is with deep regret we part with so many old friends with whom we have been associated for years, but we realized that it was for the best interests of Masonry and cheerfully gave our assistance."

He briefly mentions his official acts, leaving the details to the Grand Secretary. Owing to a severe winter and uncertainty of railway service, the Grand Master says, he did not do as much visiting among his lodges as he otherwise would have done, but he gives an encouraging account of those he did visit.

Brother James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, submits a very full report of all the important transactions of the year. Nine lodges, newly chartered, had been duly constituted; six lodges continued under dispensation remained on the rolls at the beginning of the year, and five

more were instituted during the year. They had lost in membership by the erection of the new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, 898 members, but in the fifty-six lodges remaining in Manitoba, their net gain was 359.

Their eight District Deputy Grand Masters make report showing an active performance of duty and excellent conditions.

Two lodges in far-away Yukon, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, upon petition, were granted leave to surrender their warrants and to apply for new ones from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, adjoining which Yukon Territory lies.

Four lodges under dispensation were granted charters, and one continued under dispensation. The new Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan, Puerto Rico, and the Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico, were granted fraternal recognition.

The business of the Grand Lodge was conducted in a most careful manner, with deliberate consideration in every matter coming before it. There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. James Scroggie, Winnipeg, is Grand Master.

M. W. James A. Ovas, Winnipeg, is Grand Secretary.

#### MARYLAND, 1907.

November 19th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Baltimore, the one hundred and twenty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by R. W. George Cook, Grand Senior Warden, after which, "by order of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Marshal, accompanied by the Grand Pursuivant, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Grand Sword Bearer, and other members of his staff, proceeded to the apartments of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and escorted him to the Grand Lodge room.

His entrance was proclaimed by the Grand Marshal, the Grand Honors were given and the M. W. Grand Master took the gavel tendered him by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master and assumed the duties of the Grand East."

We find that: "The M. W. Grand Master made an address;" that: "The subjects spoken of by the M. W. Grand Master were referred to a committee of three." but we do not find the address.

M. W. Thomas J. Shryock, for many years an active and zealous leader in Masonic matters, was Grand Master, and was re-elected to the same position. We are sorry to find that Brother Edward T. Schultz, veteran reviewer, was not well enough to be present at Grand Lodge. The work of the Grand Lodge was purely routine, and we find nothing that would be of special interest to record.

The report on correspondence is again written by Brother Edward T. Schultz, and is his twenty-first annual review. Brother Schultz is afflicted with blindness and is assisted by a reader and amanuensis, but his many years as a student and writer on Masonic subjects enable him to present interesting reports, evidencing a clear perception of the right and a ready ability to express his views in an interesting manner.

In discussing the rule that provides for trial and expulsion of a suspended member, he thus clearly states the reasons for, as well as the rule:

But where, as in Maryland a brother suspended for non-payment of dues may restore himself to his Masonic rights by paying up his arrearages and *applying* for reinstatement, no matter if his application is rejected, the fact that he has paid his dues and *asked* for reinstatement restores him to his Masonic rights, he is regarded as a worthy non-affiliate and may apply to any Lodge in the jurisdiction for membership. Therefore, such a one, as well as one definitely suspended, may be expelled for the commission of a more heinous offense; expulsion in such a case is a greater punishment because it is made more difficult for him to be restored.

He enters into a learned discussion of matters of vital importance and we quote briefly:

It must ever be borne in mind that the formation of the Premier Grand Lodge at London in 1717, was not for the establishment of something new or novel, but it was for the resuscitation or revival of an ancient Fraternity that had existed for centuries as a purely operative Fraternity and later as both operative and speculative. It had its Lodges with their Masters and Wardens, with a Grand Master at the head, and holding annual and quarterly assemblies.

About the year of 1700 the society had fallen into great disrepute, it having degenerated from an influential and privileged institution to little better than a pothouse companionship, and it was to correct this evil that it was resolved to revive the quarterly Communications of the officers of the Lodges, to hold annual assemblies, and to choose a Grand Master, resulting in the formation of the Grand Lodge.

To show that it was not something new that the Brethren were establishing is evidenced by the fact that they were requested to bring to the Grand Lodge any old writings and records concerning Masons and Masonry, in order to show the usages of ancient times.

Two learned Brethren, Rev. James Anderson and Dr. John Theophilus Desaguliers, were requested to collect old manuscripts for the compiling and publishing a code of Masonic Institutions. The duty performed by them was submitted in 1721 under the title "The Ancient Charges and General Regulations of Freemasons." After some alterations, mostly of an explanatory character, they were approved by the Grand Lodge and together with the alterations made were published in the first Book of Constitutions in 1723.

We have always regarded these Ancient Charges and General Regulations as the organic or fundamental law for the government of the Masonic Fraternity in all ages and wheresoever dispersed and we believe that such was the intention and expectation of the organizers of the Grand Lodge. The claim that some Brethren make, that these, as well as the usages and customs, can be changed or abrogated at the will and pleasure of any Grand Lodge is to confess that there is no law, written or unwritten, for the government of the Masonic Fraternity, and therefore, its claim to antiquity as well as to universality, is a sham and a fraud. The basis for the claim of these Brethren is that the last of the regulations, No. 39, sanctions such a view, but we think that a close study of said regulations will convince anyone that this is not the case.

M. W. Thomas J. Shryock, Baltimore, is Grand Master.

R. W. William M. Isaac, Baltimore, is Grand Secretary.

## MASSACHUSETTS, 1907.

M. W. John Albert Blake, Grand Master, at the quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge, in his address, welcomes his brethren to their one hundred and seventy-fourth annual communication. He speaks of the abundant blessings of the year, and pays loving, fraternal tribute to the memory of their dead. He reports having visited a great many of his lodges, having held several special communications of the Grand Lodge, and having issued a goodly number of special warrants to permit the exemplification of the work by the District Deputy Grand Masters.

The Grand Lecturer, R. W. Chauncey E. Peck, in his report, shows an active attention to the important duties of his office.

The following, from the report of the trustees of the Masonic Education and Charity Trust, speaks for itself:

The amount of the Masonic Education and Charity	
Trust, Dec. 11, 1907, is.....	\$392,956 71
Total, Dec. 12, 1906, was.....	314,309 45
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Net increase, 1907.....	\$78,647 26

An effort is on foot to establish a Masonic Home and to raise the means therefor by voluntary contribution. The plan outlined contemplates the raising of a sum equivalent to one dollar a year for five years for each Mason in the membership of their lodges. The necessity for such an institution is seen and felt, and has been for years by some of the leaders, and doubtless a Home will be finally established.

The subject of the admission of visitors into the lodges is one of great importance, as evidenced in those Grand Jurisdictions where clandestine bodies abound. The Grand Master speaks of it:

In the main, I think, our Brethren approve of the present method of the examination and reception of visiting Brethren. It has come to my knowledge, nevertheless, that sometimes where Brethren desire to visit a Lodge, being unprovided with a traveling card, or not properly vouched for, the visitors themselves, and others, thought it was a hardship for them to be refused admittance. The law of this Grand Lodge, covering this point, is positive, and it must be obeyed to the very letter, because of the activities of certain persons who claim to be members of Lodges which we do not recognize. We are confronted with a condition which long since ceased to be a theory. Spurious Lodges and so-called Grand Lodges are in the midst of us. It is our right and privilege to make such laws as will protect us from the admission of spurious Masons to our Lodges. The enforcement of our law demands the earnest and constant attention of all our Brethren.

The Stated Annual Grand Communication on the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist, December 27th, 1907, celebrated from the first establishment of Freemasonry in Massachusetts and never omitted, was an occasion of great enjoyment, as it always is. It is at this communication that the newly elected Grand Master is installed, and then follows the feast, in the Banquet Hall, in their Masonic Temple in Boston.

The addresses are always most interesting. We feel like reproducing them all, but content ourself with quoting a little from that of their Grand Secretary, R. W. Sereno D. Nickerson.

**MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER:** I sometimes think when I come to the installation of the Grand Master on this day, that the installing officer and many of the Brethren are so very kind and considerate that I ought to give them fair warning that there is great danger, if they keep up that course of conduct, that the present Grand Secretary may renew his youth and give you another twenty-five years of service. [Applause.]

During the whole period of my acquaintance with the Grand Lodge—and it is now almost fifty years since I came into the Grand Lodge as Senior Warden of my Lodge in 1860,—and I have never been out of it since,—during that period we have been very much addicted to celebrating anniversaries. I think that it was largely through the influence of Grand Master Gardner that this custom was inaugurated. The Lodges have been encouraged to celebrate the anniversaries of the dates of their charters, not only the hundredth anniversary, but of late years they have taken to celebrating the fiftieth anniversary; and during the last few weeks the Grand Officers have been invited to attend three or four such anniversaries. As we have been called upon to address the Brethren on these occasions, we have naturally recurred to the Grand Master who signed those charters. That was John T. Heard, who was Grand Master in 1857, 1858 and 1859. I remember him most distinctly, for I was initiated in April, 1856. On the twenty-seventh of December of that year he was installed for the first time as Grand Master. A little before that event occurred a little before the twenty-seventh of December, he assisted, as Deputy Grand Master, Dr. Winslow Lewis, who was the Grand Master, in constituting the Lodge which had been given the name of the latter Brother. It was one of the first important Masonic ceremonies which I had ever attended, and it made a very great impression on my mind.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. John Albert Blake, Malden, is Grand Master.

R. W. Sereno D. Nickerson, Masonic Temple, Boston, is Grand Secretary.

#### MICHIGAN, 1907.

May 28th, in the Ridotto, in Bay City, the sixty-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by R. W. Charles E. Sweet, Deputy Grand Master, with representatives from three hundred and ninety-one of their three hundred and ninety-eight chartered lodges, in attendance.

Death had entered their official ranks, for January 25th, 1907, R. W. Erastus E. Stone, Senior Grand Warden, died and five days thereafter their Grand Master, M. W. Charles L. Stevens, suddenly dropped dead while hurrying home from his office. On February 9th, M. W. Brother Henry Chamberlain, Past Grand Master, died, and on April 16th, another Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother Charles Fitz Roy Belows, died. To their memory loving fraternal tribute is paid.

The annual address was read by R. W. Charles E. Sweet, Deputy Grand Master, who prepared much of it from the correspondence and

the minutes made by their deceased Grand Master during the first eight months of the Masonic year.

He reports the exchange of Grand Representatives with other Grand Lodges; the granting of a great many special dispensations; the constituting of four newly chartered lodges; the dedication of Masonic Halls and Temples; the official visiting of many lodges; the laying of four corner-stones, and the institution of three lodges under dispensation. Among the reported decisions we find one expressing, we think correctly, the law upon an important matter, which is not clearly understood by everybody:

*Question*—Can a written objection to a brother's advancement be filed with the Secretary of the lodge before the meeting, to be read by him after the ballot has been spread, if found clear?

*Answer*—No. A brother cannot delegate to the Secretary, or any one else, authority to offer objection. He must do it himself, to the Worshipful Master, in person, or in open lodge.

A brother cannot legally lodge an objection through the investigating committee. The objection must be made to the Worshipful Master in person, or in open lodge.

M. W. Brother Lou B. Winsor, Grand Secretary, presented a very full and interesting report of the business of the year passing through his office. M. W. Brother Frank T. Lodge, Grand Lecturer, who had been in service in that office for four years, declared his purpose to retire from the office. His report contains many wise recommendations.

Very interesting are the reports of their Masonic Home Board, and the Superintendent of the Home, an institution carried on very successfully since its establishment, if we remember correctly, under the administration of their late Grand Master, William P. Innes, whose acquaintance the writer was happy to make at Denver in 1892, the year before his death.

M. W. Brother Lou B. Winsor, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recommended and the Grand Lodge, we are happy to record, extended recognition to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. We extract from his admirable report:

In January, 1907, your committee made a visit to Mexico and undertook to personally investigate the present condition of this Grand Lodge. I had the pleasure of meeting M. W. Brother J. C. Mordough, who after serving two years as Grand Master had been succeeded by M. W. Brother F. E. Young, whom I also had the pleasure of meeting as well as many other distinguished members of their Grand Lodge, all of whom I found to be earnest, conscientious, devoted members of the craft. M. W. Brothers Mordough and Young are both Americans and formerly citizens of the United States, as indeed is the case with a large proportion of the members of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico now has forty-two constituent lodges, twenty-one work in the Spanish language, one in the German, one in Italian, and nineteen in English. The nineteen English speaking lodges are very largely composed of Masons from the United States, whose antecedents emanate from the various Grand Lodges of the United States, among whom I met M. W. Brother Joseph C. Finnegan, who was



Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri in the year 1901, and who is now a resident of Mexico City, and actively engaged in working for the best interests of Masonry in our sister republic.

Seven lodges under dispensation were granted charters.

M. W. Brother Lou B. Winsor, Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, presents the report on correspondence, his third, covering two hundred and twenty-one pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-six Grand Lodges.

Under Colorado he discusses the history of Grand Lodge organization; the independent and sovereign powers of a Grand Lodge, and the features distinctively characterizing Grand Bodies of the several rites, quoting authority and contributing a valuable paper to the literature of Masonry.

M. W. Charles E. Sweet, Dowagiac, is Grand Master.

M. W. Lou B. Winsor, Reed City, is Grand Secretary.

#### MINNESOTA, 1908.

January 22d, in Masonic Hall, in the city of St. Paul, the fifty-fifth annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Gustaf Widell, Grand Master, with all but two of the Grand Officers and representatives from nearly all of their chartered lodges in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master reports the constituting of one lodge under charter and the instituting of one under dispensation; he says that he had sixty-three requests for dispensations to confer degrees on more than five candidates at the same communication; that he granted a great many special dispensations, and he records a good many refusals. It had been a very active year in many of their lodges.

Their Grand Secretary, R. W. Thomas Montgomery, died on June 7th, 1907. To his memory loving fraternal tribute is paid. We quote:

*Be it Therefore Resolved*, By the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Minnesota, here assembled, that in the death of our esteemed Brother, Masonry has lost one of its brightest lights; our Grand Lodge a diligent and efficient officer; the Brethren a strong and helpful co-worker; the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and Loyal Legion an esteemed and honored Comrade and Companion; the State a valuable citizen, and his immediate family a kind husband and father.

*Be it Further Resolved*, That we hereby tender to his widow and family our sincere sympathy in their great bereavement, and may the great Master above help and comfort them in this trying hour.

*Resolved Further*, That as a token of respect to the memory of our deceased Brother, these resolutions be read in each Lodge at its first regular Communication after receiving the same, and that the Altar and Jewels of the Lodges be draped for the period of thirty days.

*And be it Further Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be suitably engrossed and presented to the family of our late Brother.

Two lodges under dispensation were granted charters. The new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan received recognition, but the applications of the Grand Lodges of Greece and Alpina for recognition were denied.

A few earnest souls have been endeavoring to establish a Masonic Home, one good brother, now deceased, left a legacy to the Grand Lodge for the purpose of aiding in such an enterprise, but the Grand Lodge determined not to undertake it. A corporation was formed having what it calls a "Masonic Home Board," with a President, who makes report in which the late financial squall, which we had supposed did not reach as far west as Minnesota, is spoken of and also other matters, evidencing how not to build a Home. The legacy spoken of above, is, however secure, and the 22,000 Freemasons of Minnesota purposing to establish a Home, are left to contemplate the action of their Grand Lodge, the Board and the report of its President, with whatever consolation they may draw from the situation.

Brother Irving Todd again presents the report on correspondence, covering ninety-nine pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-six Grand Lodges.

M. W. William P Roberts, Minneapolis, is Grand Master.

R. W. John Fishel, St. Paul, is Grand Secretary.

#### MISSISSIPPI, 1907.

February 19th, in the city of Natchez, the eighty-ninth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Charles H. Blum, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, except the Grand Chaplain, and a very large number of representatives of the chartered lodges, in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master discloses the fact that he is the first representative in that jurisdiction, to be called to the Grand Master's chair, out of the ranks of that historic people to which belonged the celebrated King Solomon, immortal in Masonic history. Eloquent is his discourse:

An object lesson, marvelous in its potency and far-reaching in its enlightening influence has been blazoned forth to all the world, when responsive to the allurements of right and humanity, you proved, not by mere profession of the lip, but by eloquent deed that true Masons are "Brethers for a' that and a' that," with equal rights in the Higher Court of Eternal Justice, and the tribunal of mankind. Here in the fair realms of Masonry, there is never room for unworthy motives, selfishness, arrogance or indifference to the fate of our fellowmen, where the rays of the morning sun of fraternity shine brightly in every Masonic heart.

He pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of their illustrious dead. Past Grand Master Irvin Miller died March 20th, 1906; Past Grand Master Bradley T. Kimbrough died June 18th, 1906, and Past Grand Master Phineas M. Savery died December 20th, 1906.

He visited but a few of his lodges, and expresses great interest and solicitude for the establishment of a Masonic Home, under way in his

Grand Jurisdiction, and for which land has been donated, as also a considerable fund. He reports the laying of several corner-stones, among which two were for Jewish temples, two for Presbyterian churches, two for college buildings, and one for a Masonic temple. To institute eleven new lodges he had granted eleven dispensations, and he had constituted seven newly chartered lodges. On St. John's day he attended a lodge picnic, and delivered an address, at which a collection was taken up for the Orphans Home Building Fund. He granted a good many special dispensations, but refused requests for as many more, making record of the requests and his reason for refusal. He reports several decisions, none of which are of more than local importance.

The thirty District Deputy Grand Masters, with few exceptions, made report of the performance of duty and showing good conditions generally.

"Unexampled prosperity," is what M. W. Brother Frederic Speed, in his report as Grand Secretary, says is prevailing among their lodges, and with this a great increase of work in his office. His report is excellently arranged, concise, yet so full as to afford a most comprehensive summary of all the more important events transpiring in the jurisdiction.

The Grand Treasurer's report is equally clear. From it we learn that their Masonic Home Fund has reached the gratifying sum of \$37,470.09, and their Franklin Building Fund—Masonic Home—\$6,863.85, and an endowment fund for the Home of \$56,399.34, invested, and he hopes that this latter fund will soon reach \$100,000.00.

The following, from the report of the Grand Lecturer, shows their system of instruction:

I herewith submit my report as Grand Lecturer of this Grand Masonic Jurisdiction for the present Masonic year.

In accordance with Section 22 of the Masonic Statutes, on the invitation of King Solomon Lodge No. 333, I assembled the District Deputy Grand Masters at Meridian on April 23rd, and remained in session four days for the purpose of rehearsing the Masonic Work and Lectures.

There were twenty-three District Lecturers present. We were also honored by the presence of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and other visiting brethren.

We had a pleasant, harmonious and I hope a profitable meeting.

In addition he visited and instructed a great many lodges himself.

We are glad to note the following decision, as we think it right:

**QUESTION 1.**—A Baptist preacher, after taking the three degrees of Masonry, quit the Lodge and notified the Master that he had quit, as it interfered with his religious duties. He does not attend the Lodge meetings, or have anything to do with Masonry whatever. What disposition must this Lodge make of him.

**ANSWER.**—We are of the opinion that the Lodge should permit the brother to follow the bent of his inclination undisturbed. If he desires to limit the Lodge should limit him for conscience sake, if he pay his dues. As authority, we quote decision rendered in 1873: "A member belonging to a church which does not approve of Masonry should be dealt

with with the greatest leniency; he may be disciplined for not obeying a summons, but is it policy to do so? Excuse him from attending meetings and treat him kindly for conscience sake, 56—1873. A Master Mason becomes dissatisfied with Masonry, and says from reading the Bible he has become convinced 'that the working part of it is all false and a mockery to God, and wishes to withdraw.' His moral standing is good as a man, a Mason and a church member. The Lodge should limit him, for conscience sake, if he pays his dues. If he does not, suspend him under Rule 21, 61-1877."

The new Grand Lodge of Alberta, and the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico were each accorded recognition, and the Grand Secretary was directed to extend to each of them fraternal greetings, and the Grand Master was authorized, "if they shall so desire," to exchange Grand Representatives with them.

Upon the question of a proposition to adopt a law requiring documentary evidence, the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence says:

The question really submitted is, whether or not the adoption of such a law by this Grand Jurisdiction would be wise, and to the best interest of the Craft. We are of the opinion that it would not be either wise or beneficial. Before a visitor is admitted into a Lodge, he is required to take the test oath. It seems to us that this should suffice. No means have yet been devised by civil law by which an imposter can, with absolute certainty, be detected, and his imposition and fraud prevented. We are of the opinion that an imposter might provide himself with fraudulent documentary evidence, and that the Lodge would be totally unable, during the limited time spent in his examination, to detect the fraud or forgery, and we do not believe that the law of the District of Columbia will be found effective in preventing fraud or forgery. Upon the contrary, we feel that such a law will put visiting brethren to great inconvenience. They would not always think to provide themselves with documentary evidence, and if they did not so provide themselves, or should misplace this evidence, they could not visit Lodges.

M. W. Brother Harry T. Howard presents his first report on correspondence, a good one, covering one hundred and six pages. He strongly contends for the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, and says:

The Queensland Grand Lodge is still in the thick of battle, and some of the conservative Grand Lodges withhold recognition for the present, while England and Scotland hammer away at her and cling to their prejudices with a persistency that is amusing. And the Grand Lodge of New South Wales having sided with Queensland, Scotland has suspended relations with it, recalled her Grand Representative, and demanded the return of his commission and jewel. England expects to follow suit, unless the death of her District Grand Master, Brother Gregory, of Queensland, changes the current of affairs.

Nebraska, 1906, receives generous fraternal consideration, and he especially praises Brother Bob, our Grand Custodian, and quotes with marked approval from his report.

M. W. Henry Clay Yawn, Lumberton, is Grand Master.

M. W. Frederic Speed, Vicksburg, is Grand Secretary.

## MISSOURI, 1907.

September 24th, at Scottish Rite Cathedral, in the city of St. Louis, the eighty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. David M. Wilson, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from three hundred and eighty of the five hundred and ninety-three lodges in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master announces a very happy condition prevailing throughout "Old Missouri," prosperity on every hand, increase in lodges and everything pertaining to the Order. He has fifty-six District Deputy Grand Masters. Why should not things move? Foreign relations are all harmonious, for Grand Representatives doubtless look after that matter. During the year he had issued dispensations for nine new lodges. One Master had gone wrong, a District Deputy was sent out, the culprit run to cover, and the Grand Master says that he suspended him. The Grand Master was busy in judicial matters and reports sixty-six decisions, and in the same line he invariably, he says, granted requests to rebalot on petitions, in many cases. That may be good law in Missouri, but the invariableness, as reported, we fear would shock the average Masonic Grand Body. How, if the secrecy of ballot is to be maintained, could facts sufficient to justify the granting of a new ballot, be made known?

And he granted other and many special dispensations, and reports the laying of seventeen corner-stones. He likewise says that state Lodges of Instruction had been held in thirty-two of their cities.

From the Grand Secretary's report we learn that fifteen lodges chartered at the last preceding annual communication had been duly constituted by the Deputy Grand Master, and all had been at work during the year; that in one case two old lodges had been consolidated, taking the number 71, the older of the two, and that:

A warrant for \$20,622.50, one-half per capita tax 1906, was turned over to the Masonic Home in October, 1906. And in July, 1907, an additional warrant for \$110, one-half back dues, making a grand total of \$20,732.50 paid toward the maintenance of our Home for that Masonic year. The per capita tax 1907 to and including September 16, 1907, amounts to \$43,538, one-half of which is due and payable to the order of the Masonic Home.

The reports of the Masonic Home officers show that the same is being enthusiastically supported; that bequests are being made for it, and that it is doing the good work for which such institutions are founded.

R. W. Brother William C. Atwood, Grand Orator, delivered a thoroughly good address, one that will do any brother good to read. He says:

We must go forth from the secret shrine where we meet in Fraternal fellowship, and throw down the gauge of battle in that vast arena of practical life, where not only men, but God and the angels, will be the spectators of our glorious victories, or our ignoble defeats. The one thought I wish to emphasize in this address is that our mission as Free-

masons is to transmute the principles of our Craft into human character and human deeds.

And again: "Freemasonry is a great institution, because it has had its influence in developing great men. It has inspired men to cherish and pursue those higher ideals which lead to greatness, and which emphasize the best things in individual life."

R. W. J. R. McLachlan, Grand Lecturer, makes detailed report of a year of busy work among the lodges and with the District Deputies.

Missouri abounds in orators, the Grand Lodge having two at their communication. The second, R. W. John E. Swanger, eloquently portrays the leading teachings of our Order, and he tells the reasons why he loves Masonry. We quote a brief passage:

I love Masonry for its wealth of history. From the time when in destitution and darkness I knocked at the Masonic door until I stood erect a Master Mason, through all of my journey from Darkness unto Light, historical truths, reaching backward until almost lost among the mythological shadows of the past, met me at every step until I seemed to see the life of centuries ago again enacted; and I thought if Masonry taught only history, it was worthy of man's devotion. I love Masonry because of the beauty of thought and language contained in its Ritual. Nowhere, except in the divinely inspired Word, has there been expressed in the language of man loftier thought or purer diction than Masonry expresses in its teachings. I love Masonry, also, for the solemnity of its ceremonies.

The routine business of the Grand Lodge, covering many subjects of local interest, was transacted with painstaking care.

M. W. Brother Anderson again presents a good report on correspondence, covering two hundred and forty-seven pages and reviewing the proceedings of some sixty Grand Lodges. All the more important matters coming under his eye are carefully reviewed.

M. W. John T. Short, Jefferson City, is Grand Master.

R. W. John R. Parson, St. Louis, is Grand Secretary.

#### NEVADA, 1907.

June 11th, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Reno, the forty-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Walter J. Harris, Grand Master, all the Grand Officers, and representatives from twenty-two chartered lodges being in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master speaks encouragingly of good conditions in his Grand Jurisdiction, Masonically and otherwise. Their lodges, he says, are prosperous, and harmony among the members prevails. To the memory of their fraternal dead he pays loving tribute, giving the name and the number of the lodge to which each belonged.

He reports the laying of a corner-stone for a new city hall and one for a church, the constituting of a new lodge at Goldfield, and the dedication of the new Masonic Temple at Reno. Decisions he does not report, as all questions were solved by reference to their code. He

granted several special dispensations, one of which was to authorize a new lodge to immediately consider five petitions, so that the certainty of a quorum would be provided for at its subsequent meetings. He made a good many official visits to his lodges, installing officers and assisting in the conferring of degrees.

V. W. Chauncey N. Noteware, their old time Grand Secretary, presented another well arranged and faithful report of the matters passing through his office.

W. Brother Samuel Unsworth, Grand Orator, delivered a very interesting address, taking for his text: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

The Committee on Correspondence recommended, and the Grand Lodge extended fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of Queensland. We extract from the report:

We understand that the code of the Grand Lodge of England provides that before its Subordinate Lodges can even consider and discuss the propriety of establishing for themselves a Grand Lodge, the consent of the parent Grand Lodge must be obtained. We hold that such a regulation is an interference with the rights of lodges, and that in any territory unoccupied by a Sovereign Grand Lodge, the duly chartered lodges therein have the right to discuss and determine for themselves the propriety of forming a Grand Lodge in such territory, without let or hindrance from any body or power on earth.

That in the organization of a Grand Lodge, the well settled American doctrine should govern, viz:

"That in any unoccupied territory, where a sufficient number of lodges (not less than three) exist, to form a Grand Lodge, such lodges have the right to organize a Grand Lodge for themselves, and when thus organized (all proceedings being regular) it is entitled to recognition."

The edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, growing out of the maintaining, until recently, of a subordinate lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York, was withdrawn.

One lodge under dispensation was granted a charter, with the suggestive title of "Searchlight, No. 31."

M. W. Brother A. L. Fitzgerald, because of the illness of Brother Vanderlieth, wrote a very good report on correspondence, covering one hundred and seventy-three pages, but he says that Brother Vanderlieth will resume the work for the coming year.

M. W. Robert Lewers, Reno, is Grand Master.

V. W. Chauncey N. Noteware, Carson City, is Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1906.

August 28th, at Freemasons Hall, in the city of Saint John, the thirty-ninth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Edwin J. Everett, Grand Master, with representatives from twenty-one of its thirty-six chartered lodges in attendance.

The festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated by a special communication of the Grand Lodge, accompanied by the local lodges, in attendance upon church services, in Saint John's Church, in the city of Saint John, where a thoroughly good Masonic sermon, from the standpoint of a Christian Mason, was preached by their Grand Chaplain, V. W. the Reverend William H. Sampson. We quote from a single paragraph:

What is Freemasonry? *'Tis not a religion.* No; 'tis something higher, nobler, mightier. *'Tis Godlikeness.* An authority has defined Masonry to be a "beautiful system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." That definition may do very well for men in the dark, but we to whom light has been given we know that Masonry is intended to make men like God. It stands as the great open and avowed opponent of Atheism and unbelief. It stands shoulder to shoulder with God's Church as the Champion Defender for "Faith in God," "Faith in the Immortality of Man," "Faith in the Resurrection," "Faith in the Volume God's Inspired Laws will."

In opening his address the Grand Master expresses great pleasure in announcing that during the year the debt of the Grand Lodge had been fully paid off, and that no case of complaint or cause for discipline had arisen. He pays loving tribute to the memory of their fraternal dead, among whom a Past Grand Chaplain, a Past Deputy Grand Master, and a Past Senior Grand Warden are numbered.

He reports having made all the official visits to his lodges that he could, and gives an interesting account of each visit made. At most of the visits degrees were conferred, at some officers were installed, and at all he was loyally welcomed. He entered with great interest and zeal, into instructing, advising, and assisting his brethren. He reports one corner-stone laid and one new lodge instituted.

The Board of General Purposes, having in charge, as its name signifies, all the more important concerns of the Grand Lodge, shows by its report an active attention to duty and good progress in all the material affairs of the Craft.

In a letter received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England upon the subject of the qualifications of candidates, that dignitary says: "It is, I believe, the custom in all English Lodges to interpret the law very liberally, and, if a candidate's mental and moral qualifications are such as to make him a desirable member, it is rarely that he is rejected on the ground of bodily disqualification." The rule is one doubtless more liberal than in any American Grand Jurisdiction, and finds its sanction in the very excellent maxim:

"The internal, and not the external qualifications of a man are what Masonry regards."

Very material, and doubtless much needed amendments to their law were enacted. A charter was granted to their one lodge under dispensation.

Recognition was extended to the new Grand Lodge of Alberta. It will be remembered that the lodges forming the new Grand Lodge of Alberta, were chartered by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and that the



Mother Grand Lodge readily acquiesced in the desire of her daughters to form an independent sovereign Grand Lodge of their own.

The District Deputy Grand Masters had all been active in the performance of duty, and submitted reports attesting their faithfulness.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. Edwin J. Everett, Saint John, is Grand Master.

V. W. J. Twining Hartt, Saint John, is Grand Secretary.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1907.

May 15th, at Freemasons Hall, in the city of Concord, the one hundred and eighteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. William Alberto Plummer, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from fifty-one of the seventy-nine chartered lodges in attendance. At the semi-annual communication, held December 27th, 1906, seventy-one lodges were represented. A banquet, and the conferring of the degrees by a local lodge constituted the transactions of this semi-annual communication.

In his address, at the annual communication, the Grand Master pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of their distinguished brother, Albert S. Wait, who died October 7th, 1906. He was known, loved, and respected throughout the English-speaking world as an able writer of foreign correspondence, and was one of the oldest reviewers at the time of his death. The Grand Master says:

He has written the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for this Grand Lodge since 1878. He wrote the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the Grand Chapter from 1877 to 1880 and from 1883 to this year. He has written the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the Grand Commandery since 1890.

The Grand Master reports the granting of a few special dispensations, one of which was to confer degrees out of time. He visited many of the lodges, in some of which anniversary celebrations were made occasions of rejoicing.

Their Masonic Home is doing its good work, but is without a hospital, which he urges, and recommends that the want be supplied at an early date.

Among his decisions is one upon a question that seldom arises:

Question:—Is a man considered in his dotage after seventy years of age, no matter if he is well physically and sound of mind?

Answer:—When a man is in his dotage is entirely a question of fact; some men are in their dotage at fifty, others are not at ninety, and I do not know of any rule that makes a man in his dotage masonically at seventy, any more than in any other relation of life.

It is for the Investigating Committee to investigate the matter carefully, and if they find the candidate is in his dotage, as a matter of fact, then he would not be eligible for the degree; if they find, as a fact, that he is not in his dotage, then, so far as this matter is concerned, he would be eligible.

They maintain the system of districting the state and have District Deputy Grand Masters and District Grand Lecturers. Their reports are interesting, and the results of their work are certainly good; the lodges are visited, examined and instructed; calls for special dispensations and decisions are less frequent, and lodges conduct their affairs more intelligently and more harmoniously.

The new Grand Lodge of Alberta received recognition and was granted an exchange of representatives.

M. W. Brother Harry M. Cheney enters upon the work performed for so many years by our late Brother Albert S. Wait, of writing a good report on correspondence, covering one hundred and twenty pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty Grand Lodges, Nebraska, 1906, receiving fraternal consideration. Under Arkansas we find him saying:

Emergent communications were held on May 2, 1905, at Stuttgart, to lay the corner-stone of an Episcopal church, and on August 15, 1905, at Hot Springs, to lay the corner-stone of a new county court house. At either of these Grand Lodge sessions not a single Grand Lodge officer was present and serving in his official capacity, the only instances we have discovered of a grand body doing the whole thing by proxy. If the grand officers in New Hampshire allowed a thing like that to happen even once they would hear from it. But if Arkansas likes it we can stand it, even though it does not fit our individual notions.

But he speaks of what happened at, near or about the Grand Lodge of Arkansas: "Among the first things that happened was a sweet greeting from the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star, who presented 'a beautiful floral offering.'"

Under Colorado he says: "A memorial was presented (Past Grand Master Teller's, we presume), regarding the powers and prerogatives of Grand Lodges similar to that long since adopted in New Hampshire," action upon which was postponed. We remember reading it and regretted that it was not at once adopted, as its several propositions seem to be in harmony with well understood principles of Masonic law. Brother Cheney does not like regulations forbidding membership to those engaged in the liquor traffic, calls it "class legislation," and thinks that the matter of determining the qualification of candidates should be left to the lodge.

Indiana, in a case where an assessment was levied upon a lodge membership to procure funds to buy lodge furniture, held that no assessment can be made or collected except for dues. Brother Cheney says:

We have been Masonically educated to believe that assessments may be made and collected for legitimate Masonic purposes, such as this cited case, for instance. New Hampshire, in an approved report, says that "an assessment is the levy of a tax upon the members of a Lodge for some extraordinary purpose. It is lawful upon the ground that the Lodge has authority to maintain its existence and discharge the duties of Masonry and require an equal payment from all its members."

We think that New Hampshire is right, but there are some jurisdictions holding in accord with Indiana. He does not agree with the

decision of the Grand Master of Kansas, who decided that "one physically disqualified, having received the Entered Apprentice degree, though wrongfully so, ought not to be stopped on account of gross injustice to him." Presumably, it was through no fault of the candidate. He was made in a just and regular lodge, hence is a brother, and the physical defect, applicable to the profane, and not to the initiated, no longer could be urged against his advancement, and he should have been passed and raised.

M. W. William A. Plummer, Laconia, is Grand Master.

R. W. Frank D. Woodbury, Concord, is Grand Secretary.

#### NEW JERSEY, 1907.

March 20th, at Masonic Hall, in the city of Trenton, the one hundred and twentieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Walter Chandler, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from one hundred and seventy-four of the one hundred and eighty-four chartered lodges in attendance.

A hearty greeting with expressions of reasonable pride and satisfaction marks the opening of the Grand Master's address, for he was conscious of having done his best. The year had been one of continued activity and usefulness. He had given his own time almost constantly to the discharge of his duties to the Craft, and he reports excellent conditions.

He praises the District Deputies for their faithfulness, saying that "perfection in the Esoteric work, Lectures, and Examinations has well nigh been attained by many Lodges, and a greater interest manifested and improvement shown in all parts of our jurisdiction."

He reports a few special dispensations, speaks in highest terms of praise of their Masonic Home and the faithfulness of its officials, reports the constituting of four newly chartered lodges, and the receipt of one petition for a new lodge under dispensation, which came so late in the year that he turned it over to the Grand Lodge. He reports, at length, the laying of the foundation stone of a Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument in the city of Elizabeth, and his address at the laying of a corner-stone for a new High School Building at Orange, N. J., and sets forth with particularity like occasions during the year, incorporating some of the addresses made. He was present at the laying of the corner-stone of the office building erected for the House of Representatives, April 14th, 1906, in Washington, and on May 2d of the same year attended the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New York, June 7th the Grand Lodge of Delaware, and he officially visited eighty of his own lodges in New Jersey.

He was active in maintaining the dignity of the New Jersey Masonic law, which holds to the perpetual jurisdiction rule in all its strictness, and issued an interdict forbidding the admission into any of his lodges, of a brother, residing in New York, who was made a Mason in the

latter jurisdiction some five years after his application had been rejected in a Jersey lodge, holding that he was "*unlawfully made*." It does not follow that, because a waiver must be had in New Jersey in such a case, the brother was *unlawfully made* in another jurisdiction, for in such other jurisdictions, in many of our states, he could be lawfully made, and doubtless this brother was so lawfully made. New Jersey may, under its Masonic law, forbid his visiting its lodges, but that is as far as the interdict will reach, for in most jurisdictions such a brother will find ready admittance to their lodges.

The Grand Lodge, at its last preceding annual communication had adopted the card system of registry, and, of course, the Grand Secretary found himself swamped with the work and appealed to the Grand Master for assistance. The Grand Master responded, as follows:

"I hereby authorize you to employ some worthy Master Mason as extra help to accomplish at least a portion of this work before the next annual communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge, and to pay for the said work the sum of ten dollars per week for a period not extending over ten weeks."

Everyone familiar with the work, considering the fact that New Jersey has a membership of more than 26,000, will smile, not only at the small salary, but at the presumption that it could be done in ten weeks. We wonder whether a man whose work would command twice \$10.00 a week could do it in ten months.

The Grand Master's address covers ninety-two closely printed pages and, as to length, is a record breaker.

There were present from other jurisdictions, all of whom were received with Masonic honors, the following:

- M. W. ROBERT K. STEPHENSON, Grand Master of Delaware.
- M. W. L. IRVING HANDY, Past Grand Master of Delaware.
- M. W. HARVY J. GUTHRIE, Past Grand Master of Delaware.
- M. W. J. HAMER RILE, Past Grand Master of Delaware.
- M. W. J. PAUL LUKENS, Past Grand Master of Delaware.
- R. W. LEWIS B. MORROW, Past Grand Treasurer of Delaware.
- R. W. EDWARD C. EILERS, Past Senior Grand Deacon of New York.
- R. W. EDWARD C. EILERS, Past Senior Grand Deacon of New York.
- R. W. JOSEPH MORRIS WARD, Grand Representative to New York.
- R. W. SAMUEL WRAY, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.
- R. W. THOMAS W. FENTON, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Congratulatory speeches were indulged in and are recorded. And later, His Excellency, the Governor of New Jersey, accompanied by other brethren, high officials in the state government, were admitted, introduced, and more oratory exchanged.

The reports of other officers and committees, and all the routine business of the Grand Lodge, found careful consideration and was dispatched by harmonious action.

Brother Robert A. Shirrefs again presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and sixty-four pages and reviewing the pro-

ceedings of sixty-seven Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1906, receives fraternal consideration.

M. W. Austin H. McGregor, Newark, is Grand Master.

R. W. Thomas H. R. Redway, Trenton, is Grand Secretary.

#### NEW MEXICO, 1907.

October 21st, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Carlsbad, the thirtieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Abram N. Pratt, Grand Master, with a goodly number of Grand Officers and representatives from the chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his address, the Grand Master speaks of a good increase in members and in the number of their lodges. To the memory of their fraternal dead he pays fraternal tribute. A few special dispensations, but principally for the purpose of electing and installing lodge officers at other than the time provided by law were issued. He reports the constituting of one lodge under charter and the instituting of four under dispensation. He did some official visiting among his lodges and expresses his regrets that he could not have visited more of them.

The Grand Lecturer, Brother Robert Kellahin, reports having well performed his duty, and speaks with true fraternal zeal of the pleasure he takes in his work.

The following speaks of an historical character:

Be It Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, A. F. & A. M., does hereby appropriate the sum of \$100 for the erection of a suitable iron fence to be used to enclose the grave of the late Kit (Columbus) Carson, who is buried at Taos, and was a member of Montezuma Lodge No. 1 at Santa Fe. This is done in honor of a Mason who was a distinguished pioneer and who did much for Masonry and the great Territory of New Mexico.

Be It Resolved Further, That the purchase and erection of this fence be intrusted to a committee of three which shall report at the next session of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico.

The new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan received fraternal recognition, but Queensland was given "the cold shoulder."

Three lodges under dispensation were granted charters; another failed of obtaining a charter until the matter of their trespassing upon the territory of an adjoining Texas lodge could be properly adjusted.

From the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address we quote:

In regard to Question No. 8, Article 9, Section 3, Grand Lodge By-Laws, says: "No petition can be withdrawn without the unanimous consent of the Lodge." It is, therefore, evident that the Most Worshipful Grand Master's answer to Decision No. 8 should have been, "Yes, by unanimous consent of the Lodge only."

It is the opinion of your Committee that the Most Worshipful Grand Master has not answered Question No. 10. The question is: "Should not the name of the objector be given to the present Worshipful Master?" We think it should. In our opinion an objection of this nature should

not be permitted to stand indefinitely. A rejected applicant for the degrees in Masonry has, in this Jurisdiction, the right to renew his application annually. Therefore, an objector to the acceptance of a candidate should renew his objection annually, or the same ceases to be in effect.

M. W. Brother James H. Wroth presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and eighty-five pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges. The review is an able one.

M. W. James W. Wilson, Roswell, is Grand Master.

R. W. Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, is Grand Secretary.

#### NEW SOUTH WALES, 1907.

June 12th, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Sydney, the regular annual communication of the Grand Lodge assembled, and was opened by M. W. Admiral Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson, G. C. B.

In his address, the Grand Master, having completed his second term of office, and having again been elected to the same position, expressed his thanks to his brethren and promised continued endeavor to do his duty. Three new lodges had been opened during the year. Grand Officers, District Deputies and all charged with looking after the Craft throughout the jurisdiction had well performed their duty and conditions are excellent. There are no lodges in arrears and the lodges, as also the Grand Secretary, received the Grand Master's hearty congratulations upon the fact.

We quote from the record:

Clause 3 of our Book of Constitutions provides that Brethren of eminence and ability who have rendered service to the Craft, may, by a vote of the Grand Lodge, duly confirmed, be constituted members thereof with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper, and in pursuance of that clause the Board of General Purposes recommends to you tonight the conferring of the rank of Past Grand Master upon R. W. Bro. A. J. Scott, a distinguished member of the Craft, and a Brother who ably discharged the responsible duties of Deputy Grand Master for several years, and who has for some years past devoted an enormous amount of time and energy in carrying out the duties of Hon. Secretary of the Freemasons' Benevolent Institution.

Their work of benevolence is best shown in the following:

Benevolence.—The report of the Board of Benevolence, as will be presented to you tonight by the President, V. W. Bro. ALEX McNEILLY, shows that there has been no neglect of duty in the cause of Charity and Benevolence, and I thank the V. W. President for his interesting detail in connection with the Carrington Cottage Masonic Hospital at Camden.

The total amount of relief granted by the Board of Benevolence during the year is £1,748 16s., and this, in addition to the £830 paid to annuitants by the Freemasons' Benevolent Institution, and the sum of £598 paid in relief by the Freemasons' Orphan Society, makes a total of £3,176 for the year.

Hospitals.—The following sums were specially voted during the year from the General Purposes Fund:—

The Queen Victoria Home for Consumptives (to endow a bed)....	£40
The Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children (to endow a cot).....	30
The Sydney Hospital .....	25
The Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.....	25
The Carrington Centennial Home for Convalescents.....	25
The Sanatorium for Consumptive Women.....	25

Brothers Thomas L. Rowbotham, Claude Manning, J. P. Webster, Thomas Green, and Aubrey Halloram write the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and forty-four pages. It is a valuable contribution to the literature of our Order. In submitting the report the chairman, Brother Rowbotham, says:

A review of the proceedings of Sister Grand Bodies, the dissection and comparison of which have proved an educational and pleasurable task is here submitted by your committee, having as a primary object the construction of the summary—not so much in the critical fashion, but with a desire to make the text as interesting as possible to our brethren in this Jurisdiction.

The time given to this duty we consider well and profitably spent, albeit extending over some months.

We appreciate the efforts of those engaged upon this important task in other Jurisdictions, and the information detailed by these brethren is so voluminous that the result of our investigations would appear small in comparison.

M. W. His Excellency Admiral Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson, G. C. B., is Grand Master.

V. W. Arthur H. Bray, Sydney, is Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK, 1907.

May 7th, in the Grand Lodge room, in Masonic Hall, in the city of New York, the one hundred and twenty-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Townsend Scudder, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and a very large number of representatives of the chartered lodges in attendance.

Seven hundred and seventy-five chartered lodges and a membership of more than one hundred and twenty-six thousand, supporting the institution of Freemasonry in the "Empire State," with its many subordinate and auxiliary bodies, make a record which a Mason may justly point to with commendable pride.

In opening his annual address and speaking of the passage of time the Grand Master says: "The cold icy hand of Winter has been lifted and the revivifying influence of sunshine and showers has turned the brown fields green, bud and flower add to the beauty, and the birds sing sweetly in their rapturous freedom."

To the memory of their Past Grand Master, Frank Hurd Robinson, who died at Hornell, October 11th, 1906, he pays loving fraternal tribute.

He reports issuing dispensations to constitute three newly chartered lodges, and to institute five, to lay corner-stones, and presided at other occasions for like purposes. He likewise granted many special dispensations and exchanged Grand Representatives with other Grand Lodges.

The Grand Master discusses the question of great interest, of jurisdiction over rejected candidates, and we give place to so much as will inform our readers of the present status:

In connection with the question of jurisdiction over rejected candidates, it may interest you to know the law of the fifty Grand Lodges in the United States, its Territories, and the District of Columbia, in the matter.

Twenty-eight of these limit the period of such jurisdiction; eight claim jurisdiction over rejected material only while remaining residents within their territory, and fourteen adhere to perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates.

Of the twenty-eight, nine fix the limit of jurisdiction at five years, one at three years, twelve at one year, and six at six months. He does not speak of it, but by turning to our review of New Jersey, where the rule of perpetual jurisdiction prevails, the reader will find an example of the difficulties that may, and do, arise from the differences existing as to the rule. The Grand Master's discussion of the question is quite full, and those desiring further information should turn to the proceedings under review.

The address, fifty-five pages in length, is full of matters of great interest in his jurisdiction, and discloses undertakings fraught with labors for the uplifting of the lives of the members and their families.

The magnitude of the Grand Lodge, and its interests, will be perhaps better appreciated by giving the amount of receipts, as shown by the Grand Secretary's report, which reach for the year \$184,651.80. Not included in this and contributed and sent to San Francisco for the relief of earthquake and fire sufferers, was the sum of \$40,669.92, reported as received by the Grand Treasurer and by him transmitted to the Grand Master of California. Great sums of money in general, reserve, and permanent funds, aggregating more than eight hundred thousand dollars, under the control of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum fund, engage the active attention of the Craft.

The great work at their Masonic Home, at Utica, is progressing, and is the pride of the Fraternity in New York.

The Grand Historian, R. W. Edwin A. Quick, is progressing with the work of writing the history of each lodge and has already reached and included lodge No. 147.

Of interest is the following record:

The Grand Master introduced to the Grand Lodge Bro. E. B. HAYES, 95 years of age, a charter member of Lebanon Lodge, No. 191, and for over seventy years a member of the Fraternity.

Grand Officers from the Grand Lodges of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, were in attendance as visitors, and were received and welcomed, and addresses were exchanged.

Brothers Sherer, Frenkel, and Loewenstein present the report on correspondence, covering ninety-three pages. In addition to the English-speaking Grand Lodges, there are included the Grand Bodies of



Germany, the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, and other German Grand Lodges, the Grand Lodge of Hungary, the Grand Lodge "Alpina," Switzerland, the Grand Lodges of Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Belgium, the Netherlands, Grand Orient of Italy, Cuba, Peru, Mexico, Greece, and others, constituting an excellent report for reference for the student.

M. W. Townsend Scudder, Glen Head, is Grand Master.

M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, New York City, is Grand Secretary.

#### NEW ZEALAND, 1907.

May 8th, in Freemasons Hall, in the city of Invercargill, the eighteenth annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, M. W. William Lee, Baron Plunket, on the Throne, with all the Grand Officers and a very large number of representatives from the chartered lodges in attendance.

Much business of grave importance received careful consideration. New lodges had been added to their rolls, and a membership of 8,490 is registered.

They had met with the serious loss of a Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother Richard J. Seddon, who died June 11th, 1906, and to whose memory loving fraternal tribute is paid.

Much time was given to differences arising between the Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodges of Scotland and England, each of the latter two having lodges on its rolls, and each having a District Deputy Grand Master in New Zealand.

One case will illustrate the attitude of both the Mother Grand Lodges. About the time of the organization of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, one under the English constitution ceased to exist, its members joining those acknowledging obedience to the new Grand Lodge of New Zealand. Its charter for some reason was deposited in the archives of the new Grand Lodge, where it remained for five years, when it was sent to the District Grand Lodge, English constitution, at Auckland, New Zealand, afterwards; and nine years after the charter had first been surrendered, the District Grand Lodge, English constitution, set a lodge to work under this old charter, in New Zealand and more than a hundred miles from the place where it was first used, thus creating a new lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

To understand the questions involved, we deem it worth the time and space to review them.

While there were Grand Masters, elected in annual assemblies, there was no Grand Lodge in all England, nor in the English-speaking world, until in 1717, when four lodges in London formed the first Grand Lodge. Later Grand Lodges were formed, one in Scotland and another in Ireland. Other Grand Lodges, erected in England, were united with the first in 1813, and the union constitutes the United Grand Lodge of England. It is now established by custom that each independent sovereign Grand Lodge occupying a state, territory, province, or district, and being a political or governmental entity, has exclusive jurisdiction

over all its lodges, and, after its erection, no other lodges can be organized within its territory, except it be done by such Grand Lodge, or with its consent.

It has ever been the privilege, however, of any Grand Lodge to charter subordinate lodges in any like territory where no Grand Lodge exists, and to maintain Provincial, or District Deputy Grand Masters over its chartered lodges. But where three or more regularly chartered and organized lodges in such territory organize, as by custom, amounting to law, they may do, a Grand Lodge, such Grand Lodge at once becomes the supreme governing Masonic power in its territory, and all right to erect new lodges by the older Grand Lodges having subordinate lodges in that jurisdiction at once ceases.

Nearly all the Grand Lodges, especially those in the English-speaking countries, maintain fraternal relations by the exchange of Grand Representatives, preceded generally by resolution extending recognition to the new Grand Lodge. Before the separation of the United States from the mother country there were no independent sovereign Grand Lodges in these colonies. Masonry was represented here by lodges and Provincial Grand Masters, chartered and holding authority under warrants issued by one or another of the Grand Lodges in Great Britain.

The separation of the United States from the government of England was followed by the erection of sovereign Grand Lodges in all the original thirteen states, and subsequently by the extension of Masonry and the erection of Grand Lodges until we have fifty-one in the United States and its territories.

It was in this country, where the exercise of the means for extension was so frequently used, that the procedure was developed in nearly all that pertains to the erection of Grand Lodges, their recognition, and the courtesies due from one to another of such bodies.

It is only recently that any considerable attempt has been made to affect the right of lodges in territory unoccupied by a Grand Lodge, although the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland have in several cases obstructed for a time the erection and recognition of new Grand Lodges, where they had chartered lodges and Provincial or District Deputy Grand Masters; and in such cases have employed means which have called forth criticisms, none more severe, however, than in the Grand Lodges in the British provinces and colonies. In some of the Australian jurisdictions, the Mother Grand Lodge has sustained the orders of its District Deputies, in others promulgated them, forbidding the lodges to either discuss, or act, upon the proposition to erect a Grand Lodge. Thus denying the lodges the right to do, not only what was done in the organization of the first Grand Lodge in 1717, but what has been done in the organization of every Grand Lodge since then.

Lord Plunket was re-elected Grand Master.

R. W. Malcolm Niccol, Christchurch, is Grand Secretary.

## NORTH DAKOTA, 1907.

June 25th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Grand Forks, the eighteenth annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Grant S. Hager, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from seventy-five of the seventy-nine lodges in attendance.

Continuous and steady advancement has been the history of this Grand Jurisdiction, as portrayed by the Grand Master in his address, and the future, he says, stretches out bright with hope and promise. He had hoped to officially visit his lodges generally, but, except to constitute the newly chartered lodges (four in all, three of which he personally constituted), he had been prevented from meeting with the brethren as he had intended. But he excuses himself, saying: "The extreme rigor of the past winter, with the disorganized transportation facilities incident thereto, a heavy press of private business, and illness, are the reasons I give you for my failure to perform," etc. The writer had surmised that a winter up there, on those vast prairies, without a break in their level by hill or tree, would be somewhat rigorous, but nothing like a confession of it has ever been lisped by the average resident there.

He pays fraternal tribute to the memory of their fraternal dead, among them Past Grand Treasurer George A. Luce, who died March 27th, 1907.

He reports the granting of dispensations for the erection of five new lodges, all of which were represented in Grand Lodge; four of them were rewarded by charters and one continued under dispensation. He also granted a dispensation to their Tuscan Lodge No. 44 to hold an open air meeting on an island. At this meeting three Fellow Crafts were raised, and an interesting account of it is given. He also granted dispensations to confer degrees out of time. He was again disappointed, because, owing to the severity of that winter, the Grand Lecturer could not get around to instruct and inspect the lodges. He personally presided and laid the corner-stone of a new Masonic Temple, which he says promises to be an ornate, substantial, convenient, and commodious building. It is at Minot, and, if we remember aright, is in the north, at the junction of the Great Northern and the Sault Ste. Marie Railroads.

He strongly urges that steps be taken towards the establishment of a Masonic Home, but recommends cutting down per capita dues to fifty cents. We wonder how they are to support a Home? In Nebraska the dues were raised from seventy-five cents to a dollar and twenty-five cents, fifty cents of which goes to the maintenance of the Home.

R. W. Frank J. Thompson, Grand Secretary, submitted a very full report of transactions passing through his office, speaks of the growth of the Grand Lodge Library, makes some complaints, and some good recommendations. They have a Grand Lecturer and Auditor. But:

W. Brother Clarence A. Hale (4), Grand Lecturer and Auditor, made a verbal report, which, in substance, was to the effect that he had not performed any duties during the year, because of the failure of the Grand Lodge to adopt or authorize some one to prepare a system of keeping records for particular lodges; that unless there could be a uniformity in such records the task of auditing the same, and giving instructions in methods, was both unsatisfactory and unfruitful.

They have a Committee on Correspondence, and appropriate annually \$100.00 therefor. In the current proceedings the report covers nearly twelve pages, nine of which are devoted to decisions extracted from proceedings of fifteen jurisdictions, and the other three to excerpts of what is said, in real reports, about the reports, and what the chairman thinks of how to write a report. The review for last year was more voluminous and covered thirteen pages on about the same plan. His Grand Lodge is good to him and escapes a large printer's bill.

M. W. John Riessbeck, Dickinson, is Grand Master.

R. W. Frank J. Thompson, Fargo, is Grand Secretary.

#### NOVA SCOTIA, 1907.

June 12th, in Freemasons Hall, in the city of Halifax, the forty-second annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Charles Reynolds Smith, K. C., Grand Master, with a large attendance of officers, Past Grand Officers, and representatives from the chartered lodges.

The Grand Lodge then formed in procession, and led by a military band, marched to St. Paul's church and listened to an excellent sermon, preached by their Grand Chaplain, R. W. Brother Rev. George C. Wallis, his text being "Love the Brotherhood."

In opening his address the Grand Master speaks of a good year of progressive work. He speaks of a Masonic Fair, the object of which was to assist in raising funds for the establishment of a Masonic Home for poor, old, and deserving Masons, their wives, and the needy widows of Masons in that jurisdiction, an object, he says, in every way worthy of the very best thought and action of the Fraternity. He says that the fair was a success in every way, and more than realized their most sanguine expectations. The total amount at the end of the year for the Home was about \$20,000.00. He states carefully his official acts, and shows thereby a busy year devoted to the duties of his office. He made a few decisions, and congratulates the lodges upon the fact that they evidently are familiarizing themselves with the constitution and rules governing the correct transaction of lodge affairs. He did a good deal of official visiting among his lodges, and brings encouraging report of the good work going on everywhere in the Grand Jurisdiction.

R. W. Thomas Mowbray presents a good report on correspondence, covering two hundred and thirty-five pages. Nebraska, 1906, receives generous fraternal consideration

M. W. Charles Reynolds Smith, Amhurst, is Grand Master.

R. W. Thomas Mowbray, Halifax, is Grand Secretary.

## OHIO, 1907.

October 16th, at the Auditorium, in the city of Canton, the ninety-eighth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Horace A. Irvin, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from four hundred and ninety-two of the five hundred and ten chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his address, the Grand Master says that the year just past has been a most pleasant and profitable one to him personally, and the retrospect most satisfactory.

To the memory of their Past Grand Master, Charles A. Woodward, who died at Cleveland, February 15th, 1907, he pays loving fraternal tribute.

He thus speaks of an emergency fund:

At the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, M. W. Bro. L. P. Schaus, Grand Master, reported an unexpended balance of \$2,184.60 of the funds collected for the relief of the California sufferers by fire and earthquake, and recommended its investment in some convenient form to be used by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master in like emergencies. This fund has since been materially increased by the refunding by the Grand Lodge of California of \$1,600.00, our pro rata share of the unexpended balance in their hands. It now aggregates \$3,784.60 and accrued interest. It has not been disturbed during the present administration, and is now deposited to the order of the Grand Master in the Capital City Bank of Columbus, Ohio, and is drawing interest at 4 per cent per annum. The interest is computed semi-annually and added to the principal. By compounding the interest in this way, the fund, if undisturbed, will be considerably increased in a period of years.

And he thus discusses a matter of interest to every earnest Freemason:

Many of our Lodges, especially our city Lodges, are *too large*. There can be no spirit of Fraternity where there is no personal acquaintance or close personal contact. There is no Masonry where there is no Fraternity. I would rather belong to a small Lodge, doing a limited amount of work each year, where all remembered and practised the five points of fellowship, than belong to a Lodge of from five hundred to a thousand members, every one of whom were students of Masonic Philosophy, but too engrossed in the study of it to remember the meeting night of their Lodge or the names of its officers. More Fraternity and less ancient history; more knocks at the homes of your less fortunate Brethren and fewer knocks at the doors of your preparation rooms, will promote the healthiest kind of growth in our Lodges and the fullest realization of the high ideals of Masonry.

He reports an important decision of the Supreme Court of the state confirming title to the property owned by a subordinate lodge, in the organization, loyal to the Grand Lodge. The majority of the members had seceded, retaining the charter, because of the Grand Lodge legislation against the Cerneau bodies. The minority, loyal to the Grand Lodge, obtained a new charter, with proper recitals, retaining the original name and number, and their right to the title to the property was the exact question settled.

He reports the granting of many special dispensations, but adds:

I have declined all requests for special Dispensations to hurry the work, to confer more than one degree on the same candidate at one meeting, to ballot at special meetings, to accept petitions from persons physically disqualified, to solicit aid from our membership or from Lodges or to occupy indefinitely—for the purpose of saving expense—halls of other societies, or to permit societies, other than those enumerated in Section 79 of the Code, to occupy our Lodge-rooms, except temporarily and in cases of emergency.

He instituted four new lodges under dispensation, and constituted two under charters and did a good deal of visiting among his lodges.

R. W. Jacob H. Bromwell, Grand Secretary, presents a carefully prepared report of conditions with recommendations. The last year, he says, had been one of the most prosperous in the history of the Grand Lodge. A revision and republication of the code is contemplated, and their approaching centennial receives enthusiastic attention.

The report on their Masonic Home shows constant improvement and extension in that great undertaking. It is said of it that "it has developed into the most beautiful institution ever provided, or even contemplated, for the care of those who may become wards of any Fraternal organization." The Eastern Star have built and furnished a beautiful hospital building, donating the same to the Trustees of the Home.

M. W. Brother William M. Cunningham presents the report on correspondence, his twenty-sixth, covering three hundred and sixty-seven pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-three English-speaking and sixteen non-English-speaking Grand Lodges. His review is up to the high standard which for so many years has marked his reports. Nebraska, 1906, receives generous fraternal consideration.

In his conclusion he thus speaks of a subject that has been a cause of anxiety to the Craft:

In the "conclusion" of the Report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence last year the Free Masons of Ohio were congratulated that Clandestinitism is rapidly disappearing in this Grand Jurisdiction, and that petitions for initiation were being received from some among the most desirable persons who had been deceived into joining their bogus bodies.

This feature is still more pronounced current year. The ironclad enactments of the New York Legislature against frauds, Clandestinitism, and the use of Fraternity titles, etc., to which not entitled; and the decisions of the Courts of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and elsewhere against their pretenses are doubtless causing the desertion and renunciation of its leaders, as many of whom who were most prominent in promoting and promulgating the bogus concern and selling its degrees, and who had been expelled from Freemasonry, are now anxiously seeking for restoration and reinstatement.

In their list of so-called lodges in this State it is probable that, as claimed, not one of them is in active operation.

M. W. George D. Copeland, Marion, is Grand Master.

R. W. Jacob H. Bromwell, Cincinnati, is Grand Secretary.

## OKLAHOMA, 1907.

February 12th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Guthrie, the fifteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Fred D. Sparks, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from one hundred and eleven of the one hundred and forty-one chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master speaks of the year as having been a very successful and prosperous one, and he reports the constituting of fifteen lodges, and the instituting of eighteen under dispensation; the laying of two corner-stones; the dedicating of two new Masonic Temples and the granting of a good many special dispensations, eleven of which were for conferring degrees out of time. Their Masonic Home Fund is growing. He rendered a good many decisions, all of which, excepting one, were approved. Consolidation with Indian Territory, in view of the fact that the two territories come into and form the new state of Oklahoma, received earnest consideration. A committee from each had met and agreed upon a plan to be submitted to the subordinate lodges in both territories, and doubtless a United Grand Lodge will be harmoniously erected, for it is not thought reasonable that they should continue and thus have two in one state, as that has never occurred in this country with but one exception, since it became an independent nation. In England, before 1813, there were two, but they consolidated under the name of the United Grand Lodge of England. That union, in some respects, forms a precedent for our brethren in Oklahoma. We quote one paragraph from the Grand Master's address, which is a quotation from the report of the committee:

"That inasmuch as the resolution passed at the last session by the Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory looking to such an amalgamation, provided that the plans suggested by this committee should be by him submitted to the Subordinate Lodges of the Grand Jurisdiction of the Indian Territory and believing that that can be done and the vote of her lodges obtained before the time of the session of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma in February, we recommend that the Grand Master of the Indian Territory report the result of said vote to the Grand Master of Oklahoma, and that you submit the question of amalgamation and these plans suggested by our committee to the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma at its February session.

The report of M. W. Brother W. L. Eagleton, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home Fund, shows great activity on the part of the committee during the year; subscriptions had not reached their mark, \$50,000.00; but he thinks that within two months from the close of their annual communication it will have reached it, so that at the consolidation with Indian Territory, which has that sum in its Home Endowment Fund, Oklahoma will have an equal amount to contribute to the great object they have in view.

The Grand Lodge granted charters to eighteen lodges under dispensation, and continued one under dispensation.

Something new, *i. e.*, in making the record :

On motion of Bro. E. A. Lilly, unanimously carried the rules were suspended, and M. W. Fred D. Sparks Grand Master, was instructed to cast the entire vote of the Grand Lodge for R. W. James S. Hunt of Guthrie, for Grand Secretary, for the ensuing year ; the Grand Master cast said entire vote and upon inquiry by the Grand Master, Bro. Hunt announced his acceptance of said office.

M. W. Brother W. M. Anderson presents the report on correspondence, covering sixty-four pages. It is his first, but he starts out right by saying :

My conception of him who undertakes to review the active work of the Masonic world is that he should strongly commend that which is right and strictly in accord with the landmarks and regulations and as vigorously condemn that which seems to violate any of these.

To call to the attention of the other Masonic writers by questioning that which may be doubtful and generally to lead Masons into a deeper study of the foundation principles, regulations and landmarks of the institution and its general practice of them, that the education of the craft as to Masonry in general, throughout the world, may impress them with an individual responsibility to keep and preserve the high standing of the order and a practice of its precepts in the true spirit of its purity.

M. W. Earl Beebe, El Reno, is Grand Master.

R. W. James S. Hunt, Guthrie, is Grand Secretary.

#### OREGON, 1907.

June 12th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Portland, the fifty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. W. T. Williamson, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from one hundred and one of the one hundred and eight chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master speaks of the "flight of time," as "that quality which has helped to make Masonry the idol of our veneration." And he says that "one's view of the living fraternity is vivified and broadened by visits throughout the jurisdiction." Of an important matter he thus speaks.

After due trial, it was found that the system of Custodians did not meet the demands of the jurisdiction, and it was dispensed with. But the reason creating it still remains unsatisfied, and it is to be hoped that a Grand Lecturer—formerly tried and displaced—or some other system, will in the wisdom of this Grand Body be adopted whereby the message of good cheer and information, and a refreshing of the esoteric work in the interest of uniformity, may be adopted.

On three occasions he had convened the Grand Lodge to lay corner-stones, and he announced that he would, during the present session, with the help of the Grand Lodge, lay the corner-stone of a building for the Commercial Club of Portland. He reports but three decisions ; he granted twelve special dispensations, two for changing the places of



meeting; one to change the date of meeting; one for a special election, and eight "to waive time in conferring degrees."

He thus speaks of the relief of a distressed brother:

It appears that Bro. Paul Lederle of Topeka Lodge, No. 17, Kansas, doing business at La Grande, was paralyzed and rendered unfit to do business. He was removed to the hospital at Pendleton by the Elk's Lodge at La Grande, and Pendleton Lodge No. 52, acting upon instructions from Topeka Lodge, No. 17, Kansas, assumed payment with the Elk's Lodge of his expenses. They paid out at the rate of \$30.00 per month, but after reimbursing them to the amount of \$100.00 Topeka Lodge announced its inability to pay further. Pendleton Lodge No. 52 has thus been since obliged to carry the financial burden, which is onerous, and desires relief.

How much better would such relief be afforded in a jurisdiction having a Masonic Home and Hospital, and in addition a Grand Lodge Relief Fund, to be used in cases where the relief could be better afforded than at the Home.

He reports the constituting of two newly chartered lodges, by the Deputy Grand Master. The Grand Secretary's report is very full, and he says that the condition of the Craft in their jurisdiction, in general, is highly prosperous; no lodge reports itself in debt, nor has the knowledge of any dissension reached him.

All the degrees were exemplified in Grand Lodge, and upon the recommendation of the Committee on Uniformity of Work it was agreed to strictly observe all ancient landmarks, and be guided by the Webb work in fixing the terms of the secret work, and Mackey for the written work.

The Grand Lodge, on the recommendation of Brother Hodson, extended recognition to the Grand Lodge of Alberta, the Grand Lodge of Queensland, and at last, to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. Thanks, my good Brother Hodson, I rejoice greatly.

Twenty-eight Past Masters, members of lodges in the jurisdiction, petitioned the Grand Lodge for a charter to open in Portland "a regular Lodge of Past Masters," and to authorize the proposed lodge "to confer a degree of Past Master, and, to discharge the duties incumbent upon them as creatures of the Grand Lodge, in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the rules and regulations imposed, or, that may be imposed by the Grand Body." But the Grand Lodge wisely declined, saying:

That your committee have duly considered the petition and are of the opinion that before granting such a Charter it would be necessary to amend Section 4 of Article 12 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, which forbids a Master Mason being a member of more than one Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction.

We think that grave objections, not mentioned in the above, exist, and that the proposition fails entirely to recognize the fundamental laws of our Order. A chartered lodge of Past Masters, to confer "*a*"—not *the* Past Master's Degree, nor to confer *the degrees*, conferred in a lodge!

What warrant is there for such an organization, or place among the subordinates of a Grand Lodge? It would be an innovation, such as every Master of every lodge in Christendom has expressly agreed cannot be tolerated.

A Grand Visitation, by nine of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Washington, and three of its Past Grand Masters, to the Grand Lodge of Oregon, afforded a most pleasant opportunity for the exchange of courtesies, which was fully enjoyed.

M. W. John M. Hodson again presents an excellent report on correspondence, covering one hundred and seventy pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty Grand Lodges.

Under New Zealand he correctly says:

Notwithstanding they concluded a compromise with the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland some years ago, and obtained their recognitions, the parent Grand Lodges of England and Scotland have not lived up to their agreement as loyally as such important Masonic bodies would have been expected to do, and have insisted upon maintaining their hold upon the Lodges which were not at the time included in those forming the new Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Scotland claiming that a Lodge could not transfer its allegiance from it to the new Grand Lodge, and that although all the members of a Lodge might dimit from a Scottish Lodge and join a Lodge under the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, that the Scottish Lodge was still in existence as a Lodge, and susceptible of being revived, which upon occasion she has done, and the Grand Lodge of England has claimed the right to revive a Lodge that had not met for three or four years, move it to another city and put it to work through a Provincial Grand Master. As a consequence they have their troubles all the same as all or nearly all of the Australian Grand Lodges have been having. New South Wales and possibly Victoria being the only ones allowed to work without trouble arising from the parent bodies. The Grand Lodge of Ireland has usually done about the right thing by her subordinate Lodges in the Colonies; England has been right about half the time, but Scotland never has come up with a display of Masonic fairness, such as the Masonic world is entitled to expect. In the end she will be forced from her untenable position, but meantime Colonial Masonry will be harrassed and annoyed and she will get a few pounds sterling for her stubbornness.

M. W. Lot L. Pearce, Salem, is Grand Master.

R. W. James F. Robinson, Eugene, is Grand Secretary.

#### PENNSYLVANIA, 1907.

Quarterly communications are held in this Grand Jurisdiction, at which much business is transacted. With four hundred and seventy lodges and a membership of nearly eighty-five thousand, the work of the Grand Lodge and of its executive necessitates great care and ability.

The annual communication was opened in Masonic Temple, in the city of Philadelphia, on December 27th, and was presided over by R. W. George W. Kendrick, Grand Master.

In his address the work of the year is reviewed, and of conditions he speaks in the most hopeful tone. He says:

It is a matter of profound gratitude that Freemasonry has now reached the highest mark in point of membership in this Jurisdiction; and it is a matter of even more sincere thanks that the character of the membership has improved with the numbers. Peace and harmony prevail, and with a deep feeling of personal pride I leave the exalted station to which you called me two years ago, with confident assurance that our members practice, as well as preach, the highest principles of humanity; and in helping others, help themselves thereby.

He recalls what was said in their Grand Lodge eighty years ago of the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors:

"Remember, then, I beseech you, that a single intemperate Mason is enough to ruin, in the eyes of many, the character of the whole order. A single profane Mason is enough to blast the reputation of our principles; and shall we not for the sake of the Brethren as well as ourselves, take heed to our ways? Do we love Masonry? Let us prove the sincerity of our love, by doing what we profess to do; that is, following the guidance of a great light."

Their Masonic Homes are doing a great work, and they receive praise at the hands of the Grand Master.

To the memory of the fraternal dead he pays fraternal tribute, among them being a Past Grand Master, R. W. Brother Samuel B. Dick.

Among his decisions we find that it is not according to law to petition one lodge and receive the degrees in another in that jurisdiction; that after suspension for non-payment of dues, the dues cannot be remitted; that all schemes in business affairs to attract patronage or support by the use of Masonic emblems or the parading of Masonic names and titles, are contrary to the teaching of the Craft, and they are prohibited; and that no member of the so-called "Cerneau Rite" can remain a member of a lodge in that jurisdiction, nor can he be admitted to a lodge as a visitor.

He reports the issuing of a few special dispensations for the usual purposes. He also reports the constituting of six newly chartered lodges, and the laying of several corner-stones for public buildings and one for a Masonic Hall. He visited forty-five lodges during the year, and eighty-three the year before; in all, during his administration, one hundred and twenty-eight.

The Grand Lodge had as visitors the Grand Masters of Delaware and New Jersey, accompanied by some of their associate officers.

Brother James M. Lambertson presents another valuable and voluminous report on correspondence, Nebraska being included therein.

We find him approving the following under Maryland:

"Now a profane has no rights whatever from which a black-ball or objection may not exclude him, but a Fellow Craft has, for we have all sworn not to cheat, wrong or defraud him, which we certainly would be doing if we were to entertain an objection to his advancement, virtually a slander against his character, and not give him the chance for explanation or defense. No Mason can get away from that proposition as a matter of right and Masonic justice, and the Entered Apprentice is cer-

tainly entitled to a Brother's treatment, which we affirm would not be to listen to the hidden tongue of slander, without any chance for defense. Hence we re-affirm that the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft has vested rights not only by the payment of money, but by obligations assumed, to us, and we to him, of which he cannot be deprived without due process. Even handed fair play and Masonic justice demand it, and it is a demand which no Mason can rightly ignore."

R. W. George B. Orlady, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, is Grand Master.

R. W. William A. Sinn, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, is Grand Secretary.

#### QUEBEC, 1907.

February 13th, at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Montreal, the thirty-seventh annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. David Ames Manson, Grand Master, with most of the Grand Officers, many Past Grand Officers, and representatives from fifty-six of the sixty-one subordinate lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master submits some thoughts well worth consideration, from which we extract:

It is one of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, as understood and practiced within the British Empire, the American Union, and throughout the world generally, with very few exceptions, to abstain from interference with the religious faith or political convictions of its members. Hence may be seen, within Masonic circles in these countries, members of the Craft possessing different religious creeds, and holding different political views, fraternizing together in perfect amity, good fellowship and accord.

We hold no correspondence or relationship with those Masonic Bodies who have abandoned these principles.

The Grand Orient of France has been justly regarded as not entitled to recognition as a Masonic Body and its meddling in the differences between church and state now on in that country, is but another example of its persistent disregard of fundamental Masonic principles.

Among the dead of the year, Past Grand Master Edson Fitch, who died April 19th, 1906, finds honorable mention, and fraternal tribute is paid to his memory.

The Grand Master reports a considerable number of special dispensations, five of which were to confer degrees out of time.

We are glad to find that he refused to approve the by-laws of a lodge providing that: "All applications for initiation must be referred to a committee of three, appointed secretly by the Master." The Grand Master wisely says: "It would create a division in the Lodge by excluding members from a knowledge of its proceedings. It would conceal from members the composition of a committee, whose report should guide them in casting their ballots. It would proclaim a Masonic Lodge unworthy of its own confidence. It does not appear in harmony with the spirit or letter of the constitution."

He also holds that it is contrary to the spirit of the rite of dedication to celebrate it in halls not owned by the lodge invoking the rite, saying:

Viewed in a purely secular sense, it might not seem inconsistent.

But let us not forget that the rite is a solemn one, religious in its essence, sacrificial in a sense, as old as history. Solomon dedicated the Temple at Jerusalem to the service of God. We dedicate our halls to Freemasonry, Virtue and Universal Benevolence.

We place our gift offering upon the altar of Masonry, and request those in whom authority for that purpose is vested to receive and consecrate it to F. V. & U. B.

How void and wanting in sincerity would be the ceremony, if those who offered the gift did not own it.

Turning to the Constitution, page 123, we find these words: "The Brethren have erected a hall, and they pray that this hall may continue a monument of the liberality of its founders."

Words sufficiently indicative of the spirit of the rite render further comment unnecessary.

The Grand Master did a good deal of visiting among his lodges and records an interesting account of some of them.

R. W. Will H. Whyte, Grand Secretary, in his admirable report, shows that the receipts of the Grand Lodge for the year were larger than ever before, amounting to \$6,634.75, \$2,562.25 of which was for their Permanent Benevolent Fund. One lodge was behind in its returns and the Grand Secretary thus speaks:

I would respectfully draw the attention of the Masters and Secretaries of the various Lodges that Section 196 of the Constitution has not been repealed, which provides for all returns to be in the Grand Secretary's hands on or before the 15th of January in each year, under the penalty of the Master or Secretary of the Lodge being summoned to show cause why its Charter should not be arrested.

Their Grand Chaplain, R. W. Brother the Rev. Rural Dean Carmichael, delivered a very interesting discourse to the Grand Lodge. The District Deputy Grand Masters had been active in the discharge of their duties and submitted quite full reports, and the Committee on the State of Masonry, after careful consideration, says:

From the reports before us it appears that all the Lodges are working harmoniously, most of them having added to their numbers during the year. The Officers, as a rule, are well skilled in their work and zealous for the welfare of their respective Lodges, while the interest of the Craft as a whole, in their adherence to the principles of our Order, is evident in all parts of our Jurisdiction.

The published proceedings show a more than usually careful attention given by the Grand Lodge to all that pertains to the welfare of the Craft in that jurisdiction.

Past Grand Master E. T. D. Chambers presents another excellent report on correspondence, covering one hundred and nineteen pages. Speaking, in his opening, of the work before him, he says:

It is no light task to even glance intelligently at the varied contents of the sixty odd volumes come from the various Grand Lodges with whom we exchange reports. In many cases these reports are much larger than our own, and full, from cover to cover, with the exception of some statistical tables, with matter for careful perusal, mature reflection, and occasionally, for courteous criticism. Moreover, there are thousands of pages of most valuable Masonic literature scattered throughout these different reports, which are well worthy of reproduction in our own reviews. There are learned dissertations on the history, the legends, the traditions and the antiquity of our Order from those who have given almost life-long study to these subjects. There are magnificent homilies upon the moral, the mental and the social features of Freemasonry, from Grand Chaplains and Orators. There are instructive discussions and authorized decisions on many subjects of Masonic jurisprudence which are of the utmost importance, not only to officers of Grand and Subordinate Lodges, but also to every active member of the Craft.

M. W. George O. Stanton, Montreal, is Grand Master.

R. W. Will H. Whyte, Montreal, is Grand Secretary.

#### RHODE ISLAND, 1907.

May 20th, in Freemasons Hall, in the city of Providence, the one hundred and seventeenth annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Walter Ackman Presbrey, Grand Master, with a goodly attendance of Grand Officers, permanent members, and representatives from the chartered lodges.

There had been four other sessions during the year, a special June 2d, 1906, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Roger Williams Baptist Church, Providence; a special October 16th, 1906, to lay the corner-stone of the Colt Memorial High School, Bristol; the semi-annual communication November 19th, 1906; and a special communication in Pawtucket for the purpose of dedicating a new Masonic Temple in that town.

In his address the Grand Master makes honorable mention and record of their dead, among whom are the names of Past Grand Master Edward Livingston Freeman, who died February 24th, 1907, and their Past Deputy Grand Master James Hervev Armington, who died October 14th, 1906.

He reports the granting of a considerable number of special dispensations, including some to confer degrees out of time, and others authorizing lodges to attend divine service. With us, in Nebraska, it has always been deemed to be the right of lodges to attend such services without being required to obtain the permission of the Grand Master, and we fail to see why it should be required anywhere.

He did much official visiting among his lodges, attending several special festal gatherings of the Craft and ladies, and one annual reception of a Providence Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

He reported three decisions, in one of which he holds, correctly we think, that an officer, during the term of his office, cannot demit from his lodge.

The Grand Master discusses the subject of the Past Master's Degree, but not from a friendly standpoint. It appears that for many years the degree had not been conferred in the jurisdiction of Rhode Island as a part of Blue Lodge Masonry, but in 1893, that year of financial disaster, wreck and ruin, the aforesaid Past Master's Degree, as a calamity, invaded their lodges and has remained, as a sore plague, to vex and annoy, and to disturb the peace and ruffle the dignity of many good men and Masons. He doesn't like it; thinks that, inasmuch as their Grand Lodge had adopted and authorized a ritual for their jurisdiction, and declared that "no other shall be permitted in the subordinate lodges," it fully sustains his opposition to the conferring of that particular "so-called degree." And, after quoting from their law, he adds:

It would seem, therefore, that the only authority for this work lies in the fact that the Grand Lodge has not formally opposed it, or that it is in the nature of a prerogative of the Grand Master. The practice in recent years has been to confer the degree upon the Master elect after his assent to the fifteen articles, and by so doing, effects a serious break in the installation proceedings; members leave the Lodge room, and when the ceremony is resumed the Deputy frequently faces a depleted membership.

On account of the composite character of Grand Lodge membership, in event of positive favorable action on this matter we have this anomalous condition: a representative body granting authority for the conferring of a degree, while many of its members have no knowledge and can have no knowledge of the merits of the legislation they create.

It seems to have been satisfactorily settled that a virtual Past Master can have no knowledge of the degree of the actual Past Master, and *vice versa*; and I am free to say that I can not see how Grand Lodge, as a Grand Lodge, can have knowledge of a degree which is not and can not be a common possession of all its members. In view of the necessity of some recognized ritual for this degree, if it is to be perpetuated, I recommend this matter to the consideration of our Committee on Grand Officers' Reports.

But we look in vain for any report from that committee, or action of the Grand Lodge, to relieve the suspense.

As to dual membership he thus states a question:

A member of a subordinate Lodge in our jurisdiction desired to obtain membership in a Massachusetts Lodge, where dual membership is allowed. The question raised is as to right of a Brother to become a member of a Lodge in another jurisdiction and at the same time hold membership in a Lodge in this jurisdiction.

To the writer it would appear that if the member of a Rhode Island lodge, in every way worthy and paying his dues promptly, applied for and obtained membership in a lodge in Massachusetts, there is nothing that the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island can do about it, except to forbid, by legislation, its members to so apply to lodges in other Grand Jurisdictions. Certainly its edicts and legislation cannot reach the action of the Massachusetts lodge.

The Grand Master believes in honorary membership, which is practiced in that jurisdiction, although, he says, no constitutional pro-

vision exists for it. He believes it right as honoring the merit of a brother, but he believes the Grand Lodge should formulate in law some regulation properly recognizing and defining it, and stating the privileges it confers.

They maintain the District Deputy Grand Master system and have six districts, from each of which a report is made and published. There is also a report from their Grand Lecturer, who had been attentive to his duties.

The following is all that we get from our good Brother Rugg:

R. W. Henry W. Rugg, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reports verbally, and refers to a letter which had been placed in the hands of the committee, coming from Friendly Lodge No. 239 of Kingston, Jamaica, in which assistance is asked for the building of a new Masonic Hall to replace the one destroyed by the recent disastrous earthquake which devastated Kingston. R. W. Brother Rugg speaks very sympathetically of our Kingston Brethren, because of the loss which they have sustained, and expresses the hope that the Grand Lodge will make a contribution toward this most commendable object.

Whereupon it is voted to refer the matter to the Committee on Finance, with authority to act.

Again we look in vain for the report of the committee, and conclude that some, at least, of their committees report at subsequent communications of the Grand Lodge.

M. W. Arthur Herbert Armington, Providence, is Grand Master.

R. W. S. Penrose Williams, Freemasons Hall, Providence, is Grand Secretary.

#### SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1907.

April 17th, at Freemasons Hall, in the city of Adelaide, the annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. The Rt. Hon. Samuel J. Way, Bart., etc., etc., with most of the Grand Officers and a large attendance of Masters and Wardens, and Past Masters of the lodges in attendance.

This Grand Lodge holds half-yearly communications, the last preceding one being held October 17th, 1906, and its proceedings are recorded in the annual pamphlet. A Board of General Purposes considers all matters coming before the Grand Lodge, and reports them with recommendations, and this board seems to exercise, on emergent occasion, discretion, an example of which is found in the prompt relief afforded, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, in the following:

In consequence of the dire visitation on the City of San Francisco by earthquake and fire, many brethren of the Jurisdiction of California have been plunged into great distress, their homes have become desolate, and many widows and orphans are in need of relief. Their cry of distress has reached us, and, acting upon the principle that "He that gives quickly gives twice," the Board has, with the consent and authority of the M. W. the Grand Master, forwarded a donation of fifty pounds to the Distress Fund, trusting that the Grand Lodge will not withhold its approval.



Of course this action was promptly approved by Grand Lodge, in its next communication.

During the year the Board held thirteen meetings, and thus have frequent opportunity to consider routine, and matters of urgent importance as they arise, accomplishing expeditiously all the important matters affecting the interests of the Grand Lodge, and the Craft under its jurisdiction.

For a jurisdiction having a membership under three thousand, the amount to which their several funds reach is very large, aggregating nearly \$70,000.00; and they liberally relieve their poor, distressed brethren, their widows and orphans.

The Grand Master was re-elected, as also their Grand Secretary. V. W. James H. Cunningham, whose address is Adelaide, South Australia.

#### SOUTH DAKOTA, 1907.

June 11th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Lead, the thirty-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Robert H. McCaughey, Grand Master, with representatives from eighty-eight of the one hundred and eleven lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master praises for their zeal, those veterans of the Craft "who make long tedious pilgrimages year after year" to assist in the labors of the annual communications of the Grand Lodge, and pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of their Grand Tyler, Brother Frank Kunerth, who had served them so long, and who died in his home at Sioux Falls, February 17th, 1907.

He reports five new lodges constituted under charters, and three instituted under dispensation, and the granting of several special dispensations, one only of which was to confer degrees out of time.

He reports five decisions, one holding that a lodge has the same right to refuse to give degrees for another lodge, with respect to the qualifications of the member, as it would have were it giving degrees to a candidate of its own; and that no assessment can be made or collected from the membership by lodges, except for dues, which must be provided for in the by-laws of the lodge; and it will not be legal for a lodge to suspend a brother who has failed to pay an assessment made against him. He says that their law requires that "a petitioner for degrees must be physically able to literally comply absolutely with the requirements of the several degrees," which is in accord with the rule, we think, in most jurisdictions.

We are glad to note their good fortune in what he says of their Grand Lecturer.

While no words of mine can raise in the estimation of the Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction the appreciation they feel for the untiring effort he has in the past, and is at this time putting forth to keep the work as near perfect as possible, yet I desire to congratulate ourselves upon having so able and zealous a Brother as is he, for this all important office, and trust that time in its flight may deal gently with our Worshipful Grand Lecturer, and that for the good of the Craft, he may be

permitted long to continue in the work he is so fitted for and loves so well.

The Grand Master reports the laying of three corner-stones, and he greatly enjoyed other ceremonials on his rounds to visit and assist his brethren in their lodges, especially, the reception of the Silver Trowel, which our Craftsmen will remember was delivered by their Minnehaha Lodge, to our Capitol Lodge, at Omaha, at a special communication of our Grand Lodge, on March 7th, 1907.

R. W. George A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary, submits a very full report, in which he discusses the growth, conditions, and prospects of the Craft in South Dakota. He describes the extension and building of several lines of railroad into almost unoccupied regions of fertile lands, and the consequent location and building of towns. Railroads, during the last fifty years, have been the pioneers in this western country, and following them the country has been settled, rich farms and prosperous communities now cover plains which some of us remember as regions occupied by Indians and wild animals. Yet we hear much ranting against the best friends this Trans-Missouri country ever had, and it is called reform statesmanship.

Two of the new lodges were granted charters, and one was continued under dispensation. From the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, which was adopted, we extract the following:

The Worshipful Brother was charged with un-masonic conduct and tried by the Grand Master. The Brother admitted his guilt and was suspended from his office. This sentence we construe as a suspension of the Brother from all the privileges of Masonry. We recommend that this suspension shall stand until removed by the Grand Lodge or by the Grand Master.

We do not think that the suspension from office, in such a case, carries with it the suspension of the brother "from all the privileges of Masonry," nor any other, or further penalty than that expressly adjudged.

We quote from the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, a decision, and the comments of the committee:

2. The fact that a Brother is present and casts his ballot at a regular meeting when a candidate is elected to receive the degrees does not deprive him of his right to file a secret objection to the initiation of the candidate, as provided in section 63 Grand Lodge By-Laws.

While your Committee would not question the right of any brother to file secret objections to the initiation of a candidate, we would suggest that the right should be exercised only in cases where the brother was not present at the time the ballot was taken, or that matters had come to his knowledge after the ballot had been taken, that showed the candidate unworthy to be initiated.

The right of objection is an important one. In this, and other jurisdictions, the objector is under no obligation to give his reasons for objecting, and the fact that the objector was present and balloted when the candidate was elected, cannot take away his right to object, nor

can he be required to say whether it was because of information coming to him after the election, or because of conduct of the candidate after having been elected. Everything connected with balloting for a candidate while he remains a profane, by a member of the lodge, as also his reasons for objection, is within his own just right to keep secret. The fact that the right is sometimes abused, has nothing to do with determining the question as one of unalterable Masonic law.

Brother Samuel A. Brown again presents a good report on correspondence, covering one hundred and forty-four pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty Grand Lodges, and those of the District Grand Lodge of Queensland. Nebraska, 1906, receives generous fraternal treatment. He discusses the question of the formation of new Grand Lodges and evidences a study of the subject.

We are glad to find him, under Washington, saying:

Brother Chadwick thinks it would be unwise for Washington to recognize *Valle de Mexico*, because some members of a Lodge Nogales left it and applied for a Charter from the Supreme Council. We do not agree with our Brother's opinion. We honor our Mexican Brethren in their struggle to make the Grand Lodge a rallying ground and a school where true Masonry can be found and taught.

M. W. William E. Milligan, Aberdeen, is Grand Master.

R. W. George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, is Grand Secretary.

#### TENNESSEE, 1908.

January 29th, at Freemasons Hall, in the city of Nashville, the ninety-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. George E. Seay, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from four hundred and eighteen of the four hundred and thirty-six chartered lodges in attendance.

Steady progress, and peace and harmony, with hardly an exception, throughout the Grand Jurisdiction, is the announcement of the Grand Master in opening his address.

To the memory of their late Past Grand Master William S. Smith, who died July 28th, 1907, he pays loving fraternal tribute.

He reports the laying of five corner-stones for as many public buildings. He speaks of his gratitude that their Masonic Home is in a prosperous condition, that it is faithfully and efficiently managed and controlled by the board in charge. He issued a good many special dispensations, doubtless for good cause.

From the report of the Grand Secretary, R. W. John B. Garrett, we extract:

As has been my custom for many years, many exceedingly pleasant and happy hours have been spent with my brethren in their Lodges and homes.

The increase of business in the office precludes the making of as many visits as I would like and those made have been, in most instances, to those Lodges that I have never before visited. Situated as most of them are, in the interior, away from railroads, and inconvenient to

reach, a Grand officer is seldom seen. In these Lodges I met many of the best men and the truest Masons in the Jurisdiction. On one occasion I rode ten miles in a two-horse wagon, mostly through the woods or a new road, that had not been worked by the road overseer, but at the end of the journey I met one of those warm hearted, whole souled Masons whose genuine hospitality cannot be exceeded by any one. If courtesy, kindness, hospitality and attention to a visiting Mason made Grand officers, this good brother would have been Grand Master before I was born, and his most estimable companion in life would have been the first Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star.

W. W. Brother John F. House submitted a most interesting report for the Board of Control of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, from which we extract a single paragraph:

The annual picnic and barbecue, given on July 4th, was a grand success in every way. The day was an ideal one, and every arrangement necessary had been made to insure a good time for everyone attending. Eight hundred dollars was cleared from this source, which is deposited to the Treasurer's credit in the First National Bank, this city. An address from the Grand Master, full of wisdom for the Craft, and of interest for all, concluded the exercises of the day. The local Lodges and some of the out-of-town Lodges, worked hard for the success of this picnic, and many thanks are due them, but without distracting one bit of credit from them, we think that the ladies of the Eastern Star simply outdid themselves, and too much cannot be said in praise of their efforts.

A new Masonic Temple at Nashville is proposed, to be owned by the Grand Lodge and a local lodge jointly. The Grand Lodges of Alberta, Queensland, Saskatchewan, and Western Australia, received fraternal recognition.

M. W. Brother Henry A. Chambers writes the report on correspondence, covering seventy-five pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-three Grand Lodges, Nebraska, 1907, being included.

The following indicates the reviewer's interest in the subject discussed:

This irrepressible question, in various forms and with varying results, has had attention in Alabama, Arkansas, British Columbia, Canada, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Indian Territory, Kansas, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Brunswick, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oregon, Saskatchewan, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Wyoming—in all twenty-five Grand Jurisdictions. Of these Texas seems to have had more cases and to have adhered more rigidly to the idea of physical perfection—while on the latter point Michigan has gone nearer the other extreme. The contrast between them is as marked as that heretofore shown between Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Of course we cannot particularize here, but beg to refer to our review of each of the above named Grand Lodges which follows herein.

M. W. Milton H. Price, Memphis, is Grand Master.

R. W. John B. Garrett, Nashville, is Grand Secretary.

## TEXAS, 1907.

December 3d, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Waco, the seventy-second annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. John P. Bell, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from four hundred and thirteen of the seven hundred and forty-three chartered lodges, then on the roll, in attendance.

The Grand Master in his address reports a busy year. He had constituted eighteen newly chartered lodges and instituted nine under dispensation. He had refused two applications from two different lodges, asking permission to confer degrees for another lodge through courtesy. With us, and we think generally, the lodges would have conferred the degrees, unless objections had arisen in the lodge applied to, and we think it the better rule; there are many things that a lodge ought to have the right to determine itself. He reports a great many decisions, among them deciding that a candidate who had lost a big toe could not be made a Mason; the loss of the end of the middle finger of the left hand debarred another, etc., etc. Such cases, we think, ought to be decided by the subordinate lodge. Surely some discretion ought to be left to a regularly chartered lodge of Master Masons. When we consider that three or more regular lodges, in any state or territory without a Grand Lodge, have the power to erect a Grand Lodge, one would suppose that a lodge could be trusted to determine whether the loss of the tip of a finger on the left hand should bar a man from membership, he being in every other respect desirable. The Grand Master had granted dispensations to lay thirty corner-stones by proxy and had himself officiated at the laying of two others. Bearing in mind the poor little toe decision, one would expect great strictness, but he solemnly decided that "Saloon-keeping and tending bar is not a Masonic offense."

While the writer, personally, would not go to the length of saying that every man in anywise connected with the manufacture or sale of malt, spirituous, or vinous liquors should be debarred from Masonry, yet when it comes to saloon-keeping and tending bar, he would draw the line. For we are reminded that someone has said that "*the internal, and not the external, qualifications of a man are what Masonry regards.*"

In one case the Master stopped the work, after the O. B., and wrote the Grand Master, who says:

In one case the candidate was elected to receive the third degree, the lodge conferred the first section of said degree on him and at this juncture, a member of the lodge who had been present from the opening of the lodge, entered with the Worshipful Master a protest against the candidate's proceeding further. The Worshipful Master postponed the conferring of the second section of the degree until the matter could be submitted to me, which he did and I held that the protest must be recognized the same as if it had been entered before any part of the degree had been conferred.

The twenty-first annual report of the Board of Directors of their Masonic Home is an interesting account of the year's work in that very successful institution. They have a farm and school, including a machine shop. The school is divided into two, one for the boys and one for the girls. The magnitude of the work is shown from the Treasurer's report, and the cost of maintenance for the year foots up to \$30,558.08.

This Home speaks highly for the genuine spirit of Fraternity in that great jurisdiction, and should serve as an example to other jurisdictions entering upon like undertakings.

The Grand Lodge granted charters for twenty-two new lodges. A great amount of routine work was transacted.

M. W. Brother Thomas M. Matthews again presents an excellent report on correspondence, covering one hundred and twenty-three pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-eight Grand Lodges, Nebraska, 1907, receiving generous fraternal consideration.

While maintaining fully the power of Grand Masters to issue special dispensations, the writer quite agrees with Brother Matthews in what he says in reviewing the address of the Grand Master of Alabama, in the following:

He states also that he had granted a number for conferring degrees out of time, "but only where I considered that the reasons presented were for the best interests of our Fraternity." And yet, *per contra*, he says: "I cannot help but feel that the indiscriminate granting of dispensations for conferring degrees out of the statutory time is an injustice to our Fraternity, and also to the candidate, and *am firmly opposed* to railroading the candidate through the degrees of Masonry." Well said, Grand Master Jacobs, and our comment is, that had we been in your shoes—feeling as you say you do, and we know we do—there would most certainly have been no such railroading done.

We like his kindly appeal to Brother Robbins, under his review of Illinois:

We are sorry to be obliged to note that upon the recommendation of our good Bro. Robbins, Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognition was denied our neighbor, the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. We guess that Bro. Robbins will, like Bro. T. S. Parvin did in his lifetime, have to visit Mexico and see the conditions for himself ere he will ever be convinced that he is doing our Aztec brethren over there an injustice. We know full well that he does not intend to be unjust; we know him to be too broad-gauged and sincere for that, and that he acts honestly from what he believes to be principle, but all the same we cannot help but think he is in error, a thing as we are aware very unusual with him; for in our opinion he is nearly always right in his views upon questions Masonic.

We fully agree with him and give place to what he says in reviewing a decision of the Grand Master of Indiana:

These all, except one, seem to us to enumerate good law, and were all finally approved by the Grand Lodge. That to which we would demur, was that "charges of gross unmasonic conduct cannot be preferred against one who is already under suspension for non-payment of dues." He must first, says the Grand Master, be reinstated, and then the charges

may be preferred, because while under suspension the lodge could not hold Masonic intercourse with him. The Committee on Jurisprudence did not approve this. The question elicited a good deal of discussion, and as stated already the Grand Lodge sustained the ruling of the Grand Master. While it is not our intention to discuss the matter, we are free to say we believe the Grand Master erred, and that the Committee was right, and unless we are much mistaken the almost universal law is that a brother, while laboring under suspension from any cause, who commits a more grave Masonic offense, may have charges preferred against him, and be tried therefor. Such, too, as it seems to us is reason and common-sense. Moreover, we think that mere technicality should cut no figure in Masonry.

Our brother has been in the harness, as reviewer, for a good many years. He loves the work. May he be spared to pursue it for many more years.

M. W. W. Lee Moore, Wichita Falls, is Grand Master.

R. W. W. John Watson, Waco, is Grand Secretary.

#### UTAH, 1907.

January 15th, in Masonic Temple, in Salt Lake City, the thirty-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. W. Sidney Watson Radcon, Grand Master, with all except two of the Grand Officers and representatives from all the twelve lodges in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of their dead, among whom were Past Grand Master Charles Washington Bennett, who was killed in a street-car accident in Salt Lake City, October 10th, 1906, cut off in the prime of life, and their Brother John W. Guthrie, who died November 10th, 1906, after a faithful service in Freemasonry of over fifty years.

He reports the erection of a new lodge under dispensation; and one decision, holding that a Worshipful Master cannot alone examine a brother for visitation, but must appoint a committee of not less than two members. This the Grand Lodge approved on the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, who says:

It is the opinion of your Committee that while ancient law only required that a strange Brother should be cautiously examined in such a manner as prudence shall direct, that the Craft may not be imposed upon by a pretender, still we think the custom of a Worshipful Master appointing an examining committee of at least two, has ripened into law, and that now a strange visiting Brother can only visit a Lodge upon first being examined by a committee of at least two who have previously been appointed by the senior officer in attendance.

The Grand Master reports the dedication of a new Masonic Temple, at Ogden, and the beautiful new Scottish Rite Temple, at Salt Lake City. This latter one was erected, it is said, at a cost of \$100,000.00. He says that the Craft in his Grand Jurisdiction is in good condition, financially and otherwise, peace and harmony prevailing.

The new temple at Ogden is a fine one, costing \$50,000.00, and the Grand Master's declaration of good financial conditions is attested by the figures given in the reports of the Grand Secretary, Brother Christopher Diehl. With only 1,343 members in the jurisdiction, the lodges disbursed for charitable purposes during the year \$2,753.40, and the lodges have in their treasuries \$27,477.52.

The lodge under dispensation was granted a charter.

At the dedication of the new Masonic Temple in Salt Lake City W. Elmer E. Corfman delivered a very interesting address, full of historic incidents. From it we must briefly quote:

Less than a half century ago, some sixty miles south of this city, the American Soldiery, at what was then known as Camp Floyd, implanted the first seeds of Masonry upon Utah soil by the institution of Rocky Mountain Lodge, working under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Missouri. The Lodge received a charter from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, June 1, 1860, as Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 205.

The membership of that first pioneer Lodge was made up, largely, of the officers and soldiers of the United States army, then quartered there, and when that military post was removed to New Mexico with it was the passing of the first Utah Lodge of Masons into Masonic History. The great principles of our institution, taught in that desert wild, by Brothers, standing beneath and for the flag of our common country, were, however, destined to become a part and enter into the future fabric of the social life of our now great state, for soon Mount Moriah Lodge, working under dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Nevada, held its first meeting in Salt Lake City, February 5, 1866; then again the same year Wasatch Lodge had its Masonic birth, working under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Montana, and to it belongs the honor of becoming the first chartered Lodge in this jurisdiction. Then followed Argenta Lodge in 1871, working under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Colorado, and on the 16th day of January, 1872, these three pioneer Lodges, in common council assembled, met in this city and instituted the Grand Lodge of Utah, their total membership numbering but one hundred and twenty-three Master Masons.

Brother Diehl presents the report on correspondence, his thirty-first, covering eighty-three pages and reviewing ably the proceedings of fifty-five Grand Lodges.

M. W. William J. Barrette, Salt Lake City, is Grand Master.

R. W. Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City, is Grand Secretary.

#### VALLE DE MEXICO, 1907.

January 11th, at Masonic Hall, in the city of Mexico, the annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. J. C. Mordough, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and eighty-five representatives from the subordinate lodges in attendance. We have read with great interest the proceedings published, containing a report on correspondence.

This writer with great pleasure congratulates that Grand Lodge upon having received recognition from the Grand Lodges of Scotland and England, and, in the United States of America, no less than twenty-



six Grand Lodges, perhaps more, but that is the record as we have it, and in addition thereto, in the English-speaking world, at least one of the Grand Lodges in Australasia.

The Grand Master's address is an interesting document; he says:

The relations of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, with the powers with which it maintains a correspondence, have not been interrupted by any incident whatever, but rather tend to acquire greater strength by new recognitions, thus giving effect to the statements which I had the honor to make a year ago.

As to domestic matters, he says that the general progress of the lodges has been orderly and strictly in accordance to the law. The Supreme Council, Scottish Rite, has surrendered its jurisdiction over all blue lodges desirous of transferring allegiance to the Grand Lodge, and small lodges in some instances are consolidating, to the great benefit of the Craft, and some small lodges give up their charters and unite with others.

The Grand Lodge contributed to the relief of the earthquake sufferers in California, the goodly sum of \$1,967.20. In the City of Mexico a fine Masonic Temple is being built by the Masonic bodies of that city. The Grand Master thus explains:

The number of special dispensations granted to confer the 20. and 30. degree on candidates on the same night, is accounted for by the peculiar conditions under which the Lodges of this Jurisdiction are working. Our Lodges, as you know, are scattered over the entire Republic, from Chihuahua in the north to Tapachula on the Guatemala frontier in the south. Many of the candidates go hundreds of miles to get their degrees, at a great expense of time and money. For this reason we allow them, when they make the request, to make only two trips to get their degrees, on condition that they are thoroughly posted on the three degrees before they return.

The Grand Secretary's report is interesting as also are the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, showing vigilance in every direction to bring Masonry in that Republic up to the standard set in English-speaking countries, after the plan of which their organizations are formed. To this end the Grand Master ordered a circular of instructions to be sent out to all the lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge. This circular, published in the proceedings, ought to prove to any American Mason the good faith of our Mexican brethren. Indeed, many of their lodges are made up of American Masons, working in the English language. In one lodge the vote upon the petition of a candidate was taken without allowing the tyler an opportunity to vote, and for this infraction of the rule, the Grand Master declared the ballot null and void and ordered a new one.

The report on correspondence is confined mostly to reviewing matters of special interest to the Craft in Mexico, noticing and commenting upon the action of Grand Lodges upon the question of extending recognition to it, and such decisions found in American Grand Lodge proceedings, as would serve as a guide to their own lodges.

The writer is especially gratified that he can now point to Michigan, and New Mexico, as sister Grand Lodges that have finally extended recognition to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, and ask our brethren to recall what has been said in our Grand Lodge about the position of those two American Grand Lodges.

M. W. Frederick E. Young, is Grand Master.

R. W. Felix Iglesias is Grand Secretary, and W. G. G. Bergman, in charge of English correspondence, is assistant Grand Secretary. The address of these officers is City of Mexico.

#### VERMONT, 1907.

June 12th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Burlington, the one hundred and fourteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Charles A. Calderwood, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from eighty-three of the one hundred and three chartered lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master, in his address, pays fraternal tribute to the dead. In his own Grand Jurisdiction, Past Grand Master Nathan P. Bowman died July 30th, 1906, and Past Grand Master Charles R. Montague, April 24th, 1907; Past Deputy Grand Master Will F. Lewis, Past Grand Junior Warden Charles C. Miller and Past Grand Junior Deacon George F. Flanders also died during the year.

The Grand Master urges the necessity of legislation requiring documentary proof. He had granted requests for waivers of jurisdiction in a few cases. He had granted no special dispensations waiving time in conferring degrees, and strongly argues against the exercise of such power, although he agrees that the prerogative to do so exists in the Grand Master, even to making Masons at sight. Of conditions he says:

The same general condition of harmony that has prevailed in Vermont during the past few years still continues. This is not the harmony of inactivity and sloth; for in nearly every lodge rough ashlar are being shaped, smoothed, and fitted for the builder's use. More and more, I believe, is the question being asked, "What is the ideal of masonry?" and "How may I better realize it in my life?" The spirit of earnestness and sincerity so prevalent is encouraging to all lovers of the craft and bodes well for the future.

He reports no decisions. He attended thirteen of the fourteen of the district meetings, saying that while it is not mandatory that the Grand Master attend these meetings, yet it has become almost the unwritten law that he do so.

They have fourteen districts, with a District Deputy Grand Master in and for each. These are congregated annually at the Masonic Temple in Burlington, called together by the Grand Lecturer, and at this meeting, the Grand Master and his officers are usually in attendance. The Grand Lecturer delivers an address, and the District Deputies are instructed in the work and as to their duties in their several districts. Each District Deputy is authorized and directed to assemble

the officers of each of the lodges within his district upon a date fixed by the Grand Lecturer, for the purpose of exemplifying the work and rehearsing the lectures of the jurisdiction. The reports of the District Deputies, and the Grand Lecturer, from year to year, show a faithful carrying out of the plan, and that it has proved very successful.

The Grand Master in his address, under review, speaking of the annual meeting at Burlington for the current year, says "Every Deputy was present and the meeting was enthusiastic, resulting in much good."

One new lodge under dispensation was granted a charter and two old lodges were each granted permission to remove their places of meeting from the original to another town. But the Grand Lodge refused to order the adoption of a proposed rule requiring documentary evidence of visitors.

The Grand Lodges of Queensland and Puerto Rico were duly recognized and an exchange of Grand Representatives with each provided for.

M. W. Brother Marsh O. Perkins presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and forty-seven pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-nine Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1906, receives generous consideration. The writer's "championship of Queensland," he says, "pleases us much." Perhaps that remark was owing to the fact that the Grand Lodge deferred what we recommended, but we are happy to remind him that at our next annual communication, the recognition was accorded. And we now record our pleasure for what he says, his Grand Lodge agreeing:

It is our belief, and we so recommend, that recognition be also extended the Grand Lodge of Queensland. The history of its organization in 1904 was fully covered by us in 1905, and frequent reference has since been made as to its progress. The fact that the Grand Lodges of Scotland and England object should not weigh. Regularly organized, vouched for by New South Wales, the mother of the Australian group of Masonic Grand Lodges, earnestly struggling for complete home government, recognition belongs to her as a matter of right and justice.

The report is interesting and able throughout.

M. W. Charles A. Calderwood, St. Johnsbury, is Grand Master.

R. W. Henry H. Ross, Burlington, is Grand Secretary.

#### VIRGINIA, 1907.

February 12th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Richmond, the one hundred and twenty-ninth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Kosciusko Kemper, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, except the Grand Junior Warden, and a large number of permanent members, Past Masters, and representatives from the chartered lodges, in attendance.

Expressing feelings of profound gratitude to Almighty God for blessings enjoyed, and invoking His aid that the transactions of the

Grand Lodge might redound to the good of their jurisdiction and to the edification of the Craft wheresoever dispersed, the Grand Master opened his annual address. He says that in their lodges, the officers are well equipped and doing excellent work in conferring degrees, and that almost every lodge has among its members those thoroughly competent to fill any station to which they may be chosen. This satisfactory condition, he says, is due to the strict enforcement of the requirement that all shall be proficient in the catechism of the several degrees before advancement.

The writer well remembers a visit, in the autumn of 1903, to the Grand Master's home lodge, Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, its work of conferring a degree on that occasion, its hospitality and kindness to their visitor, and the most favorable impression he received of Virginia Masonry.

The Grand Master reports the granting of dispensations for seven new lodges, the granting of three special dispensations, the commissioning of three Grand Representatives, the placing of nineteen corner-stones, and the approval of the by-laws of a few of their lodges. He did a good deal of official and personal visiting among his lodges, one of these being the usual celebration of the anniversary of the birth of Brother George Washington, in Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, of which the Father of his Country was the first Master, under the Virginia charter. He also visited the Grand Lodge of Delaware, on the occasion of the centennial celebration of the founding of that Grand Lodge.

In speaking of their Masonic Home he says: "This noble institution, which has such a large place in the affections of the Masons of Virginia, is in good condition and able to provide a pleasant and helpful home for the children of our deceased brethren. Its finances are all that can be wished."

He denied himself the pleasure of being present at the laying of the corner-stone of the new office building for the House of Representatives, at Washington, where the President made the speech about which so much has been said, because:

On the 14th day of March, through the generous help of Bro. Leake, president of the R., F. & P. Railroad, and the managers of the Washington, Alexandria and Mt. Vernon Railway Company, the children and the officers of the Home were afforded a most delightful and instructive outing to Washington, Alexandria and Mt. Vernon. The children were handsomely entertained in Washington by Bro. Allison Nailor and members of the Shrine and Lodges and also in Alexandria by brethren of the Lodges there. They were accompanied by M. W. Bro. Courtney and Bro. Richardson and went back home much pleased as well as benefited, by the trip. This was without cost to the Home.

He declined to permit one of his lodges to solicit contributions, outside of Virginia, to build a Masonic Temple, as being contrary to the traditions of their Grand Lodge, and as setting a bad precedent. Among his reported decisions he held that non-affiliates might be buried with Masonic honors as a favor, not as a matter of right; that a man who

had lost part of a thumb and forefinger of his left hand was not barred from making application for initiation, and that it was not lawful to permit a Mason who is an intelligent ritualist, but who had not served as Master or Warden to confer degrees, or any part thereof. But as to the last, we are satisfied that the Committee on Jurisprudence, and the Grand Lodge, were right in not concurring; the committee says:

Your committee can see no valid reason why the Master of a Lodge may not call upon any learned and skillful Mason present to do any of the work in the Lodge, he, of course, being present and presiding over his Lodge. So universal in Virginia has been the custom which the Grand Master now decides to be improper, that to now prohibit it would work serious inconvenience to many Lodges in the State and interfere, not only with the working of the Lodge, but with the undoubted prerogative of the Worshipful Master to call upon any of his brethren to do work in his Lodge.

A very interesting, but perplexing question arose between the Grand Masters of Virginia and Tennessee, growing out of the fact that a member of a Virginia lodge residing in Tennessee, was engaged in the liquor traffic, which is not against Masonic law in Virginia, nor against state law in either Virginia or Tennessee, but is a Masonic offense in Tennessee. It is contended by the Grand Master of Tennessee that his lodge, in whose jurisdiction the alleged offender now resides, may proceed, try, and discipline him. This is denied by the Grand Master of Virginia, because the occupation is not an offense against the statutes of Tennessee, nor the Masonic law of Virginia, and he holds that, although any member of any lodge in Tennessee may object to his sitting in the objector's lodge, yet that he cannot be put on trial for the offense of being engaged in the liquor traffic. The question is perplexing because it is liable to disturb friendly fraternal relations between two Grand Bodies. It is interesting because of the niceties involved. We think, however, the Grand Master of Virginia is probably best fortified in reason, and doubtless, Tennessee doubted its position, for the prosecution seems to have been dropped.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Valle de Mexico and Alberta.

M. W. William Ruffin Cox, Past Grand Master of North Carolina, a visitor, was received with the honors due his rank, and, in response "addressed the Grand Lodge forcefully and eloquently."

The report on the Masonic Home furnishes interesting reading. Five lodges under dispensation were granted charters, and two were continued under dispensation. Reports from their several Division Lecturers, as also from every one of their fifty District Deputy Grand Masters, show the thorough work that is done to maintain the excellent standard attained in that Grand Jurisdiction.

R. W. Brother Joseph Eggleston presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and thirty-seven pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-six Grand Lodges. Under New Zealand and speaking of unaffiliated Masons, in response to the Grand Master's discussion of them, he says:

If by "unattached brethren" he meant, and we presume he did, voluntary non-affiliates, may we be pardoned for suggesting that perhaps Masonry in New Zealand, as elsewhere, is better without them. They are largely those who came in from selfish motives, and disappointed of the fleshpots of business gain or the dignity of office, deserted the flag. Let them stand outside as your Masonic Lot's wives, be regarded as mere pillars of salt, to point a moral.

We like the following :

Of traditionary evidence, indeed, it has been said by an old writer whose name I forget, "that a great cloud of smoke argues at least a little fire."

But the observation is a shrewd one, and I have reminded the reader of it, as the Traditions—written or unwritten—of Freemasonry are its chief glory, and in these consists its superiority over all other associations.

"Say what you will against *Tradition*," wrote the learned Selden, "we know the signification of words by nothing but Tradition. You will say the Scripture was written by the Holy Spirit; but do you understand the language 'twas writ in? No. Then, for example, take these words, *In principia erat verbum*. How do you know these words signify. *In the beginning was the Word*, but by Tradition, because some Body has told you so?"

But long before the discoveries of recent times, there were monuments in many countries which fairly justified the *belief* that has now ripened into actual knowledge. The magnificent ruins of ancient cities, of which no record remained, the Pyramids, concerning which the remotest antiquity had nothing to depose, the advanced state of the sciences of geometry and astronomy amongst the Egyptians and the Babylonians, amply warranted the *presumption* that a high state of cultivation and knowledge did exist anterior to any written documents or historical records.

To the *literari* of our Craft it will be unnecessary to explain either that the characteristic signs now called Masons' Marks were originally developed at a very early period in the East, and have been since used as distinguishing emblems of some kind throughout the Middle Ages, in Persia, Syria, Egypt, and elsewhere; or, that the science of geometry, as taught by Euclid to the Egyptians, was the *fons et origo* of the Craft of Masonry; that is, if we may repose any confidence in what is distinctly affirmed by the most ancient manuscripts of our Society.

M. W. Silvanus J. Quinn, Fredericksburg, is Grand Master.

R. W. George W. Carrington, Richmond, is Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON, 1907.

June 11th, in the city of Tacoma, the fiftieth annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Franklin Waggoner, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives present from one hundred and forty of the one hundred and forty-two chartered lodges, and delegates from their nine lodges under dispensation.

Owing to the absence of the one selected, W. Brother Clinton A. Snowden delivered the address of welcome to the Grand Lodge, containing many well chosen and inspiring words of greeting, and evidencing a mind well stored with Masonic learning.

The Grand Master's address shows that his administration had been a zealous one, and that nearly all their lodges had been blessed with "healthy and vigorous growth."

He pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of their dead of the year, among whom were their Past Grand Master, William H. Upton, who died November 3d, 1906; their Past Deputy Grand Master, Thomas Cranney, who died January 9th, 1907, and two Past Grand Wardens, Alphonzo Fowler Learned, who died December 20th, 1906, and Benjamin L. Sharpstein, May 2d, 1907.

The Grand Master reports the dedication of a "magnificent Temple of Masonry" at Spokane; the laying of the corner-stones of a county court house, a new Young Men's Christian Association building at Walla Walla and another at Spokane, and of a Carnegie Library building at Ritzville; the constituting of five lodges under charters, and the visiting a goodly number of his subordinate lodges.

He reports ten decisions, all of which, except No. 6, were approved. No. 6 held that: "A Lodge having received a petition for the Degrees, and not having acted upon the same prior to the removal of the applicant to another jurisdiction, cannot elect the applicant to receive the Degrees of that Lodge."

But the Committee on Jurisprudence say, correctly we think, that jurisdiction is acquired at the time the petition is presented and accepted.

The Grand Master reports many applications for special dispensations, many of which were granted, and about as many refused. Seven lodges under dispensation had he instituted and he recommends the adoption of the system of appointing District Deputy Grand Masters. They have now a Board of Custodians of the Work and a Grand Lecturer.

R. W. Brother Horace W. Tyler, Grand Secretary, submits a report reviewing the work of his office, with comments and recommendations, showing an active and intelligent interest in all that pertains to the interests of the jurisdiction.

The Grand Lecturer, W. Brother David S. Prescott, submits a report showing an active year in the field. He had officially visited forty lodges, installed the officers in fifteen, and speaks encouragingly of schools of instruction and the work of the custodians in their several districts.

Application by the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico for recognition was denied, and what we wonder at is that Brother Chadwick's report takes the ground that those jurisdictions that have extended recognition, have done so without proper information; that the committees recommending have not reported facts as to conditions in Mexico. If our brother would turn back to such reports, beginning soon after the organization of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, he would find that facts and conditions relating to that Grand Lodge have been set forth and discussed much more fully than is usual.

R. W. Brother Ralph C. McAllaster, as a special committee to secure data as to the need of a Masonic Home, made report showing painstaking

## WEST VIRGINIA, 1907.

November 13th, in the city of Parkersburg, the forty-third communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Tom G. Strickler, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and a large attendance of representatives from the chartered lodges.

We are glad to note the following record:

The following named duly accredited Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, were introduced, receiving the Grand Honors of Masonry, and in a brief congratulatory address by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, invited to seats in the Grand Lodge.

In opening his address the Grand Master declares that the year had been one of prosperity, generally, and of Masonic growth. He pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of their deceased brethren, among them, Past Grand Master George Davis, who died November 19th, 1906, at Mercy Hospital, Denver, Colorado, and was buried at Philadelphia.

He reports the granting of a goodly number of special dispensations, some of which were to confer degrees out of time, the exchange of Grand Representatives with other Grand Lodges, the instituting of two lodges under dispensation, and the holding of several special communications of the Grand Lodge for the laying of corner-stones and other purposes. Under the head of decisions we find the following:

A brother who was engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors prior to the adoption by this Grand Lodge of the resolutions on that subject, to-wit: November 15th, A. D. 1906; A. L. 5906, is not liable to the penalty, as the resolution does not apply to members who were engaged in selling intoxicating liquors at the time of the passage of said resolution.

A Brother who has been initiated and passed before the adoption of said resolution, is ineligible to be raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason while he is engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

He highly praises the Order of the Eastern Star, and commends that Order to the favorable consideration and encouragement of the Craft.

M. W. Brother Hiram R. Howard, Grand Secretary, submits his second report as Grand Secretary. It is very full, and from it one gets a pretty thorough understanding of all the important transactions of the year.

They have the system of District Deputy Grand Masters, and also District Deputy Grand Lecturers. These officers make reports, and the jurisdiction receives great benefit from the instruction and encouragement thus afforded.

In his special report on the application of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, Brother Howard, after tracing Masonry in Mexico, and this Grand Lodge, says:



It has sole, sovereign and exclusive jurisdiction over symbolic Masonry in the Federal District, which is similar to the District of Columbia in our country. It is conforming to and upholding the landmarks, usages and constitution of Masonry as practiced in our own country, and the sovereign authority exercised by it is not disputed by any other regular Grand Lodge in its jurisdiction. It has forty-two subordinate Lodges, nineteen of which work in the English language. It is doing a noble work in behalf of Masonry; extending its influence and practicing its virtues.

Taking everything into consideration, we feel like applying the "healing" process to whatever criticism may be indulged in as to its regularity, believing that if we should err in its recognition, it is on the side of duty and justice and to the honor of our teachings, and will do no harm to its votaries nor violence to our land marks, constitutions, customs or usages. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of West Virginia hereby extends fraternal recognition to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, and bids it God speed in its struggle to plant and foster the true principles of Masonry within its Grand Jurisdiction, and an exchange of Grand Representatives is authorized.

We are sorry to note that the Grand Lodge refused the recognition proposed and indefinitely postponed the question. The new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan received recognition, but Greece and Brazil were not accorded recognition, because each of said Grand Lodges is dominated by a Supreme Council, Scottish Rite.

M. W. Brother Hiram R. Howard presents again the report on correspondence, his second, covering two hundred and ninety-three pages. It is a valuable contribution to the literature of the Craft.

M. W. James A. Bryan, Parkersburg, is Grand Master.

M. W. Hiram R. Howard, Point Pleasant, is Grand Secretary.

#### WISCONSIN, 1907.

June 11th, in Masonic Building, in the city of Milwaukee, the sixty-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Edwin J. Farr, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from two hundred and forty-seven of the two hundred and fifty-four chartered lodges, in attendance.

The Grand Master, in opening his address expresses thanksgiving that we are living in an age surrounded by so many gifts of God which lend happiness and sweetness to each duty and every responsibility of life. Of his state he thus speaks:

It is no surprise that with the productive soil of our great commonwealth, its diversified crops, its wealth of mineral resources, its multiplicity of industries, its splendid educational facilities, its magnificent churches, its cosmopolitan spirit everywhere, that we should be grateful and honored in being an integral part of this wonderful development and progress.

Among the fraternal dead, to whose memory he pays loving tribute, are found the names of their late Past Grand Master Fred Ring, and

Past Deputy Grand Master Alexander Meggett, whose deaths occurred during the past year.

Three dispensations to institute new lodges had been granted. Of other dispensations he says: "I have issued eighty dispensations, twenty-five of which were for the purpose of permitting the Order of the Eastern Star and other bodies to hold their meetings in Masonic Lodge rooms, and fifty-five were issued to dispense with constitutional provisions." In nearly every other state in the Union, Eastern Star chapters are permitted to meet in lodge rooms without special dispensations and we favor that course, but special dispensations bring in revenue, \$295.00 during the year as he records it.

He reports three decisions, two of which we quote; the first of which discloses carelessness on the part of lodge A, the second, we think, discloses good sense:

1. Brother ——— was made a Mason in a Lodge working under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of France. He petitioned to Lodge A, presenting his demit, or certificate, from that lodge with his petition to Lodge A. Lodge A. received the petition, and elected him a member of the Lodge. After remaining a member of Lodge A. nearly three years, he demitted and presented his petition to Lodge B., which, after ascertaining all the facts, referred the matter to the Grand Master.

Question: What shall we do with the petition?

Answer: The brother having been a member of Lodge A. for nearly three years, Lodge A. was ordered to re-obligate him in the three degrees, which being done, Lodge B. was notified that Brother ——— was a Mason in good standing.

3. Question: Can a Lodge legally receive a petition from a man employed in a Brewery?

Answer: Yes. If the man is not a stockholder in the corporation and receives no other remuneration from the company other than that for his daily labor.

He very justly criticises electioneering for office, which he says prevails in some of their lodges.

A good resolution:

*Resolved.* That the returns from the Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge shall hereafter contain a statement by the Masters and Wardens over their signatures and upon their Masonic honor that no keys or ciphers of the unwritten work are or have been used by them or by any member of their several Lodges to their knowledge in violation of the laws and edicts relative thereto.

R. W. Jacob Dreher, Grand Lecturer, submits his annual report, showing faithful attention to his duties, and a clear conception of the importance of good work in conferring degrees.

We are glad to find in the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, the following:

Referring to the recommendation of the Grand Master that the edict in regard to unmasonic conduct should be read to the candidate at the close of the third degree, while we are of opinion that the reading of that edict in the Lodge should be frequently had, it should not

follow the instructions to the candidate of the third degree. The solemn and impressive lessons of that degree should not be effaced from the memory of the candidate by any extraneous matter.

Upon recommendation of Brother Jenks, we are glad to find that Queensland received fraternal recognition.

The Grand Lodge was favored with a visit from Past Grand Master John Corson Smith, a devoted Mason, loved and honored far and near. In response to the greeting tendered to him, he said:

"I am not in a condition to address you as I would love to do upon Masonry. I have made it a study during my life time, and have accomplished what little I could and am happy when I can disperse that information and light wherever and whenever opportunity permits.

I am just recovering from a very serious illness, one that took me to the gates of death. I was down on the dead line and my recovery thus far is due to the earnest prayers and good wishes of my Masonic brethren.

I now believe more than ever in the efficacy of prayer, and by the earnest solicitation and prayers of my brethren and by the grace of God, I have been brought back to life, as it were."

The business of the Grand Lodge was routine and received earnest consideration.

M. W. Brother Albro Jenks presents the report on correspondence, his tenth, covering one hundred and forty-one pages. Nebraska, 1906, receives generous consideration. Our brother's convictions are fixed and are, for the most part sound. With some of his views we cannot agree, but we do admire his faithfulness to truth as he sees it. The review under consideration is an able one, evidencing painstaking care and study of matters discussed.

M. W. Spencer M. Marsh, Neillsville, is Grand Master.

R. W. William W. Perry, Milwaukee, is Grand Secretary.

#### WYOMING, 1907.

September 4th, in the city of Lander, the thirty-third annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Peter S. Cook, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from twenty of the twenty-four chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master speaks of continued prosperity throughout his state in material blessings, and of great increase in membership in their Masonic lodges.

He pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of their deceased Past Grand Master Nathaniel R. Davis, who died September 19th, 1906, and he makes record of his Masonic life and labors.

Among his dispensations we note two or three to confer degrees without examination in the preceding degree. He did not visit every lodge in the jurisdiction, as he says he had intended doing, but two only, at Cheyenne, on the occasion of the visit of the traveling trowel. The trowel

came there from Denver, accompanied by a large delegation of Colorado Masons. He speaks enthusiastically of that occasion.

He reports the constituting of one newly chartered lodge, by his deputy appointed for the occasion.

One new lodge under dispensation was granted a charter. The Grand Lodge of Queensland received recognition.

Action looking to the establishment of a Masonic Home fund was taken and an appropriation therefor was made.

R. W. Brother William L. Kuykendall presents the report on correspondence. Under Nebraska we find the following:

If not mistaken, the following was adopted: "The senior Past Master of the Lodge present may open a Lodge and preside therein, in the absence of the Master and Wardens, at any special meeting regularly called by the Master, or Warden acting as such, or at a meeting called for the purpose of conducting a funeral."

What is the matter with his presiding at a regular meeting in the absence of the Master and Wardens? It seems the above is a distinction without a difference.

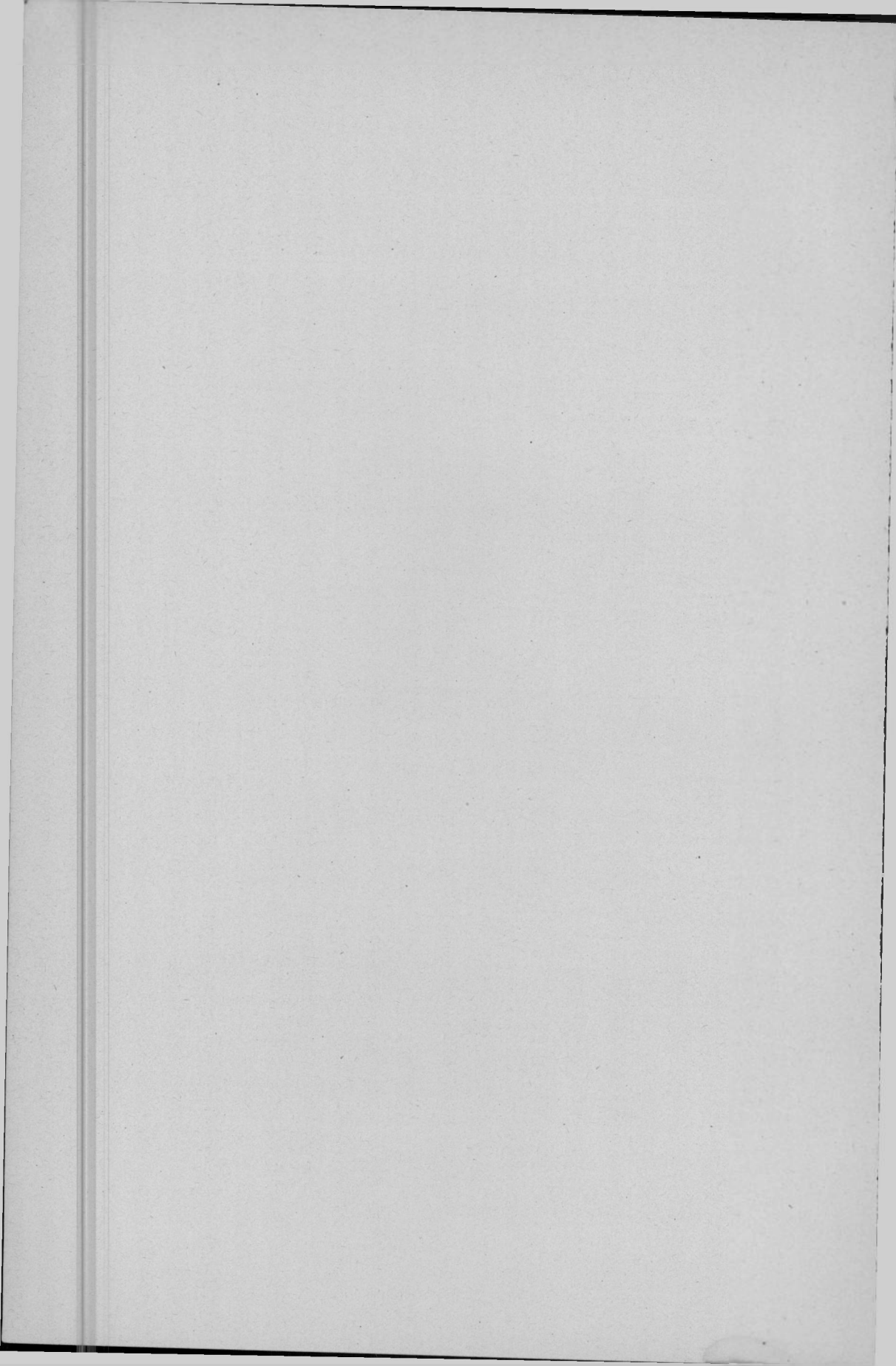
Answering our brother we have to say: Yes, that is our law. A Past Master cannot preside at a regular meeting, that is, a meeting where the regular business of the lodge may come up, because the Master and his Wardens are responsible to the Grand Lodge for what is done in and by the lodge, and a Past Master is not. A Past Master may preside at a special meeting, called for a special purpose, that for conferring a degree, for instance, or for a funeral, but no general business can be transacted at such special meeting. By the oldest written authority, "The Old Charges," a Past Master could only preside after the Master, or Warden, had congregated the lodge, and then a Past Master, upon invitation, might preside.

When his Grand Master issued a special dispensation, he says that it was not by virtue of the "powers and prerogatives" of a Grand Master, but under their own legislation. Yes, but that legislative act but announces the common law of Masonry as affecting Grand Masters, a landmark that no man, or body of men, can alter or change without making innovation in the body of Masonry.

M. W. Francis S. King, Laramie, is Grand Master.

R. W. William L. Kuykendall, Saratoga, is Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGES	Date	Number of subordinates	Number of members	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Dropped, suspended, and expelled	Died	Net Gain	Loss
Alabama	1907	465	19966	2022	1012	278	997	416	307	1775	.....
Alberta	1907	19	1496	187	94	4	57	21	6	272	.....
Arizona	1907	19	1535	150	44	5	28	5	25	141	.....
Arkansas	1906	501	16772	1421	544	138	661	331	330	799	.....
British Columbia	1907	40	3258	260	115	29	121	78	20	186	.....
California	1907	315	36126	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2357	.....
Canada	1907	398	39795	2710	551	193	738	453	449	2167	.....
Colorado	1907	109	12226	827	365	62	262	101	166	725	.....
Connecticut	1908	110	21422	1166	84	34	98	106	417	690	.....
Delaware	1907	22	2888	174	7	2	14	11	47	111	.....
Dist. of Columbia	1907	27	8363	541	75	61	75	90	148	364	.....
Florida	1907	166	7228	663	409	92	380	95	131	558	.....
Georgia	1907	530	28420	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	800	.....
Idaho	1907	40	2395	153	110	8	72	19	22	144	.....
Illinois	1907	763	85583	6831	1051	422	1624	769	1167	4790	.....
Indiana	1907	534	47353	3438	722	192	919	435	704	2294	.....
Indian Territory	1907	184	8476	952	551	94	559	120	109	936	.....
Iowa	1907	508	37838	2377	693	277	1227	472	501	1131	.....
Kansas	1907	382	30468	2297	745	166	852	321	391	1704	.....
Kentucky	1907	521	30630	2810	684	443	1059	696	410	1822	.....
Louisiana	1908	183	11761	1178	269	72	375	126	161	857	.....
Maine	1907	202	26530	1281	140	68	203	142	490	641	.....
Manitoba	1907	56	3871	384	144	19	157	40	36	359	.....
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