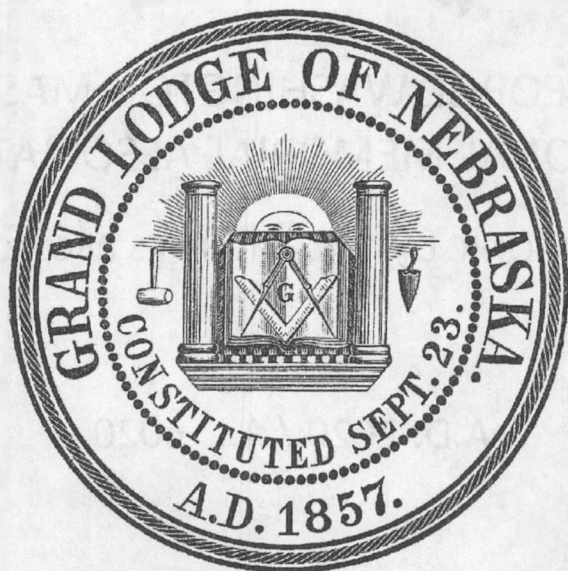


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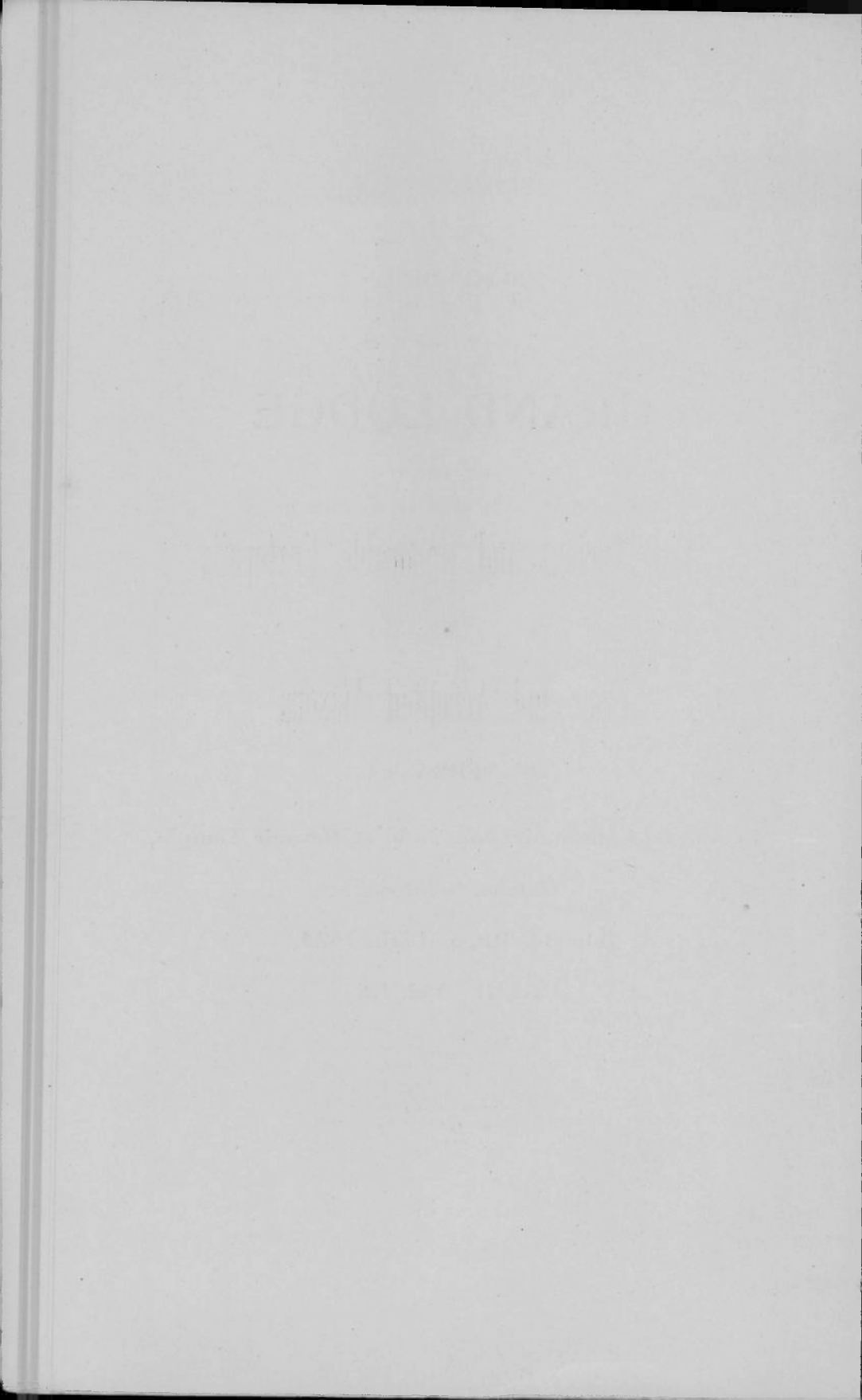
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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska met in annual communication in the Masonic Temple, Omaha, on Tuesday, June 3d, A. D. 1924, A. S. L. 5924, at half past nine o'clock A. M., there being present:

M. S. W. Charles A. Chappell.....Grand Master,
R. S. W. Robert R. Dickson.....Deputy Grand Master,
R. S. W. John Wright.....Grand Senior Warden,
R. S. W. Edwin D. Crites.....Grand Junior Warden,
R. S. W. Francis E. White.....Grand Secretary,
M. S. W. Lewis E. Smith.....Deputy Grand Secretary,
V. S. W. Charles M. Shepherd.....Grand Chaplain,
W. Merrill B. Carman.....Grand Orator,
M. S. W. Robert E. French.....Grand Custodian,
W. Albert R. Davis.....Grand Marshal,
W. Frank H. Woodland.....Grand Senior Deacon,
W. Ira C. Freet.....Grand Junior Deacon,
W. Benjamin Wood, 210.....as Grand Tyler,

and representatives from two hundred and sixty-four of the two hundred and eighty-six chartered lodges.

A lodge of Master Masons was opened in due form by R. S. W. Robert R. Dickson, Deputy Grand Master, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain. All Past Grand Masters were received and welcomed by the Deputy Grand Master, the re-

sponse to the welcome being made by M. W. Brother James R. Cain, Jr. M. W. Charles A. Chappell, Grand Master of Masons, was received and welcomed by the Deputy Grand Master, and assumed the station of Grand Master. The brethren all joined in singing a stanza of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

Greetings and regrets that they were unable to attend the session were received from Past Grand Masters John J. Wemple, Henry H. Wilson, and Frank E. Bullard.

The question of a special train to Plattsmouth, to participate in the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the Infirmary to be built in connection with the Nebraska Masonic Home, this afternoon, was brought up, and on motion of W. Brother Frank H. Woodland, Grand Senior Deacon, it was ordered that the expenses of the special train be borne by the Grand Lodge.

Most Worshipful Charles A. Chappell, Grand Master of Masons, delivered the following:

ADDRESS.

To the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

Brethren:

In the measurement of time as used by the plan of man, another year has elapsed since we last met in annual communication, and we now meet in response to the provisions of our constitution in this, the Sixty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. Time speeds by so swiftly that when we pause to reflect we sometimes feel we cannot comprehend its flight, and we are confronted with the ever serious and important fact that man with all of his achievements, with all of his learning, with all of his acquired power cannot arrest nor hold a single instant of time. We are therefore concerned not so much with the flight of time as with the more important question: Have we employed it as it should have been used and thus laid the foundation for improvement of time in the days to come?

It is a pleasure to greet you, brethren, in this annual communication of our Grand Lodge. You come as the chosen representatives of the Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction, and you come not only to review the work of the past year and to consider the needs of the day, but you come also to plan for the activities of the coming year; and in keeping with the constitutional direction it is a pleasure to present to you the report of the acts of the Grand Master for the year which is now closing, endeavoring to exhibit the general condition of Masonry within the jurisdiction and making such suggestions as seem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the Fraternity.

NECROLOGY.

Amid the activities of life we are from time to time called to a realization of the uncertainty of life by the passing of those with whom we have been associated, and those who have rendered valuable assistance to the Fraternity. We would that those who have rendered valiant service might remain with us, but we are reminded that "it is appointed unto men once to die" and God in His wisdom sounds forth the call from this life to the life eternal, and we bow in humble recognition of His will. How swiftly the sands of time run, and how rapidly is the span of life drawn to a close. Tomorrow—today—yesterday; expectation—activity—retrospection; ah, how soon the human life is ended, yet how lasting its influence.

During the past year our Grand Jurisdiction has been called to suffer the heavy loss of the passing of four of our Past Grand Masters, men who in their prime measured up in full stature to the responsibilities and the honors bestowed upon them, and at the opening of this annual communication of our Grand Lodge we bow in memory of these faithful brethren:

Most Worshipful Edwin Force Warren, Grand Master from June 21st, 1882, to June 20th, 1883, was called to the life eternal at his home in Nebraska City, July 9th, 1923.

Most Worshipful Henry Gibbons, Grand Master from June 7th, 1911, to June 5th, 1912, was called to the life eternal at his home in Kearney, August 22d, 1923.

Most Worshipful Milton J. Hull, Grand Master from June 17th, 1887, to June 22d, 1888, was called to the life eternal at his home in Washington, D. C., September 18th, 1923.

Most Worshipful Alpha Morgan, Grand Master from June 4th, 1913, to June 10th, 1914, was called to the life eternal at his home in Broken Bow, April 17th, 1924.

We also have suffered the loss of our good and noble brother, Walter W. Wells, a member of Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, who for many years has been a regular attendant at the annual communications of our Grand Lodge, serving faithfully as our organist and rendering valuable assistance throughout the years as an Assistant Custodian. He was suddenly called from this life to the life eternal while busily engaged in his duties as Assistant Custodian on the 4th of March this year, and we miss him from this Grand Lodge session as we will miss him from all of his other Masonic activities.

DEATH OF PRESIDENT HARDING.

When the news of the death of President Harding, at San Francisco, on the evening of August 2d, was flashed to the world it carried to the brethren of the Craft not only a realization of the great loss to our nation in his death, but also a realization of the loss of a brother of the Fraternity. From the moment of the death of the Chief Executive until the final rites of interment had been performed at Marion, our nation marked time in expressive sorrow because of the death of our president.

Many of the public utterances of President Harding show his kindly thought and firm resolve in the endeavor to accomplish the things of peace and of right, and the address prepared by him for delivery at Hollywood on the occasion of the presentation, on behalf of Marion Commandery No. 36, Knights Templar, of Ohio, to Hollywood Commandery No. 56, of the In-

ternational Travelling Beauseant of the Order, is worthy of the most serious consideration, both for its worth and its beauty. Among other things, he said:

"I am a confirmed optimist as to the growth of the spirit of brotherhood. Science and genius are lending their aid to the removal of the obstacles to intercourse and attending understanding among the peoples of the world. We do rise to heights, at times, when we look for the good rather than the evil in others, and give consideration to the views of all. The inherent love of fellowship is banding men together, and when envy and suspicion are vanquished, fraternity records a triumph, and brotherhood brings a new blessing to men and to peoples in the larger sense."

Upon receipt of the news of the death of President Harding, a communication was addressed by the Grand Master of Masons to Mrs. Harding, expressing the profound sorrow of the Fraternity in this Grand Jurisdiction, and as the representative of the Grand Master, the Worshipful Master of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 placed upon the funeral train at Grand Island, a beautiful floral tribute in the name of the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

LODGE OF SORROW.

On the evening of August 10th, all of the lodges of Lincoln met in a Lodge of Sorrow in honor of our departed Brother Warren G. Harding, President of the United States. This lodge was largely attended and attested the sorrow of the brethren because of the death of our President. On invitation, the Grand Master delivered the address upon this occasion.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND ORATOR.

Our Grand Orator, Brother Merrill B. Carman, not being able to be in attendance at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge, authority was given to the Grand Master to install the Grand Orator at his convenience. Accordingly, at an Occasional Grand Lodge held in the hall of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 at Grand Island, Nebraska, and on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone for the new High School building in that city, assisted by R. W. John Wright, Grand Senior Warden, V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, W. Albert R. Davis, Grand Marshal, W. Ira C. Freet, Grand Junior Deacon, and many brethren of the Craft, the Grand Orator was duly installed.

MATTERS REFERRED TO THE GRAND MASTER.

The last annual communication of our Grand Lodge referred the following subjects to the Grand Master, report upon each being made as follows:

(a) ASSISTANTS TO THE GRAND MASTER.

Under the heading of plan to district the state, our Grand Lodge has previously empowered the Grand Master, at his option, to appoint in each district an assistant. Thus far this authority has not been exercised and no appointments have been made.

(b) NON-ATTENDANCE BY LODGES:

In the early days of the present Masonic year, the matter of non-attendance at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge was taken up with each lodge which had failed to be represented. Satisfactory explanation of

the failure to attend was made by each and assurance given that the lodge would be represented at this present annual communication.

In this connection, attention should probably be called to the situation of Barneston Lodge No. 165, which had failed for three annual communications to be represented. A certificate was submitted by a brother of this lodge, duly attested by the Worshipful Master and the Secretary of the lodge, showing the brother to have been in attendance at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge in 1921, but he not having filed credentials with the proper committee, and the fact of his attendance not being reported in any way, his lodge was of necessity marked as not represented.

✓ (c) FIDELITY LODGE NO. 51.

The matter of the conduct of this lodge in reference to the trial of a member who was charged with serious Masonic offenses, and who upon two trials in the lodge had been found not guilty, but upon appeal to the Grand Lodge had been found guilty and expelled, was referred to the Grand Master. After a reasonable amount of correspondence, and finding it impossible to visit the lodge, Worshipful Brother Lute M. Savage was appointed as the personal representative of the Grand Master to make complete investigation and report. The lodge was called in special communication, and a transcript of the proceedings was submitted to the Grand Master with the report. After carefully reviewing the entire matter, it seemed clear that the recommendation of Brother Savage was correct and should be followed, and the lodge was accordingly advised that the Grand Master was persuaded that although the lodge erred grievously in the matter, nevertheless the brethren seemed to be proceeding with good motives and not with any intention of violating or disregarding Masonic law and the principles of right and justice. The Grand Lodge at its last annual communication having taken final action on all matters relating to the finding of guilt and the infliction of penalty, and the Grand Master being convinced that the lodge was proceeding with good motives, there appeared to be nothing further to be done. The lodge paid the expenses in connection with this investigation.

✓ PROMULGATION OF THE WORK.

The high standard attained in previous years in this important department of the work has not only been maintained but advanced throughout the present Masonic year. Our Grand Custodian and those who have been commissioned as his special assistants have been faithful and diligent in all respects, and the brethren of the Craft individually, and the lodges, have been the recipients of the pleasant and helpful assistance of those responsible for the work in this department. The effective services rendered are emphasized by the commendation of those who have long been familiar with the work in this Grand Jurisdiction and have noticed the steady and continuous improvement as our Grand Custodian and his assistants have gone in and out among the lodges and among the brethren in the performance of their duty. Our present Grand Custodian was first appointed to this office January 29th, 1901, at a time when our Grand Jurisdiction had two hundred thirty-seven lodges, with a total membership of 12,767. During this time the lodges have been increased until we now have two hundred eighty-six lodges with a member-

ship of 39,585, and the requirements of the Grand Custodian as to methods and effectiveness have been advanced.

At the beginning of the year, the commissions of all Assistant Custodians were renewed and later, upon recommendation of the Grand Custodian, commissions were issued to newly appointed assistants to the Grand Custodian, as follows:

October 29th, 1923, William J. Birkoffer of Gothenburg Lodge No. 249.

October 29th, 1923, D. Horace Schall of William E. Hill Lodge No. 307.

April 17th, 1924, Stanley P. Bostwick of Capitol Lodge No. 3.

Upon the recommendation of the Grand Custodian, a large number of certificates of proficiency have been issued to lodges and also to brethren individually. This is not only a practical method of testing the proficiency of lodges and brethren, but it is also an incentive for both to become proficient and results in an increased standard of proficiency among the brethren of the Craft.

It was impossible to attend central schools with the exception of the school held at Beatrice, but in other instances the proxy of the Grand Master for the occasion was placed in worthy and capable hands. These central schools bring together the brethren from a wide range of surrounding territory to the lodge in which they are held, and although the attendance has not in all instances been as large as would be desired, nevertheless the central school is of benefit to the Craft.

WEAK LODGES.

(A) Special reference was made in the address of the Deputy and Acting Grand Master last year to Sincerity Lodge No. 244. This lodge has had particular assistance from our Grand Custodian, as well as from Most Worshipful Brother Andrew H. Viele, Past Grand Master and Assistant Custodian. Under the inspiration of the Worshipful Master of the lodge, special effort was made to attain proficiency, and upon a proper showing being made the Grand Master removed all restrictions which had previously been placed upon the lodge. The appreciation of this was fittingly expressed by the Worshipful Master. This lodge, like many others, has difficulties to overcome, but it also has a good opportunity for service and is needed, and it is expected and hoped that the brethren will in all respects rally to the work of the Craft and increase the proficiency of the lodge in every respect.

(B) Other lodges have had the special attention of the Grand Master and the Grand Custodian, and in almost every instance the response has been promptly made. There are difficulties in the way of many lodges, and the path of progress cannot always be smooth and uninterrupted, but these difficulties are overcome by loyalty and persistency on the part of the brethren. Our Grand Custodian, very naturally, gives particular attention to any lodges needing his assistance in a special way.

PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION.

A number of inquiries were received following the amendment last year to Sections 66 and 66A of the law, and from all reports it would seem the requirements of the law for proficiency in the degrees are being faithfully

complied with. In one instance application was made to the Grand Master for an extension of time, and, good cause therefor being shown, it was granted.

CHARTERS.

In compliance with action of the Grand Lodge last year, charter was issued to Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, and certified copies of charters were issued to the following lodges, each having lost its charter by fire: Sterling Lodge No. 70, Pythagoras Lodge No. 156, and Holbrook Lodge No. 257.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

Charter having been granted at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge to Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, of Lincoln, this lodge was constituted on the 20th day of June by the Grand Master. There were in attendance R. W. John Wright, Grand Senior Warden, R. W. Edwin D. Crites, Grand Junior Warden, M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Deputy Grand Secretary, V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, W. Ira C. Freet, Grand Junior Deacon, W. Alexander E. Porter, Grand Tyler, W. Orville A. Andrews, an Assistant Custodian as Grand Marshal, M. W. Henry H. Wilson and M. W. Ornan J. King, Past Grand Masters, and a large number of brethren. Officers of the lodge were also installed on the same occasion by the Grand Master. This lodge has in all respects shown diligence and an earnest desire to faithfully discharge its duties and responsibilities. The brethren of this lodge have made a good start and will no doubt not only find important opportunity for service, but will faithfully meet their opportunity.

SEALS APPROVED.

The seal of Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 was duly approved.

DEDICATION OF LODGE HALL.

East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 has erected a beautiful Temple, which is a true credit not only to the lodge but to the city in which it is located and to our Grand Jurisdiction. It was with pleasure that the Grand Master granted the request of this lodge to change its location from the old place of meeting to the new Temple, and on the 22d day of December last dedicated the lodge hall and Temple, assisted by R. W. Robert R. Dickson, Deputy Grand Master, R. W. John Wright, Grand Senior Warden, M. W. Samuel P. Davidson, Past Grand Master, as Grand Junior Warden, W. Orville A. Andrews, Assistant Custodian, as Grand Marshal, W. Frank H. Woodland, Grand Senior Deacon, W. Ira C. Freet, Grand Junior Deacon, W. Alexander E. Porter, Grand Tyler, M. W. Samuel S. Whiting, Past Grand Master, as Grand Treasurer, W. Lorenzen P. Ronne, as Grand Secretary, V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, M. W. Henry H. Wilson, Past Grand Master, as Grand Orator, W. Benjamin Wood, as Grand Custodian, W. D. Horace Schall, as Grand Pursivant, W. Charles W. Pace, who carried the Book of Constitution, by the present Masters of the other Lincoln lodges, by M. W. Ornan J. King, Past Grand Master, and a large number of brethren.

At least two other halls will be ready for dedication within a short time. There is evidence of progress, as well as much satisfaction, in the increas-

ing number of lodges who are taking steps to own their own lodge homes. This worthy effort is entitled to encouragement, and there would be much benefit to the Craft in an ever increasing number of lodges who become the possessors of their own lodge homes.

INSTALLATIONS.

It was with pleasure that the Grand Master installed the officers of Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fairfield Lodge No. 84, Minden Lodge No. 127, Square Lodge No. 151, and Craftsmen Lodge No. 314. It was also his pleasure to attend the installation of the officers of Florence Lodge No. 281, these officers being installed by Most Worshipful James R. Cain, Past Grand Master, who has been privileged to install the officers of this lodge for many years. The visit of Brother Cain to this lodge, upon their invitation to install the officers, has become an almost established custom in the lodge and is looked forward to as an event of the year.

PERMISSION FOR REMOVAL OF LODGES.

Upon compliance with the law by the lodges, authority was granted to East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 and to Compass and Square Lodge No. 212 to move from one hall to another within the towns of their respective jurisdictions. Application was made by another lodge to change location, but upon investigation the hall was found to be unsafe and not suitable for the holding of Masonic meetings, and the application was thereupon disapproved.

NEW LODGES.

Generally speaking, the lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction are so located as to serve the different portions of the Grand Jurisdiction in effective manner, and without unusual hardship upon brethren living at a distance from a lodge. However, there are communities in which brethren find it difficult to avail themselves of attendance at lodge because of distance, and in which it would seem there is good reason to believe a lodge could properly be established. Information has been furnished to a number of inquiring brethren relating to the establishment of lodges, and particular reference is had to the brethren at Ong, Palmer, Ericson and Pleasant Dale. Petitions for dispensation have been submitted by the brethren at Ong and Palmer, but were received too late to justify the issuance of a dispensation for this Masonic year. The desires of the brethren in these places appear worthy and well founded and they are recommended for the most careful consideration of the incoming Grand Master, with the belief that lodges can be established in these places not only to the benefit of the brethren residing in those communities, but also to the Craft in general.

THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES.

At the annual communication held one year ago, action was taken under which our Grand Lodge re-joined the Masonic Service Association of the United States. Provision was made for the appointment of a committee for the promulgation of the work in this Grand Jurisdiction, appropriations made for expenses, and it was declared to be the sense of the Grand Lodge that the Grand Master attend the next annual meeting of the Association. In

compliance with this resolution a committee was appointed composed of Most Worshipful Ambrose C. Epperson, Past Grand Master, Very Worshipful Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, and Worshipful Brother Edwin H. Gerhart of Newman Grove Lodge No. 305. This committee, in conference with the Grand Master, outlined its work for the present Masonic year, placing the definite charge of the work with Brother Shepherd. A complete report of the work of this committee will, of course, be submitted by the committee.

The Grand Master, accompanied by Brother Shepherd, attended the annual meeting of the Association held in Washington, D. C., October 29th and 30th, 1923, and we were pleased to have associated with us at these meetings Worshipful Brothers Jesse D. Whitmore and George C. Mason. Other brethren from this Grand Jurisdiction found it possible to be in attendance at least a portion of the time. Another year of observation of the work of this Association confirms the belief that it is worthy and entitled to support, and that much benefit will be derived by our Grand Jurisdiction by continuance of membership therein. The work of the Association at its annual meeting shows it to be well managed and earnestly endeavoring to faithfully carry out the educational program which has been entered upon, as well as to give proper attention to all other matters which may be properly presented to it under the purposes for which it has been formed.

Among other things presented by the executive committee of this Association during the past year was the question of relief for the stricken sufferers of the great earthquake and fire in Japan, and appeal was made to our Grand Jurisdiction for such financial assistance as it might see fit to render. It appearing from the report of the executive secretary that all immediate needs to relieve physical distress had been met through governmental agencies and the work of the Red Cross, and it appearing that the work of the Masonic Service Association could best be employed through the effort to re-build the American school, which had been destroyed, and there being no specific authority for the officers of our Grand Lodge to make appropriation of a substantial amount, the question of contributing to this work of relief is submitted to you that you may take such action, if any, as to you seems fit.

Reports coming from the work carried forward in this Grand Jurisdiction indicate beyond doubt not only the success of the committee in its efforts to discharge its responsibilities, but also a ready response of appreciation by those who have been privileged to come closely in contact with the work of the committee. No previous effort ever having been made to carry this work into practical application in this Grand Jurisdiction, the committee found it necessary to consider the plan of organization and operation without guidance of previous experience, but the success of their efforts seems to be undoubted. As the brethren throughout the Grand Jurisdiction become more familiar with the objects of the Association and are brought closer in touch with its work, the benefits will be increased.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

The work of this Association has been carried steadily forward by its officers, and the corner stone for the Memorial Building was laid at Alexandria on the 1st day of last November. Being in Washington in attendance at the annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association, it was possible for me to attend the laying of this corner stone, and it was my good pleasure to be accompanied by Right Worshipful John Wright, Grand Senior Warden; Very Worshipful Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, Right Eminent Jesse D. Whitmore, Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Nebraska, Worshipful George C. Mason of Liberty Lodge No. 300, Brother George H. Thomas of Harvard Lodge No. 44, Brother Louis C. Flora, Acacia Lodge No. 34, Brother Zoro D. Clark and Brother Luther M. Kuhns of Capitol Lodge No. 3. This was perhaps the largest Masonic gathering ever witnessed on this continent. Representatives were present from almost every Grand Jurisdiction in the United States, as well as from Canada and Cuba, and each Grand Master present was given a part in the actual spreading of the cement used in the laying of the corner stone. Time forbids a complete report of this ceremony, but suffice it to say that the work of this Association is entitled to our most earnest support.

It was not possible to attend the annual meeting of the Association held at Alexandria last February, but our Grand Jurisdiction was ably represented by Worshipful Brother George C. Mason, chairman of our committee on this work. This work has the approval of our Grand Lodge, but the contributing of funds has in all respects been left optional with the brethren. Any brother desiring to make further contribution may have the assurance and satisfaction of knowing that his money is going into a good work and a cause which will be of credit to Masonry.

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL TROWEL.

There was presented to each Grand Master participating in the laying of the corner stone of the Memorial Building to Washington, The Mason, the small trowel used by him on the occasion, properly engraved, showing it to be a replica of the trowel used by George Washington when he laid the corner stone of the Capitol Building of our Nation. The representation of our Grand Jurisdiction at Alexandria last November was not personal in any respect, but official, and it seems but fitting and just that this trowel should be delivered to this Grand Lodge for such disposition as it may see fit to make.

MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

The biennial meeting of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada was held in Washington, D. C., November 2d and 3d last, and being in our Capitol City by reason of other Masonic work, it was possible to attend this biennial meeting. Brethren were in attendance from a large number of the member jurisdictions of this country, as well as from Canada. Our Grand Lodge has held membership in this Association for a number of years. The work is commendable and worthy of our support.

R. W. John Wright, Grand Senior Warden, and V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, were also in attendance at these meetings.

The brethren of Omaha have established a Masonic Relief Association and Employment Bureau, which is affiliated with the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada. This work is supported by the Lodges, Chapters, Council, Commandery, Mystic Shrine, and Temple Craft, and the report submitted is very creditable, showing a satisfactory progress made between the time the work was taken up on October 4th last down to the present time. In view of the fact that this work is of interest and benefit to the brethren of the Craft generally, it would seem our Grand Lodge should give consideration and reasonable financial support to it. This matter is suggested for your consideration.

MASONIC HOME.

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The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth has since its establishment held a large place in the hearts and minds of the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction, and is worthy of increased consideration and support. The Home has at all times been satisfactorily and ably managed. Everything possible is done for the residents, but from time to time attention is called to the fact that enlarged facilities are needed for the proper care of those who of right ask a home in this institution. We cannot give this important work too much consideration nor too liberal support. This Grand Lodge at its last annual communication recognized the need of an infirmary at Plattsmouth and made an appropriation to apply on the expense thereof. The Board of Trustees have proceeded carefully and thoroughly with the consideration of plans and will submit to you at this annual communication plans for the proposed structure. Arrangements have been made under which the corner stone of this Infirmary will be laid the afternoon of the first day of this annual communication of our Grand Lodge, with the hope that all of you will find it possible to be in attendance upon this occasion.

Proposed amendments to the articles of incorporation of the Nebraska Masonic Home have received careful consideration by the trustees and by the stockholders in annual meeting, and will be submitted for your consideration and recommendation. Your attention is fraternally directed to the increasing importance of the work of this Home, and with the hope that the brethren in this Grand Jurisdiction may take more interest than ever in it.

It seems there has been a prevailing opinion in some portions of the Grand Jurisdiction to the effect that our Grand Lodge must always hold not less than a majority of the stock in this corporation. There is, of course, no law of this Grand Lodge and no provision in the articles of incorporation to this effect. Of the advisability of the Grand Lodge holding a majority of the stock there surely can be no doubt. In view of the fact that our Grand Lodge at the present time holds but a very small number of shares above that required to give it a majority of stock, your attention is fraternally directed to the question of the advisability of increasing the stockholdings of the Grand Lodge in this corporation. Your attention is further directed to the fact that appropriations for the benefit of the Home have been made for which it might be proper to ask the issuance of stock.

But without regard to details in the plan of management or technicalities as to legal status, the fact remains that the Home is a work of the Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction, in which they have every right to take a true and proper Masonic pride. The Masonic Home is beautifully situated amid pleasant surroundings, and the brethren of the Craft may indeed take a true joy in rendering every possible assistance to the promotion of this work.

CHILDRENS HOME.

This is another very important and successful work of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction and, as in the case of Plattsmouth, it would be well if the brethren of the Grand Jurisdiction might find it possible to keep in closer touch with the work and to frequently visit the Home.

BOARD OF MASONIC ANNUITIES AND GIFTS.

This is one of the important designs upon the trestleboard of our Grand Lodge which should under no consideration be overlooked nor forgotten. The usefulness of this opportunity for service must of necessity in a large way be dependent upon the manner in which it is presented to the brethren of the Craft. The contracts offered to those desiring to avail themselves of the benefits of this Board are such as to appeal to the brethren who are deeply interested in the different activities generally referred to as Masonic charities, making possible not only the placing of funds at the disposal of our Grand Lodge so they can be used for such work as the donor desires, but also giving to those who thus place their money proper and reasonable returns from year to year.

It is to be sincerely hoped that the brethren of this Grand Lodge will familiarize themselves with the work undertaken to the end that they may communicate all possible information to their respective lodges and to the individual brethren. Correspondence and personal requests for information are earnestly invited by the Secretary of the Board.

MASONIC CHARITIES.

The work of this Grand Lodge under the heading of what is commonly designated as Masonic charities, in addition to the work at Plattsmouth and Fremont, is carried on through the instrumentality of our Committees on Childrens Homes and Relief and Care of Orphans. The brethren of these committees give freely of their time and energy, and in many instances of their finances, to the end that this important work may be given the proper consideration, and that all who come worthily asking for that which is their just due shall receive it promptly and in proper manner. The brethren who conduct this work are entitled not only to the active co-operation of our entire membership but also to the appreciation of our Grand Lodge, and these have been freely given. The last annual communication of the Grand Lodge appointed a special committee to consider the question of the advisability of the consolidation of Masonic charities. This committee will report to you at this annual communication to the end that you may take such action, if any, as you may deem advisable.

The work of our Craft under the commonly used term of charity is ever of great importance, and too often we are in a large measure judged by this work. Any term denoting Masonic activity carries with it force and

dignity. Every work worthy of the Craft should be maintained in so far as there is ability to do so and every brother should bear his share of the responsibility, but there is serious doubt as to whether brethren or lodges should undertake a continuing work in the name of the Craft without the approval and support of this Grand Lodge. The Grand Master does not know of any work in this Grand Jurisdiction at this time which is not worthy, and the foregoing suggestion is offered without reference to any present work and with thought only of future responsibilities.

DISCIPLINE.

X The brethren of our Grand Jurisdiction are to be congratulated upon the comparatively small number of Masonic offenses and the consequent small number of instances in which charges should be preferred. This is one of the indications of a healthy condition of the Fraternity in this Grand Jurisdiction, and as our brethren increase their Masonic activities and are the better enabled to impress upon others of the Craft the true spirit and meaning of Masonry, the violations of law will be correspondingly reduced. However, matters of discipline have come to the attention of the Grand Master in the following cases:

(A) TRIALS.

CAPITOL LODGE NO. 3.

A brother charged with unmasonic conduct was brought to trial, found guilty, and sentence of expulsion inflicted. Appeal was taken to this Grand Lodge and is now pending herein. Application was made for stay of sentence pending appeal, but was not granted.

NEMAHA VALLEY LODGE NO. 4.

During the Masonic year of 1922-1923, a member of this lodge was found guilty in the federal and state courts of violating the prohibitory law. There seemed to be unusual delay in the matter being brought for determination by trial in the lodge, but ultimately trial was had, a finding of guilty made, and sentence fixed at indefinite suspension. The law requiring adequate punishment to be administered where a brother has been convicted of a Masonic offense, and this Grand Lodge by its action having repeatedly fixed a penalty of expulsion in cases of this kind, the trial and sentence were set aside and ultimately on the 19th of March this year, upon a subsequent trial, a finding of guilty was made and a sentence of expulsion pronounced by the lodge. No appeal has been brought to the attention of the Grand Master.

PLATTSMOUTH LODGE NO. 6.

Complaint was filed charging a brother with violation of the prohibitory law, he having been found guilty of this in the state courts. Upon trial, the lodge made a finding of guilty and imposed sentence of definite suspension for one year. The matter being brought to the attention of the Grand Master, and it appearing that adequate punishment had not been administered by the lodge, the trial and sentence were set aside and a new trial ordered, which resulted in a trial concluded on March 31st this year in which there was not only a finding of guilt but infliction of the penalty of expulsion.

OLIVER LODGE NO. 38.

Charges were preferred against a brother relating to unmasonic conduct and time fixed for trial. Thereafter the lodge, by compliance with the law, authorized the withdrawal of the charges and the case was accordingly dismissed. After reviewing this matter and believing the brethren of the lodge had not only proceeded in good faith but that the action should not be disturbed, the Grand Master permitted the matter to stand. Should the Grand Lodge desire further information concerning this, the complete file of the Grand Master is available and the brethren of the lodge will no doubt gladly furnish all desired information.

JUNIATA LODGE NO. 42.

Attention was called to the fact that a member of this lodge had been guilty of violating the prohibitory law. The subject being called to the attention of the lodge, charges were preferred and trial had, resulting in a finding of guilt and the infliction of the penalty of expulsion.

HASTINGS LODGE NO. 50.

(a) A brother of this lodge had been tried and convicted in the state courts on a charge of murder. Charges were preferred in the lodge and proceeded to trial, resulting in a finding of guilt and the infliction of a penalty of expulsion. Appeal to this Grand Lodge was promptly taken by the accused and is now pending herein.

(b) A member of the Craft holding his membership in another Grand Jurisdiction, but sojourning within the jurisdiction of this lodge, was accused of conduct unbecoming a Mason, and in keeping with the provisions of the law charges were submitted by this lodge to the lodge in which his membership is held. His lodge received and preferred the charges, and has asked Hastings Lodge to proceed with the trial for them. This has been approved by the Grand Master within whose jurisdiction the lodge of the accused is located, and by the Grand Master of our Grand Jurisdiction.

SILOAM LODGE NO. 147.

The report of an Assistant Custodian, who had conducted a school of instruction in this lodge, showed that an Entered Apprentice Mason in this lodge had been convicted and sentenced to the state penitentiary and was serving time therein. The matter being called to the attention of the lodge, charges were in due time preferred and trial had, resulting in a finding of guilt and a penalty of expulsion.

VALLEY LODGE NO. 157.

Complaint filed charging a brother with violations of the prohibitory law. Transcript of proceedings in state court submitted showing finding of guilt on a plea of guilty entered by the defendant. Finding of not guilty made in the trial by the lodge. Nothing submitted to Grand Master showing evidence in trial reduced to writing, and nothing to overcome rule of *prima facie* evidence of guilt under Section 181 of the law. Finding of the lodge being contrary to the plea of guilty entered in the state court, and there being no evidence submitted to the Grand Master to sustain the finding of the

lodge, an order was entered on the 29th of May setting aside the trial and directing the lodge to proceed to a new trial.

ROMAN EAGLE LODGE NO. 203.

A member of this lodge was placed on trial under charges of violating the prohibitory laws and upon trial duly had was found guilty and sentence of expulsion imposed, from which no appeal has been taken.

BEE LODGE NO. 259.

A few years ago a man petitioned another lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction and was rejected. He later resided within the jurisdiction of Bee Lodge No. 259 and petitioned the lodge for membership, stating in his petition that he had not previously petitioned. His petition received favorable action and was proceeded with until the degree of a Master Mason had been conferred. Thereafter information was obtained showing him to be the same man who had been rejected in the other lodge, although there was a slight discrepancy in the spelling of his name in the two petitions. Charges were preferred and, upon trial duly had, he was found guilty and penalty of expulsion inflicted.

(B) DISCIPLINE OF MASTER.

Information was communicated strongly suggesting unmasonic conduct on the part of the Worshipful Master of Tyre Lodge No. 85, and upon careful investigation, and after meeting with the officers and members of this lodge, it appeared that although a Masonic offense could not be proven the Master had undoubtedly been guilty of such indiscretion as to reflect upon the good name of Masonry and to seriously challenge the propriety of him presiding over the lodge during the remainder of the term for which he had been elected and installed. Accordingly, on the 22d day of November, an order was entered by the Grand Master arresting his jewel and placing the lodge in charge of the Senior Warden. Arrangements were made under which the Grand Master was kept advised as to the conduct of this unfortunate brother, and toward the close of April action of his lodge was certified to the Grand Master strongly expressing the view that there would be Masonic justice in the restoration of the jewel. It was also disclosed that this brother had been in attendance at every meeting of the lodge since the arrest of the jewel, excepting in instances where attendance was impossible, and his conduct had in all respects been exemplary. The brethren of the lodge seemed to be now of the opinion that, although his conduct in the matters complained of had been indiscreet to the point of justifying fear of guilt, in view of the fact that there had never been proof of guilt, and in view of his exemplary conduct since the arrest of the jewel, he was entitled to retire from office in honor. Being convinced of the correctness of the views expressed by his lodge, an order was entered on the first day of May, 1924, restoring the jewel to this Worshipful Master.

(C) INVESTIGATIONS.

Inquiries have been received from a number of lodges as to whether or not charges should be preferred in certain instances. These matters are under investigation by the respective lodges and effort is being made to de-

termine whether or not charges should be preferred. If it develops charges should be preferred, the respective lodges will, of course, proceed to trial in due time and proper manner.

LOTTERY OR GIFT ENTERPRISES.

The question has been presented as to whether or not under our Masonic law it would be permissible, for the purpose of raising money for Masonic uses, to put on a public entertainment for which tickets would be sold by use of a punch board, the price of the ticket to depend upon the number it carried, but none to exceed a designated amount, each ticket carrying a prize. Although the object for which the money was sought to be raised was not one recognized by this Grand Lodge as a strictly Masonic purpose, nevertheless it was the intention to conduct the matter by use of the term Masonic, or other designation to indicate that it was for a Masonic purpose. If the subject was to be considered as Masonic and conducted under the name of our institution, it was clearly prohibited by the provision of Subdivision E of Section 148 of the law, which declares it to be a Masonic offense to attempt to give the aid of Freemasonry in organized or individual form, to any lottery or gift enterprise, or the sale, purchase or drawing of lottery tickets, and the brethren were advised accordingly. The brethren who were interested in the venture were courteous in every respect and are to be commended for the attitude manifested when this provision of our law was called to their attention. In addition to the provision of our law, the principle involved in this method of raising money is unmasonic and wrong, and if generally employed by the Masonic institution it would probably be but a question of time until there would be a reaction with a train of evils and with injury to the Fraternity.

Later in the year another similar proposition was suggested and determined in the same manner.

CONTROVERSIES OVER JURISDICTION.

There have been but few situations presented showing the invasion of the jurisdiction of one lodge by another, and those which in the opinion of the Grand Master should be called to particular attention will have consideration in this address under the heading of "Decisions."

APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT.

Brethren who have been suspended for non-payment of dues for more than three years, seeking reinstatement, are properly required by our law to make application in writing therefor, and the law also requires a report as to their financial ability to guard against the possibility of one seeking reinstatement with the probable intent of gaining admission to the Nebraska Masonic Home or for the purpose of participating in the charities of the Fraternity.

The form of application suggested by the Grand Lodge does not require of the applicant that he make statement of his financial condition. There would seem to be much advisability in changing this form so as to require the applicant to make showing as to his circumstances rather than to leave the entire matter to the report of the committee.

Numerous applications for reinstatement have, upon the recommendation of the committee, been approved. In one instance where request was made for showing as to financial condition, the applicant refused to furnish any information and after having been urged over a long period of time to do so, his application was refused.

In another case, the brother seeking reinstatement had been a member of a lodge at the time it became extinct, owing dues thereto. Upon failure to pay all dues and to take a demit from the Grand Lodge, as provided by law, he had been suspended by action of the Grand Lodge. Upon his petition for reinstatement and upon the payment of all dues owing both to the lodge when it became extinct and to the Grand Lodge, he was restored to good standing and shortly thereafter asked for and received his demit for the purpose of affiliation with a lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction.

DISPENSATIONS.

Requests come for dispensations for many different reasons, but no dispensation has been issued except upon a very clear and satisfactory showing of merit therefor, and a number of requests have accordingly been declined. It would seem that compared to the number of lodges and the membership the number of dispensations issued has been small. They have been as follows:

June 8th, to Sterling Lodge No. 70 to continue work until the charter granted at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge could be issued.

June 8th, to Pythagoras Lodge No. 156 to continue work until the charter granted at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge could be issued.

June 8th, to Holbrook Lodge No. 257 to continue work until the charter granted at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge could be issued.

June 20th, to Lily Lodge No. 154 to elect a Senior Warden out of time, poor health preventing the installation of the brother elected to this station.

July 11th, to Hiram Lodge No. 52 to install a Junior Warden and Secretary out of time, these officers not being able to be present at the regular installation.

July 18th, to Compass and Square Lodge No. 212 to elect and install a Worshipful Master out of time, this being made necessary by failure of the brother elected to accept the office, because of his physical condition.

August 7th, to Faith Lodge No. 181 to spread the ballot upon a petition for the degrees at a special communication and in less than the regularly prescribed time, and in the event of election to proceed with the work in regular manner, save and except with regard to time, due notice of each successive step to be given all members of the lodge. This dispensation was made necessary because of the fact that the petitioner was a cadet in the West Point Military Academy, was at home on furlough, would be unable to again be at home in less than two years, and under the rules and regulations of the Academy he would not be permitted to receive the degrees while there.

August 9th, to Amethyst Lodge No. 190 to install a Secretary out of time, he having been unable to be present at the regular time of installation.

September 5th, to Sioux Lodge No. 277 to install the Senior Warden without regard to time, he being away from home and unable to be installed at the regular time.

October 6th, to Mount Zion Lodge No. 161 to elect and install a Treasurer without regard to time, the brother elected to this station not being qualified at the time of his election.

September 19th, to Jewel Lodge No. 149 to elect and install a Worshipful Master out of time, the brother elected to this station for good reason not having been installed.

November 20th, to York Lodge No. 56 to install the Junior Warden out of time, he for good cause not having been installed during the time prescribed.

December 10th, to Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205 to elect and install a Junior Warden out of time, for good cause shown.

May 21, 1924, to Humboldt Lodge No. 40 to confer the degrees of Fellowcraft Mason and Master Mason without regard to time, and to instruct and examine for proficiency in each degree. In this case it was shown that the brother in whose favor the dispensation was issued has been away from home most of the time and would be required to return to his work in Central America before the conferring of the degrees could be completed in the usual time.

DEGREES CONFERRED BY AND FOR LODGES IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

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The requests made by our own lodges to have degrees conferred as a matter of courtesy by lodges in other Grand Jurisdictions, and also the requests coming from other Grand Jurisdictions for the conferring of degrees as a matter of courtesy by our lodges, are numerous and call for the careful attention of this Grand Lodge, as well as of each of the lodges. Masonic lodges are courteous and use every possible endeavor to be of assistance to each other. There is, however, a serious question as to whether or not the privilege of having a degree conferred as a matter of courtesy by another lodge could not frequently be avoided, and particularly in the case of one who apparently decides at the last minute just before changing his residence that he desires to become a member of our Fraternity, and after having resided within the jurisdiction of the lodge sufficient time to have enabled him to receive the degrees prior to the time he expects to be permanently or temporarily away from the jurisdiction. A few Grand Jurisdictions have for many years had a rule which prevents the conferring of the degree of an Entered Apprentice Mason by one of their lodges as a matter of courtesy.

Within the past year, two Grand Jurisdictions have enacted legislation which prohibits the conferring of the degree of an Entered Apprentice Mason by one of their lodges unless the one to receive the degree was elected by that lodge.

Notwithstanding the fact that Masons and Masonic lodges are always courteous, there is good ground for taking the position that the degree of an Entered Apprentice Mason should not be conferred in any lodge other than the one electing the petitioner to membership, excepting only where there are unusual conditions, and there is also good cause for the view that the conferring of the degrees of Fellow Craft Mason and Master Mason should be in the lodge of membership excepting under unusual circumstances. This matter is fraternally suggested for your consideration.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near other Grand Jurisdictions have been appointed as follows:

Brother Thomas W. Charleton near the Grand Lodge of Utah, commissioned June 16th, 1923.

Brother John Herbert Harper near the Grand Lodge of Arizona, commissioned July 29th, 1923.

Brother Olaf A. Lucas near the Grand Lodge of Missouri, commissioned September 25th, 1923.

Brother George J. Middleton near the Grand Lodge of Delaware, commissioned September 29th, 1923.

Brother Charles M. Farrar near the Grand Lodge of Maine, commissioned December 21st, 1923.

Brother George W. Williams near the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, commissioned May 2d, 1924.

Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska have been appointed by other Grand Jurisdictions as follows:

Alabama, O. Edwin Mickey, Osceola Lodge No. 65.

Alberta, Earl M. Bolen, Tuscan Lodge No. 130.

Arkansas, Chester C. Wells, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.

Georgia, Frank H. Woodland, St. Johns Lodge No. 25.

Ireland, Ira C. Freet, York Lodge No. 56.

Mississippi, Lamont L. Stephens, Porter Lodge No. 106.

FUNERALS.

Being unable to attend the funeral of Past Grand Master Edwin Force Warren, the Grand Master gave his proxy to M. W. Samuel P. Davidson, Past Grand Master, who attended the funeral and conducted the ceremony, thus redeeming a promise made by Brother Davidson to Brother Warren many years ago.

The Grand Master attended the funeral of Past Grand Master Gibbons at Kearney.

The funeral of Past Grand Master Hull was conducted at his former home town of Edgar. Being unable to attend, the Grand Master gave his proxy to Past Grand Master Samuel P. Davidson, who attended and conducted the funeral.

The funeral of Past Grand Master Morgan was held at Broken Bow, conducted on invitation of the Worshipful Master of his lodge by the Grand Master. R. W. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, and many other brethren from a distance were in attendance at the funeral.

Brother Fred Kuenneth of Hastings Lodge No. 50 had for many years been recognized as active in Masonic work in that city and the surrounding portion of the Grand Jurisdiction, and for a number of years had given largely of his time and energy to the work of the De Molay. He was claimed by death early in April, and in compliance with request the Grand Master conducted his funeral at Hastings.

BY-LAWS.

The provision of the law under which the lodges are authorized to enact by-laws for their own government not inconsistent with the constitution and by-laws of this Grand Lodge, or with the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, is frequently invoked by the lodges, and the work of examining and approving by-laws is no small part of the work of the Grand Master. Here again we find proof of the fact that a clear understanding of the law and a careful compliance therewith would save much time, as well as work, for

those charged with the responsibility in the work of our Grand Jurisdiction. Not in any respect in the spirit of complaint nor of fault finding, but altogether with the hope that the suggestion may be of benefit to the officers of the lodges and those of the Grand Lodge under whose jurisdiction the subject comes, the suggestion is made that before any lodge undertakes to amend its by-laws, its officers, as well as members, should give careful consideration to the law in this Grand Jurisdiction. This suggestion is offered not only to the end that much correspondence and work might be saved in the enactment of amendments to by-laws, but with the further thought in view that many of our lodges carry by-law provisions where the subject matter is already fully covered by the legislation of this Grand Lodge.

There would seem to be no good purpose in naming the lodges for which by-laws have been approved nor the various subject matters covered by such amendments. By-laws have been approved for eighty-one lodges, eight of these being complete sets of by-laws and the other seventy-three being amendments to certain portions, and in numerous instances amendments have been made for the same lodge relating to different sections and different subjects.

JORDAN MEDALS.

Upon invitation, the Grand Master was pleased to present to Brother John Hamilton, on behalf of Charity Lodge No. 53, the Jordan Medal of that lodge.

The Gold Jordan Medal is worn by Brother James D. Edwards of Stromsburg Lodge No. 126, and it was the pleasure of the Grand Master to meet this brother in his home lodge and on behalf of the brethren of his lodge to present to him, upon his birthday, a gift in token of the respect and appreciation and brotherly love in which he is held. This good brother carries with dignity the years and the honors which have come to him, and continues active in his interest in his lodge and zeal for our Fraternity. We all unite in the hope that he may be given many, many more years among us.

CORNER STONES.

On July 20th, the Grand Master laid the corner stone for the new public school building at Orchard, Nebraska, this being within the jurisdiction of Diamond Lodge No. 291, at Royal, and was assisted by R. W. Robert R. Dickson, Deputy Grand Master, M. W. Harry A. Cheney, Past Grand Master, M. W. Andrew H. Viele, Past Grand Master, and V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain.

On July 24th, the corner stone of the R. J. Barr Junior High School at Grand Island, within the jurisdiction of Ashlar Lodge No. 33, was laid by the Grand Master with the assistance of R. W. John Wright, Grand Senior Warden, V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, W. Merrill B. Carman, Grand Orator, W. Albert R. Davis, Grand Marshal, and W. Ira C. Freet, Grand Junior Deacon.

Invitation was duly accepted and all arrangements made to lay the corner stone for the new public school building at Morse Bluffs within the jurisdiction of North Bend Lodge No. 119, on the 25th day of September. Finding it impossible to attend upon this occasion, the proxy of the Grand

Master was given to V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, our Grand Chaplain, who laid the stone with the assistance of W. Merrill B. Carman, Grand Orator, and W. Ira C. Freet, Grand Junior Deacon.

CHANGE OF NAME.

Emil Andrew Vogeltanz, being a Master Mason in good standing in St. Johns Lodge No. 25, by action of the federal court had his name changed to Emil Andrews, and thereafter made application to his lodge to have his name changed on the Masonic records. After his lodge had taken action giving approval to and changing the name, there was submitted a certified copy of the court decree showing the change of the name, and upon a showing of the action of his lodge approving the change an order was entered by the Grand Master directing the change of name on the records in the office of the Grand Secretary and of his lodge.

PHYSICAL DEFECTS.

By enactment of this Grand Lodge, it is provided that one cannot be initiated who has "physical imperfections which impair his ability to support himself and family, or by reason of which he is unable to conform to all of our peculiar rites and ceremonies." The year has brought a number of requests for information as to whether certain physical defects would preclude the initiation of the one desiring to become a member of our Fraternity. It would seem this matter has been covered so carefully by rulings and decisions in years gone by as to make unadvisable an effort to set forth individual cases which have been presented, nor would there be occasion for designation as a decision any expression of views of the cases presented.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

It was the hope of the Grand Master at the beginning of the year to visit many of the lodges in all portions of the Grand Jurisdiction, but because of sickness in the home and because of the urgent press of many Grand Lodge matters it became impossible to do so. However, it has been the pleasure of the Grand Master to meet with the brethren of the following lodges:

Capitol Lodge No. 3; Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6; Tecumseh Lodge No. 17; Lincoln Lodge No. 19; Beatrice Lodge No. 26; Crete Lodge No. 37; Hebron Lodge No. 43; Rob Morris Lodge No. 46; Hastings Lodge No. 50; Charity Lodge No. 53; Lancaster Lodge No. 54; York Lodge No. 56; Melrose Lodge No. 60; Nelson Lodge No. 77; Hubbell Lodge No. 92; Porter Lodge No. 106; Stromsburg Lodge No. 126; Minden Lodge No. 127; McCook Lodge No. 135; Clay Center Lodge No. 139; Jachin Lodge No. 146; Magnolia Lodge No. 220; Silver Cord Lodge No. 224; Grace Lodge No. 226; George Washington Lodge No. 250; Liberty Lodge No. 300; Mizpah Lodge No. 302.

The visit to Charity Lodge No. 53 at Red Cloud was occasioned by the annual picnic of that lodge, to which surrounding lodges had been invited. These occasions are always pleasant and are of benefit to the Craft.

The brethren of our lodges in Dixon county and the Eastern Star Chapters have established the pleasant custom of an annual meeting. The meeting this year was held at Emerson, and it was the pleasure of the Grand Master to attend this meeting at the time of the visit to Magnolia Lodge No. 220. The brethren of this lodge feel a just and proper pride in the fact that

a young man raised to manhood in their community petitioned for and received the degrees in their lodge and thereafter, having moved to the Grand Jurisdiction of Idaho, was honored by being elected and installed Grand Master of that Grand Lodge, a position now held by him. The brethren of our Grand Jurisdiction rejoice with the brethren of Magnolia Lodge because of the honor conferred upon this brother, Grand Master Victor Peterson.

On invitation of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Grand Master was pleased to visit and address the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter this year. The work of this Order continues in success, and their interest in and support of the Children's Home at Fremont is in all respects worthy of commendation.

Our Grand Jurisdiction, although young in years, has reached the age when Fiftieth Anniversaries of the establishment of lodges are not altogether uncommon, and Hebron Lodge No. 43 and Hastings Lodge No. 50 observed their Fiftieth Anniversaries during this Masonic year, the visits of the Grand Master to these lodges being because of these pleasant occasions. With the passing of time comes a realization of opportunity and responsibility, and the good brethren of these lodges are resolved to demonstrate the accomplishment of the things that are right.

The uniform courtesy of the brethren in all lodges visited has been deeply appreciated. The reception of the Grand Master is never considered personal in any respect either by the lodge or by him who by the will of his brethren temporarily occupies that high and exalted station, but the brethren of the Craft are always pleased when the Grand Master finds it possible to be in their home lodge.

This is one of the most important duties of the Grand Master, for it is impossible for anyone occupying this station to visit all of the lodges during his term of office, and there are lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction which have not had the privilege of a visit from a Grand Master in many years. These visits give opportunity for the brethren and the officers of the Grand Lodge to be drawn nearer together, and to obtain that personal contact which is so beneficial to a correct understanding and appreciation of all great and important works. If some method could be devised under which the Grand Master might visit more of the lodges during his term of office, it would be of undoubted benefit.

GENERAL.

Under the heading of "General" will be included some of the more important matters which have been presented for consideration and suggestion, but because of coming more properly under the general classification of interpretations of the law will not be included in the decisions:

(1) (a) An unaffiliated brother presented a demit to Mount Zion Lodge No. 161, and attempt was made to admit him to membership without petition for affiliation and without reference, ballot being had only upon the demit. It was held that the law not having been complied with on material points, the brother was not a member of Mount Zion Lodge. He later petitioned for affiliation in proper manner and was elected to membership.

(b) Before being duly elected to membership, this brother was elected Treasurer of the lodge. This was held illegal, and that a Treasurer should be duly elected.

(2) (a) Various requests have been received as to proper use of the questionnaire, and in response to different inquiries rulings have been made covering the following: Questionnaire to be presented to petitioner after receiving and referring of petition; to be filled out and returned as soon as possible and to go to investigating committee for their information and use; to be presented to lodge with the petition for final action and lodge to have benefit of the questionnaire before ballot.

(b) The question being propounded by a lodge as to what course to follow where a petitioner declines to submit the questionnaire, it was suggested that the disposition of the petition was to be determined by the lodge, but prudence, as well as a spirit of complying with proper Masonic requirements, would dictate that no one should be elected to receive the degrees who for any reason declined to properly return the questionnaire.

(3) Inquiry was received from Lancaster Lodge No. 54, and also from other lodges, as to method to be pursued for the withdrawal of a petition under authority of Section 108 of the law as amended in 1923, and the following ruling was made:

(a) Petitioner to submit written request for withdrawal of petition stating lack of jurisdiction or physical defect relied upon.

(b) Request to be presented in open lodge and upon favorable action by lodge proper record thereof to be made showing cause for withdrawal.

(c) Upon withdrawal, petition to have endorsed upon it material facts showing the withdrawal and thereafter to remain a part of the files of the lodge.

(d) Upon withdrawal, the lodge to take no further action upon petition.

(e) Upon failure to make proper showing to authorize withdrawal of petition, the petition to be proceeded with in regular manner either to rejection by ballot or by objection.

(4) Lancaster Lodge No. 54 presented the case of a petitioner rejected by their lodge who, after six months, again petitioned and was elected to receive the degrees, but objection filed before degree of an Entered Apprentice Mason conferred. Thereafter the petitioner changed his place of residence and had resided for more than twelve months continuously within the territorial jurisdiction of another lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction. The objection being removed and the petitioner desiring to receive the degrees, the lodge desired to know whether or not his petition should be presented to Lancaster Lodge or the lodge within whose territorial jurisdiction he now resides. Ruling was made that under the provisions of Section 108 of the law, and that portion of Section 123 which provides that in case of objection the lodge holds jurisdiction over the candidate the same as though he had been rejected by ballot, the petition should be presented to Lancaster Lodge unless a regular waiver was granted by that lodge.

(5) In answer to an inquiry from Bloomfield Lodge No. 218, it was ruled that the amendment of 1923 to Subdivision *o* of Section 148 of the law was applicable to those who had become Master Masons before the time of the amendment, in like manner as those who should thereafter receive the

degree of a Master Mason, and that it was the intent of the amendment that the attendance might be either at regular or special meetings of the lodge.

(6) Replying to inquiry from Liberty Lodge No. 300, it was ruled that the office of trustee in a lodge not being provided for in the law in this Grand Jurisdiction, and there being no requirement for his installation as an officer of the lodge, there would be nothing to prevent a trustee, in a lodge having trustees, from resigning from the office nor from demitting from the lodge.

(a) Inquiry was made on behalf of Beatrice Lodge No. 26 as to whether or not a brother could serve the lodge as trustee at the same time he held a Warden's station. Answer was returned that the office of trustee is created only at the will of the lodge by the enactment of proper by-law therefor, and unless the by-laws of a lodge provide that a brother cannot be a trustee and at the same time hold an official station in the lodge, there would be no reason why he could not serve as an officer in the lodge and as a trustee at the same time.

(7) Upon inquiry made by a lodge through the Grand Secretary, the following ruling was made:

(a) A petition for affiliation cannot be received and referred at a special communication of a lodge, and

(b) A demitted brother petitioning for affiliation on a demit more than one year old at the time of the receiving and referring of the petition, and being thereafter rejected in the lodge petitioned, will be required upon future election to pay the affiliation fee provided for in Section 81 of the law, even though he renew his application for affiliation as often as once in each six months after his original petition for affiliation.

(8) Upon another inquiry through the office of the Grand Secretary, it was ruled that an unaffiliated brother whose petition for affiliation was received and referred in less than one year after the issuance of the demit, and who upon petition was rejected, and who thereafter had petitioned as often as once in each six months, upon election would not be required to pay the affiliation fee provided for in Section 81 of the law.

(9) In response to inquiry from Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, it was held that under the provisions of Section 88 of the law, the lodge could not make appropriation from its funds for a donation to church activities.

(10) Inquiry has come from a number of lodges as to whether or not charges should be preferred in the lodge against a brother while a criminal case against him was pending in the state courts, and in these instances answer has been returned that a Masonic trial is independent of the trial in the state courts, and that a conviction in a state court would not of necessity compel a conviction in the lodge, the proper certifying of the conviction in the state court being received in the lodge as *prima facie* evidence under our law; that an acquittal in the state court would not necessitate an acquittal in the lodge, but the action of the lodge should be dependent upon the question of guilt or innocence as determined by the lodge; that the question as to whether charges should be preferred in the lodge before final disposition of case in the state courts was to be determined by the sound discretion of the Master, and in a large measure would be dependent upon whether or not

sufficient evidence could be obtained in the lodge trial to sustain a conviction therein.

(11) In response to inquiry from Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, suggestion was made that Masonry requires of its votaries a belief in the existence of God, but beyond this the matter of religious belief or church membership is a matter to be determined by each brother for himself, and it would necessarily follow there could be no action of the lodge under which a brother could be compelled to attend a church service upon an invitation for the brethren to attend in a body. Also Section 129 of the law providing no meeting of the lodge shall be held on Sunday except to conduct a funeral, a lodge could not be opened for the purpose of attending a church service and the apron of a Mason should only be used when a lodge is regularly opened. This ruling might perhaps be challenged by reason of the provisions of Section 75 of the law, and there should be action of this Grand Lodge harmonizing the provisions of these two sections. A similar question was presented by Fairmont Lodge No. 48 and a like ruling made.

(12) The Worshipful Master of Euclid Lodge No. 97 submitted the question as to whether or not the Master has the right to have stricken from the minutes of the last meeting a motion made and carried which was in violation of the law, he having been absent from the meeting at which action was taken thereon. The motion was to "meet at the lodge room on Sunday and open lodge for the purpose of attending church in a body clothed as Masons." The object of the motion being in violation of Section 129 of the law, answer was given that the Master has the right to direct the expunging of the record.

(13) The Worshipful Master of Mosaic Lodge No. 55 called attention to and asked for suggestion regarding a meeting of their lodge held on a regular meeting night of their lodge which was opened and presided over by a Past Master, neither the Worshipful Master, the Senior Warden or Junior Warden being present, and ruling was made that under the provisions of Section 51 of the law such a meeting was illegal. It was ordered that the records thereof be expunged and that all matters attempted to be acted upon at this illegal meeting should be presented at the next regular communication of the lodge for consideration and action. Later it was reported that this order had in all respects been complied with.

(14) Question has been submitted by the Grand Secretary in a few instances as to whether or not the rolls should be made to show the suspension for non-payment of dues of brethren where the lodge had voted for suspension but the necessary preliminary requirements of the law had not been met, and in each instance it was held that the lodge must comply with the requirements of the law before a brother could be suspended for non-payment of dues.

(15) Attention was called to an advertisement distributed by a brother holding his membership in another Grand Jurisdiction, but residing within our Grand Jurisdiction. This advertising so closely approached a violation of Subdivision *f* of Section 148 of the law as to call for investigation. This matter being brought to the attention of the brother, he immediately said he

had no intention of violating the law, and that all advertisements remaining in his possession would be destroyed. Under these circumstances, it was not thought advisable to call the matter to the attention of his lodge, through the Grand Master of that Grand Jurisdiction. This is a very important matter and our Grand Lodge should sound no uncertain note on the enforcement of this portion of our law.

(16) The following query was presented on behalf of Grafton Lodge No. 172: Prior to January 1, 1924, a brother had paid his dues for this year, but after the payment and prior to January 1st, the lodge by proper action had increased the amount of dues. Could the brother be required to make payment of the difference between the amount paid and the amount provided for in the by-laws? Answer was returned setting forth that dues are charged on the first day of January each year, and each brother is indebted to the lodge on that date for the amount of dues named in the by-law then in force, and a receipt given prior to that time will not relieve a brother from the payment of the increased amount, and if payment was not made voluntarily the brother would be in the same situation as any other brother who declines or fails to pay his dues and could be proceeded against in regular manner and with like effect.

DECISIONS.

Decisions have been made as follows:

(1) Inquiry was made by Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 as to whether or not non-Masons could act as pallbearers at a Masonic funeral, and whether or not it would be proper for the pallbearers not to be clothed as Masons. The brethren were advised that in a Masonic funeral it is not lawful for a profane to act as pallbearer, and the pallbearers should be clothed as Masons. (Large Monitor, Rule 4, page 147; Rule 10, page 148; Rule 14, page 149.)

(2) Inquiry was made by Kimball Lodge No. 294 as to whether or not at a Masonic funeral there is objection to placing another lodge or organization between the hearse and the Masonic lodge, to which answer was returned that this could not lawfully be done. (Large Monitor, Rule 10, page 148; Order of March, page 150.)

(3) In response to inquiry from Mosaic Lodge No. 55, it was held: An unaffiliated brother who petitions for affiliation as often as once in each six months is entitled to be instructed and examined in any lodge as to his proficiency in the degree of a Master Mason, and upon being found proficient this fact should be certified to the lodge in which the unaffiliated brother received the degree of a Master Mason, if examined in another lodge, and upon his election to membership in a lodge the examination shall in like manner, upon request, be certified to the lodge electing him to membership.

(4) In response to inquiry from Stromsburg Lodge No. 126, it was held: A brother asking a demit at a time when his lodge will be liable for payment to the Grand Lodge of dues upon his membership shall pay to his lodge the amount of dues owing by his lodge to the Grand Lodge on his membership and in addition thereto, as provided by Section 80 of the law, the proportion of dues for the benefit of his lodge from the end of the month in which the demit is issued.

(5) In response to inquiry from Mount Zion Lodge No. 161, it was held:

(a) Where a brother elected Treasurer of a lodge is not installed, the previously elected Treasurer cannot hold over by virtue of his election and installation the previous year, and the office should be filled by election and installation.

(b) That authority to elect and install a Treasurer without regard to time could be included in one dispensation and covered by one fee.

(6) In response to inquiry from Temple Lodge No. 175, it was held where a special assessment has been levied by a lodge upon its membership, a brother is not clear on the books who has not paid this special assessment, and a demit cannot be lawfully issued to him until this special assessment has been paid.

(7) In response to inquiry by Mosaic Lodge No. 55, ruling was made: A lodge may hold a meeting on St. Johns Day to which the Order of the Eastern Star and members of the Masonic and Eastern Star families may be admitted in like manner as they are admitted to a public installation of the officers of the lodge.

(8) In response to inquiry by Canopy Lodge No. 209, it was held: All dues and special assessments levied by a lodge must be uniform upon the membership, and one amount cannot be levied upon resident members and a different amount upon non-resident members.

(9) In response to inquiry from Hebron Lodge No. 43 as to whether a person with Indian blood in his veins could become a Mason, it was held that blood lines are not recognized under the law in this Grand Jurisdiction, and consequently the fact that a petitioner carries Indian blood in his veins would not of itself bar him from the right of petition and being a Mason, if he was duly elected and admitted to membership.

(10) The following situation arose in Jewel Lodge No. 149: The newly elected Master did not accept the office and was not installed. Other officers of the lodge were installed, and it was thought the present Master would hold over throughout the ensuing Masonic year. It was held:

(a) That the lodge should proceed under dispensation to elect and install a Master for the ensuing year.

(b) That the installation of the Senior Warden for the ensuing Masonic year divested the Master installed for the previous year of any right to act as Master during the ensuing Masonic year.

(11) Inquiry has been made from Ashlar Lodge No. 33 as to whether or not more than one ballot box can be used in balloting upon a petition for the degrees or for membership by affiliation, and it was held the ballot cannot be divided and but one ballot box can be used in voting on a petition.

(12) The Worshipful Master of Unity Lodge No. 163 declined to authorize the examination for the purpose of visitation in his lodge of one claiming to be a Master Mason in good standing in this Grand Jurisdiction, but who declined to submit receipt or other documentary evidence showing him to be such. Upon reference to the Grand Master, the Worshipful Master was sustained in his position.

(13) In response to inquiry by the Worshipful Master of Hastings Lodge No. 50, it was held:

(a) In a Masonic trial one who is not a Master Mason in good standing cannot appear as attorney before a commission appointed for the purpose of taking testimony, in like manner as he could not appear in the trial in the lodge.

(b) The stenographer taking the testimony before a commission should be a Master Mason in good standing.

(c) An affidavit, if objected to, cannot be used as evidence in a Masonic trial.

(14) A man having a lawful Masonic residence within the territorial jurisdiction of Melrose Lodge No. 60 and with right of petition to this lodge, petitioned Harlan Lodge No. 116 for the three degrees, petition received and favorably proceeded with until the petitioner had been passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason, when attention was directed by a member of Harlan Lodge to the fact that the petitioner did not have a Masonic residence within the jurisdiction of that lodge. The matter being presented for advice as to procedure, it was held:

(1)

(a) Harlan Lodge was without authority to receive and ballot upon the petition, and was without authority to proceed further therewith.

(b) The conferring of the degrees was not void but irregular.

(c) All fees collected, less the amount to be remitted to the Grand Lodge, to be remitted to Melrose Lodge as provided by law.

(d) All proceedings of Harlan Lodge relating to the petition to be immediately certified to Melrose Lodge.

(2) If the petitioner desires advancement, he must petition Melrose Lodge No. 60 setting forth the facts of his petition to Harlan Lodge and the action thereon, and upon favorable action upon his petition in Melrose Lodge, the irregularity in the conferring of the degrees by Harlan Lodge to be healed and the work thereafter to proceed in Melrose Lodge in regular manner.

A situation was presented between Solar Lodge No. 134 and Silver Lodge No. 266 in which the facts were identical with those between Harlan Lodge and Melrose Lodge, excepting that the petitioner had only been advanced to the degree of an Entered Apprentice Mason. Ruling was made in harmony with that between Harlan and Melrose Lodges, the petition having been unlawfully received by Solar Lodge from one living within the jurisdiction of Silver Lodge.

(15) The following facts were submitted: A man who up to the time of removal held residence giving him right of petition to Mosaic Lodge No. 55, at Norfolk, voted at Norfolk at an election in the spring of 1922. Thereafter, on or about the 19th of May, 1922, he moved with his family to Humphrey, Nebraska, and voted at Humphrey at the general election held in the fall of 1922 and continued to reside in Humphrey, this being within the territorial jurisdiction of Globe Lodge No. 113 at Madison. Thereafter, on or about December 5th, 1922, he petitioned Mosaic Lodge No. 55 for the

three degrees. The petition was received and referred and proceeded with favorably until the degree of an Entered Apprentice Mason had been conferred. It was held:

(1)

(a) Mosaic Lodge was without authority to receive and proceed with the petition, and was without authority to proceed further.

(b) The conferring of the degree of an Entered Apprentice Mason was not void, but irregular.

(c) The petitioner was without right to petition any lodge until he had established a Masonic residence by residing within the territorial jurisdiction not less than twelve months continuously prior to petition, as provided by law.

(d) Mosaic Lodge to remit to Grand Lodge the fee collected from petitioner for the degree of an Entered Apprentice Mason, to be divided so that the amount over and above that regularly remitted for the degree of an Entered Apprentice Mason shall be placed in the Building and Improvement Fund.

(2)

(a) The petitioner, after establishing a residence giving him right of petition to a lodge and desiring to advance, should petition the lodge within whose jurisdiction he resides setting forth the facts of previous petition and action thereon.

(b) If elected, the conferring of the degree in Mosaic Lodge to be healed, and the work thereafter to proceed in regular manner.

(c) Mosaic Lodge, upon his election, to certify to the lodge electing him all of its proceedings.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following matters are suggested for action by this Grand Lodge at its present annual communication.

(1) That proper action be taken for the amendment of Section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution so as to provide that in the event of the death of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, or the officer in proper line of succession, shall succeed to the office of Grand Master and be immediately installed into office.

(2) The advisability of Worshipful Masters-elect receiving the degree of Past Master under the direction of the Grand Custodian on the evening preceding the annual communication of the Grand Lodge does not seem to be open to question. There are, however, some brethren each year who for one reason and another do not attend the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and receive the degree of Past Master from other brethren. It would seem this degree should not be conferred by anyone who is not thoroughly capable of conferring it, and recommendation is hereby made for legislation which will require the degree of Past Master to be conferred upon Worshipful Masters-elect under the direction and control of the Grand Custodian.

(3) The amendment of Section 78 of the law so as to provide for the approval by the Grand Master of proposed amendments to by-laws of lodges, with right of appeal to the Grand Lodge, and further to provide for the forwarding of the proposed amendments to the Grand Master rather than to the Grand Secretary as now provided.

(4) An amendment to Chapter 29 of the law to fix a time limit within which an expelled Mason cannot be restored to membership excepting upon a clear showing of his innocence of the charge upon which he was expelled. Further to provide that restoration can be made within five years from time of expulsion only by a unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge, except upon a clear showing of innocence. Also to eliminate from Section 209 of said chapter that portion indicating that an expelled Mason might attend a regular meeting of the lodge, as being inconsistent with the penalty of expulsion, and further to provide for the giving of written notice to members of a lodge of the pendency of an application for restoration after expulsion.

(5) Enactment of a law declaring it unlawful to discuss in lodge a petition for the degrees or for affiliation either before or after ballot.

(6) The codification of approved Decision No. 2 shown on page 283 of the proceedings of 1923, relating to the advancement of a Fellow Craft Mason after a period of five years after receiving the degree.

(7) To amend Section 138 of the law so as to provide that demit shall not be issued until there has been filed with the lodge a certificate from another lodge showing the brother to have been elected to membership therein, and providing for the issuance by a lodge of a certificate to a brother seeking to affiliate with another lodge, showing him to be in good standing.

(8) To incorporate into the law provision relating to the questionnaire and to provide that the ballot shall not be spread on any petition until the questionnaire has been returned duly filled out and for the benefit of the committee, and the lodge. To further provide that on failure of petitioner to return questionnaire within a designated time, the petitioner should be declared rejected without ballot as in case of the filing of an objection.

(9) The completion to date of the printing of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge in the permanent bound volumes.

(10) Adoption of a new form of application for reinstatement after suspension for more than three years for non-payment of dues, application to provide for a financial statement to be signed by the applicant.

(11) Adoption of legislation harmonizing Section 75 and Section 129 of the law.

(12) Amend Section 103 of the law relating to concurrent jurisdiction so as to provide that a lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction receiving a petition from a citizen in this Grand Jurisdiction shall immediately notify our lodge of the receipt of the petition and take no further action for thirty days after such notification, and if the petitioner has been rejected by a Nebraska lodge no further proceedings may be had by the other lodge without the consent, lawfully given, of the Nebraska lodge holding jurisdiction. A Nebraska lodge receiving a like petition from a resident of another Grand Jurisdiction to proceed in like manner.

(13) To provide that in case one lodge invades the jurisdiction of another or receives and ballots upon the petition of one not having a lawful Masonic residence, it shall not only pay to the injured lodge all of the fees excepting that part due the Grand Lodge as now provided by law, but it shall also pay to the Grand Lodge as penalty double the amount of fees collected, and in addition thereto at the option of the Grand Master to suffer the arrest of its charter.

(14) By reason of legislation from year to year, numerous inconsistencies are found in the printed law in this Grand Jurisdiction, and it is recommended that the incoming Grand Master be directed to appoint a commission of five to make study of the law and to propose amendments to the law, and to report at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge, appropriation of a reasonable amount to be made for stenographic work and necessary expenses.

HOME FOLKS.

Early in this Masonic year the brethren of Minden Lodge No. 127, with the valuable assistance of the members of the home Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, tendered a reception to the Grand Master. This highly appreciated and pleasant occasion was increased in its joy and in its benefits by the attendance of our Grand Senior Warden, R. W. John Wright, our Grand Chaplain, V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, our Grand Orator W. Merrill B. Carman, and Worshipful Brothers Orville A. Andrews and Francis A. Robey, Assistant Custodians. The spirit of home folks as manifested upon this and numerous occasions, and in so many substantial ways, is appreciated beyond the power of words to express, and as the duties of the office of Grand Master pass to another in all respects worthy to assume them, the one who is retiring feels a profound sense of satisfaction in knowing that the opportunity for service will in so many ways ever remain open, and that he may again find it possible to be in attendance at the meetings of his home lodge, and to render such assistance in the work as may be possible.

Wherever duty or opportunity of service may bid and lead one, whether it be far or near, there is always the thought of home and of home folks, and there is a peculiar and helpful feeling brought into the life of each of us by a realization that the folks at home are interested and watching and ready to render any possible assistance, and it is my desire to communicate to the brethren of the Craft my deep appreciation of home folks.

The home has been exalted through the teachings and precepts of our Craft and its place is made more important as civilization advances, and the advancement of civilization is in a large way dependent upon the home. Around it are clustered the fondest memories of life; in it are advanced the highest ideals and the things most worth while. As we build in the homes of our families, so should we build in our community homes, those things which are helpful, uplifting, and beneficial. That which strikes at the home of the family strikes at organized society, and that which endangers the community home life, and spirit, in like measure strikes at those things which are fundamental and should under every condition be protected and safeguarded.

TOGETHER, BRETHERN, FORWARD!

And now, my brethren, effort has been made to present to you in this address the official acts of the Grand Master during the year. The very nature of the duties of Grand Master and the multitude of matters coming before him for attention make impossible the recitation of all things which have claimed attention and have been acted upon, but it is believed that those of most importance have been presented to you. Another year of work in this Grand Jurisdiction has been completed. We stand at the threshold of a new year with enlarged opportunities and responsibilities. Our great institution of Freemasonry has come down to us through the generations as a rich heritage left by those who have builded well, realizing their responsibility and purpose to make the world better. It is for those of us who are in the activities of today to build well that the rich inheritance which we have received may be transmitted on to the generations of the future, stronger and better than it has come to us. There are times of disappointment and even of sorrow, but these things should not, and I am sure do not, cause us to lose heart. We are reminded sometimes that "there are indications of a sky not so clear and waters not so placid for the future." But the future will in large measure be what we of today make it, by reason of the foundation we lay, and we are reminded that there is

No year of only sunshine,
 No year of naught but dew,
 For in life's course of splendor
 With all that's grand and true,
 There comes the day of sorrow
 • With its night of thunderstorm.

But through it all in goodness
 God guides our feet aright,
 And brings the bright tomorrow
 With life of worth and light,
 And beckons further onward
 In the serving of mankind.

It is seldom that there is a day so clear, nor a sky so blue, but that there is either near or far on the horizon a storm cloud or at least a small thunderhead. The affairs of men are always more or less disturbed. Men in their humanity do not always see things alike, but Masonry presents a living opportunity for a living service by all of its votaries to all mankind. The strength of our organization is dependent upon the average strength of its membership, and there comes to you and to me and to all of us the opportunity of individual service and individual responsibilities. It is not enough that we realize the responsibility of the great institution of Freemasonry and of the other brother; it is not sufficient that we know our own duty; but it is for each of us individually to know our duty, to appreciate our responsibilities, to be true to the trust imposed upon us by our great Fraternity, and to the best of our ability help all others to do likewise. And if we as individuals, and through our lodges, are faithful in the discharge of duty there can be no question as to the success of the future and the progress that will be made.

Our Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction during the past year has made substantial progress and the future bids fair for greater success. Our strength

is truly counted not so much in numbers as in quality, and the fixed purpose of our brethren to discharge faithfully their responsibilities. The brethren in this Grand Jurisdiction are awake to the opportunity for service and the responsibilities placed upon them by reason of their voluntary membership in this great institution of Freemasonry. Let us continue our efforts at advancement. Let us know of the antiquity, the history, the strength of our Craft. Let us realize that it is not primarily a social organization, nor an association of light purposes and trifling moment. Let us realize that it is a great institution which has come down to us out of the centuries after faithful service, and realizing this, knowing not only our limitations but our opportunities, we will press on and ever onward to the practical realization of the true principles upon which our institution is founded.

We are taught to be true to our government. As citizens of this nation, we are blessed beyond measure. We proudly yield it allegiance of love and activity. Let us never lose confidence in any respect in our government. Let us remember that if men through weakness have betrayed their trust it was the weakness of the individual and not of the government. Let us remember that to err is a weakness of mankind, and guilt is personal, and the strong arm of our government will bring to the bar of justice and to punishment the guilty, and that it should and does protect the innocent. Let us continue in true recognition of constituted authority, and in support of law and order. Let us remember that the rights of freemen are protected by the justice of freemen by themselves administered, and that ultimately right will prevail, and justice will always triumph. Let us ever press forward with confidence in our fellowmen and with true reliance upon the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and let us recall the words of the Psalmist wherein he said:

"Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God."

And let us join with him in the supplication to God to

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Permit me at this time to again express appreciation of the honors you have so generously bestowed and the confidence you have reposed in me, to assure you that this is appreciated far more than language can express and that there is the earnest desire to serve faithfully in the future shoulder to shoulder with each and all of you. And as the gavel of authority and responsibility which you placed in my hand one year ago is soon to be passed to the hand of another, worthy in all respects to receive it, let me not only bid you welcome to this annual communication of our Grand Lodge but again express the appreciation of the generous kindness and hearty co-operation extended by each and all of the brethren and the lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction, and also express the hope that this meeting will in all respects be pleasant and with great profit to the Craft.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES A. CHAPPELL,

Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master, together with the following reports of the Grand Secretary, the Grand Custodian, the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home in charge of the Orphans Educational Fund, and the Certified Public Accountant, were referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers:

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

To the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

I submit herewith my report for the year ending June 2d, 1924.

COLLECTION OF ANCIENT WEAPONS.

The John J. Monell collection and the George W. Lininger collection have been partly catalogued. The work is being done by Professor Edwin H. Barbour, Ph. D., University of Nebraska, and assistants from his office, with our Grand Chaplain, Charles M. Shepherd, rendering valuable assistance in describing the several articles in both collections. The work of cataloguing will add greatly to the value of the collection. The thanks of the Grand Lodge are due and should be tendered to all who have aided in the work.

JOHN J. MONELL LIBRARY.

The work of cataloguing the John J. Monell library has been nearly completed. A cabinet and cards were purchased and the work done without interfering with the general office work.

BINDING PROCEEDINGS OF OTHER GRAND LODGES.

One hundred and sixty-two volumes of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges have been bound and are now in the Grand Lodge library. We now have in the library 1,116 bound volumes of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges, all in the same style of binding. The 162 volumes bound in the past years were the accumulation of several years and consisted of all we had on hand that were complete issues. We have the entire proceedings of some Grand Lodges, but our list is not complete as some year's proceedings are missing.

GRIEVANCES.

All papers relating to grievances that reached the office, except those sent to the Grand Master, were forwarded to the chairman of the Committee on Grievances.

MONITOR AND CEREMONIES.

Bids for printing and binding our small monitors have been submitted to the Committee on Finance, from which to select the best and cheapest bid, and to determine whether the edition should consist of 3,000 or 5,000 copies. The new edition will be the seventh. The previous six editions consisted of a total of 16,000 copies.

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND.

Cash Debit.

Amount on hand June 5th, 1923	\$ 83,215.49
Dues on 38,642 members, less 47 exemptions, 7 members of lodges, U. D., net number collected on, 38,588 at \$2.50 each	96,470.00
Fees on 1,775 members initiated at \$5.00 each, including 6 previous- ly omitted	8,880.00
Penalties assessed in 1923	30.08
Fees on 1,769 initiated, at \$10.00 each	17,690.00
Fees on 91 affiliations, at \$10.00 each	910.00
Supplies sold to lodges	2,637.78
Supplies sold to Grand Chapter, R. A. M.	11.20
To correct error in pay-roll, 1920	12.05
Amount returned from pay-roll, 1923	25.72
Interest on daily balances	1,029.72
Charter fee, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314	75.00
Duplicate charter for three lodges	58.50
Special dispensations	160.00
Interest on Government bonds	425.00
Certificate of deposit collected, War Relief Fund	2,500.00
Interest on above certificate of deposit, War Relief Fund	48.60
Victory bonds called in, War Relief Fund	25,588.15
Profit on Victory bonds called in, War Relief Fund	1,111.85
Interest on Victory bonds called in, War Relief Fund	543.55
Interest on Government bonds, War Relief Fund	1,262.25
Interest on Government bonds, Building and Improvement Fund ..	1,700.00
Overcharge on account interest Government bonds, Building and Improvement Fund	1.74
	\$244,386.68

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND.

Cash Credit.

Pay-roll, 1923	\$ 4,896.96
Engraving portrait Edward M. Wellman	105.45
Premium, Grand Secretary's bond	15.00
Premium, Deputy Grand Secretary's bond	15.00
Flowers, memorial service	25.00
Flowers, funeral Past Grand Master Warren	10.00
Stenographer, Grand Lodge session, 1923	10.00
Grand Tyler, Grand Lodge, 1923	15.00
Organist, Grand Lodge, 1923	10.00
Childrens Homes, Fremont	8,500.00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence	200.00
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, 10% fees and dues, 1923	6,680.60

Refund Franklin Lodge No. 264	\$ 10.00
Lily Lodge No. 154, mileage and per diem omitted 1922	13.92
Mount Zion Lodge No. 161, mileage and per diem omitted 1920 ..	12.06
War Relief Fund, Government bonds purchased	29,375.16
War Relief Fund, account interest on Government bonds pur- chased	213.88
Building and Improvement Fund, Government bonds purchased ..	97,331.00
Building and Improvement Fund, accrued interest bonds pur- chased	1,467.96
Robert E. French	1,800.00
Francis E. White	2,400.00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire	2,124.00
Grand Master's expense	1,400.00
Grand Master's clerk hire	600.00
Promulgation of the Work	861.52
Postage, telegrams, telephone calls and expressage	410.00
Blanks	180.75
Stationery	85.93
Janitor	47.00
Incidental expense	117.76
Telephone	53.70
Expense, Grand Custodian	600.00
Expense, Grand Chaplain	150.00
Lewis E. Smith, Deputy Grand Secretary, salary	2,400.00
Masonic Service Association	3,632.10
Nebraska Masonic Home, per capita tax	28,941.00
Lebanon Lodge No. 58, affiliation fee returned, reported in 1923 ..	10.00
Supplies for sale to lodges	2,398.62
300 copies, List of Regular Lodges	114.23
George W. Lining collection	89.65
Rent of Grand Lodge office to March 31st, 1924	1,000.00
Insurance on stock, fixtures, library	32.30
Printing proceedings and reports of Grand Officers, and advance copies	1,215.90
Printing four charters	83.00
Monell library	57.60
Furnishings, unit for card register	48.50
Library, binding 162 volumes of other jurisdictions	364.50
Balance	44,261.63
• Total	\$244,386.68

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Amount on hand last year	\$ 215.48
Amount purchased during year	2,398.62
Sold to Grand Chapter, R. A. M.	\$ 11.20
Sold to lodges during year ending March 31st, 1924	2,637.78
By amount issued free to lodges	106.25

Balance on hand March 31st, 1924	\$ 141.13	
	\$2,755.23	\$ 2,755.23

GENERAL RELIEF FUND.

Balance on hand as per last report	\$	\$ 6,680.60
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	6,680.60	
May 20th, 1924, 10% on dues March 31st, 1924, 38,588 members, at \$1.50 each		5,788.20
May 20th, 1924, 10% on fees March 31st, 1924, 1,776 initiations, at \$5.00 each		888.00
May 20th, 1924, balance on hand	6,676.20	
	\$13,356.80	\$13,356.80

WAR RELIEF FUND.

Balance on hand as per last report	\$	\$28,183.28
Interest on certificate of deposit		48.60
Profit on Victory bonds called in		1,111.85
Interest on Government bonds		1,262.25
Interest on Victory bonds called in		543.55
\$29,700.00 4th Liberty Loan 4¼ bonds cost	29,375.16	
Accrued interest on above bonds	213.88	
Due from Grand Lodge general fund	1,560.49	
	\$31,149.53	\$31,149.53

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Balance on hand as per last report	\$	\$42,334.00
By dues on 38,642, less 47 members exempt from the payment of Grand Lodge dues, and 7 members of U. D. Lodge		38,588.00
By 1,769 initiations, after July 15th, 1922		17,690.00
By 91 affiliations, after July 15th, 1922		910.00
By interest on Government bonds		1,700.00
Overcharge on accrued interest Government bonds		1.74
Accrued interest on Government bonds purchased	1,467.96	
One affiliation reported in 1923	10.00	
Balance on hand	99,745.78	
	\$101,223.74	\$101,223.74

TRIAL BALANCE.

GRAND LODGE GENERAL LEDGER.

After closing the accounts for the year ending May 20th, 1924.

Inventory	\$	\$221,703.22
Stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home	51,600.00	
Furniture and fixtures	4,503.82	
General Relief Fund		6,676.20
United States Liberty Loan Bonds	10,000.00	
Supplies		141.13

Cash in the Norfolk National Bank, Norfolk.....	\$ 44,261.63	
Childrens Homes, Fremont.....	117,000.00	
Grand Lodge jewels.....	233.00	
Stock in O. E. S. Hospital, Fremont.....	1,000.00	
John J. Monell library.....	2,261.04	
Grand Lodge library.....	1,546.68	
George W. Lininger collection.....	89.65	
Building and Improvement Fund.....		99,745.78
War Relief Fund.....		30,935.65
United States Liberty Loan bonds, War Relief Fund	29,375.16	
United States Liberty Loan bonds, Building and Im- provement Fund.....	97,331.00	
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	\$359,201.98	\$359,201.98

INVENTORY.

Assets.

516 shares of stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 51,600.00	
Furniture and fixtures.....	4,503.82	
United States Liberty Loan bonds.....	10,000.00	
Cash on hand in the Norfolk National Bank, Norfolk	44,261.63	
Childrens Homes, Fremont.....	117,000.00	
Grand Lodge jewels.....	233.00	
Stock in the O. E. S. Hospital, Fremont.....	1,000.00	
John J. Monell library.....	2,261.04	
Grand Lodge library.....	1,546.68	
George W. Lininger collection.....	89.65	
United States Liberty Loan bonds, War Relief Fund	29,375.16	
United States Liberty Loan bonds, Building and Im- provement Fund.....	97,331.00	
	<hr/>	\$137,498.76

Liabilities.

General Relief.....	\$ 6,676.20	
Supplies.....	141.13	
Building and Improvement Fund.....	99,745.78	
War Relief Fund.....	30,935.65	
	<hr/>	\$137,498.76
Net assets as shown by the ledger, 1924.....	\$221,703.22	
Net assets as shown by the ledger, 1923.....	213,495.18	
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Net increase for the year 1923-1924.....	\$ 8,208.04	

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

There were 20 men and 12 women at the Nebraska Masonic Home on May 15th, 1924, and a number of applications are pending. In addition, the Nebraska Masonic Home is paying stated amounts each month to help care for 9 additional Masons or their dependents at their own homes, or in institutions where they can be better cared for than at the Nebraska Masonic

Home. A number of these would be infirmity cases if this building were ready. There are 22 girls and 19 boys in the Childrens Home at Fremont.

There were 7 deaths at the Nebraska Masonic Home in 1923. The last report of the Superintendent shows that 5 residents are helpless, 8 require daily attendance of physicians and nurses, and 3 require occasional care. This means that more than one-half of the residents are practically invalids.

Commanderies of Knights Templar contributed \$653.09 in 1923, and the medical supplies and the salaries of physicians and nurses are paid from this fund as far as it will apply.

The moving picture machine, also the radio, and the use of books from the Plattsmouth Public Library, furnished part of the entertainment at the Home, and Christmas was celebrated with bountiful gifts and a great deal of good cheer.

Bequests have been received during the year as follows: \$1,000.00 from Past Grand Master Henry Gibbons; \$1,178.03 from Past Grand Commander Thomas G. Rees, and \$1,000.00 from Brother James R. Lochry, formerly a member of Capitol Lodge No. 3 of Omaha.

The following is taken from the report of the Superintendent: Cost of food consumed, \$6,198.37; 53,465 meals were served, at an average cost per capita of 11¼c. Cost of food consumed in 1922 amounted to \$5,895.46, and in 1921, \$6,532.42. Average cost of food per month per capita in 1920, \$12.62; 1921, \$10.82; 1922, \$9.00, and in 1923, \$10.12.

The following was produced at the Home:

Pork, 2,515 pounds	\$286.95
Vegetables and fruit	594.75

The cost of maintaining the Home for 1923, not including insurance, new furniture and repairs, was \$18,301.05, an increase of \$320.98 over the previous year.

Since the Home was opened September 1st, 1903, ninety-nine men, seventy-five woman, fifty-eight boys and forty-seven girls have been cared for at the Homes, a total of two hundred and seventy-nine. One hundred and three have died at the Home.

ENDOWMENTS, BEQUESTS, AND DONATIONS OF \$100.00 OR MORE.

September 2, 1910, Samuel Johnson, Canopy Lodge No. 209	\$1,000.00
January 24, 1911, Miss Laura MacColl, for her brother	1,000.00
April, 1912, Henry E. Palmer, Covert Lodge No. 11	500.00
September 27, 1912, Thomas Wilkinson, Washington Lodge No. 21	1,000.00
February 27, 1913, Frank G. Recknor, Atkinson Lodge No. 164	250.00
September 16, 1916, Past Grand Master William E. Hill, Western Star Lodge No. 2	1,000.00
February 10, 1915, Edwin J. Carter, Temple Lodge No. 175	2,700.00
December 5, 1917, Liberty Class, Hastings Consistory, A. A. S. S.	
R. ., Hastings (Liberty Bond)	100.00
December 5, 1917, Bradshaw Lodge No. 255 (Liberty Bond)	100.00
May 1, 1918, Orin A. H. Bruce, Creighton Lodge No. 100	270.00
March 7, 1919, George Tilden, Capitol Lodge No. 3	500.00

May 5, 1920, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen C. Houghton, Hampton Lodge No. 245	\$ 100.00
June 6, 1921, Northern Light Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M., Stanton	300.00
1922, Mrs. Matilda J. Kolls, wife of member of Ashlar Lodge No. 33	100.00
July 27, 1923, Past Grand Master Henry Gibbons, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46	1,000.00
March 18, 1924, James R. Lochry, Capitol Lodge No. 3	1,000.00
April 24, 1924, Past Grand Commander Thomas G. Rees, McCook Lodge No. 135	1,178.03
Total	<u>\$12,098.03</u>

RETURNS.

Number of chartered lodges	286
Number of lodges under dispensation	0
	<u>286</u>
Number initiated during the year	1,776
Number passed during the year	1,791
Number raised during the year	1,864
Number affiliated during the year	360
Number reinstated during the year	153
Number gained otherwise during the year	30
	<u>2,407</u>
Total gross increase	2,407
Number demitted during the year	597
Number deceased during the year	414
Number suspended during the year	439
Number expelled during the year	13
Number lost by other causes during the year	1
	<u>1,464</u>
Total loss	1,464
Net gain for the year ending March 31st, 1924	943
Number of Master Masons on the rolls April 1st, 1923	38,642
Number of Master Masons on the rolls March 31st, 1924	39,585

Returns from all lodges have been received, the cards have been made and the changes entered, and all have been checked and counted.

Lodges Nos. 70 and 286 do not report whether they carry any insurance or not. All other lodges report carrying insurance on their personal property, and on real property if owned.

The following lodges do not report the mileage: Nos. 13, 54, 58, 61, 70, 98, 157, 216, 270, and 300.

The following lodges do not report whether they have any delinquent dues or not: Nos. 32, 70, 116, 126, 133, 211, 275, 279, 286, 293, and 296.

The following lodges report having no delinquent dues: Nos. 9, 11, 30, 33, 40, 58, 62, 67, 82, 100, 127, 128, 136, 149, 188, 200, 244, 253, 256, 257, 273, 282, 305, 307, 311, 312, and 313; a total of twenty-seven, eleven less than last year. Of these twenty-seven, seventeen reported having no delinquent dues last year.

The total number of delinquent members is reported to be 3,117, as compared with 2,816 for the previous year. The amount delinquent is \$25,153.22, as compared with \$20,565.17 for 1923, and \$16,730.01 for 1922. The average for each delinquent this year is \$8.07, which is 77 cents more than for 1923.

Francis E. White

Grand Secretary

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		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1924	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1924	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1924	No. April 1, 1923	GAIN				Total	LOSS					Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1924	
									By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion				Other causes
Nebraska	1	43	81	42	26	22	108	1439	34	12	14	..	1499	13	25	22	..	60	1439	1	
Western Star	2	15	29	13	14	..	44	256	17	4	..	..	277	4	4	..	..	8	269	2
Capitol	3	35	70	38	31	14	159	1099	33	5	2	..	1139	11	13	14	1	39	1100	3	
Nemaha Valley	4	2	8	2	3	..	22	62	2	..	..	..	64	1	1	..	..	2	62	4
Omadi	5	8	20	7	9	1	30	141	4	..	2	..	147	1	..	1	..	2	145	5	
Plattsmouth	6	16	31	12	11	..	24	186	9	..	..	..	195	..	..	1	..	1	194	6
Falls City	9	7	39	6	11	2	44	286	7	1	1	..	295	2	2	2	..	6	289	9	
Solomon	10	7	11	6	2	..	2	33	11	..	..	..	44	..	..	..	..	1	43	10
Covert	11	46	88	41	37	8	163	1282	36	2	2	..	1322	10	11	8	1	30	1292	11	
Orient	13	5	5	3	3	1	6	61	2	..	..	..	63	..	..	1	1	2	61	13
Peru	14	3	8	2	2	..	16	103	1	2	..	..	106	2	1	..	..	3	103	14
Fremont	15	18	11	24	2	..	21	509	29	5	..	..	543	6	7	..	..	13	530	15
Tecumseh	17	3	21	3	5	4	30	151	4	4	..	..	159	..	..	4	..	4	155	17
Lincoln	19	25	73	28	21	30	149	1220	33	13	9	..	1275	24	10	30	..	64	1211	19	
Washington	21	5	6	5	4	..	17	128	6	2	..	..	136	5	1	..	..	6	130	21
Pawnee	23	3	9	4	5	4	26	127	3	1	2	..	133	4	3	4	..	11	122	23	
St. Johns	25	36	100	31	25	2	169	1303	31	8	9	2	1353	17	29	2	..	48	1305	25	
Beatrice	26	8	45	8	19	15	95	366	12	4	2	..	384	16	3	15	..	34	350	26	
Jordan	27	7	9	6	3	..	12	82	6	..	..	..	88	2	..	..	..	2	86	27
Hope	29	2	12	1	4	..	22	40	1	1	..	..	42	1	1	..	..	2	40	29
Blue River	30	14	5	12	3	..	11	92	10	2	..	..	104	3	2	..	..	5	99	30
Tekamah	31	5	4	4	3	1	9	174	4	1	..	..	179	1	3	1	..	5	174	31
Platte Valley	32	26	48	24	14	1	40	326	29	5	1	..	361	3	4	1	..	8	353	32	
Ashlar	33	34	42	39	16	5	57	654	39	..	1	..	694	4	6	5	..	15	679	33	
Acacia	34	10	15	8	5	..	26	112	7	..	..	..	119	2	..	..	..	2	117	34
Fairbury	35	15	41	18	8	4	42	227	18	4	3	..	252	3	2	4	..	9	243	35	
Lone Tree	36	14	8	12	8	9	44	241	9	1	7	..	258	2	4	9	..	15	243	36	
Crete	37	9	13	10	8	..	25	163	8	3	..	..	174	2	..	..	..	2	172	37
Oliver	38	2	17	4	5	..	32	157	5	..	..	..	162	2	1	..	1	4	158	38
Papillion	39	9	15	8	3	1	17	88	9	..	..	..	97	1	..	1	..	2	95	39
Humboldt	40	3	14	3	2	1	10	100	5	1	..	..	106	5	1	1	..	7	99	40
Northern Light	41	9	9	5	3	2	21	99	3	..	..	..	102	1	1	2	..	4	98	41
Junjata	42	1	11	2	2	4	25	51	3	..	..	..	54	1	1	4	..	6	48	42
Hebron	43	1	12	1	3	..	32	110	2	2	1	..	115	6	1	..	..	7	108	43
Harvard	44	3	9	3	3	..	9	84	3	1	..	..	88	2	2	..	..	4	84	44
Rob Morris	46	16	42	16	16	6	56	365	17	8	..	..	390	6	8	6	..	20	370	46
Fairmont	48	3	13	2	2	2	30	87	2	..	..	..	89	..	2	..	..	2	87	48
Evening Star	49	4	8	5	1	..	13	125	8	1	1	..	135	..	1	..	..	1	134	49
Hastings	50	17	44	20	13	1	37	517	15	6	538	3	7	1	1	12	526	50	
Fidelity	51	4	17	7	4	..	30	162	8	..	1	..	171	2	2	..	1	5	166	51	

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		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1924		No. Passed	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1924		No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1924		GAIN				Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1924		
			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1924			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1924			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1924		By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes
			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1924	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1924		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1924	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1924		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1924	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1924												
Hiram	52	4	10	4	6	1	23	81	3	..	..	..	..	84	..	1	1	..	..	2	82	52
Charity	53	7	16	5	9	..	32	148	2	..	..	..	..	150	..	2	..	..	..	..	2148	53
Lancaster	54	29	77	33	24	55	110	976	38	8	12	..	..	1034	26	9	55	..	..	90	944	54
Mosaic	55	13	32	16	5	6	44	280	15	9	..	..	..	304	5	4	6	..	..	15	289	55
York	56	8	8	7	2	1	21	319	10	3	..	..	..	332	3	4	1	..	..	8	324	56
Mt. Moriah	57	2	17	2	2	..	9	103	2	1	..	..	..	106	..	..	..	..	..	..	106	57
Lebanon	58	15	23	12	5	3	24	238	15	..	..	..	..	253	3	2	3	..	..	8	245	58
Wahoo	59	6	10	6	5	..	18	211	7	1	..	..	..	219	..	3	..	..	..	..	1218	59
Melrose	60	3	10	2	3	1	11	88	4	..	..	..	..	92	1	1	1	1	..	4	88	60
Thistle	61	5	11	5	4	..	18	156	7	3	..	..	..	166	3	2	..	..	..	5	161	61
Keystone	62	1	6	1	2	1	10	72	1	..	2	..	..	75	1	..	1	..	..	2	73	62
Riverton	63	4	8	4	..	..	11	53	4	..	..	..	..	57	1	..	..	..	..	1	56	63
Blue Valley	64	..	3	..	2	..	14	88	2	..	..	..	..	90	..	3	..	..	..	3	87	64
Osceola	65	2	6	2	4	4	18	133	3	3	1	..	..	140	5	2	4	..	..	11	129	65
Edgar	67	5	5	6	2	..	4	131	5	1	..	..	..	137	4	2	..	..	..	6	131	67
Aurora	68	5	20	2	7	4	43	195	2	3	1	..	..	201	5	3	4	..	..	12	189	68
Sterling	70	4	19	2	1	..	12	89	3	..	..	..	..	92	1	1	..	..	..	2	90	70
Trowel	71	7	17	5	6	..	23	113	7	4	..	..	..	124	2	1	..	..	..	3	121	71
Hooper	72	5	11	6	2	..	6	101	5	1	..	..	..	107	1	..	..	..	..	1	106	72
Friend	73	2	7	3	3	..	9	104	5	3	1	..	..	113	2	1	..	..	..	3	110	73
Alexandria	74	3	5	3	2	..	6	59	1	..	..	..	..	60	1	..	..	..	..	1	59	74
Frank Welch	75	11	16	11	8	13	37	297	9	2	3	..	..	311	5	1	13	..	..	19	292	75
Joppa	76	4	6	3	3	1	12	58	3	..	..	..	..	61	4	1	1	..	..	6	55	76
Nelson	77	5	12	9	7	1	19	91	6	4	1	..	..	102	4	..	1	..	..	5	97	77
Albion	78	6	16	9	5	4	17	126	8	1	..	..	..	135	6	..	4	..	..	10	125	78
Geneva	79	9	12	8	5	1	24	197	7	2	1	..	..	207	1	1	1	..	..	3	204	79
Composite	81	3	5	3	4	4	18	64	4	..	1	..	..	69	2	1	4	..	..	7	62	81
St. Paul	82	12	19	8	5	3	34	196	8	2	1	..	..	207	3	2	3	..	..	8	199	82
Corinthian	83	6	7	7	2	..	9	65	8	1	..	..	..	74	2	1	..	..	..	3	71	83
Fairfield	84	2	16	2	1	4	24	98	4	..	..	..	..	102	3	1	4	..	..	8	94	84
Tyre	85	1	15	1	1	..	23	44	3	1	..	..	..	48	1	..	..	..	..	1	47	85
Doniphan	86	1	7	..	5	..	16	48	1	..	..	..	..	49	..	1	..	..	..	1	48	86
Ionic	87	4	24	4	4	1	16	117	4	..	..	..	..	121	6	3	1	..	..	10	111	87
Star	88	5	10	6	2	..	10	80	5	1	1	..	..	87	1	..	..	..	..	1	86	88
Cedar River	89	7	17	5	7	..	26	114	4	2	1	..	..	121	..	3	..	..	..	3	118	89
Elk Creek	90	2	6	..	2	..	11	52	..	..	..	..	..	52	..	..	..	..	..	..	52	90
Oakland	91	7	6	6	..	..	4	125	6	1	..	..	..	132	1	..	..	..	..	1	131	91
Hubbell	92	2	9	1	1	..	8	32	..	..	1	..	..	33	2	..	..	..	..	2	31	92
Beaver City	93	5	10	3	4	..	28	129	2	1	132	..	1	1	131	93
Bennett	94	3	8	2	2	2	14	70	1	..	3	74	1	..	2	3	71	94

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									By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes	Total Loss
Garfield.....	95	4	10	3	2	27	82	3	...	...	...	85	1	...	...	...	1	84	95
Utica.....	96	2	6	5	2	4	96	5	...	...	...	101	2	3	...	...	5	96	96
Euclid.....	97	3	8	4	1	14	100	5	...	1	...	106	1	1	1	...	3	103	97		
Republican.....	98	5	8	4	5	7	69	3	...	...	...	73	...	...	...	...	1	72	98
Shelton.....	99	8	18	4	1	10	78	6	...	...	...	84	1	3	...	...	4	80	99
Creighton.....	100	9	16	7	6	25	102	7	...	2	...	111	3	2	2	...	7	104	100		
Ponca.....	101	5	8	6	3	19	74	5	...	2	...	81	...	3	...	...	3	78	101
Waterloo.....	102	6	11	8	...	17	105	7	...	2	...	114	5	1	1	...	7	107	102		
Ord.....	103	10	14	9	5	40	103	12	...	...	...	115	...	...	...	...	...	115	103
Wymore.....	104	3	21	3	12	35	167	3	...	1	...	171	1	...	3	...	4	167	104		
Stella.....	105	...	5	2	1	9	70	2	...	1	...	73	...	...	...	...	...	73	105
Porter.....	106	7	6	8	3	9	68	6	...	2	...	76	...	...	...	...	...	76	106
Table Rock.....	108	5	2	5	1	10	76	5	...	1	...	83	3	2	...	...	5	78	108
Pomegranate.....	110	5	6	10	4	...	160	11	...	2	...	173	2	1	...	1	...	4	169	110	
De Witt.....	111	4	15	6	4	28	80	4	...	...	...	84	1	1	1	...	3	81	111
Springfield.....	112	5	18	6	3	20	100	6	...	1	...	107	1	2	1	...	4	103	112		
Globe.....	113	...	9	...	1	13	70	1	...	2	...	73	3	1	...	...	4	69	113
Wisner.....	114	4	10	6	2	16	108	5	...	1	...	114	3	1	...	...	4	110	114
Harlan.....	116	7	9	5	7	15	91	3	...	...	...	94	...	2	...	...	2	92	116
Hardy.....	117	2	5	2	...	8	56	4	...	...	...	60	...	...	...	...	...	60	117
Doric.....	118	...	7	...	1	10	52	...	...	...	...	52	1	...	...	...	1	51	118
North Bend.....	119	3	5	3	2	8	119	5	1	1	...	126	2	3	...	...	5	121	119
Wayne.....	120	8	15	7	4	11	185	10	2	...	...	197	6	4	...	...	10	187	120
Superior.....	121	15	14	10	6	20	176	9	3	...	...	188	2	2	1	...	5	183	121
Auburn.....	124	4	9	2	...	15	126	4	2	...	...	132	...	3	...	...	3	129	124
Mount Nebo.....	125	7	12	4	4	38	95	10	2	...	...	107	6	3	9	...	18	89	125
Stromsburg.....	126	5	4	3	1	10	120	3	1	1	...	125	6	1	...	...	7	118	126
Minden.....	127	1	9	2	6	15	88	2	2	...	...	92	1	...	...	...	1	91	127
Guide Rock.....	128	1	7	2	...	4	42	2	...	...	...	44	1	1	...	...	2	42	128
Blue Hill.....	129	4	6	4	...	23	71	4	1	1	...	77	2	1	...	...	3	74	129
Tuscan.....	130	2	3	2	2	2	70	3	...	...	...	73	...	...	...	...	...	73	130
Scribner.....	132	4	6	2	3	6	73	2	1	...	...	76	1	1	...	...	2	74	132
Elm Creek.....	133	7	10	6	3	13	56	6	...	...	...	62	...	1	4	...	5	57	133
Solar.....	134	9	7	7	1	13	71	7	1	...	...	79	...	1	7	...	8	71	134
McCook.....	135	6	27	6	4	39	241	3	5	...	...	249	1	3	...	...	4	245	135
Long Pine.....	136	3	8	4	2	7	95	4	2	...	...	101	3	1	7	...	11	90	136
Upright.....	137	2	9	3	...	5	71	4	1	1	...	77	3	2	...	...	5	72	137
Rawalt.....	138	3	2	3	...	18	90	4	...	...	...	94	...	3	...	...	3	91	138
Clay Centre.....	139	2	4	2	2	12	81	1	1	83	...	1	1	82	139		
Western.....	140	3	4	3	1	2	68	4	2	74	3	2	2	...	7	67	140		

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Crescent	143	5	9	4	3	9	96	4	1	2	103	2	4	1	6	97	143				
Kenesaw	144	7	11	6	4	1	15	85	6	1	91	2	1	1	4	87	144				
Bancroft	145	19	2	4	4	24	79	3	1	2	83	1	1	1	3	80	145				
Jachin	146	2	15	4	5	4	42	167	2	2	173	3	4	4	11	162	146				
Siloam	147	2	10	2	2	13	40	4	1	1	43	1	1	1	1	42	147				
Emmet Crawford	148	6	21	5	7	19	197	5	2	1	204	1	6	1	7	197	148				
Jewel	149	1	2	1	1	9	42	1	1	1	43	1	1	1	3	43	149				
Cambridge	150	1	8	2	2	1	8	99	3	1	102	1	1	1	2	100	150				
Square	151	1	15	4	6	3	16	82	1	1	82	3	3	1	6	76	151				
Parallel	152	10	6	6	28	48	2	50	2	1	50	1	1	1	50	152					
Evergreen	153	3	2	3	4	17	68	2	1	1	72	2	1	1	2	70	153				
Lily	154	2	5	1	3	9	78	4	2	2	84	1	1	1	1	83	154				
Hartington	155	5	21	6	4	2	16	93	4	1	3	101	3	1	2	95	155				
Pythagoras	156	1	18	1	8	13	70	2	1	1	72	1	1	1	72	156					
Valley	157	4	9	4	1	14	77	5	1	1	82	1	1	1	2	80	157				
Samaritan	158	9	15	12	11	1	19	233	7	3	243	5	1	1	6	237	158				
Ogalalla	159	2	23	3	10	16	130	1	4	1	135	1	1	1	1	134	159				
Zeredatha	160	3	2	4	1	15	41	7	1	1	48	1	1	1	1	47	160				
Mount Zion	161	5	5	6	1	9	75	6	2	1	83	3	1	1	4	79	161				
Trestle Board	162	3	3	2	1	5	94	2	1	1	96	2	1	1	3	93	162				
Unity	163	3	10	7	2	1	8	80	7	1	88	1	1	1	1	87	163				
Atkinson	164	1	9	1	1	9	62	4	1	1	67	1	2	1	4	63	164				
Barneston	165	2	6	2	1	9	54	2	1	1	56	1	1	1	1	55	165				
Mystic Tie	166	4	6	6	1	8	64	6	1	1	70	1	1	1	1	69	166				
Elwood	167	6	2	12	71	71	71	2	1	1	71	2	1	1	2	69	167				
Curtis	168	8	11	5	5	1	12	106	5	1	112	1	1	1	3	109	168				
Amity	169	2	13	3	6	4	80	4	1	1	84	1	1	1	1	83	169				
Mason City	170	6	5	6	7	11	77	7	1	1	86	2	1	1	2	84	170				
Merna	171	2	20	1	2	16	113	2	2	1	117	1	1	1	2	115	171				
Grafton	172	7	12	4	1	10	60	4	1	1	66	1	1	1	2	64	172				
Robert Burns	173	3	11	4	2	13	46	4	1	1	51	1	1	1	2	49	173				
Culbertson	174	5	6	6	3	10	44	5	2	1	52	1	1	1	2	50	174				
Temple	175	3	10	1	6	15	71	2	1	1	74	4	1	1	4	70	175				
Gladstone	176	7	12	4	1	15	126	6	4	1	137	4	1	1	4	133	176				
Hay Springs	177	3	4	4	1	6	83	8	1	1	91	1	1	1	2	89	177				
Prudence	179	1	13	4	2	2	19	86	3	1	89	3	1	2	6	83	179				
Justice	180	5	10	6	10	15	108	7	1	1	115	1	1	1	1	114	180				
Faith	181	24	18	20	8	12	48	153	16	1	171	2	12	1	14	157	181				
Incense	182	1	10	3	12	48	2	1	1	1	51	1	1	1	51	182					
Alliance	183	12	52	11	13	5	31	338	9	1	349	4	1	5	10	339	183				

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Bee Hive.....	184	26	19	28	14	28	500	25	...	525	6	4	...	10	515	184				
Boaz.....	185	2	11	2	3	3	11	82	4	1	...	87	1	3	...	4	83	185		
Israel.....	187	1	3	...	2	...	24	61	...	1	...	62	1	...	...	1	61	187
Meridian.....	188	10	10	9	5	...	10	117	9	...	126	1	...	...	1	125	188	
Granite.....	189	6	12	2	4	...	17	93	2	1	...	96	2	...	...	2	94	189
Amethyst.....	190	2	9	3	1	...	1	67	2	...	69	...	1	...	1	68	190			
Crystal.....	191	1	14	3	4	...	9	91	3	...	96	2	...	...	2	94	191	
Minnekadusa.....	192	6	17	6	6	1	25	139	7	5	...	151	4	3	1	...	8	143	192	
Signet.....	193	4	12	8	5	...	7	88	7	...	95	1	...	...	1	94	193	
Highland.....	194	1	6	2	3	...	9	55	2	1	...	58	4	...	...	4	54	194
Arcana.....	195	4	12	2	3	...	10	126	3	...	129	...	1	...	1	128	195			
Level.....	196	...	3	1	...	...	7	36	1	...	37	...	1	...	1	36	196	
Morning Star.....	197	2	5	2	2	...	7	80	2	...	82	3	1	...	4	78	197			
Purity.....	198	4	15	6	5	...	9	87	7	...	94	1	2	...	3	91	198			
Gavel.....	199	...	3	...	...	...	5	55	...	1	...	56	4	2	...	6	50	199
Blazing Star.....	200	4	5	5	1	...	7	115	5	...	120	...	2	...	2	118	200			
Scotts Bluff.....	201	2	18	4	2	...	19	99	3	1	1	...	104	4	1	...	5	99	201	
Golden Sheaf.....	202	8	19	8	5	...	22	127	13	...	140	5	...	...	5	135	202	
Roman Eagle.....	203	2	20	...	2	...	30	65	...	1	...	66	...	1	...	1	65	203		
Plainview.....	204	1	3	2	2	...	7	110	6	1	...	117	1	1	...	2	115	204		
Golden Fleece.....	205	4	7	4	3	...	5	88	4	1	1	...	94	...	...	...	94	205
Naphthali.....	206	11	8	10	3	3	10	72	14	2	...	88	2	3	...	5	83	206		
Parian.....	207	2	8	1	...	...	6	99	1	...	100	1	3	...	4	96	207	
Gauge.....	208	3	11	2	1	...	20	67	2	...	69	1	4	...	5	64	208			
Canopy.....	209	2	9	5	4	...	11	148	6	...	154	1	...	...	1	153	209	
East Lincoln.....	210	38	36	36	15	15	46	651	34	7	2	...	694	36	6	15	1	58	636	210
Cement.....	211	4	2	5	3	...	6	92	3	1	...	96	1	...	...	1	95	211
Compass & Square.....	212	3	10	3	2	...	18	75	5	1	...	81	1	1	...	2	79	212		
Plumbline.....	214	1	2	1	1	6	10	81	1	1	...	83	3	1	6	...	10	73	214	
Occidental.....	215	2	3	2	1	...	8	96	2	2	...	100	1	1	...	2	98	215		
Palisade.....	216	1	7	3	2	...	14	87	3	1	1	...	92	4	4	88	216	
Wauneta.....	217	1	4	1	2	...	17	54	...	1	...	55	1	2	...	3	52	217		
Bloomfield.....	218	7	20	6	1	2	18	127	7	2	...	136	1	2	...	3	133	218		
Relief.....	219	1	10	3	1	...	1	69	2	1	...	72	2	...	...	2	70	219
Magnolia.....	220	1	5	1	...	...	9	97	3	...	100	1	1	...	2	98	220	
Wood Lake.....	221	1	4	2	3	...	3	71	1	...	72	...	...	...	...	7	221	221
Landmark.....	222	5	1	5	1	3	6	125	6	1	...	132	1	2	3	...	6	126	222	
Eminence.....	223	7	5	6	4	...	2	65	5	...	70	1	1	...	2	68	223			
Silver Cord.....	224	6	12	7	2	...	10	104	7	...	111	2	1	...	3	108	224			

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Cable.....	225	1	9	1	1	..	3	99	2	101	101	225	
Grace.....	226	..	1	..	2	..	11	41	1	2	44	1	3	4	40	226
North Star.....	227	13	21	19	4	..	12	255	18	5	3	281	4	4	8	273	227
Bartley.....	228	4	2	4	5	68	4	72	..	1	1	71	228
Comet.....	229	10	8	6	3	..	11	71	7	..	1	79	1	1	78	229
Delta.....	230	2	13	2	2	..	4	69	4	73	2	2	71	230
Mount Hermon.....	231	6	5	5	5	..	7	65	4	1	70	..	1	1	69	231
John S. Bowen.....	232	5	4	4	2	2	8	62	3	65	..	2	2	63	232
Gilead.....	233	..	17	1	5	..	7	47	3	1	51	51	233
Zion.....	234	6	11	7	4	..	7	115	8	123	..	1	1	122	234
Fraternity.....	235	..	5	1	10	57	1	1	59	1	1	1	3	56	235
Golden Rule.....	236	2	14	1	5	..	6	45	5	1	51	1	1	2	49	236
Cubit.....	237	..	1	2	1	3	7	72	4	2	78	1	3	4	74	237
Friendship.....	239	2	2	2	3	..	7	71	3	74	2	1	3	71	239
Pilot.....	240	3	2	3	3	..	13	100	3	103	1	2	3	100	240
George Armstrong..	241	3	9	4	2	85	4	89	..	1	1	88	241
Tyrian.....	243	1	6	..	1	..	6	41	1	42	..	1	1	41	243
Sincerity.....	244	..	4	..	2	6	9	39	..	1	40	4	1	6	11	29	244
Hampton.....	245	3	12	2	81	4	85	85	245
Nehawka.....	246	2	1	2	2	..	2	100	..	1	101	..	1	1	100	246
Corner-stone.....	247	1	18	1	1	3	20	67	10	1	78	1	1	3	5	73	247
Laurel.....	248	4	16	5	3	..	13	119	4	2	1	126	..	4	4	122	248
Gothenburg.....	249	1	5	1	1	..	1	113	2	115	2	1	3	112	249
George Washington.	250	6	11	5	2	24	41	225	5	..	1	231	2	24	26	205	250
Wausa.....	251	3	8	2	4	1	5	74	1	75	1	1	1	3	72	251
Hildreth.....	252	2	6	3	1	..	7	60	2	2	1	65	2	2	63	252
Beemer.....	253	2	4	2	6	65	2	67	1	1	2	65	253
Bassett.....	254	3	10	..	1	..	10	70	..	1	71	..	3	3	68	254
Bradshaw.....	255	1	7	1	3	..	3	47	1	..	1	49	..	2	2	47	255
Hickman.....	256	3	4	5	1	51	5	56	1	1	55	256
Holbrook.....	257	1	7	..	1	..	3	73	1	74	74	257
Anselmo.....	258	3	14	3	6	..	4	112	4	1	117	2	2	115	258
Bee.....	259	3	2	3	1	..	6	31	2	33	1	1	32	259
Ornan.....	261	13	14	10	5	..	1	68	10	2	2	82	..	1	1	81	261
Endeavor.....	262	..	4	4	43	8	51	..	1	1	50	262
Mitchell.....	263	9	7	9	7	137	11	2	1	151	2	2	149	263
Franklin.....	264	2	4	5	2	83	3	4	90	90	264
Robert W. Furnas..	265	6	18	6	1	..	3	171	8	4	183	..	1	1	182	265
Silver.....	266	4	8	4	2	52	5	1	58	1	1	57	266

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William E. Hill	307	8	1	7	2	44	10	30	41049	597	414	439	13	1	1464	39585	
Perkins	308	4	4	5	37	5	1	42
Innebag	309	7	5	11	6	44	3	1	50
ictory	310	14	3	13	7	69	11	8	87
olk	311	4	1	4	1	36	3	3	41
ak Leaf	312	7	2	5	29	7	35
other	313	9	2	8	48	9	2	59
ratismen	314	14	2	13	4	7	10	1	46
xinct.	71	...	15	1
Grand Totals	...	1776	3486	1791	1160	439	4807	38642	1864	380	163	30	41049	597	414	439	13	1	1464	39585	

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

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

Brethren:

Another year has been added to the unnumbered past, and we have come to set a new milestone by Time's great highway. We have come to meet and greet each other on one common level of Masonic brotherhood, to speak of hopes attained, of defeats endured, of things executed; and then with hushed voices, subdued in sorrow and sadness, to call the names of those who in by-gone days greeted us here—our friends who have slipped away to Memories' Valley, where they are enshrined with those whom "We long have loved and lost awhile." And now I greet you, beseeching you in the name of Him whom we as Masons profess to serve and whom we should trust with unlimited trust having no other trust, to live like men, to labor earnestly and yet in brotherly love, and if need be to labor in tears and to sacrifice that we may usher in that brighter and happier day when every man shall be a man, a friend, and a brother.

I herewith submit my annual report for the year ending May 10th, 1924, with the full consciousness and realization that the ancient words of the scripture as spoken in Daniel, Chapter 5, verses 25-28, "Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin," are applicable to my particular case, because I have not succeeded in the full accomplishment of the ultimate end sought for and required by Section 8, Chapter II of the Law.

While I may be to blame in part by reason of the lack of talent and ability, I am not wholly at fault. A custodian is but a subordinate at best—"A servant of the house"—under the immediate direction and control of his superior officers. His duty is to obey orders without cavil or controversy.

Lodges select and elect inexperienced and incompetent Standard Bearers and rank them with a misfit title to lead the blind by a way they know not: when, in fact, they are supposed to give them good and wholesome instruction that will make them "wiser, better, and happier men." The stream cannot rise higher than its fountain head.

What we may say is based on observations by the way, gained by experience, acquaintance, and association—the most practical means of gaining information. Taking a retrospective view of the past as well as of the present, it makes the heart sad: it blasts our fondest hopes, blighting our aspirations, when, after many years spent, we have nothing to show but a barren tree short of fruitage, as the shades of the evening twilight creep up over the setting sun of a misspent life and a useless effort.

Help me today, friend, is far better,
Than eulogies spoken when I am gone.
Be true to me now in spirit and letter;
Wait not till I shall have passed on!

It is to be hoped that you will deal with the subject matter contained in this report according to merit based on facts as herein stated for the best interests of Ancient Craft Masonry, and the perpetuation of the eternal principles on which it is founded. The statements made are cold facts without any superficial veneering—the naked truth disrobed of any false hypocrisy and deceit. It is said that our best friend is he who tells us of our faults, without any fulsome flattery to tickle the foolish vanity of the personal I.

CENTRAL SCHOOLS.

I am convinced that the statement made in the Grand Custodian's report of 1923, page 54, under the head of Central Schools, is a confirmed fact for several reasons. First: Three days is more time than many of the brethren can take from other paramount duties; again, the practical results sought for are lost by reason of the non-attendance at the first two days' sessions, which are the most instructive of all the three day sessions. Again, many of the brethren are not interested in the why and wherefore of our mystic rites and ceremonies, while there are others who care nothing for the Science, or the philosophy that is contained in its Science which is intended to raise the veil from the allegory that is said to clothe its mysteries and to illustrate its symbols. It is of no more interest to them than the decalogue of Moses to a chimpanzee.

The last two sessions after the school is closed have more attraction, and are the drawing card of the whole project—when the Grand Master is supposed to be present, and the banquet is spread. This oftentimes involves a lot of hard work as well as expense to the local lodge where the school is held. And it is not the intention of the Central School to put the local lodge to any expense.

At the request of the Grand Master, the Grand Custodian selected five places that in his opinion were suitable in which to hold successful Central Schools. Two of these accepted, two declined, and one was never heard from—died abornin'.

The first Central School was assigned, dated, accepted and perfected at Oakland, November 13th, 14th and 15th, 1923. Conditions were favorable for a Central School, so far as roads and weather were concerned. Official attendance: M.:W.:Andrew H. Viele, representing the Grand Master; V.:W.:Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain; total number lodges represented, 35; sessions held, 9; total attendance, 335. The Grand Custodian was not present at the two last sessions of the last day.

The second Central School was assigned, accepted, dated, and perfected, at Beatrice, November 20th, 21st and 22d, 1923. Conditions were favorable for a successful school so far as roads and weather were concerned. Official attendance: M.:W.:Charles A. Chappell, Grand Master; V.:W.:Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain; W.:Orville A. Andrews and Lute M. Savage as Custodians, whose valuable services in the work as well as the school can not be expressed in words. Total number of lodges represented, 21. Total attendance, 436.

REGULAR SCHOOLS.

These are the schools which are classified as the schools assigned to the Assistant Custodians. The Grand Custodian conceived a new plan which he thought would prove more satisfactory to the lodges and result in a better showing of the officers and brethren. Our plan was under the head of a questionnaire:

- 1.—Is your lodge in need of an assignment for a regular school of two days to enable them to strictly comply with Section 8, Chapter II of the Law?
- 2.—What time between September 21st or March 21st would be most agreeable and convenient for your officers and brethren to attend said school?
- 3.—Have you any choice as to the Custodian whom you prefer to conduct said school?

There were but very few formal replies to this questionnaire. It was not worth the effort put forth to know their will and pleasure. This first effort will be the last we will try along these lines. We will remain as we have been for the past twenty-four years, dating from equinox to equinox.

Basing our conclusions on the formal reports transmitted through the office of the Grand Custodian, generally speaking the proficiency of the lodges is on a most satisfactory plane. In fact, there are many that are not in need of a formal school, as their reports showed them substantially correct, in the rendition of the work as well as the several accompanying lectures, which is truly commendable and to their credit. However, there are some which could be improved if they would put forth a proper effort on their part by attending all the sessions of the schools. But the reports show that the day sessions are virtually a failure. Oftimes, the evening sessions are the only practical ones in attendance. There is no use to try to review all the esoteric work in two sessions—"It can't be did." There are schools that are not worth the effort and expense it costs to hold them. No practical results are obtained. The usual stereotyped cry of "too busy." It is the opinion of the Grand Custodian that the only way to obtain practical results would be through individual instruction to each officer in his official part of the work. Otherwise, shooting at it on the wing, you will waste a lot of ammunition and get but little game in the end.

The following are the regular assignments made by the Grand Custodian and approved by the Grand Master. They have all been perfected and completed by the different Assistant Custodians. I do not admire this title of Assistant Custodian. It is a misnomer. Make their title Deputy Grand Custodian, which sounds much more dignified and is more in harmony with their regular duties. Such is the title they will be known by if there is no objection.

Numbers 6, 9, 10, 23, 35, 38, 39, 42, 43, 49, 59, 60, 65, 71, 79, 84, 86, 88, 97, 100, 103, 110, 113, 116, 117, 132, 134, 140, 144, 151, 154, 160, 161, 163, 164, 165, 167, 168, 171, 172, 179, 182, 190, 202, 204, 215, 218, 225, 229, 237, 243, 247, 250, 251, 252, 253, 257, 262, 264, 266, 269, 270, 274, 276, 283, 287, 290, 296, 297, 304, 311. Total, 71.

The following formal inspections and examinations have been made by the Grand Custodian in the lodges mentioned below. As much formal instruction was given as time and conditions would permit:

No. 26, Central School of three days' duration; No. 91, Central School of three days' duration.

Inspections and instructions in lodges No. 42, 43, 61, 99, 103, 116, 129, 133 (two different occasions), 144, 172, 180, 200, 211, 225, 314. Several of the above named were regular schools.

Number of lodges formally examined for Proficiency Certificates by the Grand Custodian, and all were formally recommended to the Grand Master as worthy to receive certificates. Not a single lodge has failed to make the home base as required by Section 8, Chapter II of the Code. Numbers 1, 3, 19, 34, 41, 50, 53, 54, 55, 58, 59, 72, 111, 119, 170, 171, 189, 207, 217, 228, 249, 272, 288, 302, 307, 310, 314.

Numbers 54 and 111 hold formal certificates for three years in succession, keeping right up to full requirements of the Law.

Numbers 50, 53, 55, 58 and 207 have formal certificates for two successive years. This is loyalty; this is fidelity to obligation.

Number of individual examinations for Proficiency Certificates made by the Grand Custodian of members of the following lodges: No. 1, six; No. 3, one; No. 11, one; No. 6, four; No. 46, one; No. 54, three; No. 59, one; No. 82, two; No. 72, two; No. 119, three; No. 171, four; No. 272, three; No. 289, four; No. 205, one; No. 292, two; No. 302, three; No. 305, one; No. 307, three; No. 310, three.

Compare the present time with the first ten years the present Grand Custodian was in the field. I could have certified to but one brother in this Grand Jurisdiction who was strictly observing, obeying, and enforcing Section 8, Chapter II of the Code. And I was serving my twenty-first year as Grand Custodian before I could have certified to a single lodge that was enforcing the letter of the law. This of itself ought to prove the inefficiency of the law (not enforced) that there was nothing more to it than a footless stocking without a leg, or the hole in the center of a doughnut. Rotary-machine-made Masters wearing a misfit title was about all that you could say there was to it. Trying to bring the blind by the way they knew not; all going in the ditch together.

If the object of Section 8, Chapter II of the Code is uniformity of work throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, the work as adopted by the Grand Lodge, then the proposition of Proficiency Certificates is the best one we have tried out as yet. Although not perfect and wholly satisfactory to the Grand Custodian, what we are endeavoring to attain is a still higher grade of proficiency at a minimum cost to the Grand Lodge as well as to the lodges:

A plan so that there will be no need of assigning formal schools when it is not necessary, taking the time of the brethren from other paramount duties and putting them to a useless expense as well as the Grand Lodge. If Section 8, Chapter II of the Law were strictly observed, obeyed, and enforced, it would solve the problem. If only those were permitted to fill the oriental chair who are duly and truly prepared and worthy and well qualified,

it would be a right step in the right direction to preserve the reputation of the fraternity unsullied. What a farce it is to publicly oblige a Master to strictly comply with and abide by and enforce the constitution, laws, and edicts of the Grand Lodge, when he does not know what they are, and could not do it if he did. O Tempora! O Mores! The inefficiency of some applies only to the apathetic and indifferent (they are not in the majority), but one is one too many for the good of any particular lodge.

As the Grand Custodian understands it, there is a liberal proposition being promulgated throughout this Grand Jurisdiction to educate the Masons. We hope that it will prove a success and that it will commence at the head instead of the tail. There is a wide, open, uncultivated field in some lodges for just such an effort, which ought to bring forth good fruitage—of full measure, heaping and running over.

SECTION 8, CHAPTER II OF THE CODE—PROFICIENCY.

This section of the law is not being strictly observed, obeyed, and enforced, never has been, and never will be, for to enforce it to the letter would be to put many lodges out of commission.

When it comes to cajolling, coercing, persuading, or compelling a lodge to stand to and abide by its obligations through any compulsory measures to protect the interests and welfare of Masonry, it is simply a waste of time and effort to endeavor to resuscitate a dead body that is void of the spirit of truth.

The genius of Masonry is works more than words; proof, not profession. It is demonstrations, not doctrines. We speak from experience. That is about all the practical education that your humble servant has ever obtained through his march from darkness to light.

SECTION 63, CHAPTER VIII OF THE CODE—QUALIFICATIONS OF MASTERS-ELECT.

What qualification does being a warden or receiving the degree of a Past Master have to do with qualifying a Master to give the Craft "good and wholesome instruction that will make him a wiser, better and happier man?" It just simply enables his brethren to crown him with a misfit title. In many cases it would have been to the best interest of Masonry if he had been passed before you came to him. Masonry is bleeding from many a wound, betrayed in the houses of its supposed friends by apathetic and indifferent title-bearers.

Many of these rotary-machine made Masters never put in their appearance at the Grand Lodge and receive the degree of a Past Master Mason, and, as far as the Grand Custodian knows, they never do receive it in the form as adopted by the Grand Lodge. We know of some cases where they never received it in any form until after they were installed, and had served quite a time as Master.

As Section 63 provides, it is essentially necessary that a Master-elect must receive the degree of Past Master prior to his installation, should it not be conferred in a suitable and impressive manner, and a record made of the same in the Grand Secretary's office? If it is worth doing, it ought to be done right, or pass it up and not make a farce out of it.

With the knowledge and approval of the Grand Master, the Grand Custodian took up this matter with each and every lodge whose Master-elect did not receive the degree of Past Master at the Grand Lodge, mailing them a blank certificate to be officially signed under the seal of the lodge, when and where and by whom the degree was conferred, and have transmitted the same to the office of the Grand Secretary to be filed in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Custodian has formally invested the following Assistant Custodians with the official Past Master's degree, enabling them to confer the degree in a suitable, concise, and impressive form in full with the authorized and standard work of the Grand Lodge, viz.: M. W. Andrew H. Viele, P. G. M., W. Walter W. Wells, John B. Lichtenwallner, Orville A. Andrews, Lute M. Savage, Ira C. Freet, Earl M. Bolen, Robert B. Walker and Alfred G. Hunt.

It is the opinion of the Grand Custodian that no one should be permitted to confer this degree who can not strictly comply with the form adopted by the Grand Lodge. The whole matter is up to you for whatever disposition you may see proper to make of it. This is the end of our cable tow.

PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATES

The following lodges have renewed their certificates: Lodge No. 50, Hastings; 54, Lincoln; 55, Norfolk; 58, Columbus; 207, Callaway; 302, Omaha; 19, Lincoln; 170, Mason City; 53, Red Cloud

As long as lodges maintain the standard of proficiency as made manifest and demonstrated in their formal examinations, there should be no need of assigning them any further schools of instruction, thereby saving them, as well as the Grand Lodge, at least \$21.00 on each school held, to say nothing of interfering with other paramount duties. What a grand proposition it would be if it were made possible for each and every lodge to have a custodian as one of its membership, and how much grander it would be if every Master-elect were required to have a certificate of proficiency and to be Custodian of his own lodge.

In addition to those named on pages 309 and 310, proceedings of 1923, the following brethren have stood the test of a rigid formal examination and proved themselves worthy of the recognition of the Grand Lodge as zealous Craftsmen who know what it means to stand by the law in fact, as well as by broken vows. To-wit:

Brother Arthur J. Bracken, Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205, Chappell, Nebraska.

Brother Lewis Kelley, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney, Nebraska.

Brother Christopher W. McCracken, St. Paul Lodge No. 82, St. Paul, Nebraska.

Brother Fred R. Haggart, St. Paul Lodge No. 82, St. Paul, Nebraska.

Brother George D. Meredith, Wolbach Lodge No. 293, Wolbach, Nebraska.

Brother Herman Mier, Hooper Lodge No. 72, Hooper, Nebraska.

Brother Norman E. Shaffer, Hooper Lodge No. 72, Hooper, Nebraska.

Brother Timothy F. Green, Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley, Nebraska.

Brother George W. Stroup, Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley, Nebraska.

Brother Adolph C. Janzen, Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley, Nebraska.

Brother Samuel A. Naffziger, William E. Hill Lodge No. 307, Otoe, Nebraska.

Brother Chris Rasmussen, William E. Hill Lodge No. 307, Otoe, Nebraska.

Brother Elmer DeKay, William E. Hill Lodge No. 307, Otoe, Nebraska.

Brother Edwin H. Gerhart, Newman Grove Lodge No. 305, Newman Grove, Nebraska.

Brother Anson L. Havens, Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha, Nebraska.

Brother D. Bradley Malkson, Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha, Nebraska.

Brother Earl A. Fitch, Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha, Nebraska.

Brother Paul A. Wilcox, Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha, Nebraska.

Brother Joe J. Bacon, Lotus Lodge No. 289, Ravenna, Nebraska.

Brother William F. Flickenger, Lotus Lodge No. 289, Ravenna, Nebraska.

Brother Frank B. Ettman, Lotus Lodge No. 289, Ravenna, Nebraska.

Brother John L. Jones, Lotus Lodge No. 289, Ravenna, Nebraska.

Brother Harry C. Stafford, Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha, Nebraska.

Brother George R. Porter, Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha, Nebraska.

Brother Nile B. Walther, Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Wahoo, Nebraska.

Brother Ralph G. Haynie, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

Brother Leslie W. Niel, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

Brother Jonathan A. Frye, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska.

Brother Benjamin F. Eyre, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska.

Brother George N. Foster, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Brother George A. Yates, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Brother George N. Pillers, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Brother Charles K. Watson, North Bend Lodge No. 119, North Bend, Nebraska.

Brother Charles A. Miller, North Bend Lodge No. 119, North Bend, Nebraska.

Brother Edward L. Knight, North Bend Lodge No. 119, North Bend, Nebraska.

Brother Linus A. Higgins, Harvard Lodge No. 44, Harvard, Nebraska.

Brother John N. Larson, Wolbach Lodge No. 292, Wolbach, Nebraska.

Brother Herman E. Reimer, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska.

Brother Harold H. Thom, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska.

Brother Henry L. Woodford, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska.

Brother Ralph W. Robertson, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska.

Brother Jesse W. Hazlett, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska.

Brother Raymond C. Cook, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

Brother Willis R. Holmes, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

Brother Wilber B. Amess, Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272, Dunbar, Nebraska.

Brother James P. Baker, Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272, Dunbar, Nebraska.

Brother Earl E. Burcherding, Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272, Dunbar, Nebraska.

Brother Ernest T. Parnell, Fairmont Lodge No. 48, Fairmont, Nebraska.

Brother Alfred James White, Utica Lodge No. 96, Utica, Nebraska.

Brother Carl L. Caldwell, Utica Lodge No. 96, Utica, Nebraska.

Brother Lester J. Corlett, Merna Lodge No. 171, Merna, Nebraska.

Brother Adelbert J. Read, Merna Lodge No. 171, Merna, Nebraska.

Brother Henning C. Johnson, Merna Lodge No. 171, Merna, Nebraska.

Brother Arthur A. Spradling, Merna Lodge No. 171, Merna, Nebraska.

Proficiency Certificates have been issued to the following lodges in addition to those shown in our formal report, pages 312-313:

Granite Lodge No. 189, Gibbon, Nebraska.

Gothenburg Lodge No. 249, Gothenburg, Nebraska.

Acacia Lodge No. 34, Schuyler, Nebraska.

Hooper Lodge No. 72, Hooper, Nebraska.

Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley, Nebraska.

William E. Hill Lodge No. 307, Otoe, Nebraska.

Wauneta Lodge No. 217, Wauneta, Nebraska.

Bartley Lodge No. 228, Bartley, Nebraska.

Lotus Lodge No. 289, Ravenna, Nebraska.

North Bend Lodge No. 119, North Bend, Nebraska.

Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha, Nebraska.

Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska.

Omaha Lodge No. 288, Omaha, Nebraska.

Northern Light Lodge No. 41, Stanton, Nebraska.

Parian Lodge No. 207, Callaway, Nebraska. Second certificate.

Lebanon Lodge No. 58, Columbus, Nebraska. Second certificate.

Hastings Lodge No. 50, Hastings, Nebraska. Second certificate.

Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln, Nebraska. Third certificate.

Mosaic Lodge No. 55, Norfolk, Nebraska. Second certificate.

Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Wahoo, Nebraska.

Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, Lincoln, Nebraska.

DeWitt Lodge No. 111, DeWitt, Nebraska. Third certificate.

Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272, Dunbar, Nebraska. Second certificate.

Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln, Nebraska. Second certificate.

Mason City Lodge No. 170, Mason City, Nebraska. Second certificate.

Merna Lodge No. 171, Merna, Nebraska.

Charity Lodge No. 53, Red Cloud, Nebraska. Second certificate.

GRAND CUSTODIAN.

Conditions have of a necessity made many changes in the duties of the Grand Custodian in the last twenty-four years.

1.—The changing of the method of the promulgation of the work from that of a one man system to that of an additional number of twenty assistant custodians which makes it possible to visit virtually all of the lodges in two years, or at least those who are in need of schools, where, with the one man system, it would take about five years.

2.—The proposition of issuing proficiency certificates. It being the duty of the Grand Custodian to make a formal examination of all the esoteric work and all the accompanying lectures of all lodges that are ready and prepared to take said formal examinations, as well as of all individual brethren who are said to be proficient in the esoteric work and lectures, of the standard work as adopted and promulgated by order of the Grand Lodge under the letter of the Law.

The above two propositions involve an enormous amount of correspondence of itself, to say nothing of all the correspondence which is connected with the assigning and dating of all the schools of the assistant custodians, as you will observe that the correspondence of the Grand Custodian oftentimes reaches two thousand letters.

For several years the Grand Custodian has demonstrated what to him seems to be both an economical and a practical plan, *viz.*, that of holding formal inspection in all lodges that he assigns to himself of at least one day, three sessions, and reviewing all the essential parts of the work before making what may be termed a regular assignment of two days. This one day oftentimes is all sufficient to take most of the kinks out of the differences that are absolutely necessary. So far as I am informed, this plan seems to be perfectly satisfactory to the lodges, as it does not cost them anything and does not take so much of their time.

The Grand Custodian rigidly adheres to the rule of devoting no time to any other purpose than that of his regular duties as defined under the letter of the law. Neither does he spend any of the appropriation for any other purpose than that for which it is appropriated. He has no time or money to expend where there are no practical duties for him to perform, and he kindly and courteously declines to accept any and all invitations along those lines. The niche which the Grand Custodian is endeavoring to fill may not be a corner-stone, a cope-stone, or a key-stone, but it is the niche which must be filled, as the Grand Lodge has so decreed, and their wishes shall be my will and pleasure to the best of my understanding and ability. As I understand it, there is a legion of brethren who are endeavoring to give the Craft a higher education along the line other than the letter of the work. As long as there is a lodge which needs assistance in perfecting the letter of the work (which is our duty), we had better stay on our own side of the range.

It is the opinion of the present Grand Custodian that all Deputy Custodians had better stick close to the letter of the work, regardless of opinions. Opinions are not always reliable. They are not always based on facts. This longing to parade Masonry on the rostrum and in the press has done Masonry more harm than good, and has been the direct cause of misleading the Craft from the desired goal more than it has in bringing them from darkness to light. "Silence and circumspection" oftentimes obtains more and lasting results.

From the many different opinions that I have read and heard expressed, I am convinced that they cannot all be correct, so I claim the right of my own opinion.

Total inspections held by the Grand Custodian	16
Total examinations of lodges for proficiency certificates	28
Total examinations of individual brethren for proficiency certificates ..	57
Total number of sessions held by the Grand Custodian	155
Total number of communications mailed from the office of the Grand Custodian	1,610
Total number of miles traveled by the Grand Custodian	7,881

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS.

The following Assistant Custodians, by reason of their business engagements as well as other paramount duties, have found it impossible to fill the position of Assistant Custodian, and courteously have tendered their formal resignations: Brother Charles A. Eyre of No. 268, and Brother George H. Patterson of No. 136.

The Grand Master formally directed the Grand Custodian to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of the above named brethren as soon as possible, which order was promptly obeyed by nominating the following brethren, who are all Past Masters and certified brethren, and have put their respective lodges on the list of certified lodges, which is surely commendable and to their credit. They have been duly commissioned by the Grand Master, under his official seal and signature: D. Horace Schall of No. 307, Otoe; William J. Birkoffer of No. 249, Gothenburg, and Stanley P. Bostwick of No. 3, Omaha.

From the ranks of our Assistant Custodians, we have lost one who fell at his post of duty March 4th, 1924, in the lodge room of Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201, A. F. & A. M., Gering, Nebraska. He was and is worthy of more than superficial notice or formal comment. I refer to W. Rev. Walter W. Wells, who was duly commissioned an Assistant Custodian August 15th, 1910, thirteen years and six months of faithful service in the field of Masonic duty. Reverend Wells was wholly trustworthy and reliable. Who can fill the broken link in our fraternal chain? Fewer than one would suppose.

His work is finished on this plane, ours is not. He has gained admission to the celestial lodge above. We have as yet to prove ourselves. Are we doing our best? Are we doers of Masonic duties, and not hearers? Are we making our lives attest that we stand for all that is high, noble, and good?

OBSERVATIONS ON THE WAY.

(By one who has traveled quite a ways in his observations as an active Mason for fifty-three years.)

It is an old, trite, but true saying that every Mason has heard and hears in every lodge at its closing: "We meet upon the level and part upon the square." That may have been the case in ancient times, but it is not true in modern times. You may quote from the Great Light of Masonry, the rule and guide of our faith, "Of one blood has He made all nations of the earth." That might have been true when they did not have many nations to mix that

blood, but it will not work at the present day and age, not even among Masons. How often has it been said to Uncle Bob, "How far have you got?" "I never got very far. I am only in the North East Corner, and have been there for fifty-three years, and unless I change my ways I am liable to stay there during this incarnation." If you are really a Master Mason, I doff my hat to you, my brother, as you are the first Master Mason I ever met.

No, in this day and age, I have observed that there are a good many Masonic levels, governed by superficial titles and meaningless badges, making too many castes to meet on a common level of humanity. When, in fact, there is but one Masonic level, and you have to climb to a very high altitude to reach it. You can not come down to it. Only those who are moral and upright before God and Man, only those who dwell under the shadow of the Almighty in the secret place of the Most High, only those who demonstrate in their daily walk that they are earnestly and honestly endeavoring to strictly adhere to the teachings contained in the fifteenth Psalm—(read, reflect, and meditate upon this Psalm—in the silent watches of the night) can attain that height. Watch and see how many you can count among the many you meet who have attained this level. Are you right sure you are upon that level? May it not be true that "we will have to come out from among them and be separated" if we wish to dwell upon the Masonic level?

We will have to do what we came here to do. We will have to know from whence we came and whither we are traveling. We will have to know what we have lost, and how and when and where we are going to find it before we may justly wear the title of Master. Yes, we will have to know ourselves, control self, and sacrifice self.

It is not the sword or the plume that I may wear,
Nor the exalted title that I may bear,
The Masonry I love is of the good old plan,
The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

A universal plan wherever we may be,
Though in foreign parts far across the sea,
In palace or cottage, true friends we greet,
On one common level as Brethren we meet.

In ancient times a plan that was well understood,
A plan that never paid homage to royal blood,
A Cable-Tow whose strong and far-reaching end,
Knew no distance too great to help a true friend.

A plan without creeds, void of political strife,
Teaching pure principles of an upright life;
Whose tenets are "Relief and Brotherly Love,"
Whose practice make this earth like heaven above.

A plan upon whose five points in a low breath,
Whispering words of Truth—"there is no death."
A loving plan that binds each to the other,
God's own plan that makes all of us brothers.

—Uncle Bob.

By reference to Section 8, Chapter II of the Code you will observe that all the duties of the Grand Custodian are all under the immediate direction and control of the Grand Master.

The Grand Custodian does not of his own volition take the initiative in anything pertaining to the promulgation of the work without the knowledge, consent, and approval of the Grand Master, even although we may differ on many points. The Grand Custodian is not responsible for the differences. It is his duty to obey orders without cavil or controversy.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

ROBERT E. FRENCH,

Grand Custodian.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF GRAND CUSTODIAN.
CREDIT.

May 9th, 1923, balance in Peters National Bank, Omaha, Nebraska.	\$.49
June 7th, 1923, Grand Lodge appropriation	600.00
	\$600.49

DEBTOR.

By transportation expense account	\$231.96
By maintenance expense account	194.85
By printing and supply account	46.85
By telegram expense account	23.02
By telephone expense account	28.31
By taxi expense account	16.75
By postage expense account	5.03
By stenographer expense account	7.07
By balance in Peters National Bank, not drawn	46.65
	\$600.49

PROMULGATION ACCOUNT.

By postage expense account	\$ 9.80
By printing and supply account	25.00
	\$ 34.80

CREDIT.

By orders No. 5051, 5066, 5065. Through the Grand Secretary's office \$ 34.80

It is hereby certified by Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, that the above statement is true and correct to the best of his belief and knowledge. With the exception of one instance none of the appropriation has been expended for any other purpose than that for which it was appropriated, viz., promulgation of the work, under the provisions of Section 8, Chapter II of the code.

ROBERT E. FRENCH,

Grand Custodian.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME IN CHARGE OF THE ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.
To the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

The following report for the year ending May 20th, 1924, is fraternally submitted by the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home:

Securities on hand last report	\$111,800.00
<i>Purchased or renewed during the year:</i>	
No. 293, William C. Hutchins	7,000.00
No. 294, Henry Kaiser	6,000.00
No. 295, Anna Weinberger	3,000.00
No. 296, Fred J. Whitehorn	6,500.00
No. 297, Michael Foley	6,500.00
Certificate of Deposit, No. 1310, First Trust Co., Omaha	3,000.00
Certificate of Deposit, No. 3904, Peters Trust Co., Omaha	5,000.00
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Total	\$148,800.00
<i>Securities renewed or paid off:</i>	
No. 245, Edward Rafferty	\$2,500.00
No. 274, John J. Costello	2,500.00
No. 246, Chris Nelson	5,000.00
No. 256, Leslie Warren	5,000.00
No. 293, William C. Hutchins	7,000.00
No. 266, Mary Fendrich	3,000.00
No. 284, Edwin F. Cruggs	3,000.00
No. 252, Ida J. Moe	2,000.00
No. 281, Thonea Nirison	5,000.00
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	\$113,800.00

A \$5,000.00 mortgage due on April 1st, 1924, has not been paid. The mortgagor is negotiating a new loan from which he expects to pay the mortgage and the six months' interest past due.

Interest amounting to \$146.25, on a \$4,500.00 mortgage, due April 1st, 1924, has not been paid. All other interest due has been paid.

LIST OF SECURITIES ON HAND.

Mortgages owned by the Orphans Educational Fund, May 20th, 1924:

No.	Borrower	Property located in	Amount
241,	First Liberty Loan Bonds		\$ 5,000.00
254,	Sandoe	320 acres, Boyd county	5,000.00
268,	Kayl	80 acres, Dixon county	3,600.00
269,	Smith	70 acres, Dakota county	5,000.00
270,	Wilcox	120 acres, Thurston county	5,000.00
271,	Cornish	80 acres, Burt county	4,000.00
275,	Summers	.92¾ acres, Dawson county	3,000.00
276,	Morrison	80 acres, Cedar county	5,000.00
277,	Oliver	160 acres, Valley county	4,500.00
278,	Grabowski	160 acres, Knox county	5,000.00

282, Albertson	180 acres, Knox county	\$ 4,500.00
283, Schluter	80 acres, Thurston county	2,500.00
285, Wolff	80 acres, Johnson county	3,000.00
286, Dreesen	76 acres, Cedar county	4,200.00
287, Lux	162.19 acres, Dodge county	4,000.00
288, Hoech	160 acres, Dixon county	5,000.00
289, Copple	80 acres, Thurston county	6,000.00
290, Goebel	160 acres, Cedar county	8,500.00
291, Cox	160 acres, Antelope county	5,000.00
292, Goll	40 acres, Burt county	1,000.00
294, Kaiser	160 acres, Cedar county	6,000.00
295, Weinberger	158.45 acres, Madison county	3,000.00
296, Whitehorn	160 acres, Cedar county	6,500.00
297, Foley	99.93 acres, Washington county	6,500.00
Certificate of Deposit, No. 1310, First Trust Co., Omaha		3,000.00
Certificate of Deposit, No. 3904, Peters Trust Co., Omaha		5,000.00
Cash in the Omaha National Bank, Omaha		675.75
Total assets May 20th, 1924		\$119,475.75
Total assets May 20th, 1923		116,919.01
Net increase for the year		\$ 2,556.74

CASH.

On hand in Omaha National Bank last report	\$ 119.01
Interest on government bonds	212.50
Interest on mortgages and daily balances	6,387.39
Securities paid off	35,000.00
Accrued interest on mortgages purchased	\$ 43.15
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	4,000.00
Mortgages purchased	29,000.00
Certificates of deposit purchased	8,000.00
Cash in the Omaha National Bank, Omaha	675.75
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	\$41,718.90 \$41,718.90

The rate of interest on new mortgages purchased is the same as last year, the highest rate obtainable being $5\frac{1}{2}\%$.

FRANCIS E. WHITE,
Secretary, Board of Trustees, Nebraska
Masonic Home.

REPORT OF EXAMINATION.

GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M., OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

Year Ended May 20th, 1924.

Omaha, Nebraska, May 26th, 1924.

Auditing Committee,

Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.,

Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to instructions, we have audited and examined the books and records of the Grand Secretary, Omaha, Nebraska, for the year ended May 20th, 1924, and herewith submit report thereon.

Attached to and forming part of our report are the following statements, which reflect the financial condition of the Grand Lodge and the Orphans Educational Fund on May 20th, 1924:

Exhibit A—Resources and Liabilities, May 20th, 1924.

Schedule A-1—Surplus Analysis, Year Ended May 20th, 1924.

Schedule A-2—Building Fund, Year Ended May 20th, 1924.

Exhibit B—Resources and Liabilities, Orphans Educational Fund, May 20th, 1924.

Schedule B-1—Surplus Analysis, Orphans Educational Fund, Year Ended May 20th, 1924.

Exhibit C—Receipts and Disbursements, Orphans Educational Fund, Year Ended May 20th, 1924.

The Cash in Banks was reconciled with certificates secured from the depository. All receipts, as reflected by the books and records, were found to have been properly accounted for and deposited, all disbursements having been likewise accounted for and voucher.

The securities listed were inspected and found to agree with the book reflection.

By referring to Schedule A-1, "Surplus Analysis," it will be noted that there has been an increase during the year, from \$213,495.18 on May 20th, 1923, to \$221,844.35 on May 20th, 1924.

The books and records were found to have been kept with neatness and care, and every courtesy and facility was accorded our representative during the course of the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. GILCHRIST CO.

By John M. Gilchrist, Certified Public Accountant.

Exhibit A:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.

Omaha, Nebraska

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

May 20th, 1924.

RESOURCES.

Cash		\$ 44,261.63
Liberty Bonds:		
In General Fund	\$10,000.00	
In War Relief Fund	29,375.16	
In Building Fund	97,331.00	
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		136,706.16
Stocks:		
O. E. S. Hospital	1,000.00	
Masonic Home	51,600.00	
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		52,600.00
Real Estate and Buildings:		
Childrens Home, Fremont		117,000.00
Fixtures:		
Furniture and Fixtures	4,503.82	
Grand Lodge Jewels	233.00	
Monell Library	2,261.04	
Grand Lodge Library	1,546.68	
George W. Lininger Collection	89.65	
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		8,634.19
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		\$359,201.98

LIABILITIES.

Funds and Reserves:		
General Relief Fund	\$ 6,676.20	
War Relief Fund	30,935.65	
Building Fund	99,745.78	
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		\$137,357.63
Inventory (Surplus)		221,844.35
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		\$359,201.98

Schedule A-1:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.

Omaha, Nebraska.

SURPLUS ANALYSIS.

Year Ended May 20th, 1924.

Surplus, May 20th, 1923	\$213,495.18
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Add:

Interest:

On Bank Balances	\$1,029.72
On Liberty Bonds	425.00

 \$ 1,454.72

Dues	96,587.50
Initiation Fees	8,880.00
Charter Fee	75.00
Special Dispensations	160.00
Exemptions	82.25
Penalties	30.08

 107,269.55

Profit on Supplies	141.13
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 \$320,905.86

Deduct:

Addition to Building Fund	\$38,635.00
Payments to Nebraska Masonic Home	28,976.25
Supplies Issued Free	106.25
General Relief	6,676.20
Mileage and Expense for 1922, Lodge No. 154	13.92
Refund to Lodge No. 264	10.00
Exemptions from Dues	117.50
Salaries	10,724.00
Promulgation of the Work	861.52
Postage, etc.	410.00
Printing and Stationery	266.68
Janitor	47.00
Telephone	53.70
Expenses, Grand Custodian	600.00
Expenses, Grand Chaplain	150.00
Pay Roll for 1923	4,871.24
Office Rent	1,000.00
Insurance	32.30
Printing Proceedings, Reports of Grand Officers and Advance Copies	1,215.90
Masonic Service Association	3,632.10
Miscellaneous Expense	661.95

 99,061.51

Surplus, May 20th, 1924	\$221,844.35
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Schedule A-2:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
Omaha, Nebraska.
BUILDING FUND.
Year Ended May 20th, 1924.

Balance, May 20th, 1923.....		\$ 42,334.00
Add:		
Interest on Liberty Bonds.....	\$ 1,700.00	
Transferred from General Fund.....	38,635.00	
Credit from Initiations.....	17,690.00	
Credit from Affiliations.....	900.00	
Refund.....	1.74	
		58,926.74
		\$101,260.74
Deduct:		
Accrued Interest on Liberty Bonds.....	\$ 1,467.96	
Exemptions.....	47.00	
		1,514.96
Balance, May 20th, 1924.....		\$ 99,745.78

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
Omaha, Nebraska.
RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

Exhibit B:

ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.
May 20th, 1924.
RESOURCES.

Cash.....	\$ 675.75
Certificate of Deposit.....	8,000.00
Real Estate Mortgages Receivable.....	105,800.00
Liberty Bonds.....	5,000.00
	\$119,475.75

LIABILITIES.

Inventory (Surplus).....	\$119,475.75
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Schedule B-1:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
Omaha, Nebraska.
SURPLUS ANALYSIS.
ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.
Year Ended May 20th, 1924.

Surplus, May 20th, 1923.....	\$116,919.01
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Add:

Interest Received	6,556.74
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\$123,475.75

Deduct:

Payment to Childrens Home, Fremont, Nebraska	4,000.00
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Surplus, May 20th, 1924	\$119,475.75
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Exhibit C:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
Omaha, Nebraska.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

Year Ended May 20th, 1924.

Cash on Hand, May 20th, 1923	\$ 119.01
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Add Receipts:

Interest on Liberty Bonds	\$ 212.50
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Interest on Mortgages and Certificates of Deposit	6,387.39
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Mortgages Paid	35,000.00
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Certificates of Deposit Paid	28,500.00
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70,099.89

\$ 70,218.90

Disbursements:

Accrued Interest	\$ 43.15
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Paid to Childrens Home at Fremont	4,000.00
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Mortgages Purchased	29,000.00
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Certificates of Deposit Purchased	36,500.00
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69,543.15

Cash Balance, May 20th, 1924	\$ 675.75
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The following committees were announced by M. W. Charles A. Chappell, Grand Master, and entered on the discharge of their duties:

Applications for Reinstatement: Brothers Bernard N. Robertson, 3; Andrew H. Viele, 55; and Charles H. Marley, 1.

Board of Masonic Annuities and Gifts: Brothers Samuel S. Whiting, 54; Frank Wilcox, 1; David C. Hilton, 19; and John R. Webster, 3.

Bonding of Secretaries and Treasurers: Brothers Francis E. White, 6; James R. Cain, Jr., 105; and John B. Lichtenwallner, 272.

Charters and Dispensations: Brothers Alfred G. Hunt, 33; Harry A. Cheney, 100; Carl S. Bonner, 32; Peter H. Miller, 50; and Arthur M. Woodhead, 126.

Childrens Homes: Brothers O. Edwin Mickey, 65; Burlingame Walker, 119; Carroll D. Evans, 58; and Charles B. Nicodemus, 15.

Codification of the Law: Brothers Ralph O. Canaday, 285; Ira C. Freet, 56; and Tracy F. Tyler, 151.

Consolidation of Masonic Charities: Brothers Robert E. Evans, 5; and Charles E. Burnham, 166.

Credentials: Brothers Benjamin F. Thomas, 1; George L. Carter, 227; and Lester E. Slonecker, 302.

Doings of Grand Officers: Brothers George H. Thummel, 33; Lute M. Savage, 3; Forest A. Lape, 183; and William H. Wiess, 182.

Finance: Brothers John R. Tapster, 119; Frederic L. Temple, 61; Chester C. Wells, 1; Curtis S. Mahaffey, 19; and Theodore F. Goold, 159.

Foreign Correspondence: Brothers Francis E. White, 6; John A. Ehrhardt, 41; and Frank L. Haycock, 207.

Fraternal Dead: Brothers Charles M. Shepherd, 54; and Mark J. Lipman, 254.

George Washington Memorial Fund: Brothers George C. Mason, 300; Orville A. Andrews, 19; and Henry H. Andrews, 207.

Grand Lodge Office: Brothers Joseph B. Fradenburg, 3; and James M. Patton, 184.

Grievances: Brothers Archie M. Smith, 203; David Northrup, 1; Reginald E. Davies, 96; Earl Barnette, 146; and William C. Coupland, 276.

Jurisprudence: Brothers Lewis E. Smith, 136; Joseph B. Fradenburg, 3; John J. Tooley, 258; Ambrose C. Epperson, 139; Frederic L. Temple, 61; Andrew H. Viele, 55; Samuel S. Whiting, 54; James R. Cain, Jr., 105; Harry A. Cheney, 100; Charles E. Burnham, 166; Robert E. Evans, 5; John A. Ehrhardt, 41; Samuel P. Davidson, 17; Robert E. French, 46; and George H. Thummel, 33.

Library of the Grand Custodian: Brothers Charles E. Burnham, 166; and John B. Lichtenwallner, 272.

Masonic Service Association of the United States: Brothers Charles M. Shepherd, 54; Ambrose C. Epperson, 139; and Edwin H. Gerhart, 305.

Pay-roll: Brothers Frank L. Haycock, 207; Quinton V. Lively, 9; and Howard Miller, 244.

Promotion of the World's Peace: Brother Samuel P. Davidson, 17.

Relief and Care of Orphans: Brothers John A. Ehrhardt, 41; Robert E. Evans, 5; O. Edwin Mickey, 65; and Charles E. Burnham, 166.

Returns: Brothers John B. Lichtenwallner, 272; Henry L. Whitaker, 59; Carl V. Norstedt, 106.

Unfinished Business: Brothers Charles E. Burnham, 166; John J. Tooley, 258; and William S. Wiggins, 283.

Visiting Brethren: The Grand Custodian, the Deputy Grand Custodians, and Omaha brethren.

Past Grand Master George H. Thummel read the following report for the committee, and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

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

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers would respectfully report and recommend that the address of the Grand Master under its designated heads be referred as follows:

- To the Grand Lodge:
 - Masonic Service Association.
 - Washington Memorial Trowel.
 - Masonic Relief Association.
 - Masonic Home.
 - Masonic Charities.
 - Applications for Reinstatement.
 - Degrees conferred by and for lodges in other Grand Jurisdictions.
- To the incoming Grand Master:
 - New Lodges.
 - Investigations.
- To the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans:
 - Childrens Home.
- To the Committee on Grievances:
 - Trials.
- To the Committee on Jurisprudence:
 - General.
 - Decisions.
 - Recommendations.
- To the Craft:
 - Board of Masonic Annuities and Gifts.
 - A careful persusal of the Address of the Grand Master.
 - That all other acts and doings of the Grand Master not herein specifically referred be approved.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

- That under designated heads there be referred to the Grand Lodge:
 - Collection of Ancient Weapons.
 - John J. Monell Library.
- To the Committee on Finance:
 - Monitor and Ceremonies.
 - Report of the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home in charge of the Orphans Educational Fund.
 - Grand Lodge General Fund.
 - Supply Account.
 - General Relief Fund.
 - Building and Improvement Fund.
- To the Committee on Grievances:
 - Grievances.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

- To the Committee on Finance:
 - Financial Report of the Grand Custodian.
- The attention of the Craft in general is called to the very comprehensive and admirable report of our Grand Custodian regarding the condition of the work of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction. It is full of meat, and should be read by every Mason in Nebraska, and the Masters of our several lodges should have parts of this address read to their respective lodges, that the brethren might be informed fully as to what is being done to foster and promulgate the true principles of Masonry throughout our Grand Jurisdiction by the Grand Custodian and his assistants.

At twelve o'clock M., the Grand Master announced that the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the Infirmary in connection with the Nebraska Masonic Home would be conducted at Plattsmouth, at half past two o'clock P. M., and that the members of the Grand Lodge were expected to be present.

CORNER-STONE.

At half past one o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge and their invited guests went to Plattsmouth by special train to lay the corner-stone of the new Infirmary to be erected at the Nebraska Masonic Home.

The citizens of Plattsmouth had joined with Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., in making this virtually a holiday, and the Grand Lodge and their guests were greeted on the arrival of the train by committees, and found one hundred automobiles waiting to convey them to the Home. The streets and avenues leading to the Home were decorated with flags and bunting and everywhere were to be observed evidences of the desire of the citizens of Plattsmouth to do honor to the occasion. Mount Zion Commandery No. 5, of Plattsmouth, under command of Raymond P. Westover, were in line, and the citizens of Plattsmouth had arranged for the Eagles Band to furnish music for the occasion. On arriving at the Home, the following program was carried out under the direction of Brother Henry A. Schneider of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, who acted as chairman:

Invocation by Rev. Frank Emery Pfoutz, Pastor of the First Methodist Church and member of Morning Star Lodge No. 197, A. F. & A. M., Gresham, Nebraska.

Music by the band.

Address of Welcome, by His Honor, John P. Sattler, on behalf of the citizens of Plattsmouth.

Music by the band.

Address of Welcome, Judge James T. Begley, on behalf of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M.

Response by M. W. Charles A. Chappell, Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska.

At the conclusion of the Grand Master's address, the line of march was formed under the direction of W. Brother Albert R. Davis, Grand Marshal, and the Grand Lodge and all of the members of the Masonic Fraternity, and Grand

Officers of the Grand Chapter, and members of the Order of the Eastern Star, together with the citizens assembled, marched to the northeast corner of the proposed Infirmary, where Grand Master Chappell, assisted by the Grand Lodge officers, proceeded to lay the corner-stone of the Infirmary of the Nebraska Masonic Home. During the ceremony, music was furnished at appropriate times by a double male quartette, composed of Raymond C. Cook, Frank A. Cloidt, Raymond P. Westover, Roy W. Knorr, John E. Frady, Clifford J. Cecil, Carl J. Theleen, and Lynn O. Minor. At the proper place in the ceremony, the corner-stone was covered with garlands of flowers placed thereon by eleven beautiful little girls dressed in white, the part of these young ladies in the ceremony being impressive to an unusual degree, and adding to the beauty and impressiveness of the ceremony. The flower girls were in charge of Miss Clara Weyrich, and were Vestetta Robertson, Jean Caldwell, Florence Schutz, Ruth McMaken, Vera McBride, Eleanore Minor, Jean Hayes, Maxine Cloidt, Katherine Terryberry, Marjorie Arn, and Ann Margaret McCarty.

After the laying of the corner-stone, the Grand Lodge, accompanied by all of the brethren and citizens, returned to the lawn east of the Home building, where W. Brother John R. Webster, 3, delivered the following

ORATION.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

From distant homes we have gathered to unite in a service "more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle," a service that carries us far back beyond the earliest dawning of recorded time, where, from out the shadows of pre-historic ages, the archaeologists of today are excavating the remains of corner-stones which were laid so long ago that the mind is staggered in the effort to count the years which have come and gone since primeval man gathered, as we have done today, to consecrate the rearing of an altar to his gods.

Think for a moment of that primeval man, with hardly a glimmer of the knowledge of good and evil, trying to grope his way from darkness to light. All around him were tremendous unseen powers. The lightning flashed in the sky, and its roaring terrified his soul. The whirlwind swept the land with a besom of destruction that made him tremble; and the earthquake rocked the very foundations of his universe, till he quailed in an agony of fear. As he pondered, there grew within his soul a great dread of portentous forces back of the lightning, the whirlwind and the earthquake.

This timidity and awe marks the dividing line between the highest forms of animal creation and primeval man. The one felt only a physical fear of a physical foe; but no man has ever been discovered, no matter how low in the scales of intelligence, whose imagination did not people the forests and the fields, the rivers and ravines, with a multitude of demons and deities hiding behind the visible forms of nature.

The fairy tales which thrilled our childish imagination, and the stories of ghosts, elves, imps and goblins which made us shiver, were not *stories*, but stern realities to the fathers of the long ago. Do you wonder then that those fathers took every precaution to appease the evil powers and conciliate the good?

No structure of any kind was undertaken without the most lavish sacrifices. Man himself was more of beast than human. He perpetrated horrors that make our flesh quiver as we read. His gods were beings like unto himself, with appetites and passions similar to his own; so his offerings were made to supply what he supposed to be the Deity's most pressing need. This was food, and blood—*human blood*—was the most acceptable diet.

So the first stone was laid in blood. Excavations bring to light the skeletons of men, women and children lying under foundation walls; and reveal scenes of torture too horrible to relate.

Perhaps, as a survival of this hideous practice, we read (I Kings 16:34) that when rebuilding Jericho in the days of Ahab, Hiel the Bethelite "laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his first born, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son."

As civilization advanced, animal sacrifice took the place of human beings; and grain, bread, and other kinds of food, were supplied. Deep under it all, there seemed to be the thought that, by furnishing the necessities of life, the god could be induced to make his home in the building to be erected, and thus become the protector of its occupants.

Then, too, the offerings were placed on, or under, the consecrated stone; because, in the minds of the builders, the stone itself became the actual dwelling place of deity.

It may be interesting to recall that the "*Coronation Stone*," now in Westminster Abbey, and on which all sovereigns of the British Empire are crowned, is claimed by many to be the identical stone on which Jacob rested his head when he had his wonderful dream at Luz, and which he named *Bethel*, saying: "This stone * * * shall be *God's house*"; an incident, perhaps, showing how long may linger the idea of an "*Indwelling Spirit*" abiding within a stone.

Masons of today would not think of our God as confined within the limits of a block of granite, nor does he dwell far off in some distant heaven.

"We need not rise above this mundane sphere,

We need not 'neath the briny deep descend,

To find the Deity; but on the path

Where blind Bartimaeus begs, the Lord is seen;

Where sorrow dwells the Master, too, abides;

Builders of 'House not made with hands' look out

At every window and behold the Lord!"

But primeval man, thinking to surround himself with a multitude of protecting deities, consecrated numerous stones as his building progressed, in order to provide homes for many gods.

Thus, out of the mystic shadows of that far-off past, there have come down to us three stones which have peculiar significance to Masons—"The *Stone of Foundation*," the "*Cap Stone*" and the "*Corner-Stone*," for the laying of which we meet today.

Let us pause a moment to notice the striking difference between our thought and ceremony, and that of the long ago.

Theirs was a sacrifice to mollify a harsh and hostile deity. We are here today in recognition of a *Heavenly Father* from whom we have received unnumbered blessings, and whose love and watch-care is our choicest treasure.

Their ceremony was accompanied with shrieks and cries of tortured victims. Our service rings with songs of rejoicing and praise.

This change from wailing to worship took place before the time of Job, for Jehovah asks him: Who laid the corner-stone of the earth; "*when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*" Clearly indicating that, in Job's day, the laying of a corner-stone was a jubilee of song.

Still later, Tacitus tells of Vestal Virgins crowned with chaplets of flowers; and of magistrates, priests, senators, Roman knights and citizens, with general demonstrations of joy, dragging the ponderous stone to its destined place.

What is there about this stone to arouse such remarkable enthusiasm? So much of symbolism, and so many teachings of Masonry, cluster about it, that we can consider only a few:

The *Corner-Stone* represents the individual *Mason*. It was carefully selected, as are all who gain admittance into our Order.

It came from the quarry a rough, uneven mass of rock; just as the applicant, a *Rough Ashlar*, first knocks at the door of the lodge.

It has been subjected to chipping, grinding, pounding and surfacing; and as Entered Apprentices, we were exhorted to make liberal use of the "*Common Gavel*" for the "noble and glorious purpose of divesting our minds and consciences of all the vices and superfluities of life; thereby fitting us, as living stones, for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

"This life we use to build the next,

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And what we are in that new life

Depends on what we do in this—

Our deeds of worth, our acts of strife,

The thoughts we think, the things we say,

All count. There is no miss."

So, this *Stone* was carefully tested by all the working tools of Masonry, symbolic of that testing by the "*Master Builder of Souls*" which we must all undergo—and which will determine our place in the temple of eternal life.

The buildings of antiquity are gone. They have crumbled into ruins; but their *corner-stones* have endured throughout the ages—a striking symbol of Immortality; to remind the Mason that “If the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved,” “we have within us a corner-stone of immortality that will survive the tomb, and rise triumphant and eternal, above decaying dust and the grave.”

Then, brethren, let us never forget that the *corner-stone* is not laid to be seen of men; nor to advertise the architect or builders. It is a *Sign of the Covenant* between the Mason and the Supreme Architect of the universe; and so, whether fronting on crowded thoroughfares or hidden away in the obscurity of some dark alley, it is placed at the *Northeast* corner of the building, symbolic of Masonic progress from darkness to light.

Thus placed it faces *North*—the place of darkness—and admonishes the Mason that, in this world, he must face, with stout heart, all the dark, hard problems of life.

“For the test of a man is the fight that he makes,
The grit that he daily shows;
The way he stands on his feet and takes
Fate’s numerous bumps and blows.”

So must he battle, like a knight in armor, with all the dark temptations of hell; and with unflinching resolution, must he hold his passions within the sacred circle of his Masonic vow.

Then, too, this stone looks to the *East*, and warns the Mason that, so long as his heart is set upon the things of this world only, *he is facing darkness*.

Oh! Yes, enjoy while you may the legitimate pleasures of life—that is your privilege. Strive with all your might and main to win success in your chosen vocation—that is your duty. Seek with every faculty of mind to climb to the highest pinnacle of honors—that is your right. But remember, that pleasures will pall, and all the riches and honors in all the world are not enough to satisfy the aspirations which Heaven has implanted in the soul. Then do not make these things the *ne plus ultra* of your life.

“*Look to the East!*” Turn from darkness to light. Turn from the lower, to the higher things of life. Turn on the angle of a perfect square. Turn to the *right*—and your heart will be thrilled with the commendation of our *Great Grand Master*—“Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.”

OUR FUTURE MASONIC HOME.

In harmony with these symbols, and in full accordance with the teachings of Masonry, this *corner-stone* has been laid today; and thus we inaugurate plans for a *FUTURE MASONIC HOME* that will meet the needs of our brethren, and our sisters of the Eastern Star, for many years to come.

There has been no thought of heedless or lavish expenditure; but rather of economy. No one contemplates the construction of these buildings today, or in the near future; but, little by little, and part by part, as additional

facilities are required, portions of a building can be erected, just as wings may be added, one by one, to this *Infirmiry*, that will increase its capacity threefold.

Having a design which looks to the future will minimize mistakes. Buildings erected will not be temporary makeshifts to supply pressing needs and then be torn down; but will be permanent parts of a well-considered plan, and will fit in with other buildings, so that the final result will be one symmetrical whole.

In making these plans your Committee exercised the greatest care. Professor Morris I. Evinger, of our State University, with a corps of competent engineers, made for us a topographical survey of the site and surrounding neighborhood, and discovered the possibility of yonder boulevard. This extends Washington Avenue and will give to Plattsmouth a north-westerly outlet that can be made one of the finest driveways in the state.

Professor Evinger also prepared for us five complete sets of drawings, each showing a different layout of buildings, drives, etc., but all including the boulevard. One of these, somewhat modified, was finally adopted.

As a matter of precaution, Mr. Henry Wright, landscape architect, of St. Louis, was engaged as consulting engineer. We also had the assistance of Mr. J. S. Butterfield, landscape engineer of the Missouri Pacific railroad. All of the gentlemen named have met several times with the Committee at this Home, carefully examined the site and surroundings, studied the drawings of Professor Evinger, and all agreed on the plans selected.

Then the matter was submitted to the Trustees, and the whole Board, together with numerous brethren, came to Plattsmouth for a personal inspection. They spent a day looking over the grounds and discussing all possibilities, and were convinced that the work of planning had been well and carefully done.

The adoption of these plans will result in giving to the Home a north and easterly frontage, facing on the boulevard, which will become the principal thoroughfare between Plattsmouth and Omaha.

Facing north, on yonder bluff, will stand the main building of the Home. From either end of this, wings can be extended south; the east one to connect with this *Infirmiry*, thus making a beautiful court, in the center of which will stand yonder oak tree.

The middle of that main building will be crowned with a majestic tower, in which it is planned to have the Memorial Hall in memory of our beloved M. W. Brother George W. Lininger, who left us a legacy for this purpose. The building and tower, seen from miles away, will be a conspicuous feature of the landscape.

Between the buildings and the boulevard the lands will be laid out in walks, gardens and groves, where the residents of the Home may spend delightful hours basking in the sunshine or sitting in the shade, and always surrounded by a scene of beauty and rest.

The slopes of this bluff will be terraced and adorned with foliage and shrubs; and all about, in steps, walks and angles, we hope to have Masonic symbols to remind the brethren of pleasant hours spent within the lodge room, but—better still—to point them to the Lodge on high.

THE IDEAL MASONIC HOME.

Then, brethren, let us lay this *Corner-Stone* in the fervent spirit of Masonry:

"Come, a solemn voice reminds us—
Come, a mystic fetter binds us—
Masons, here your duties lie,
Hark, the poor and needy cry!"

We are not building a charitable institution. This is a *home*. Those within its walls are not inmates. They are *residents*. The brother who comes here for rest and recreation is not a pauper. He is our "Buddy," who has fallen at our side in the terrific battle of life, and with tenderest care and sympathy we would lift him in the arms of love, bear him from the field of carnage, and give to him a comrade's cheer and nursing.

Then let us ever remember our solemn Masonic pledge:

"*Hand to Back*': A brother falling—
His misfortune is too great;
Stretch the generous hand, sustain him,
Quick, before it is too late;
Like a strong, unfaltering prop,
Hold the faltering brother up.

Hold him up; stand like a column;
Hold him up; there's good stuff in him;
Hold him with his head toward Heaven;
Hold him with the *lion's grip*."

To make this a *home*, we must provide something more than bread and butter and a place to sleep. Let us surround the brethren here with the symbols of the Craft; that all may feel the *Spirit of Masonry* pervading these buildings and grounds. Let us point them to our *Checkered Floor*:

"*I on the White Square, You on the Black*;
I at fortune's face, You at her back;
Friends to *me many*, friends to *you few*;
What, then, dear brother, binds me to you?"

*This! * * **

The *Great Covenant* in which we abide—

"Hearts charged with sympathy—
Hands opened wide—
Lips filled with comfort,
And God to provide.

"*I in life's valley, You on its crest*;
I at its lowest, You at its best;
I sick and sorrowing, You hale and free;
What, then, dear brother, binds you to me?"

*This! * * **

The *Great Covenant* in which we abide—

“Hearts charged with sympathy—
Hands opened wide—
Lips filled with comfort,
And God to provide.”

But, my brethren, this symbol has heights and depths of meaning far beyond any contrasts in the material things of life. Masonry is a seeking after light. Light—*more light*—is the constant desire of him who journeys from the West toward the East. God is the Light of the World. Apart from Him all is darkness. Then Masonic progress from darkness to light is a seeking after God, symbolized by the *Blazing Star* in the center of our *Mosaic Pavement*.

Riches may take to themselves wings, and fly away; friends may forsake us, and health may succumb to disease; but the soul at one with God has passed beyond the dark squares in our Checkered Floor, and found the true source of comfort for all the ills of life.

This is the sublimest teaching of our symbol. From *Darkness to Light*. Darkness, discord and distress, in alienation from God; Light and the peace “which passeth all understanding” in communion with Him.

“Peace like a river, so deep and so broad,
Wonderful peace, wonderful peace;
Resting my soul on the bosom of God,
I have peace, sweet peace.”

Then in every possible place let us have symbols that will cry aloud: “*From Darkness to Light*”—“*From Darkness to Light*”—so that our brethren here may catch the sublime message, and take pleasure in pointing these symbols to visiting friends. Thus may we fill each heart with an infinite yearning after God; and remind every one within these walls that the brightest possibilities of life are still before them.

Brethren, will you do it? Then, as we build, let us invoke the spirit of “*Wisdom, Strength and Beauty*.”

“*Genius of Masonry* descend,
And with thee bring thy spotless train;”
As we this building rear, attend
With *Wisdom* in our hearts to reign.
Then *wisely* lay the stone;
Place it square and true;
“So shall distant ages own
The work that *Masons* do.”

"Bring with thee *Virtue!* brightest maid;
 Bring *Love*, bring *Truth*, bring *Friendship* here,"
 That peace and concord, lend their aid
 And *Strength* may in our work appear.
 "Then *strongly* lay the stone;
 Place it firm and true;
 So shall distant ages own
 The work that *Masons* do."

"Bring *Charity!* with goodness crowned,"
 The fairest grace, in Heaven's own robe,
 That *Beauty* in these halls abound
 And radiate to all the globe.
 "Then *grandly* lay the stone;"
 In *Beauty* plumb and true;
 "So shall distant ages own
 The work that *Masons* do."

Spirit of Masonry! Attend!
 As we these walls of mercy raise,
 Let songs from every heart ascend
 And all our lips break forth in praise.
 With *anthems* lay the stone;
 Hymns to our Father true;
 May Angels round His Great White Throne
 Sing Hallelujahs, too.

Oh! *Spirit of Masonry!* Attend!
 Lift all our hearts to God on High,
 To Him the reverent knee we bend,
 Who always hears His children's cry.
Supreme Architect above,
 Grant us to lay this stone in prayer.
 To *Thee* we dedicate our work of love,
 And to all *Masons* everywhere.

All in attendance availed themselves of the invitation to visit the Home, and were pleased not only to visit all parts of the Home, but to meet and to greet and to visit with the residents and the superintendent and those who are charged with the responsibility of the management, and before leaving all were invited to participate of bounteous refreshments which were served in the dining-room, and none went away dissatisfied.

All the details had been carefully worked out and the occasion proved to be one of true success in all respects, and the deep interest taken in the Home and in the ceremony of the laying of the corner-stone was evidenced by the large number in attendance.

At a quarter before six o'clock P. M., the special train left for Omaha, arriving there in ample time for the work of the Grand Lodge to be continued at the evening session.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Tuesday, June 3d, 1924.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at half past seven o'clock P. M., with Grand Master Charles A. Chappell presiding, all officers being in their stations. The Grand Lodge was purged and tyled.

M. W. Brother Chappell introduced W. Brother Merrill B. Carman, 135, Grand Orator, to the brethren, and he delivered the following

ORATION.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

I come before you with about the same feeling that Moses had when Jehovah met him with the command to go to the king of Egypt and say, "Let my people go." Moses answered, "Who am I that I should stand before Pharaoh?" When David was offered Saul's daughter in marriage, he said, "Who am I that I should be son-in-law to the king?" So I say, "Who am I that I should stand in this place before such a good and learned body of men, and presume to speak words that this occasion demands, and this great brotherhood deserves?" I feel myself unworthy of this privilege, but with sincerest appreciation to the Grand Master for this great honor, I approach the task with faith in God and confidence in my brethren. I proceed, and should fear no danger.

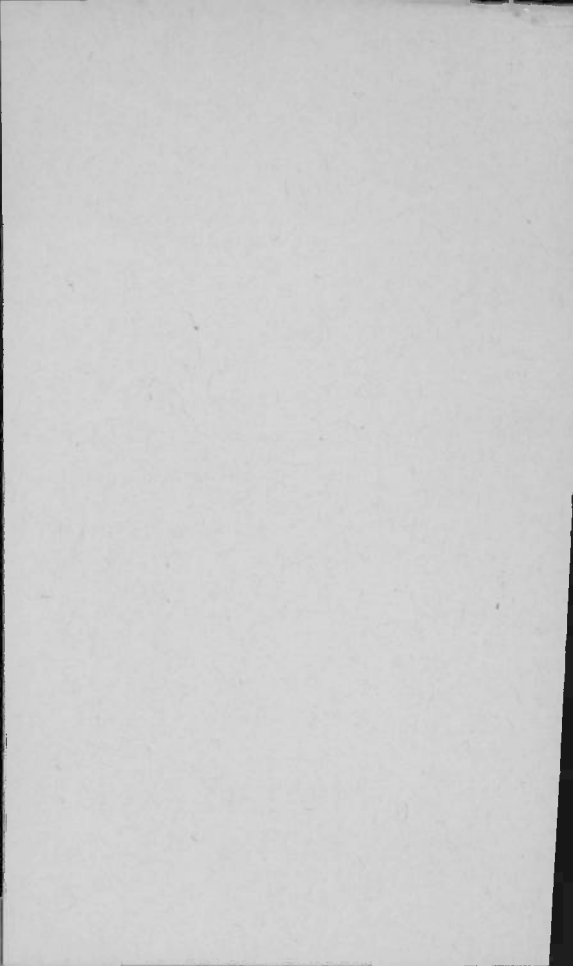
We meet here from year to year in these communications that we may help and be helped; that we may learn the better how to become truer men and more worthy Masons; that we may be inspired to practice the virtues taught by this most excellent Fraternity. I have been praying and hoping that my part in these proceedings may be of some little help, and I speak for a practical application of the great truths of the Masonic institution and for an active Masonry in all respects, and with the thought that if the structure to be erected by our Craft is to be enduring our Craftsmen must be well grounded in the fundamentals of truth and justice.

"Faith without works is dead." We must prove our belief by our lives, by our actions, by what we do. In one of the great teachings of The Lion of the Tribe of Juda we read: "Not every one that sayeth unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." This is action. Not every one that sayeth,

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"I am a Mason" shall enter into that noble experience of an upright life, but he that doeth the things that Masonry teacheth; he that liveth Masonry. To have active Masonry, men must be made Masons in their hearts and study to show themselves approved, workmen "that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

The "Old Tyler" says something worth while when he speaks of how his mother makes a cake, the care she takes in breaking each egg, first into a separate dish to see just what sort of an egg it is, for she knows that one bad egg broken into a whole pan of good ones may spoil every good egg in the pan. If we are to have genuine Masons, men of character, brethren who conscientiously keep their obligations taken in due form, men must be made to understand before they knock at the outer door that it means something to be a Mason.

Masonry is not a religion, nor is the lodge a church, but Masonry is religious. It teaches the fatherhood of God, and if we prove our worthiness of this divine Fatherhood, we will exhibit a reverence for the name of Deity, both in word and in deed, not only in the precincts of the tiled lodge but in all our conversations among men everywhere. Masonry teaches the Brotherhood of Man. Then we will be brothers, not only while we wear the apron but in every day life, in our social and business relations. We will not deceive nor defraud, we will not misjudge, misrepresent nor take advantage of another, not only among ourselves as brethren, but in our dealings with all men.

The initiation prayer for the Entered Apprentice degree should be answered, and the candidate can help answer it himself. We ask the Almighty Father of the Universe that the one to be initiated may dedicate himself to the service of God, and that he may display the beauties of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. This world would be a better place if we Masons made honest effort to be the kind of men we have promised we would be, and that we know we are expected to be. Those who know us to be Masons have a right to expect of us clean, honest, truthful living among them, and it behooves us in the light of our knowledge not to betray nor disappoint them.

Today three ruffians are attacking the very heart of our America. The first ruffian we will name is "Godless Thinking and Godless Living." A knowledge of and yielding to the teachings of our Great Light will successfully overcome this treacherous enemy.

The first of the three Great Lights in Masonry is the Holy Bible. It is on the altar of every Masonic lodge. Thus the Word and Will of God rule the lodge in all its labors.

Long before the revival of Masonry in 1717, the Bible was mentioned in the writings of the Craft as the book upon which the obligation was taken. No serious Mason needs to be told what an important place the Bible has in Masonry. It is central, sovereign, supreme. A master light, the first light in all our Masonic seeing, the Holy Bible is the rule and guide of our faith. "In the beginning God * * * And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light." This book upon the altar pours forth its pure white light upon the east, south and west, giving spiritual vision, moral law and immortal hope.

Many of the names found in our ceremonies are Biblical, and students tell us that in our ritual there are about seventy-five references to the Bible; but better than all is the spirit of the Bible; and its faith, its attitude toward life, is everywhere taught in Masonry. On first entering our sacred portals to be taught our holy truths, a candidate hears the words of the Bible, and he observes it on being brought from darkness to light, and should ever recall it in his endeavors to the highest and holiest manhood.

Every Mason ought not only to honor the Bible as the Great Light of the Craft, but should read it, live with it, love it, lay its truths to heart, and learn what it is to be a man, a real Mason. There is something in the Old Book which makes man both gentle and strong, obedient and tolerant, faithful and free, adding to his faith virtue, knowledge, patience, temperance, godliness, brotherly-kindness, and charity. It is the most divine of all books, telling us of God; that God made us for himself and that He so loved us that He gave—He gave! Love without sacrifice is empty. He gave His only son, Jesus Christ, to redeem us and to perfect us in all goodness.

The Holy Bible is not only Masonry's Great Light, but the teaching of this Book has made this America of ours what it is. It was the guiding light of our fathers who founded this republic. The Pilgrim Fathers before they embarked from Plymouth, England, read from its pages, bowed down and prayed. They brought the book with them, read it daily on that long, dangerous voyage. They sang its Psalms when they sighted land; they read its promises, obeyed its warnings, trusted the God of its teachings when they began to build homes for themselves on this virgin soil. It was their food, their hope, their shelter, their guiding star. God's truth was the swaddling clothes in which this infant republic was wrapped. I am proud that I have been privileged to visit the very spot in England where these Godly men held that last service of worship, and Plymouth Rock where they prayed. I have seen that same Holy Bible, have read from its pages.

A United States Senator, in the early history of our country, said on the floor of the Senate: "This country of ours rests upon four great pillars," and he named them in the following order: God's Book, God's Day, the Ballot and Patriotism. Then this Senator went on to explain that to have true patriotism and love for country, men must have equal rights and equal privileges to express themselves for men and measures for their own government. This calls for a free ballot by which the citizen can register his choice of men and laws and for a practical application of that Biblical statement: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets."

The Bible is our great moral text book and the best citizenship is patterned after its high moral standards. Therefore it must be taught if men are to learn it and practice it as man to man. We have the Book, and the wisdom of God has not only provided the Book but a time, one day in seven, in which to teach it. Personally, I believe, and there are many others who believe with me, that this Book should be so taught to our children that its great principles may be woven into their lives in order that they may become the very best of citizens. I believe this book should be given a place not only in our homes but in our schools. I believe its wonderful truths, its good

citizen and character building principles, are as important in the education of our children as a knowledge of other subjects they study. I believe a study of the lives of Abraham, Moses, Samuel, Ruth, Esther, Solomon, John the Baptist, John the Evangelist, and the Christ, will inspire our boys and girls to higher ideals and to standards which are better than the study of the lives of Alexander, Cæsar, Nero, or Napoleon.

While there is considerable opposition to the reading of the Bible in our schools, such opposition is surely decreasing. The advocates of the use of the Bible in the schools allege at least two good reasons why it should be read:

First: The Bible is woven into the very fiber of our best literature, such as the writings of Shakespeare, Milton, Browning, Emerson, and others, and without a working knowledge of the Bible much of the meaning of our best literature will be passed over by the reader unrecognized and unappreciated. One of our leading instructors of English language and literature has said: "I thoroughly believe in a university education for both men and women, but I believe a knowledge of the Bible without a college course more valuable than a college course without the Bible." And again: "Every one who has a thorough knowledge of the Bible may truly be called educated, and no other learning, or culture, no matter how extensive or elegant, can form a proper substitute," says this instructor in one of our leading universities.

Second: The Bible is the mighty hand book of democracy and popular sovereignty. Where the Bible is a closed book, a prohibited book, there is found tyranny, superstition, and injustice. Where the Bible is wide open and held in veneration and love by the people, enlightenment, progress, and liberty flourish.

Champ Clark, while Speaker of the House of Representatives, was asked the question: "Mr. Clark, as a member and Speaker of the House, you have heard many men speak, heard many addresses given. When men clinch their arguments, reach the climax, put in the key-stone word, what teacher, what piece of literature, do they most often quote?" Without any hesitation, Mr. Clark answered: "The teacher is the Christ; the literature is the Holy Bible."

A list of questions on the Bible was distributed last year among High School and College students in one of our border states. Here are some of them:

This quotation from James Russell Lowell:

"No jealousy, no Levite pride
That passeth by upon the other side."

Eighty per cent did not know what book he referred to.

What did Christ say about loving our neighbor? Sixty per cent did not know. Forty per cent thought Paul was a book in the Bible. Twenty-five per cent thought Pilate was a Bible author. Twelve per cent could not give the first clause of the Lord's prayer.

History speaks with no uncertain voice, and he is dull indeed who cannot understand its lesson. Can we afford longer to bar from our schools the

text book of all that is pure, splendid, and humanitarian in our civilization?

I believe Masons are in duty bound to shape their lives by the teachings of this Great Light, the Holy Bible. I have no right in a dogmatic or sectarian way to attempt to interpret its teachings for you. You have no right to thus interpret its teachings for me, but each voluntarily yields to its truths as each one is guided by his own conscience, his own understanding and his own inspiration. I hate narrow sectarianism, Phariseeism. I will live to make my faith a power for good in the world, while I love every other faith that exalts righteousness.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." And Solomon said in that Masonic twelfth chapter of Ecclesiastes: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

The second ruffian of whom mention will be made is "Ignorance," and this, like the first treacherous enemy named, will be overcome by a practical application of the truths and teachings of Freemasonry.

In the second section of the lecture of the Fellowcraft degree, the seven liberal arts are taught: Grammar, Rhetoric, Logic, Arithmetic, Geometry, Music, and Astronomy. This, and other parts of the work, places Masonry whole-heartedly on the side of our public school system. No one doubts this. No one needs to be told that the ideals of educated men and women must more and more be made the ideals of all our people, and herein lies added strength to America. Here is our challenge and our opportunity lest our temple of liberty be injured or destroyed before it is finished and dedicated, for it is not yet complete. There still remain rules and designs on the great trestleboard of the Supreme Architect.

It needs no argument to convince that the public school is not a place where political or religious axes are to be ground. Every one of us should understand and appreciate the value of the service of the public school teachers without need of argument. They should know us, should associate with us and acquire a practical knowledge of the problems of life which we face. And it is also very important that we know the teachers into whose care we entrust the minds, the hearts and the health of our children. They should be made to feel that we rely upon them and they upon us.

Our constitution and our flag guarantee equality of opportunity. We do not live in a feudal age; none of us are held as chattels. Each man and woman is a human soul created equal, entitled to a fair chance, and the future

of America depends upon every boy and girl growing into a healthy, happy, competent manhood and womanhood, able to cope with conditions which citizens must face. Our public school system should fit children to take advantage of their opportunities and so make of themselves all that ambition, thrift, ability and character may hope to attain. Our public schools can succeed only in proportion to the co-operation we, the citizens, give it. If the people of the community are determined that American ideals shall be instilled into the minds of their children rather than the vaporings of foreign agitators, the schools of that community will have teachers thoroughly grounded in the principles of true Americanism.

One of the early sponsors of education in America said: "The national safety, prosperity and happiness can be obtained only through free public schools, open to all, good enough for all, and attended by all." The public school which brings the children of the rich and poor together is one great agency making for a responsible citizenship. Our children must know that the right to attend the public school has cost much in time, brain, energy, and heart, as well as money. They must know that what is now their privilege has been fought for, and that the battle is not yet over.

The "Educational Bill" now pending in Congress has been the subject of much consideration and discussion. What does this bill propose? It will create a department of education with a secretary in the President's cabinet. It will create a national council of one hundred representative educators and laymen which will meet annually at the call of the secretary. It will give federal aid to encourage the States in the solution of educational problems fundamental alike to good citizenship in both state and nation. The bill does not appropriate any money, but authorizes Congress to appropriate funds up to a certain amount. Its purposes are to remove illiteracy and to provide for the Americanization of the foreign-born, the promotion of physical education, the training of teachers, and the equalization of educational opportunities. Nebraska, or any other state, in order to receive the benefits must give a public school opportunity and must require compulsory attendance at some school, public or private, of twenty-four weeks during the year for every child between seven and fourteen years of age, and establish English as the basic language of all instruction in all the schools, public and private, in the common branches.

Twenty-five million children every year come under the influence of two hundred and seventy thousand schools taught by six hundred and sixty-five thousand teachers. We are told that five million illiterates were reported by the 1920 census, of which three million were native-born Americans who had not attended any school whatever, and we are reminded that the war draft disclosed the fact that one man in every four could not write a letter home or read a newspaper in English, and an analysis of the figures relating to illiteracy in America discloses not only a surprising state of facts but also a condition to be regretted and to be feared. Patriotic and intelligent citizens must feel a challenge when these facts are considered, for our public school system, with its magnificent record of achievements, has not been able to overcome and eliminate the menace of illiteracy in our country,

and the challenge cannot be escaped that a remedy must be found if our nation is to continue in advancement. Can we, as Master Masons, lovers of light and ambassadors of more light, stand idly by and remain indifferent? The immigration bill recently enacted into law by Congress will undoubtedly prove to be beneficial, an awakened public conscience will seek out the remedy, and I with thousands of my brother Masons, and other citizens of our country, believe the proposed educational bill would prove to be a great benefit in correcting the weaknesses in our present system. Masonry has ever stood for the enlightenment of the people and as a friend of education, and we feel a peculiar responsibility resting upon us as Masons to endeavor to seek out the best methods which will not only reduce illiteracy to the lowest possible percentage, but will also develop our citizenship to the highest possible educational plane.

We as Masons find added reason for this view when we recall the part taken by Masons, and the influence of the teachings of Masonry, throughout the history of our nation from the early colonial days to the present time, and recall the historic Boston Tea Party, the drafting and the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the writing and adoption of the Constitution of the United States, and the many important steps in the history of our country in which the influence of Masonry was so powerful a factor. I am both inspired and obedient when I read the order of General Washington, issued at Valley Forge, to his staff to "Place none but Americans on guard tonight," and I believe whole-heartedly in continuing the American policy of the absolute separation of the state and church, and am about convinced that in this country we need to concentrate as citizens all of our energy along educational lines for the bettering and perfecting of our democratic state-controlled public school system.

The third ruffian is lawlessness, whether he be manifested in the apparently trivial disregard for discipline and disregard for law and constituted authority, or be grown to full stature and thereafter known as anarchy.

Masons should not only obey the law as individuals, but should rally to the support of law enforcement everywhere and at all times. This is an evidence of active Masonry. We must teach respect for law to our children both by precept and example. If our boys and girls of this present day are taught to observe the law there will be less need for law enforcement a generation hence. Lawlessness and riots are not born in a night; they are the result of lack of obedience to discipline in the home. I have heard men criticize the officers of the law when they themselves did not make their own children behave at the breakfast table. The National President of the Parents and Teachers Association said last fall in Lincoln that we are spending millions to educate our children in our schools, then after their school days we spend a greater amount on the same men and women in the enforcement of law. The man who complains of the lawlessness of the bank robber, of the holdup criminal, or the crime of a cabinet officer, but himself under cover of darkness or some other hidden secret way purchases illicit liquor is like the one of whom he complains, a dangerous citizen, and when men lose respect for law they are too near anarchy to be known as desirable

citizens. Some one has said: "A man who violates law is neither a democrat or a republican, he is a criminal." Secretary Hughes has recently said: "Every one is ready to sustain the law he likes; that is not in the proper sense respect for law and order. The test of respect for law is when the law is upheld even when it hurts;" and Abraham Lincoln said: "Let every man remember that he who violates the law tramps on the blood of the fathers and tears asunder the charter of his own and his children's liberty."

I do not doubt the stability of our government, and I have the utmost confidence in her citizenship. The major part of our people are thoroughly loyal and law abiding. We must hold on with a firm hand to our ideals that are American. This will call for a patriotism as brave as military courage. There is a patriotism that is needed in civilian life, for battles are to be fought against selfishness, greed, lawlessness, partisan bossism, corrupt politics, extravagance, licentiousness. We need men not only to die but to live for their country, willing to give time and talent for the public good. There is plenty of service we can render in private life. We must stand for the enforcement of good laws, the repeal of bad laws, and for the enactment of needed new laws.

I believe one thing needed in America is the return of the American Sabbath for American citizenship. Some folks act as if they would like to foreignize our land, if we are to judge by the way the Sabbath of our fathers is desecrated.

Our Pilgrim Fathers anchored the Mayflower in the waters of Plymouth Bay some three hundred years ago. Their Sabbath came before many of them could get ashore. It was December; the weather was freezing; snow covered the earth; slush, ice and snow floated on the waters. Some of these Pilgrims had let themselves down over the side of the ship into the cold water and swam to land. Rather than work on the Sabbath in cutting down timber and building shelter, they made a path through the snow as they walked back and forth to keep warm. Many will say it was foolish; it was extreme. Perhaps so. But I want to tell you that America's ship of state will never spring a leak on Plymouth Rock. If she ever goes down, it will be on the rocks of Sabbath desecration and the violation of God and man made laws. Our histories record the awful truth that nations that have turned God's Day into a holiday of desecration have gone down.

President Coolidge recently said: "Our first duty is to ourselves, American standards must be maintained and our institutions preserved." He also added: "A newspaper is better than many criminal laws. One schoolmaster is better than a legion of bailiffs, one clergyman better than an army with banners. These are the guarantees of peace and progress." How different from what one bearing a distinctively foreign name is credited by a Kansas City paper with saying: "To talk of one hundred per cent Americanism is absurd, because there is no such thing." The attitude assumed by this foreigner represents gross ignorance or an absolute lack of sympathy with American ideals, and we hear altogether too much of this foreign talk about America; and the criticism of America by outsiders and the air of superiority assumed by so many of foreign birth and ancestry is becoming intolerable.

Every thoughtful reader of history knows there are American institutions, American traditions and an American spirit that is all our own. When the Pilgrims pushed their frail bark through the wintry seas, it was the application of that dauntless and invincible spirit of freedom that is distinctively American that urged them on. If our American traditions are to survive, and our nation is to continue its proud leading in the cause of freedom and of justice, we must be vigilant at all times and in all ways maintain our national standards, and stand in uncompromising opposition to those things which would tear them down and give to our nation an influence which is not truly American.

If we refuse to take part in this conflict because of fear, or because it will hurt our business or our party, or for the sake of being what we would erroneously call tolerant, we become selfish like those who wittingly or unwittingly oppose our American institutions, and our selfishness makes possible their boldness and selfishness. Our big business as Americans is not to construct navies and organize armies, but it is to develop statesmen and to control the demagogue and foreign dictator; not to rally around a political party so much as to rally around and defend American principles; not to die, but to live for America, which is just as difficult and just as heroic. This calls for a courage not less than that for military service, and calls for us to be brave enough to face the hatred of the narrow bigot, brave enough to be misunderstood, misrepresented, and misjudged by those who are as dangerous as they are unscrupulous, brave enough to live a life open-eyed, a life that will "carry on." We are afflicted with a bad citizenship from good men. We expect the bad men to be bad, but good men should live, vote, and pray for the good. Too often, because of misunderstanding, fear, and indifference, our majorities are ruled by a corrupt minority.

There are three native-born American days that I would like to see Americans observe in the spirit in which these days were born: Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Thanksgiving Day. Let you and me, my brother Masons and fellow American citizens, live to preserve what our fathers and our sons fought, suffered and died to gain and save, equal rights for all, a government for, of and by the people; a patriotism civil rather than military. Let us enlist in the effort to preserve these cherished rights, not for a short time only, but for the duration of the struggle, and for this, our beloved land and her institutions, let us pray:

"God give us men! A time like this demands
 Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and willing hands;
 Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
 Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
 Men who possess opinions and a will;
 Men who have honor, men who will not lie;
 Men who can stand before a demagogue,
 And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking,
 Tall men, sun crowned, who live above the fog
 In public duty, and in private thinking."

Long may the spirit of Masonry live, live on through the ages, live while the rivers feed the sea and the mountains kiss the sky, live on, and on, while God reigns and men and angels serve Him, live on until we are called by the Supreme Architect of the Universe from labor to refreshments into the banqueting hall of that Temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

At the conclusion, W. Brother Carman was heartily thanked for his instructive oration, and on motion of Past Grand Master Lewis E. Smith he was requested to furnish a copy to be printed with our proceedings.

R. W. Brother John Wright, Grand Senior Warden, asked for the consideration of the following resolution, which was adopted:

The Masons of Nebraska had an epoch-making day in connection with the laying of the corner-stone of the Infirmary at our Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, which was greatly enjoyed by all members of our Grand Lodge.

We feel that the success of the occasion was largely due to the great interest manifested therein by the citizens of Plattsmouth, who have ever been greatly interested in the success of the Home; their efforts, aided and assisted by our Masonic brethren at Plattsmouth, made the occasion one long to be remembered; one and all seemed to vie with each other to make the occasion a perfect success.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the Mayor and Council of Plattsmouth and the loyal citizens thereof; to the ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star for the refreshments served, and to the Masons of Plattsmouth for their warm hospitality and kindness. We feel that the people at Plattsmouth have an abiding and continuing interest in the Home and its residents and that we can ever count on them for anything that will make for the upbuilding and success of the Home.

Resolved, That the appreciative thanks of the Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Hon. John R. Webster for the very eloquent and instructive oration delivered at the ceremony of the laying of the corner-stone of the Infirmary building in connection with our Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, and that he be requested to furnish the Grand Secretary with a copy thereof for publication in our Grand Lodge proceedings for 1924.

At ten o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until half past nine o'clock A. M., Wednesday, June 4th, 1924.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, June 4th, 1924.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at the appointed time, officers and members being present as at previous sessions, M. W. Brother Charles A. Chappell, Grand Master, presiding.

The following telegram was received from Past Grand Master John J. Wemple:

"Had planned with fondest anticipation being with you this session. Matters unexpected make same impossible. Can't express my disappointment. Best regards to all, not forgetting Grand Master Chappell, Thumel, Davidson, French, and yourself."

A message was ordered sent to all Past Grand Masters not in attendance, and the following telegram was sent to Past Grand Masters John J. Wemple, Frank E. Bullard, Henry H. Wilson, and Ornan J. King:

"The Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, in its sixty-seventh annual communication assembled, sends courteous greetings and most fraternal good wishes for health, prosperity, and happiness to you."

Past Grand Master Robert E. French presented to the Grand Lodge Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt, who has been ill, and he was received and welcomed by the Grand Master in fitting words, and given a seat on the platform. All joined in giving him the Grand Honors by three times three. Brother Ehrhardt responded to the welcome with appropriate words, and feelingly referred to the first session of the Grand Lodge that he had attended, 1881, saying that he recognized but two faces in the meeting today that he saw at that session, namely, Past Grand Master Davidson and Grand Secretary White. All united in singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

The Most Worshipful Grand Master announced that M. W. Brother Elmer F. Strain, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, was in waiting, and appointed W. Brother Henry H. Heiler, 50, and Grand Custodian Robert E. French, as a committee to present him to the Grand Lodge. In due time the committee returned with Grand Master Strain, and he was introduced to the Grand Master by W. Brother Heiler, who represents the Grand Lodge of Kansas near the Grand

Lodge of Nebraska. The Grand Master welcomed M.:W.: Brother Strain, and he was presented to the Grand Lodge and received with the Grand Honors, and responded with an eloquent address, dwelling particularly on Masonic charity as practiced in Kansas.

Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and it was ordered published with the proceedings.

The Grand Master called for the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, which was presented by W.:Brother Charles M. Shepherd, 54, Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge rising and singing the Masonic Funeral Dirge.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

To the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

While we pause here to recall in sympathy and tears the great hearts we have loved, let us this summer day be cheered by the innumerable evidences of an unbroken fellowship between the living, divine and human, that is forever unchecked by that we call death. Let us renew our faith that God does not desert the creation of His power.

Have you not seen Him rapping at the brown bulb's portal—splashing it with rain, folding it in the warm arms of the sunshine—keeping a promise of some long ago, that He would wake it from its slumber?

And have you not seen the bolts thrown back and the dark doors opened that the lily's fragrant beauty might come again to glorify the earth, like a gracious reiteration of some sweet thought of God?

And have you not listened beside a great tree standing like the mast of a sailless ship, to hear its creaking call, out of the last winter night and storm, asking in voices of courage and hope the renewal of its majesty?

And have you not seen the answering of Omnipotence, crowning its tree comradeship of faith with the splendor of an ancient Paradise?

And have you not seen the birds come from a thousand miles away, over the uncharted seas of the sky, to build their homes and sing their matins in the green and gold of its sheltering arms?

Have you not seen Him in response to an appeal of trust, lifting man from despondent poverty into the affluence of moral power?

And we may be assured that the One who has answered the prayer from the lily's heart—rode in the chariots of the sun to the winter's forest—guided the robins into the far homeland—exalted man from servitude to mastery here—will not forget His children of creation's morning, but will in the higher realm of the spiritual, the eternal, answer the faith He has buried deep in the soul of the race; and welcome man into the undying fellowship toward which truth and love unhalting move. We have confidence that the eyes of our departed ones have opened to the morning light of a never-ending day in that country whither our loved ones have gone before!

"The Homeland! O the Homeland, the land of souls free-born;
No gloomy night is known there, but aye the fadeless morn!"

It is in this faith that we would approach these sacred moments of recognition, letting our heart's love journey to every bereft household—entreating the comfort of our Heavenly Father for all the company of our bereaved; while we honor our departed brethren, by imitating their fidelity, and exalting those nobler elements of life, which they exemplified, and which will forever minister to the enrichment of character; pledging anew our fealty to each other, but with an enlarging circle, which shall finally compass a weary world with its benison of Peace, and offer a brotherhood of chivalry, dedicated to kindly service.

"Life's more than breath and the quick round of blood,
It is a great spirit and a busy heart,
The coward and the small in soul scarce do live.
One generous feeling—one great thought—one deed
Of good, ere night, would make life longer seem
Than if each year might number a thousand days,—
Spent as is this by nations of mankind.
We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart-throbs. He most lives
Who thinks most—feels the noblest—acts the best."

We are sadly lamenting the loss during the year of four Past Grand Masters.

M. W. Edwin Force Warren—Born at Jamestown, New York, September 3d, 1841. Died at Nebraska City, Nebraska, July 9th, 1923. Brother Warren was born of old New England stock, inheriting a deep desire for the highest mental culture. This was gratified through an unflinching perseverance. He graduated from Yale College in 1864 with high honors. As a teacher he was most successful, but gave the great half century of his active life to the practice of law. He was Grand Master from June 21st, 1882, to June 20th, 1883.

M. W. Henry Gibbons—Born at Mullingar, West Meath, Ireland, June 21st, 1842. Died at Kearney, Nebraska, August 22d, 1923. Brother Gibbons received the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry in St. John's Lodge No. 891, Enniskillen, Ireland, in 1863. He became a world citizen in 1864. The story of his life is one of industry and unflinching faithfulness in every place of business activity; and of joy in the service of God and the church of his choice. He was indeed "A Master Mason." He was Grand Master from June 7th, 1911, to June 5th, 1912.

M. W. Milton J. Hull—Was born near New Design, Monroe County, Illinois, August 22d, 1841; died at Washington, D. C., September 18th, 1923. Brother Hull was a teacher in his young manhood, turning from that profession at the beginning of the Civil War, and for over three years bore a noble part in the great struggle for the preservation of the Union. His

unchanging faithfulness to every trust of State and Nation is worthy of thought, and the emulation of all citizenship. A Christian—a gentleman—a brother—passed from view but not from influence. He was Grand Master from June 17th, 1887, to June 22d, 1888.

M. W. Alpha Morgan—Was born at Hillsboro, Ohio, June 7th, 1862; died at Broken Bow, Nebraska, April 17th, 1924. He was Grand Master from June 7th, 1913, to June 10th, 1914. Brother Morgan's service for the Masonic bodies of Nebraska forms a history of consecration and devotion which has attracted the admiration of all who knew him. The influence of his noble qualities of mind and heart will ever linger with us as lingers the perfume of a sweet flower, for he wore always "the white flower of a blameless life." A great company gathered from over the state to follow the casket where he had lived to its final resting place, but each with faith that Alpha Morgan now dwells in the realm of clearest light and broadest vision. Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148 recorded these words to his memory:

"The tenets, the precepts, the principles of Christianity and Masonry he made the foundation of a useful life. He lived, broadened, and grew with them always before him.

"His later years were devoted to Masonic charitable work, and other classes of charity. To this work he contributed much of his time and means. He enjoyed the work for the sake of the good he saw developing before him. He was a consistent churchman, a Christian gentleman, a conscientious supporter of every enterprise that had for its purpose the uplift of his fellow man, the betterment of social conditions. He was prominent in public affairs, and rendered valuable service to all civic undertakings and organizations.

"He will be missed by the membership of our lodge as no other brother would be missed. Here he has stood for many years, a monitor for right thinking, right acting, and right living. His place can not be filled. We mourn our loss."

We shall in sadness miss from this service Brother Walter W. Wells, who for so long, and well, has given his sympathetic assistance in the music of this hour, and who was suddenly called to the choir invisible, March 4th, 1924.

Among those of our own who have passed away this year we write in tenderness the names of the Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of other jurisdictions, notices of whose deaths have reached us:

M. W. Daniel Arthur Greene	Past Grand Master, Alabama.
M. W. Ben Moses Jacobs	Past Grand Master, Alabama.
R. W. Frank W. Tucker	Past Grand Treasurer, Arkansas.
R. W. Arthur H. Brewer	Past Grand Senior Warden, Connecticut.
W. Isaiah Baker, Jr.	Grand Trustee, Connecticut.
M. W. Charles Ward Johnson	Past Grand Master, Florida.
M. W. Cephas Love Wilson	Past Grand Master, Florida.
M. W. Thomas Lambert	Past Grand Master, Iowa.

M.·W.·Frank Eugene Sleeper	Past Grand Master, Maine.
M.·W.·Edmund Buxton Mallet	Past Grand Master, Maine.
R.·W.·Enoch Stott	Past Junior Grand Warden, Min- nesota.
M.·W.·Calvin Luther Brown	Past Grand Master, Minnesota.
M.·W.·William B. Patton	Past Grand Master, Minnesota.
M.·W.·Henry Milton Tusler	Past Grand Master, Minnesota.
M.·W.·Thomas Upton Sisson	Past Grand Master, Mississippi.
M.·W.·John Rolph Parson	Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary, Missouri.
M.·W.·George Arthur Morgan	Past Grand Master, Nevada.
M.·W.·John J. Hull	Past Grand Master, North Dakota.
M.·W.·William Medford Christie	Past Grand Master, Nova Scotia.
M.·W.·Isaac Kinsey	Past Grand Master, Ohio.
Warren G. Harding	President of the United States.

"Brother Harding rose to eminence through the practice of those virtues which Masonry ever seeks to inculcate.

"Ever relying on Divine Wisdom, his conduct of his exalted position had brought him the love and esteem of all his people. Masonry suffers an irreparable loss in the death of those who attain its ideals. As we mourn his death, let the Masons of Ohio also pay fitting tribute to his memory."

—By *Harry S. Johnson, Grand Master of Ohio.*

W.·Brother David C. Hilton, 19, for the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts, offered the following report, and moved its adoption, which was carried:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MASONIC SERVICE ANNUITIES AND GIFTS.

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

The Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts begs leave to submit its third annual report as follows:

At the Grand Lodge, June, 1923, an addition to the Grand Lodge law, styled Section 16-A of the By-Laws, was enacted, and this placed the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts in a position to conduct its business affairs.

Up to May 6th, 1924, the Board held several informal meetings and accomplished a final draft of rules to govern its affairs and the business to be undertaken. It also employed a firm of expert accountants to test out its annuity plan as set forth in its rules on a basis of the American experience tables. At a meeting of the Board May 6th, 1924, the rules of the Board were finally adopted and on that date the Board actually came into existence as an operative institution of the Grand Lodge. During the four weeks intervening between the last meeting of the Board and this Grand Lodge session the necessary printing has been accomplished and the first application for a Special Gift Agreement to the amount of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) has been received.

The Board looks forward with confidence to the increasing value of its activities to the Grand Lodge and with assurance that its plan and method of operation adopted after most searching inquiry and mature deliberation over a series of years will prove satisfactory.

The Board recommends that a resolution of thanks be offered Martin, Cole & Buckley, Expert Accountants, Lincoln, Nebraska, for invaluable services and extended report furnished the Board gratis.

Brother Hilton also offered the following resolution, which was seconded and carried:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for incidental expenses of the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts, and also that \$5,000.00 be set aside for the purpose of a reserve to be drawn upon from time to time by said Board as contracts under the special gift agreement require.

The special hour fixed for election of officers having arrived, the Grand Master appointed the Deputy Grand Custodians to act as tellers, and choice was made of the following:

Bro. Robert R. Dickson, 95	Grand Master.
Bro. John Wright, 19	Deputy Grand Master.
Bro. Edwin D. Crites, 158	Grand Senior Warden.
Bro. Albert R. Davis, 120	Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. Francis E. White, 6	Grand Secretary.
Bro. Lewis E. Smith, 136	Deputy Grand Secretary.

After the Grand Secretary had been re-elected, he stated that it was his intention not to serve as such after the present year; that he thought that a younger man should be selected, and that the choice should be made with care and deliberation. He thanked the Grand Lodge for the confidence and affection shown him, and assured his brethren that these had always been appreciated.

Later in the session appointment was made of:

Bro. Charles M. Shepherd, 54	Grand Chaplain.
Bro. Matthew A. Hall, 268	Grand Orator.
Bro. Robert E. French, 46	Grand Custodian.
Bro. Frank H. Woodland, 25	Grand Marshal.
Bro. Ira C. Freet, 56	Grand Senior Deacon.
Bro. Orville A. Andrews, 19	Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro. Alexander E. Porter, 19	Grand Tyler.

Brothers John R. Webster, 3 (5 years); Samuel S. Whiting, 54 (4 years); Frank Wilcox, 1 (3 years); David C. Hilton, 19 (2 years); Henry H. Wilson, 19 (1 year); Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts.

Brothers Henry H. Wilson, 19; Ed S. Wood, 286; Samuel P. Davidson, 17; Committee on Promotion of the World's Peace.

Brothers O. Edwin Mickey, 65, Chairman; Carroll D. Evans, 58 (4 years); Charles B. Nicodemus, 15 (3 years); Millard M. Robertson, 3 (2 years); Burlingame Walker, 119 (1 year); Committee on Childrens Homes.

Brothers Charles M. Shepherd, 54; Ambrose C. Epperson, 139; Ralph O. Canaday, 285; N. Dwight Ford, 148; Edwin H. Gerhart, 305; Committee on Masonic Education.

Brothers Charles A. Chappell, 127; James R. Cain, Jr., 105; Andrew H. Viele, 55; Committee on Consolidation of Masonic Charities.

Brothers Harvey W. Hess, 43; Elza A. McGlasson, 268; C. Ray Macy, 26; LeRoy R. Fleming, 71; Bert F. Darnell, 127; Committee on Bonding Secretaries and Treasurers.

Brothers Charles E. Burnham, 166; George Burgert, 46; John B. Lichtenwallner, 272; Committee on Grand Custodian's Library.*

Brothers Ralph O. Canaday, 285; Lester R. Slonecker, 302; Tracy F. Tyler, 151; Committee on Codification of the Law.

Brothers Francis E. White, 6; John A. Ehrhardt, 41; Frank L. Haycock, 207; Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Brothers O. Edwin Mickey, 65, Chairman (3 years); John A. Ehrhardt, 41 (1 year); Robert E. Evans, 5 (2 years); Charles E. Burnham, 166 (4 years); Benjamin F. Pitman, 158 (5 years); Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.

Brothers Charles M. Shepherd, 54; Mark J. Lipman, 254; William H. Heiss, 201; Committee on Fraternal Dead.

Brothers Bernard N. Robertson, 3; Charles H. Marley, 1; Andrew H. Viele, 55; Advisory Committee on Applications for Reinstatement.

Brothers George C. Mason, 300; Robert O. Hodgman, 54; Henry H. Andrews, 207; Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

While the ballots were being spread and counted, the M. W. Grand Master announced that consideration would be given to the proposed Amended Articles of Incorporation of the Nebraska Masonic Home. Various amendments and changes were proposed and discussed, and a committee was appointed, consisting of W. Brothers John R. Webster, 3, Ambrose C. Epperson, 139, George C. Mason, 300, Carl L. Holland, 31, and Carroll D. Evans, 58, to consider the necessary changes and report at the afternoon session.

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

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Wednesday, June 4th, 1924.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at half past one o'clock P. M., by M. W. Brother Charles A. Chappell, Grand Master, with officers and members present as at the previous sessions.

W. Brother John R. Webster, 3, read the amended Articles of Incorporation of the Nebraska Masonic Home, as amended and corrected by the committee, and on motion of Past Grand Master George H. Thummel the Grand Lodge approved them as read, and instructed the Grand Master to so vote at the meeting of the stockholders to be held at five o'clock this date; also that the Articles of Incorporation be printed and published with the proceedings of 1924.

R. W. Brother Francis E. White, 6, presented the report of the committee that had been appointed to consider the subject of bonding secretaries and treasurers of subordinate lodges, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BONDING SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS.

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

Your committee to which was referred the question of bonding the secretaries and treasurers of subordinate lodges, the expense to be borne by the Grand Lodge, fraternally report that we have given the subject full consideration; having corresponded with Grand Lodges that bond the offices of treasurer and secretary. We have also received prices and form of bonds of surety companies. We find there are two systems in use by Grand Lodges. (1) The Grand Lodge takes a form of bond covering such offices as they designate (not the officers), and pays the premium therefor. (2) The Grand Lodge bonds the offices and pays the premium, the lodges reimbursing the Grand Lodge for such payments. So far as we can learn from correspondence, either system is satisfactory. There are different classes of bonds and the premium is based on what the bond covers. The premiums run from \$1.50 per thousand to \$5.00 per thousand, if issued in single bonds, but by grouping all the officers in one bond, the rates are lower, depending upon the amount of insurance carried.

The offices would be grouped as follows:

Say 200 risks at \$ 500.00	total, \$100,000.00
Say 100 risks at 1,000.00	total, 100,000.00
Say 50 risks at 5,000.00	total, 250,000.00

Sureties over \$1,500.00 would be listed separately. On liabilities totaling from \$100,000.00 to \$300,000.00, the rates would be 40 cents per \$100.00 for the form we would approve. When the aggregate is \$500,000.00, the rate

would be 36 cents for each \$100.00. If the total liabilities aggregate \$1,000,000.00, the rate would be 33 cents per \$100.00. As the liabilities increase, the rate decreases.

We understand that a bond could be written to include all branches of Freemasonry and the Order of the Eastern Star. Separate schedules can be written for each individual branch, but the rate on the same will be the rate which prevails over the whole.

We are of the opinion that before proceeding further, the Grand Lodge should decide: (1) Is it desirable to enact a law requiring all Treasurers and Secretaries to be bonded? (2) If so, should the Grand Lodge pay all premiums for bonded offices or officers out of the general fund, and absorb the cost as general expense? (3) Should the Grand Lodge enact a law requiring lodges to bond their officers and leave it to them to decide the amount of the liability for which they shall be bonded? Your committee does not believe it should make any recommendation on any of the three propositions, as they are subjects that should be passed upon by the Grand Lodge, and by it determined what would be best for the entire Craft in the Grand Jurisdiction. Your committee is unanimous on the kind of bond that should be taken, viz., a bond that will provide for the return of all money on property lost (except by fire), a bond covering loss such as was prepared by Past Grand Master Robert E. Evans, and printed in our proceedings of 1907, on page 324, Volume 9.

If the Grand Lodge decides to have one bond, it should, in the opinion of the committee, invite bids with form of bond submitted, and select the best bond that can be obtained for the least money.

On motion of Past Grand Master George H. Thummel, a committee of five was ordered appointed to further consider this subject, and report its recommendations at the next annual communication.

Grand Master Chappell called for the report of the Committee on Grievances, and it was presented by W. Brother Archie M. Smith, 203, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

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

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

1. We have carefully considered the petition of an expelled member of George Armstrong Lodge No. 241, for restoration, together with the recommendation of said lodge for such restoration, and we recommend that the prayer of the petition be denied, and that the expelled member be not restored to membership.
2. We have carefully considered the appeal of a member of Hastings Lodge No. 50 from a verdict of guilty and a sentence of expulsion, and we recommend that the decision of the lodge be affirmed, and the said member expelled.

3. We have carefully considered the appeal of a member of Melrose Lodge No. 60 from a verdict of guilty and a sentence of expulsion, and we recommend that the decision of the lodge be affirmed, and the said member be expelled.

3-A. We further recommend that the Grand Master investigate the trial of the brother who was the complaining witness in the case appealed from Melrose Lodge, to determine if a sentence of expulsion, instead of indefinite suspension, should not have been entered, and if the facts warrant it, that a new trial of the said complaining brother be ordered.

4. We have carefully considered the appeal of a member of Capitol Lodge No. 3 from a verdict of guilty and a sentence of expulsion, and we recommend that the decision of the lodge be affirmed, and the said member be expelled.

The report was considered section by section, and Sections 1, 3-A and 4 were adopted; Sections 2 and 3 were adopted after motions made that they be held in abeyance for one year were voted down, after which the report of the committee was adopted as a whole.

On motion, the Committee on Pay-Roll was instructed to provide for per diem for three days to members in attendance.

Past Grand Master Robert E. Evans presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSOLIDATION OF MASONIC CHARITIES.

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

The committees from the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Grand Chapter, R. A. M., and Grand Commandery, K. T., met pursuant to call on September 5th, 1923, and the following resolution was presented and adopted, and we hereby recommend that the same be approved and adopted by this Grand Lodge:

"To the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, The Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, and the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska:

Your Joint Committee on behalf of each of our several Grand Bodies appointed for the purpose of giving due consideration to our Masonic Charities, so that the same might be co-ordinated and consolidated to the end that we, as Masons, acting in unison through our respective Grand Bodies, might all work together the more effectively to accomplish the much desired purpose, namely, to help, aid, and assist our worthy distressed Masons, their widows and orphans. We assert and affirm as a matter of principle, that all moneys received and collected by and through our respective subordinate lodges, chapters, and commanderies, as well as all funds paid into the treasuries of our several Grand Bodies, are Masonic funds, and should only be used as far as our charities are concerned for purposes that are strictly Masonic; that is, to help, aid, and assist all worthy Master Masons, their

mothers, wives, widows, and children, and members of the Order of the Eastern Star, and should not be used for charities, however worthy, that are not connected with these purposes.

Whereas, The Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and the Grand Commandery, Knight Templar, recognize that Ancient Craft Masonry as fostered and promulgated, and governed by the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, is the foundation stone and bulwark of Masonry; and,

Whereas, It is important that all of our Masonic charities should be under the control and direction of some governing body, each of the other Masonic bodies contributing and assisting in the support and maintenance thereof, as each Grand Body may for itself deem advisable and necessary; and,

Whereas, The Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, has heretofore in the exercise of its sovereign powers seen fit to organize a Nebraska Masonic Home Corporation, for the care of the aged and infirm Master Masons, their wives, widows, sisters, and mothers, which institution is located at Plattsmouth, Nebraska; and also has founded a Childrens Home at Fremont, Nebraska, for the care and education of the children of Master Masons; both of which institutions are under the direct control of our said Grand Lodge, and for the support and maintenance of said charities, our respective Masonic bodies have, and are annually contributing thereto; and,

Whereas, It is deemed most expedient and advisable that our Masonic charities be under the control and direction of one head, and that head should be without question the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That we recognize as proper Masonic charities: The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, and the Childrens Home at Fremont, together with such other form of charity as the said Grand Lodge is supporting and sees fit to hereinafter inaugurate and foster, and we commend the same to our respective Grand Bodies for their continued support and maintenance.

Resolved, That the foregoing be incorporated in the Organic Law of our respective Grand Bodies.

W. . Brother Frank H. Woodland, 25, moved that the resolution be referred back to the committee with instructions to bring it in in such a manner as will permit the Omaha bodies to continue to support the James G. Megeath Masonic Home for Children. Past Grand Master Evans called for a vote by lodges, and five brethren favoring the roll-call, the Grand Secretary called the roll of lodges. One hundred and ten lodges (three hundred and thirty votes) voted in favor of the motion made by Brother Woodland, and forty-nine lodges (one hundred and forty-seven votes) opposed it, and the Grand Master announced that the motion had prevailed.

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

At the meeting of the stockholders of the Nebraska Masonic Home, called in response to a motion made and adopted at the regular meeting of January 23d, 1924, six hundred and twenty-seven of the ten hundred and fifteen shares were represented. The proposed Amended Articles of Incorporation were considered and adopted, and are as follows:

AMENDED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE
NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

APPROVED BY THE GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA, AT ITS
SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, JUNE 4TH, 1924.

ADOPTED BY THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME, AT AN
ADJOURNED MEETING, JUNE 4TH, 1924.

ORIGINAL INCORPORATORS.

The names of the persons associating in the first instance for the organization of this Corporation, and their places of residence, are as follows: George W. Lininger, Omaha, Nebraska; C. Hartman, Omaha, Nebraska; George B. France, York, Nebraska; Francis E. White, Plattsmouth, Nebraska; George W. Post, York, Nebraska; Charles K. Coutant, Omaha, Nebraska; John N. Westberg, Omaha, Nebraska; H. P. Devalon, Omaha, Nebraska; John W. Rodefer, Omaha, Nebraska; Gustav Andreen, Omaha, Nebraska; Frank H. Young, Custer, Nebraska; George S. Smith, Omaha, Nebraska; Richard Smith, Omaha, Nebraska; Brad D. Slaughter, Fullerton, Nebraska; William R. Bowen, Omaha, Nebraska; Gustave Anderson, Omaha, Nebraska.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

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

ARTICLE II.—PLACE OF BUSINESS.

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

ARTICLE III.—NATURE OF BUSINESS.

The business of this Corporation shall be to aid, care for, and maintain needy and distressed Freemasons, their wives, widows, mothers, daughters, and sisters, and to care for and educate the children of Master Masons; and for this purpose, and to this end, it shall have authority:

To establish, maintain and operate homes, schools, hospitals, and other institutions for the care and education of said parties; or to enter into contracts for their care and maintenance at other places;

To acquire by purchase, gift, or devise, any and all kinds of property, real, personal or mixed, and to sell and convey the same;

To construct, own, hold, lease or manage buildings and structures of any or every character;

To loan or invest money on its own account, or as agent for other persons or corporations, and to take and hold such security therefor on real or personal property as it may see fit;

To purchase, sell, negotiate, assign or cancel, notes, bonds, mortgages, and all kinds of obligations, including stock in other corporations, and State, County, or Municipal warrants or bonds;

To act as agent in a fiduciary, or other capacity, for persons or corporations;

To act, under the appointment of any Court of record having jurisdiction, either by itself or jointly with any natural person or persons, as administrator, executor, guardian or trustee of persons or estates;

To transact any business that will contribute directly or indirectly to the purposes of its organization; and it may do all other acts and things necessary, convenient or incidental to carrying into effect the objects for which it has been created.

ARTICLE IV.—CAPITAL STOCK.

The authorized capital stock of this Corporation shall be One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars, divided into Ten Thousand (10,000) Shares of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars each, which shall be issued when subscribed and fully paid, and shall be non-assessable.

Stock shall be issued for all sums paid into the permanent assets of the Corporation by any Masonic or Eastern Star Body of Nebraska, or by members in good standing of any such bodies. No stock shall be issued for donations contributed for the maintenance and operation of the Home, the care and comforts of the residents therein, or for any other temporary purpose.

The stock of this Corporation shall not be transferable either by sale, gift, bequest, or devise; but, on the death of the person to whom issued, shall become the property of some Masonic Body, or the Grand or a subordinate chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, of Nebraska, which shall be designated by the purchaser of said stock and named in the certificate at the time of its issue.

In case any Masonic or Eastern Star Body holding stock in this Corporation shall become extinct, the stock held by said Body shall thereupon become the property of its Grand Body in Nebraska.

No dividends shall ever be paid on any stock of this Corporation, and no property or assets of this Corporation shall ever be applied to, or for the use of, any stockholder or officer, but all of its property and income shall be devoted to, and used in the establishment, maintenance and operation of the Homes, Schools, and Hospitals of the Corporation, and in the conduct of its other legitimate business herein set forth.

ARTICLE V.—COMMENCEMENT AND TERMINATION.

The time of commencement of this Corporation shall be June 17, 1889, and its termination June 17, 2089.

ARTICLE VI.—MEETINGS OF STOCKHOLDERS.

ANNUAL MEETING—The Annual Meeting of the stockholders of this Corporation shall be held on the Anniversary of Saint John, The Almoner, January 23d, or the following Monday whenever that Anniversary falls on Sunday.

SPECIAL MEETINGS—The President may call a special meeting of the stockholders, and he shall do so upon a majority vote of the Trustees at any regular meeting of the Board, or upon the written request of the holders of one-third of the outstanding stock of the Corporation.

NOTICE OF MEETING—Written notice of all special meetings shall be given by the Secretary, stating the object of the meeting, and be mailed to each registered stockholder at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

QUORUM—At all meetings of the stockholders a majority of the outstanding stock held by the person to whom issued or by corporations having legal existence, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

REPRESENTATION—At all meetings of the stockholders each stockholder shall have one vote, in person or by proxy, for each share of stock owned; and

All stock held by any Masonic, or Eastern Star Body shall be represented by one of the three highest officers of the Body owning the stock, preferred in the order of their rank, unless such Body shall have duly appointed a proxy for such purpose.

ARTICLE VII.—INDEBTEDNESS.

The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which this Corporation shall at any time subject itself, shall not exceed two-thirds of its outstanding capital stock.

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

ARTICLE VIII.—TRUSTEES.

The affairs of this Corporation shall be under the direction of a Board of thirty (30) Trustees, six (6) of whom shall be ex-officio members, and twenty-four (24) elected by the stockholders.

EX-OFFICIO TRUSTEES—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, the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Scottish Rite Bodies in Nebraska, and the Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, during their respective terms of office, shall be ex-officio members of said Board of Trustees, with the right to a seat, voice, and vote in all meetings of the Board.

TRUSTEES ELECTED—Only Master Masons in good standing in a Nebraska Lodge may be elected Trustees of this Corporation.

The Trustees now in office shall hold their office for the remainder of the term for which they have been elected, and at each annual meeting of the stockholders there shall be elected eight trustees for a term of three years.

Each trustee shall hold office until his successor has been elected and has accepted the office.

In case of a vacancy in the Board of Trustees, occasioned by death, resignation, or from any other cause, the Board may fill such vacancy until the next annual meeting of the stockholders.

BY-LAWS—The Board of Trustees may make and adopt such By-Laws, rules and regulations for the management of the affairs of this Corporation and the government of the Home as they may deem necessary and not inconsistent with these Articles and the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Provided, that all By-Laws, rules and regulations for the transaction of business and the government of the Home shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge, or in vacation to the Grand Master of Masons, for approval.

Provided, further, that at all meetings of the Board not less than five (5) Trustees shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IX.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Corporation shall consist of a President, a First, a Second, and a Third Vice-President, and a Secretary, each of whom shall hold office for one year, and until his successor has been elected and qualified.

Immediately after each Annual Election of Trustees, the Board shall meet and organize by electing from their number said officers by ballot.

ARTICLE X.—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Grand Master of Masons, the President, and Secretary of this Corporation, and the Chairman of each of the following Standing Committees: Finance Committee, Committee on Admission, and Committee on Building and Grounds; and when the Board is not in session, said Executive Committee shall have and exercise all the powers of the Board, except the power to buy or sell real estate, or to authorize the erection of permanent buildings or other permanent improvements.

ARTICLE XI.—AMENDMENTS.

These Articles may be amended by a majority vote of the outstanding stock at any annual meeting of the stockholders, or at any special meeting called for that purpose, notice in writing of the proposed amendment having been given to the stockholders at least thirty days previous to the meeting at which such amendment is to be considered.

Provided, that no amendment shall be valid, or take effect, until it has been approved by the Grand Lodge.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Wednesday, June 4th, 1924.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at the appointed hour, officers and members being present as at the previous session, Grand Master Charles A. Chappell, presiding.

Past Grand Master Joseph B. Fradenburg read the following report and moved its adoption; the motion prevailed:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICE.

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

Your committee reports that this Grand Body should decide on the amount of insurance carried upon the furniture and fixtures in the Grand Secretary's and Grand Master's office. There is now \$3,000.00 insurance carried on such property, and the property is worth considerably more than this, particularly the card index cabinet, which would cost at least \$10,000.00 to replace. But owing to the nature of the building in which the property is housed, your committee is of the opinion that \$3,000.00 is sufficient insurance to carry.

W. Benjamin F. Thomas, 1, presented the following report of the Committee on Credentials, and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction are represented at this annual communication, except the following: Nos. 23, 29, 64, 86, 110, 113, 140, 148, 156, 172, 175, 205, 221, 230, 231, 236, 255, 259, 271, 277, 287, and 298; of these No. 259 was not represented at the last annual communication.

The following were present:

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. Charles A. Chappell	Grand Master.
R. W. Robert R. Dickson	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. John Wright	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Edwin D. Crites	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Francis E. White	Grand Secretary.
M. W. Lewis E. Smith	Deputy Grand Secretary.
V. W. Charles M. Shepherd	Grand Chaplain.
W. Merrill B. Carman	Grand Orator.
M. W. Robert E. French	Grand Custodian.
W. Albert R. Davis	Grand Marshal.
W. Frank H. Woodland	Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Ira C. Freet	Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Benjamin Wood, 210	as Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Masters: M. W. George H. Thummel, Robert E. French, Samuel P. Davidson, John A. Ehrhardt, Robert E. Evans, Charles E. Burnham, Harry A. Cheney, James R. Cain, Jr., Samuel S. Whiting, Andrew H. Viele, Frederic L. Temple, Ambrose C. Epperson, John J. Tooley, Joseph B. Fradenburg, and Lewis E. Smith.

Deputy Grand Custodians: W. Brothers Ensign J. Rix, Robert R. Walker, Andrew H. Viele, Vincent S. Ramsey, Earl M. Bolen, Ira C. Freet, Jesse Lowther, Lute M. Savage, Frank M. Johnson, Orville A. Andrews, Francis A. Robey, Lamont L. Stephens, John B. Lichtenwallner, Harry R. Belville, D. Horace Schall, William J. Birkhoffer, Alfred G. Hunt, and Stanley P. Bostwick; also Emeritus Deputy Grand Custodians: Samuel S. Whiting, Benjamin Wood, Frank L. Haycock, and Charles A. Eyre.

Representatives of Other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska: Brothers O. Edwin Mickey, Alabama; Earl M. Bolen, Alberta; John Finch, British Columbia; John R. Webster, Canada; Robert E. Evans, Colorado; Samuel P. Davidson, Connecticut; Carroll D. Evans, Delaware; Harry A. Cheney, Egypt; Francis E. White, England; Ambrose C. Epperson, Florida; Frank H. Woodland, Georgia; John A. Ehrhardt, Idaho; George H. Thummel, Illinois; Ira C. Freet, Ireland; Henry H. Heiler, Kansas; John Wright, Manitoba; Lewis E. Smith, Michigan; Lamont L. Stephens, Mississippi; Samuel S. Whiting, Missouri; Charles S. McGill, Montana; Frank L. Haycock, Nevada; Frederic L. Temple, New Hampshire; Albert R. Davis, New York; Henry H. Andrews, North Dakota; John J. Tooley, Philippine Islands; Charles E. Burnham, Prince Edward Island; Charles M. Shepherd, Puerto Rico; Edwin D. Crites, Quebec; Robert B. Walker, Queensland; William Cosh, Scotland; Joseph B. Fradenburg, South Australia; James R. Cain, Jr., South Carolina; Charles A. Chappell, South Dakota; Robert R. Dickson, Texas; Robert E. French, Utah; Andrew H. Viele, Washington; and Orville A. Andrews, Wisconsin.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska No. 1	Chester C. Wells	Benjamin F. Eyre	
Western Star " 2	Varro E. Tyler	*Harry Rasmussen	Frank L. Hildin
Capitol " 3	Lute M. Savage	Harry C. Stafford	
Nemaha Valley " 4	*Robert W. Furnas		
Omadi " 5	Sherman W. McKinley		
Plattsmouth " 6	Leslie W. Niel		Luke L. Wiles
Falls City " 9	Quinton V. Lively		
Solomon " 10	*Milton R. Cady	Milton R. Cady	
Covert " 11	Royal D. Miller	Arthur G. Brown	Alexander C. Reed
Orient " 13		Homer D. Kirk	
Peru " 14	Eli B. Vance	*Spencer W. Hacker	
Fremont " 15	*Lawrence M. Nichols		*Lawrence M. Nichols
Tecumseh " 17	Thomas J. Current	Thomas J. Buckley	*Harry S. Villars
Lincoln " 19	Curtis S. Mahaffey	Cecil E. Wadlow	Charles E. Reilly
Washington " 21	William F. Hemphill	Albae H. Nelson	Ernest A. Schmidt
Pawnee " 23			
St. Johns " 25	C. Blake Erb	Harry G. Browne	Thomas F. Rhoy
Beatrice " 26		C. Ray Macy	
Jordan " 27	Robert R. Moodie		
Hope " 29			
Blue River " 30	*Charles G. Samuelson	Chas. G. Samuelson	
Tekamah " 31	Fred E. Ericson	Carl L. Holland	Orville Chatt
Platte Valley " 32	Carl S. Bonner	Edward E. Carr	Edward W. Cross
Ashlar " 33		Edwin B. Johnston	*Jesse D. Whitmore
Acacia " 34	*Louis J. Michaelson		
Fairbury " 35		Henry J. Evans	
Lone Tree " 36		Vernor C. Riggs	
Crete " 37		Reeves L. Blevins	
Oliver " 38		Thelbert R. Ramsey	
Papillion " 39		Richard S. Livingston	
Humboldt " 40		Mason M. Ramey	*Erwin A. Lionberger
Northern Light " 41	*David C. Spangler	*John F. Poucher	Richard J. Strahle
Juniata " 42	*Tim N. Cannon	*Tim N. Cannon	*Tim N. Cannon
Hebron " 43	*Harvey W. Hess		
Harvard " 44		Edward Schuck	
Rob Morris " 46	*Robert E. French	*Robert E. French	*Robert E. French
Fairmont " 48		George M. Schepers	
Evening Star " 49		Conrad E. Pope	
Hastings " 50	Peter H. Miller	Hubert F. Favinger	*Henry H. Heiler
Fidelity " 51	*Egbert R. Watson		
Hiram " 52	*Harold D. Weber	*Harold D. Weber	*Fred W. Pfeiffer
Charity " 53	Floyd A. Turnure	Roy Oatman	
Lancaster " 54	*Jack Matthews	Lester L. Dawson	
Mosaic " 55	*Arthur B. Carpenter	Arthur B. Carpenter	*Arthur B. Carpenter
York " 56	Marion King		
Mt. Moriah " 57	*Willard Stong	*Willard Stong	*Willard Stong
Lebanon " 58	Charles Wurdeman	*Carroll D. Evans	George McC. Betterton
Wahoo " 59	Henry L. Whitaker	Clarence E. Henrichson	*Nile O. Walther
Melrose " 60	*Charles H. Gourley	Alvin W. Ekberg	
Thistle " 61		Louis P. Spies	
Keystone " 62	*Frank E. Hunt	Frank E. Hunt	

*Proxy.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
RivertonNo. 63	*J. Marsh Pollard	*J. Marsh Pollard	*J. Marsh Pollard
Blue Valley " 64	.....	.....	.....
Osceola " 65	.....	*O. Edwin Mickey	*O. Edwin Mickey
Edgar " 67	*Clarence S. Runyan	*Clarence S. Runyan . . . . .	.....
Aurora " 68	.....	.....	Russell V. Bird
Sterling " 70	H. Paul Lehrack . . . . .	.....	.....
Trowel " 71	Fred Olmsted	Leroy R. Fleming . . . . .	.....
Hooper " 72	Norman E. Shaffer	Marion E. Shipley	Henry E. Schemmel
Friend " 73	*Alexander McFarland	Albert H. Teale . . . . .	.....
Alexandria " 74	.....	Charles W. Beer . . . . .	.....
Frank Welch " 75	Ray E. Witham . . . . .	.....	.....
Joppa " 76	*George W. Green	William H. Rutledge . . . . .	.....
Nelson " 77	Arthur F. Ely . . . . .	.....	.....
Albion " 78	Robert T. Flotree	Edward B. Papez	Lonnie E. Cummins
Geneva " 79	.....	*Henry Cellar . . . . .	.....
Composite " 81	.....	William O. Larson . . . . .	.....
St. Paul " 82	Ralph A. Haggart	Jens P. Christensen . . . . .	.....
Corinthian " 83	H. Alva Bowman . . . . .	.....	.....
Fairfield " 84	Roy E. Shaw	Arthur H. Swanson	*Arthur H. Swanson
Tyre " 85	*Gilbert F. Sandritter . . . . .	.....	.....
Doniphan " 86	.....	.....	.....
Ionic " 87	.....	Claude Hargan . . . . .	.....
Star " 88	.....	.....	*Lester Lotz
Cedar River " 89	.....	Charles L. Mahornay . . . . .	.....
Elk Creek " 90	*Jerry Dvorak . . . . .	.....	.....
Oakland " 91	*Robert M. Packard	Robert M. Packard	*Robert M. Packard
Hubbell " 92	*Harold M. Smith	Harold M. Smith . . . . .	.....
Beaver City " 93	James W. Axtell . . . . .	.....	.....
Bennett " 94	*Henry F. May . . . . .	.....	.....
Garfield " 95	Leroy A. Burgess . . . . .	.....	*Reginald E. Davies
Utica " 96	*Alfred J. White	Oscar Craige . . . . .	.....
Euclid " 97	*Everett B. Taylor . . . . .	.....	.....
Republican " 98	Dean Drummond . . . . .	.....	.....
Shelton " 99	.....	.....	Roland D. Treat
Creighton " 100	*Harry A. Cheney	*Harry A. Cheney	*Harry A. Cheney
Ponca " 101	*Stewart M. Gilliland	Stewart M. Gilliland . . . . .	.....
Waterloo " 102	*James C. Robinson . . . . .	.....	Roy Hickson
Ord " 103	.....	Clarence M. Davis . . . . .	.....
Wymore " 104	*Leonard D. Densmore	Leonard D. Densmore	*Leonard D. Densmore
Stella " 105	*James Bowen . . . . .	.....	.....
Porter " 106	Carl V. Norstedt	Carl S. Hager	Gus Lorentz
Table Rock " 108	.....	Guy F. Bonham . . . . .	.....
Pomegranate " 110	.....	.....	.....
DeWitt " 111	Guy B. Cross	Sylvester Shumard . . . . .	.....
Springfield " 112	.....	John W. Monahan . . . . .	.....
Globe " 113	.....	.....	.....
Wisner " 114	*Lincoln Riley	Robert Johnson . . . . .	.....
Harlan " 116	*Mark J. McKenzie	Mark J. McKenzie . . . . .	.....
Hardy " 117	*Llewellyn R. Weimer . . . . .	.....	.....
Doric " 118	*George A. Mooberry	George A. Mooberry . . . . .	.....
North Bend " 119	*John R. Tapster	Clarence C. Sidner . . . . .	.....

*Proxy.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Wayne No. 120	*Linn B. McClure	*James G. Mines	Elwayne E. Fleetwood
Superior " 121	Herbert S. Nelson	Edward H. Davison	*Floyd A. Lyman
Auburn " 124	*Ernest R. Reynolds	Ernest R. Reynolds	*Ernest R. Reynolds
Mt. Nebo " 125	Clarence M. Stenberg . . . . .	.....	.....
Stromsburg " 126	Arthur M. Woodhead . . . . .	.....	.....
Minden " 127	.....	Bert F. Darnell . . . . .	.....
Guide Rock " 128	.....	.....	.....
Blue Hill " 129	.....	Edward L. Moore	Harold R. Cosford
Tuscan " 130	William Kunzman, Jr. . . . .	.....	.....
Scribner " 132	John Beaver	Guy L. Thompson	Clarence Ranslem
Elm Creek " 133	Allen A. Wright . . . . .	.....	.....
Solar " 134	August E. Nordgren . . . . .	.....	.....
McCook " 135	*George F. Moss	*Charles D. Noble . . . . .	.....
Long Pine " 136	.....	Dayton R. Mounts . . . . .	.....
Upright " 137	*Louis C. Borden . . . . .	.....	.....
Rawalt " 138	James W. Anderson . . . . .	.....	.....
Clay Centre " 139	.....	August C. Krebs . . . . .	.....
Western " 140	.....	.....	.....
Crescent " 143	.....	Lawrence V. Spence . . . . .	.....
Kenesaw " 144	.....	Herman R. Coplin . . . . .	.....
Bancroft " 145	.....	Edward F. Farley . . . . .	.....
Jachin " 146	Earl Barnette	*Harry R. Belville	William Eberspacher
Siloam " 147	*Edward A. Walker . . . . .	.....	.....
Emmet Crawford " 148	.....	.....	.....
Jewel " 149	*Nathan C. Holman	*Nathan C. Holman	*Nathan C. Holman
Cambridge " 150	.....	Joseph O. Correll . . . . .	.....
Square " 151	Tracy F. Tyler	Charles E. Baustian . . . . .	.....
Parallel " 152	Harley E. Bowhay . . . . .	.....	.....
Evergreen " 153	*Edward B. Fanske	J. Edson Heath . . . . .	.....
Lily " 154	L. Clark Minard . . . . .	.....	.....
Hartington " 155	*William McClelland . . . . .	.....	William McClelland
Pythagoras " 156	.....	.....	.....
Valley " 157	John Edwin Loar . . . . .	.....	.....
Samaritan " 158	Welcome W. Naylor	Albert J. Wood	*Glenn O. Pope
Ogalalla " 159	Theodore F. Goold . . . . .	.....	.....
Zeredatha " 160	Joseph C. Richards . . . . .	.....	.....
Mt. Zion " 161	.....	Wilhelm J. Thelen . . . . .	.....
Trestle Board " 162	.....	*Edwin C. Yont	*Edwin C. Yont
Unity " 163	.....	Austin D. Finlay . . . . .	.....
Atkinson " 164	Carroll C. Raymer . . . . .	.....	.....
Barneston " 165	*Elam H. Eckert	*George H. Hauer	*John O. Geer
Mystic Tie " 166	George W. Irving . . . . .	.....	.....
Elwood " 167	Floyd J. Bean	John R. Gano . . . . .	.....
Curtis " 168	.....	Harry V. Kull . . . . .	.....
Amity " 169	William D. Coffey . . . . .	.....	.....
Mason City " 170	.....	Verne F. McIninch . . . . .	.....
Merna " 171	Adelbert J. Read . . . . .	.....	.....
Grafton " 172	.....	.....	.....
Robert Burns " 173	Elias H. Bailey	George W. Meguire
Culbertson " 174	Elmer M. Reynolds
Temple " 175

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Gladstone No. 176	* Arthur Hein	Arthur Hein	* N. Dwight Ford
Hay Springs " 177		* Leslie A. Peck	
Prudence " 179	Orin S. Hunkins	Harry S. Knudson	
Justice " 180		Walter C. Edwards	
Faith " 181	Charles W. Fritts		Harvey W. Taylor
Incense " 182	William H. Weiss	Paul J. Gunderman	* William H. Kotas
Alliance " 183	Forest A. Lape		
Bee Hive " 184	James M. Patton	Robert H. Bishop	Joseph H. Randolph
Boaz " 185	McDonald Ryan		
Israel " 187		Charles R. Northway	
Meridian " 188		Ralph M. Allen	
Granite " 189	* David A. Trivelpiece	David A. Trivelpiece	
Amethyst " 190	* William M. Baskin	William M. Baskin	
Crystal " 191		John V. Maddox	
Minnekadusa " 192		Roy E. Syfert	* Joseph H. May
Signet " 193	* Reuben H. Goode		
Highland " 194			William Rohe
Arcana " 195	* Dwight P. Griswold		
Level " 196	George J. Dold		
Morning Star " 197	Earl K. Husbands	Sheridan B. Marsden	
Purity " 198		Everett H. Johnson	
Gavel " 199	George H. Wrightsman	* Harvey J. Miller	
Blazing Star " 200	* Thomas Banks	Thomas Banks	
Scotts Bluff " 201		* William H. Heiss	
Golden Sheaf " 202	Charles C. Bacon	Gustav A. Hanssen	
Roman Eagle " 203	Archie M. Smith		
Plainview " 204		Charles F. Tepner	
Golden Fleece " 205			
Napthali " 206		William G. Robertson	
Parian " 207		Dota F. Sherrell	* Henry H. Andrews
Gauge " 208		Percy E. Doe	
Canopy " 209	Alva G. Reid		* Edward M. Jumper
East Lincoln " 210	Walter A. Schein	Joe I. Crain	* Lorenzen P. Ronne
Cement " 211		Melvin L. Hodges	
Compass & Square " 212		* Wilbur G. Scoville	
Plumblin " 214	Joseph B. Steidley		
Occidental " 215	David K. Miller		
Palisade " 216		Isaac O. Premer	
Wauneta " 217	* Thomas L. Darnell	Thomas L. Darnell	
Bloomfield " 218		Ralph E. Clements	
Relief " 219		Roy Gould	
Magnolia " 220	John W. Church		
Wood Lake " 221			
Landmark " 222	Fred Horn	Lorentz C. Hansen	
Eminence " 223		Melvin L. Cramer	
Silver Cord " 224	Andrew Jackson		
Cable " 225		Tellie E. Chambers	* John Finch
Grace " 226		Ralph L. Willman	
North Star " 227	George L. Carter		
Bartley " 228			Harley T. Cawthra
Comet " 229	Ralph W. Dotson		Roscoe Frazier

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Delta	No. 230		
Mt. Hermon	" 231		
John S. Bowen	" 232	George M. Mangold.	
Gilead	" 233 *Guy C. Thatcher		
Zion	" 234 *John W. Maun		
Fraternity	" 235	Ralph Prince	
Golden Rule	" 236		
Cubit	" 237 *Denver McPherson	Denver McPherson	
Friendship	" 239 John P. Laub	Charles A. Fishburn	
Pilot	" 240	John A. Young	
Geo. Armstrong	" 241 Frank F. McMullin		
Tyrian	" 243 Eugene A. Follmer		
Sincerity	" 244 Howard Miller		
Hampton	" 245 William H. McGuire		
Nehawka	" 246 Robert H. Chapman		
Corner-stone	" 247 *Alfred N. Lundstrom	*Alfred N. Lundstrom	*Alfred N. Lundstrom
Laurel	" 248 *Joseph H. Artman		
Gothenburg	" 249	Lester W. Carlson	
Geo. Washington	" 250	David E. Jones	
Wausa	" 251	Benjamin F. Johnson	
Hildreth	" 252 *Clifford M. Glenn	Clifford M. Glenn	*George W. Hubenthal
Beemer	" 253 Ernst L. Fried		
Bassett	" 254 John Cousineau		
Bradshaw	" 255		
Hickman	" 256 *Cyrus Black		
Holbrook	" 257	Bennett Phillipson	
Anselmo	" 258 *Chalmers G. Empfield		
Bee	" 259		
Ornan	" 261 Chas. M. Sturdevant		
Endeavor	" 262 *Archibald C. McNeil	*Archibald C. McNeil	Archibald C. McNeil
Mitchell	" 263	M. Garvin Slemmons	
Franklin	" 264 *Henry Plank, Sr		
Robt. W. Furnas	" 265 Clarence G. Steen		
Silver	" 266 *Glenn D. MacQueen	Gifford E. Hutchison	
James A. Tulleys	" 267 Ralph W. Wallace	Jesse H. Laub	
Geo. W. Lininger	" 268		*Charles A. Eyre
Riverside	" 269 *Albert R. Wolcott		
Huntley	" 270	Harry E. Richmond	
Oasis	" 271		
Lee P. Gillette	" 272	Wilbur H. Harpster	
Crofton	" 273 Claus A. Johnson		
Olive Branch	" 274	Adelbert P. Coleman	
Ramah	" 275 William B. Meeker		
Antelope	" 276 William C. Coupland		*Samuel T. Jackson
Sioux	" 277		
Litchfield	" 278	Albert E. Barnett	
Wallace	" 279	Charles R. Crozier	*Ernest Bingham
Swastika	" 280 *Josiah D. Vose	Josiah D. Vose	
Florence	" 281 Hugo B. Wunrath	*Robert H. Sutton	*Robert H. Sutton
Mullen	" 282	Edwin C. Pickett	
Exeter	" 283 William S. Wiggins		

*Proxy.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Seneca No. 284			Edward R. Larsen
Camp Clarke. " 285	* <i>Ralph O. Canaday</i>	Henry L. Hume	
Oshkosh " 286	* <i>Ed S. Wood</i>	Ed S. Wood	
Union " 287			
Omaha " 288	* <i>Robert J. Jones</i>	Frank R. Higgins.	* <i>Frank A. Hughes</i>
Lotus " 289	* <i>Henry C. Lovell</i>		
John J. Mercer. " 290	Charles M. Nye.	William H. Middleton	Walter H. Justin
Diamond " 291	* <i>Leroy F. Willis</i>		
Wolbach " 292	* <i>John N. Larson</i>		
Monument " 293		Robert Stout	
Kimball " 294		Frank E. Reader.	
Minatare " 295			* <i>Elwood M. Farquhar</i>
Cowles " 296	Hiram W. Arnold.		
Cotner " 297		Peter Hornby, Sr.	* <i>Charles J. Miller</i>
Chester " 298			
Sutherland " 299	William J. Root.	Harry M. Stewart.	
Liberty " 300	Otto R. Newberg.	* <i>Herman N. Mattley</i>	* <i>George C. Mason</i>
Bayard " 301		Lawrence A. Fricke.	
Mizpah " 302	Lester R. Slonecker.	Henry F. Chapman.	D. Bradley Malkson
Right Angle. " 303	Earl W. Cropper	John A. Niemann	
Ruskin " 304	* <i>William H. Nelson</i>		
Newman Grove. " 305	Carl J. Peterson.	Charles E. Barrett.	Frank Jensen
Golden Rod. " 305	William H. Goettsche		Frank H. Wolfe
William E. Hill. " 307	Samuel A. Naffsiger.	Judson L. Clark.	
Perkins " 308		Charles H. Collier.	
Winnebago " 309	Clinton I. Lennon.	Charles B. Betts.	
Victory " 310		James E. Hanthorn.	George W. Stroup
Polk " 311		William P. Miller.	Oscar F. Dahlin
Oak Leaf. " 312		Clifford J. Hurless.	
Potter " 313		Ray A. Babcock.	
Craftsmen " 314		Frederick M. Andrus.	

*Proxy.

Past Grand Master Ambrose C. Epperson presented the following report and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC SERVICE
ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES.

To the Grand Lodge:

Your committee met at Hastings on August 1st, 1923, having the presence and counsel also of M. W. Charles A. Chappell, Grand Master. The committee organized by electing Charles M. Shepherd, Chairman; Ambrose C. Epperson, Secretary; and Edwin H. Gerhart, Treasurer. It was decided at this meeting that we begin our work by holding a number of central meetings for the discussion of the outlined themes of the Masonic Service Association of the United States, these gatherings to be followed through the year by the visitation of as many of the lodges as seemed wise, by speakers prepared to speak on the above themes.

Second: That we organize a Speakers' Bureau, for the carrying forward of this activity.

Third: It was decided that the Chairman accompany the Grand Master to Washington, to attend the annual convention of the Masonic Service Association of the United States, in order to study the plans of the association. This meeting of October 29th and 30th, was one of great value and inspiration. We came back to our prairies with the feeling that the activities of the affiliated jurisdictions are of vast importance.

The phenomenal growth of our Order immediately following the close of the World War brought with it a deepening sense of the responsibility which among our people always attends increasing power, and there are marked indications that a mighty seriousness is pervading the Masonry of the world, a seriousness that is resolved to give thoughtful consideration to the national and international problems which we are facing as a people.

Our attitude toward the migrations asking landing on our shores, our relation to the infiltration of elements which must be assimilated or remain antagonistic to fostered American institutions are increasingly important, and ever demand place in our deliberations.

Masonry that had such a prominent part in the early history of the Republic will not now evade responsibility in meeting crisis hours in our today, and we shall ask a peaceful adjustment of all relationships, with the hope that the fury of war may never again break over our lands or seas. We love America and American institutions—for the stabilizing and perpetuity of these we can not fail to stand unflinchingly. With our Masonic ancestry back of us—with our surpassing brotherhood about us—with that flag over us, we can do no less.

There are economic, industrial, and social questions which must not call in vain to us for a hearing. Our homes, our fireside, are still sacred, our women and children are still beloved, and any aggressions, domestic or foreign, which imperil them, we must oppose, while every factor which may enhance their prosperity, sweeten their living, and give assurances of safe and comfortable tomorrows, must have our every encouragement.

The Masonic Service movement was born of a desire to aid in the solution of these national problems; to minister swiftly to human need; to open all doorways of knowledge to the incoming and studious brethren of the Craft; and to maintain a constructive force in defense of those principles for which Masonry has ever contended, and whatever may be the divergent thought of the various jurisdictions, as to the best methods of attaining these noble ends, there is the utmost harmony everywhere, as to the need of these activities, and the hope that they shall not cease.

The outstanding feature of the Washington convention was the report of work now under way in the thirty-seven co-operating jurisdictions. There we had a revelation of the men and the ideals involved in this splendid movement; we note here a few of the lines of work undertaken, for that section of the convention was one of workers.

1st. The organization of Speakers' Bureaus—for the purpose of providing speakers for Masonic, patriotic, educational, and community gatherings.

2d. An active participancy in the advancement of educational interests and institutions.

3d. The encouragement of plans and homes for the care of the aged and of children.

4th. The conducting of agencies for relief and employment.

5th. Active work for the direction of boyhood and girlhood life, with the encouragement of DeMolay chapters wherever practicable, and of organizations for the girls of Masonic households.

6th. The conducting of "Trowel Meetings" in the lodges, for the purpose of completing acquaintance, strengthening fellowship, and perfecting brotherly love.

7th. The recognition of special days by conducting, promoting, or attending Masonic patriotic and other community gatherings, such as Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Flag Day, St. John's Day, etc.

THE COMMUNITY.

There is a feeling that the lodge can be a power house of friendly influence, and that we can not stress too strongly the deep interest which Masonry has in the life of the community; from the precincts of the lodge room, quickened by the sublime teachings and symbolism of Freemasonry, we can do no less than go forth with kindly, sympathetic fellowship, to share in every movement which aims at the suppression of evil, and the encouragement of such as will increase the comfort, peace, security, and prosperity of the surrounding neighborhood.

THE ENTIRE MASONIC FAMILY.

We are cheered, too, by the evident desire of the Fraternity to minister adequately to the entire Masonic family; the close fellowship which prevails between this Order and the chapters of the Eastern Star, in the development of our state Homes, is a constant inspiration, and the organization of our young people, which seems now so happily under way, completes in some measure the cordon of influence surrounding the family circle.

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE.

Since December 1st, when we began active work in the field, fifty-one meetings have been held, with sixty-two addresses. Delegations of considerable size from 153 lodges attended these gatherings, giving marked evidence of vital interest in the themes discussed, and the plans for further activity. At the first Central Meetings we had, through the courtesy of the Masonic Service Association of the United States, the loan and use of the great Masonic film, "Equality of Opportunity." We hope in the near future that this notable study of the needs of our public schools may be available for the consideration of all our brethren.

ST. JOHN'S DAY.

We missed a general observance of St. John's Day by the coming of a severe storm, though a large number of meetings were held either Sunday, December 27th, or the following Sunday. We have received flattering reports of the addresses delivered at Masonic request in the churches.

At five of the Central Meetings we were honored by the presence and address of M.:W.:Walter L. Stockwell, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, and this to the delight and profit of all who attended.

SPEAKERS.

Our request for the enlistment of speakers met with a most hearty response from the talented brethren of the state, about fifty agreeing to deliver two or more addresses. This speakers' program is still under way. The talks prepared and delivered by these busy brethren have required time and sacrifice, but they have been freely given, and the addresses have been of high order, and we know that as this work progresses it will exert a great influence and carry cheer and inspiration to the widely scattered brethren of the Craft.

CORRESPONDENCE AND LITERATURE.

Through correspondence with each lodge in the jurisdiction, we have set before the membership the plans of the committee, opening the way for the advancement of our work by our speakers, and our literature; with the cooperation of the office of the Masonic Service Association of the United States, at Washington, we have supplied each lodge with the monthly bulletins, and the new and splendid magazine, *The Master Mason*, and also placed in each speaker's hands the general bulletins of the association.

W.:Brother John R. Webster, 3, presented the proposed plans for the Infirmary to be built at Plattsmouth, in connection with the Nebraska Masonic Home, and exhibited blue prints and drawings of the building. Questions were put and answered in regard to the size of the building, the number it would accommodate, etc., and on motion of Past Grand Master George H. Thummel the plans were approved, and the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home were instructed to proceed with the building of the Infirmary.

W.:Brother George C. Mason, 300, made the following report for the committee, and on his motion it was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE GEORGE WASHINGTON
MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

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

We, your Committee on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, herewith make our report to your honorable body of the work done by the committee; and also beg leave to present our recommendations of future work if this Grand Jurisdiction desires to continue to give its support and aid as all other jurisdictions are doing at the present time.

The work should be continued, and if it can not be finished in one year, it should spread over two or three years, until little by little the entire quota is taken care of, and Nebraska has done her full share in this movement.

The work of this committee has been to give publicity to the cause for this Memorial Temple; this has necessitated writing letters to every member in this Grand Jurisdiction, and in many cases two or three, as there were so many confusing reports as to the nature of the work. Every member who sent in his donation has in most cases helped to pass the word along, as in every instance we have sent a receipt to those who have sent in their bit.

This has been an expensive as well as a tedious way of presenting it, but the facts had to be given for the inspiration of the movement. However, since the laying of the corner-stone in November, the newspaper accounts of the ceremony have been of service to us in bringing it to the attention of the brethren, so that the expense in the future should be only nominal, as many of those who were present have felt the urge to give all the assistance possible.

When we take into consideration the fact that the years we have had this matter before our members have been the hardest financially for this part of the nation for over a quarter of a century, and in spite of this fact we have kept up our general average with the rest of the country, we are firm in the belief that Nebraska Masons are not only willing, but anxious to do their part in helping to carry on this work which will evidence the zeal and fidelity we will display to our great Masonic brother, Washington, as well as our fealty to the institution that has done so much to build and maintain the greatest government and the greatest society the world has ever known.

The work has been allowed to rest for most of the past year—the National Committee having enough funds to carry on the work planned—but now we must go ahead and do our part, not only until the quota is raised, but until the Temple is finished and endowed.

Received to June 1st, 1924.....	\$11,667.05	
Printing, multigraphing, etc.....		\$ 191.45
Paper, envelopes, etc.....		167.61
Typewriter repairs, ribbons, etc.....		18.85
Stamps, box rent, ink, etc.....		1,438.00
Extra work, Omaha lodges.....		58.50
Stenographer and clerk hire.....		1,455.00
To National Committee.....		8,231.00
Balance on hand June 1st, 1924.....		106.64
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	\$11,667.05	\$11,667.05

Past Grand Master Robert E. Evans presented the following resolution and moved its adoption; the motion was seconded by Past Grand Master Samuel S. Whiting, and after discussion at length by a number of brethren, it was carried by a vote of 98 for to 80 against, whereupon the Grand Master declared that the motion had prevailed:

I move that the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, hereby withdraw from the Masonic Service Association and that necessary and

proper notice be served, and that all necessary acts be performed to consummate and perfect such withdrawal.

W. .Brother Lute M. Savage, 3, offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

Whereas, The Masons of Omaha have established a Masonic Relief Association which is affiliated with the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master has, after a thorough investigation of its needs and workings, seen fit to recommend that financial assistance be given by this Grand Lodge:

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That this Grand Lodge instruct the Committee on Finance to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) to be placed in the hands of the Masonic Relief Association and Employment Bureau of Omaha, to be used for the relief of sojourning or transient Masons who should be given temporary assistance.

Past Grand Master George H. Thummel, at the request of Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt, asked for unanimous consent to consider the following amendment enacting Section 31-A of the law, relating to the War Relief Fund; consent was granted and the amendment as proposed was adopted:

Sec. 31-A.—WAR RELIEF FUND.—\$30,000.00, the result of the resolution of June 5th, A. .L. .5918, and the unexpended income therefrom shall constitute the WAR RELIEF FUND, and except by direct action of the Grand Lodge and for the purpose expressed in the resolution of June 6th, A. .L. .5923, with reference thereto, no part of the principal of said fund shall be used.

The annual interest earned by said fund in any year may be expended for the purpose set forth in the resolution of June 6th, A. .L. .5923, with reference thereto, and shall be disbursed on order of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, as are other relief funds.

The fund with its increase from time to time shall by the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds.

At eleven o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock A. M., Thursday, June 5th, 1924.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Thursday, June 5th, 1924.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, officers and members being present as at the previous sessions. M. .W. .Brother Charles A. Chappell, Grand Master, in calling the Grand Lodge to order, stated that the gavel he had been using during a portion of the time was used about three

thousand years ago by an operative mason. It was found in one of the ancient tombs of Egypt, and was presented to the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, on June 5th, 1901, by Past Grand Master George W. Lininger.

On motion of Grand Secretary Francis E. White, the following resolution was adopted:

The Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, accepts from Mrs. George W. Lininger, in memory of her husband, with sincere appreciation, the collection of weapons and armor made by Past Grand Master George W. Lininger.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are hereby extended to Mrs. Lininger for this gift, and that the Grand Lodge have the same suitably and permanently installed and displayed in accordance with her wishes, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Lininger.

The Grand Secretary read a list of the articles that had been sent for the corner-stone of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Temple, at Alexandria, Virginia, as follows: A bronze Jordan Medal; a bronze plaque with a picture of Past Grand Master George W. Lininger; and a semi-centennial badge (1907).

W. Alfred G. Hunt, 33, for the committee, presented the following report, and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

We, your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, beg leave to report that during the past Masonic year there has been no dispensation granted for a new lodge, and no petition for charter has been received. So far as we have been advised, no charters have been destroyed by fire.

Therefore nothing has come before this committee of interest to the Craft.

W. O. Edwin Mickey, Chairman of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, presented the following report, and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF AND CARE OF ORPHANS.

To the Grand Lodge:

I am not unmindful of the fact that in the years now past and gone, many of you have listened to the reading of the report of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans by two noble men who were veteran Masons, Frank H. Young and Alpha Morgan. Two men who believed that they were not sent into the world to do anything into which they could not put their hearts and souls. They were your friends and they were my friends.

Now their journey through life has been prolonged into eternity. For the work that was given them to do they deserve that highest encomium "Faithful," and we now say "They were faithful unto death." They exemplified the spirit of the worker whom Tolstoi found plowing in a field and asked of him: "My man, if you knew you were to die tomorrow, what would you do today?" And the worker, lifting his eyes to Heaven's azure blue, answered, "I would plow."

So they lived and died, yet they did more—they planned for the future, and I hope that their plans may be fulfilled, and that the sympathy and noble effort they gave their work may bless the years to come.

Their life was but a working day
 Whose tasks were set aright;
 A while to work, a while to pray,
 And then a quiet night.
 And then, please God, a quiet night,
 Where Saints and Angels walk in white;
 One dreamless sleep from work and sorrow,
 But reawakening on the morrow.

RECEIPTS.

Balance June 1st, 1923.....	\$ 7,319.58
Grand Lodge appropriation, 1923.....	6,680.60
Returned from a relief case.....	10.00
Interest on daily balances.....	309.12
Total.....	\$14,319.30

EXPENDITURES.

Member of Capitol Lodge No. 3.....	\$ 250.00
Member of Capitol Lodge No. 3.....	90.00
Widow of member of Lincoln Lodge No. 19.....	97.50
Widow of member of Pawnee Lodge No. 23.....	120.00
Member Blue River Lodge No. 30.....	330.00
Widow of member Platte Valley Lodge No. 32.....	120.00
Member Lone Tree Lodge No. 36.....	390.00
Member Mosaic Lodge No. 55.....	62.50
Member Trowel Lodge No. 71.....	30.00
Widow of member Beaver City Lodge No. 93.....	300.00
One-half relief and care of widow of member Utica Lodge No. 96.....	340.14
Widow of member of Hardy Lodge No. 117.....	250.00
Member of Evergreen Lodge No. 153.....	120.00
Widow of member of Atkinson Lodge No. 164.....	360.00
Widow of member of Faith Lodge No. 181.....	140.00
Widow of member of Arcana Lodge No. 195.....	25.00
Widow of member of Cubit Lodge No. 237.....	200.00
One-half of care of member of Electa Chapter No. 8, O. E. S., Lincoln.....	183.00

One-half of care of sister of member of Covert Lodge No. 11	\$ 37.50
Railroad fare, Luther M. Kuhns, Chairman Committee on Admis- sion, Nebraska Masonic Home	4.90
W. G. Purcell Printing Company, letterheads	4.00
Balance on hand June 1st, 1924	10,864.76
Total	\$14,319.30

On October 11th, 1923, an order for \$2,000.00 was drawn from the Orphans Educational Fund for the purpose of paying for the food for the children at Fremont from June, 1922, to June, 1923

On February 18th, 1924, from the same fund, an order for \$1,000.00 was drawn; March 21st, 1924, an order for \$500.00, and April 1st, 1924, an order for \$500.00, making a total of \$2,000.00 for food for the children at Fremont from June, 1923, to June, 1924; all of the above amounts being paid by Brother Morgan to the Nebraska Eastern Star Home, which is caring for our Masonic orphans at Fremont.

The reports of the Committee on Childrens Homes, also of the Committee on Childrens Homes, Building Fund, were also presented by W. Brother Mickey, and were adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHILDRENS HOMES.

To the Grand Lodge:

Your committee beg leave to make the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand June 1st, 1923	\$ 563.57
Received from Grand Lodge appropriations in 1923	8,500.00
Received from hogs sold during the year	689.59
Received from potatoes sold during the year	66.25
Received from cattle sold during the year	232.24
Returned premiums on insurance	289.40
Commissions on contracts, new building	178.00
Returned from plumbing contractor	80.00
Total	\$10,599.05

EXPENDITURES.

Feed and seed	\$ 618.52
Extra labor	208.05
Telephone, freight and express	54.38
Improvements—	
Cement walks	\$ 674.40
Paving	400.00
Finishing new Home	1,629.58
New kitchen Girls Home	1,122.86
Farm and grounds	210.16
Total	4,037.00

June, 1924]

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA.

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Betterments	\$ 5.15
Replacements	189.05
Repairs	431.58
Supplies	336.26
Maintenance	1,245.19
Light and power	72.16
Insurance	1,426.05
Live stock purchased	38.20
Machinery purchased	172.82
Miscellaneous	13.55
Trees and shrubbery	100.00
Superintendent's salary	1,200.00
Balance on hand	451.09

Total

\$10,599.05

Bank balance shows

\$649.93

Less check No. 746 outstanding

198.84

True balance

\$451.09

INVENTORY OF LIVE STOCK AND MACHINERY ON HAND
MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR CHILDRENS HOME,
FREMONT, NEBRASKA.

1 team horses	\$ 180.00
2 Holstein cows (pure bred)	\$360.00
3 Holstein cows, grade	325.00
1 Guernsey cow, grade	100.00
1 Jersey cow, grade	125.00
1 Durham cow, grade	100.00
2 Holstein yearling heifers	100.00
2 calves	30.00
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	1,140.00
4 sows	\$100.00
10 pigs	55.00
1 boar	25.00
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	180.00
87 hens	\$ 87.00
300 chicks	35.00
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	122.00
Farm machinery	\$350.00
Harness and tools	50.00
Ford truck	300.00
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	700.00
Total	\$2,322.00
Farm products sold during year	\$ 689.59
Potatoes sold	66.25
Cattle sold during year	232.24
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Total	\$988.08

Food values raised and used at Homes during year :

Chickens	\$ 150.00
Eggs	100.00
Vegetables	200.00
Potatoes, 300 bushels.....	150.00
Milk, 4560 gallons at 32 cents.....	1,460.00
Alfalfa, 36 tons at \$12.00.....	432.00
Corn, 700 bushels at 60 cents.....	420.00
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Total.....	\$2,912.00
Total value of farm products raised, sold and used during year...	\$3,900.08

BUILDING FUND.

RECEIPTS FOR 1923.

Report to Grand Lodge, 1922, showed receipts from Grand Lodge	\$30,000.00
Expenditures reported at that time.....	731.27
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Leaving a balance on hand June, 1923.....	\$29,268.73
Received from Grand Chapter, O. E. S. of Nebraska.....	28,000.00
From Grand Lodge appropriation of 1922.....	10,000.00
Interest on account.....	523.31
Temporary furnace sold.....	15.00
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Total.....	\$67,807.04

EXPENDITURES FOR 1923.

Express	\$ 3.70
Temporary furnace for heating building.....	18.70
Advertising for bids on contract.....	54.39
Engineering	2.50
Insurance	280.92
Superintendent of construction, W. M. Brightman.....	1,280.00
Architect, W. F. Gernandt.....	1,300.00
Dussell & Son, on plumbing, heating and electrical work.....	12,394.71
Henry Ohlsen & Sons Co., on general contract.....	40,169.40
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Total expenditures on 1923 report.....	\$55,504.32
Balance on hand June, 1923.....	12,302.72
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Total.....	\$67,807.04

RECEIPTS FOR 1924.

Balance on hand June, 1923.....	\$12,302.72
Received return premium on insurance.....	166.64
Transferred from Grand Lodge Home account.....	1,223.48
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Total.....	\$13,692.84

EXPENDITURES FOR 1924.

Paid W. B. Anderson Caulking Company.....	\$ 86.88
Paid McGrew Co. for light fixtures deducted from general contract.....	392.87
Paid W. M. Brightman, superintendent of construction.....	160.00
Paid Dussell & Son, plumbing, heating, electric contract.....	1,698.75
Paid Pierce Electric Shop for lamps.....	45.09
Paid W. F. Gernandt, architect.....	300.00
Paid H. Ohlsen & Sons Company.....	11,009.25
Total.....	\$13,692.84
Total cost of new building and infirmary, money received from all sources.....	\$70,319.53
Of which the Order of the Eastern Star furnished.....	28,000.00
Cost to Masonic Fraternity.....	\$42,319.53

A query was presented from M. W. Brother Samuel S. Whiting, as follows, and was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"If Lodge A. requests Lodge B. to confer a degree upon an applicant for the degrees to Lodge A., and elected therein, both lodges being in the jurisdiction of Nebraska, and Lodge B. replies that it will confer the degree if paid half of the fee to cover the expense of the service rendered, and Lodge A. accepts the condition and requests that the degree be conferred, which is done, has a Masonic offense been committed?"

The Committee on Jurisprudence later on answered this query as follows: "Yes, but it is not a violation of the law, nor discourteous if Lodge B. asks for and receives from Lodge A. the actual expenses, and refuses to confer the degrees if same are not paid."

The Committee on Returns, through its chairman, W. Brother John B. Lichtenwallner, 272, submitted the following report, and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

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

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

The returns this year show a net increase in membership of 943, or 319 less than the net increase in 1923. At first thought one would naturally suppose that because of the increase of fees and dues, together with the depressed financial condition, especially in the agricultural sections of the state, this diminution of Masonic activities had fallen most heavily upon the smaller lodges in the smaller towns. But, on a careful analysis of the returns, we find that the opposite is the case. There are, in the larger cities of this jurisdiction, 26 lodges with a membership of 250 or more to each lodge. Taking

these 26 lodges as a basis for comparison, we find that where in 1923 they showed a gain in membership of 4 per cent, this year they had an increase of only $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. In the remaining 259 smaller lodges in the smaller towns, we find that where in 1923 they showed a gain of a little less than 3 per cent, this year they show an increase of a little more than 3 per cent. So that, in the aggregate, the smaller lodges have done a little better than holding their own, while there has been some falling off from last year's activities in the larger lodges. Several lodges in the state, this year, show a smaller total membership than in 1923. Forty-eight of the smaller lodges have 156 less members, and five of the larger lodges have 77 less members.

Your committee has carefully examined the unusually large correspondence of our Grand Secretary with many of the lodges, with reference to incomplete and incorrect returns. In several instances from three to six letters were written to the same lodge for necessary information, and as in former years, a total of more than 150 important data had not been reported. There was a failure to report 44 demissions, 25 deaths, 15 suspensions, and 4 expulsions. Also 12 initiations, 16 passings, 28 raisings, 9 affiliations, and 10 reinstatements.

It may be of interest to note a few of the more marked cases of oversight on the part of some of the lodges. One lodge has annually paid the Grand Lodge dues on a brother who died twelve years ago. Another lodge has paid dues for a brother who was expelled nine years ago, and on one who died four years ago. Another lodge has remitted regularly for a brother who has been dead six years, and there are several such instances of less duration.

Lodges are responsible for the errors they make, and our Grand Secretary has no way of getting at these facts and making up the statistical tables, only as the errors are finally discovered and reported by the secretaries of the lodges; but until so reported, there is unnecessary expense to the several lodges. This year this item shows a total of \$220.00. However, as an offset to this, many lodges neglect to report affiliations, reinstatements, or raisings; some of these running for years before they are discovered, so that this loss about offsets the gain so far as the Grand Lodge is concerned. Our present law, which does not provide for correcting errors either for or against the Grand Lodge, is a wise one, as it definitely fixes the time when the amounts due the Grand Lodge are determined. In circular letters sent out by our Grand Secretary annually, requests are made for lodges to send in lists of their members so that they may be checked over and errors corrected. If this were done regularly at stated intervals by each lodge, the most of this troublesome condition would be avoided.

Section 81, Chapter XI, of the law of our Grand Lodge, requires that returns shall be in the Grand Secretary's office on April 5th, and provides a penalty of one cent per member per day for failure to send in returns after April 10th. We are glad to report that there has been considerable improvement in this matter, and that the number of delinquent lodges is each year getting less. There is really no excuse for any lodge to be delinquent, and we hope the time will come when there won't be any.

The following lodges are this year subject to penalties for delinquency:

NO.	DATE RECEIVED.	NO. OF MEMBERS.	PENALTY.
42	April 17th, 1924	51	\$3.57
64	April 19th, 1924	88	7.92
103	April 14th, 1924	103	4.12
127	April 12th, 1924	88	1.76
160	April 22nd, 1924	41	4.92
205	April 14th, 1924	88	3.52
216	April 12th, 1924	87	1.74
247	April 14th, 1924	67	2.68
254	April 12th, 1924	70	1.40
259	April 24th, 1924	31	4.34

Total penalties\$35.97

The following resolution was offered by Past Grand Master George H. Thummel, and was adopted:

Resolved, That the incoming Grand Master appoint a Committee on Masonic Education, and fifteen hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars be appropriated for that purpose, the same to be expended under the direction of the committee.

On motion of W. Brother George C. Mason, 300, the George Washington Trowel, which was given to the Grand Master when in attendance at the laying of the corner-stone of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Temple, at Alexandria, Virginia, and which he referred to in his address, as being an official gift, not a personal one, was presented to M. Brother Charles A. Chappell, who assured the brethren that the gift was greatly appreciated.

W. Brother John R. Hughes, 184, offered the following resolution, and after discussion, it was adopted:

With an abiding realization of the influence of Masons in the constructive history of our great Republic, and believing that the progressive spirit of this day and age makes it imperative that Masons, if they are to take their rightful place in this march of progress, must provide a larger conception of the possibilities of Masonic influence in various lines of activity other than the ritualistic work of the Order; therefore,

Be It Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska that the Committee on Masonic Education of this jurisdiction promote and wherever desired organize Masonic reading circles or study classes within the several lodges in this jurisdiction; and

Be It Further Resolved, That to aid and add inspiration to this movement there be formed a Masonic lecture bureau under the supervision of the Committee on Masonic Education.

After expressing regret at the unavoidable absence of Past Grand Master Henry H. Wilson, chairman of the Committee on Promotion of the World's Peace, M. W. Brother Samuel P. Davidson presented the following report for the committee, and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION OF THE
WORLD'S PEACE.

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

Your Committee on Promotion of the World's Peace fraternally submits the following report:

The continued unsettled conditions of world affairs still calls for the most earnest and careful consideration of all persons and associations who desire the absolute prevention and abolishment of war. To promote peace and good will among all the peoples of the earth is one of the fundamental principles of the Masonic Fraternity.

This Grand Body is unalterably opposed to aggressive war at any time. And when we contemplate the dissatisfied and contentious spirit even now being manifested by many of the nations of the world, the imperative demand for the adoption and employment of every legitimate and laudable means for the promotion of peace among the nations of the world becomes more and more impressive.

In accordance with the history and traditions of our great Fraternity, this Grand Body will continue to aid, in the use of all means within its power, the pacification of the troubled and threatening conditions of many of the nations of the world and the promotion of peace and good will throughout the world. And we hopefully long for the coming of that glorious time "when the swords shall be beaten into plough-shares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more," but when peace with its benign influence shall become universal.

The following amendment to the constitution was offered by Past Grand Master James R. Cain, Jr., and signed by Past Grand Masters Robert E. Evans, Charles E. Burnham, Harry A. Cheney, Ambrose C. Epperson, Andrew H. Viele, Samuel S. Whiting, Lewis E. Smith, Samuel P. Davidson, and under the law will be submitted to the lodges for their action:

Amend Article II. of the constitution, so that it will read when amended as follows:

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS.—The Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Secretary, Francis E. White as Grand Secretary Emeritus, Grand Chaplain, Grand Orator, Grand Custodian, Grand Marshal, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, and Grand Tyler, with such other

officers as it may from time to time create; together with the Masters and Wardens, or their proxies, duly constituted, of the chartered lodges under its jurisdiction; and such Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters as are members of a subordinate lodge.

The following amendment to the constitution was proposed by Past Grand Master George H. Thummel, in accordance with the suggestion of the Grand Master; it was seconded by Past Grand Masters Ambrose C. Epperson, Robert E. Evans, Samuel S. Whiting, John J. Tooley, Charles E. Burnham, Lewis E. Smith, Andrew H. Viele, and Frederic L. Temple, and under the law will be submitted to the lodges for their consideration and action:

ARTICLE XI. THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER AND GRAND WARDENS.

1. It shall be the duty of the Deputy Grand Master to assist the Grand Master in the discharge of his duties at all the communications of the Grand Lodge, and, in his absence, to preside therein; and, in the event of the death of the Grand Master, or of his permanent absence from the state, or of his inability from any cause to perform the functions of his office, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden, the Grand Junior Warden, in the order of their rank, shall succeed to the office of Grand Master, and, upon being installed by any Past Grand Master, shall thereupon assume the duties of Grand Master and be entitled to all of the rights and prerogatives of a Grand Master.

Past Grand Master Lewis E. Smith read the following report and it was adopted, except that portion relating to the proposed amendment to Section 209 of the law, which lies over for consideration until the next annual session; and their recommendations in regard to Recommendations Nos. 10 and 13, which were not adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence respectfully and fraternally make the following report with reference to the matters contained in the Grand Master's address, which have been referred to us.

DECISIONS.

We recommend the following:

That paragraph 1 be amended by inserting the word "active" before each of the words "pall" in the fifth line, and as amended to be approved.

No. 2 is approved.

We recommend that decision No. 3 be disapproved, but that the following be substituted therefor: "an unaffiliated Brother Master Mason in good standing in the Fraternity is entitled to be instructed and examined in any lodge, as to his proficiency in the degree of a Master Mason, and upon being

found proficient, this fact should be certified to the lodge electing him to membership."

Decision No. 4 is disapproved.

That decision No. 5 (a) be amended by the following changes and additions:

Strike out the period closing the sentence and add the following: "as soon as possible; and the liability of the retiring treasurer and his bondsmen shall not cease until his successor is elected and installed."

No. 5 (b) is approved.

Nos. 6, 7 and 8 are approved.

That decision No. 9 be amended by striking out the following: "that blood lines are not recognized under the law in this Grand Jurisdiction and consequently the fact," and as amended, that it be approved.

Decisions No. 10 (a) and No. 10 (b) are approved.

No. 11 is approved.

No. 12 is approved. This recommendation is reached by taking into consideration Section 143 of the law.

No. 13 (a), 13 (b), and 13 (c) are approved.

No. 14-1 (a), (b), (c), and (d) are approved.

That No. 14-2 be amended by inserting the following after the word thereon in the third line: "each petition shall take its regular course," and as amended, that it be approved.

That the decision following No. 14-2, having reference to Solar Lodge No. 134, be approved.

No. 15-1 (a), (b), (c), and (d) are approved.

No. 15-2 (a), (b), and (c) are approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend the following with reference to the recommendations made by the Grand Master:

No. 1 is approved, and we further recommend the approval of an amendment proposed by Past Grand Master George H. Thummel, which has been seconded by many Past Grand Masters, and herewith offered and submitted.

No. 2 is approved and we recommend that our law be amended so that all Masters-elect who shall be unable to attend the annual communication of the Grand Lodge and there receive their Past Master's degree, shall receive the same as the Grand Custodian may arrange, so that proper certificates may be given before installation.

We recommend that No. 3 be disapproved.

We recommend that No. 4 be approved, to the extent of amending Section 209 of the law so that the same shall read as follows:

"Sec. 209. Petition for Restoration."

"An expelled Mason seeking restoration shall petition the lodge from which he was expelled for its recommendation to the Grand Lodge for his restoration. Said petition shall be referred to a committee, lie over for a report for one month, and be acted upon at a regular meeting. If such petition be concurred in by a vote of two-thirds of the resident members of the lodge in a 'yes' or 'no' written ballot, the same shall be so endorsed, under seal, and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary at least ten days

before the annual communication of the Grand Lodge. *Provided*, That in case such lodge has become extinct, said petition may be made directly to the Grand Lodge, with a statement of the facts, and upon favorable action thereon, the brother shall have the status of a non-affiliated Mason."

We recommend that No. 5 be amended by substituting the following therefor: "It is unlawful to discuss a petition for affiliation or for the degrees, after balloting thereon, but pertinent and judicious inquiry as to the qualifications of the candidate before ballot is proper."

No. 6 is referred to the Committee on Codification of the Law.

No. 7 is disapproved.

For No. 8, the following to be substituted: "To incorporate into the law a provision relating to the questionnaire providing that the ballot shall not be spread until the questionnaire has been filled out, signed, and returned, and if not done within four months, that the petition be declared rejected without ballot."

No. 9 is disapproved.

No. 10 is disapproved.

No. 11 is approved. We recommend that Section 75 of the law be amended by striking therefrom the following:

"and clothed as Masons."

No. 12 is approved, and we recommend that the Committee on Codification of the Law prepare and present an amendment to Section 103 of the law in conformity with such provision.

We recommend that No. 13 be amended by striking out the following: "but it shall also pay to the Grand Lodge as penalty double the amount of fees collected, and in addition thereto, at the option of the Grand Master, to suffer the arrest of its charter,"

and add thereto the following:

"and the officers, committeemen, and members, who negligently or knowingly allow of such invasion, shall be guilty of a Masonic offense and dealt with according to law."

No. 14 is disapproved.

GENERAL.

With reference to all matters under the heading of General, of the Grand Master's address, we recommend the following:

No. 1 (a) and (b) are approved.

No. 2 (a) is approved. (See No. 8 recommendation.)

No. 2 (b) is approved.

No. 3 (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) are approved.

Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7 (a) and (b), 8, 9, 10, and 11 are approved.

No. 12 is disapproved, because the extent of the Master's duty was to see that the illegal undertaking of the lodge was not executed.

No. 13 is disapproved, because the correction should have been an order for annulment of illegal procedure and not to expunge the record.

No. 14 is approved.

No. 15 is approved.

W. Brother George C. Mason, 300, moved that the committee's report relative to the recommendation of the Grand

Master, No. 13, be not approved and that the recommendation of the Grand Master be adopted. The motion prevailed.

W. Brother Frank L. Haycock, 207, reported the payroll amounting to \$4,786.48, and it was ordered paid.

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

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Thursday, June 5th, 1924.

Grand Master Charles A. Chappell called the Grand Lodge to order at the appointed hour, officers and members being present as at the preceding sessions.

This hour having been set as a special order for the consideration of the amendment to Section 81 of the law, it was taken up and considered. W. Brother Herman N. Mattley, 300, made the following motion: "I move that the words and figures 'seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50)' be changed to 'ten dollars (\$10.00),' and that the proposed amendment be further amended to provide that twenty-five cents for each Master Mason be paid into the Grand Lodge for the Building and Improvement Fund, making the Grand Lodge dues one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75), as well as the \$5.00 on each Entered Apprentice fee."

W. Brother O. Edwin Mickey, 65, moved as a substitute for the \$1.75, as proposed by Brother Mattley, the sum of \$2.00. The motion was seconded and after discussion it was adopted. The Grand Master then submitted the amendment as made by substituting "ten dollars (\$10.00)" for "seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50)" and "two dollars (\$2.00)" for "one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75)," and it was adopted. The law as amended was then unanimously approved and adopted, and is as follows (first two paragraphs):

Sec. 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 ten dollars (\$10.00), and for each member, except those exempt from the payment of dues as provided for in Section 84, (which is now repealed), the sum of two dollars (\$2.00), seventy-five cents of which shall be paid for the maintenance of the Nebraska Masonic Home. Each subordinate lodge shall collect and transmit to the Grand Lodge with its annual returns ten dollars (\$10.00) from each Master Mason affiliating therewith during

the year covered by said returns. Provided, that a Master Mason holding a Nebraska demit and being in good standing at the time he presents his petition for affiliation, shall not be liable for this fee.

The additional funds for each initiation and affiliation fees together with the sum of fifty cents (50c), from the two dollars (\$2.00), Grand Lodge dues shall be placed into a fund to be known as the Building and Improvement Fund. These increases to apply only on those initiated or affiliated on and after July 15th, 1922. 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, and the Grand Secretary 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 complete as provided by Section 57, and pay their indebtedness to the Grand Lodge by the 10th of April.

The Committee on Library of the Grand Custodian, by Past Grand Master Charles E. Burnham, submitted the following report and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE LIBRARY
OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

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

Your special committee to which was referred the matter of the library of the Grand Custodian, M. W. Brother Robert E. French, beg leave to report that progress is being made in the working out of the details, and ask that the committee be continued for another year.

Past Grand Master Charles E. Burnham, for the Committee on Consolidation of Masonic Charities, presented the following report and moved its adoption; the motion prevailed:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSOLIDATION
OF MASONIC CHARITIES.

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

On behalf of this committee, I personally wish to make this statement:

The chairman of the committee has been called home, and Brother Morgan, the other member of the committee, being now deceased, leaves your committee impotent; and I would suggest that a new committee be appointed by the incoming Grand Master for the purpose of bringing the attention of the other Grand Bodies to the resolution adopted at yesterday's session, and to recommend a change in the law to conform to such resolution.

W. Brother Bernard N. Robertson, 3, for the advisory committee on reinstatements, read the following report and it was adopted as read:

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
REINSTATEMENTS.

To the Grand Lodge:

We, the Committee on Applications for Reinstatement, report as follows:

There have been many applications for reinstatement referred to the committee, and we have endeavored to use all means within our command to arrive at the facts in each case and deal fairly with the suspended brother and with the Grand Lodge.

We feel that it would be an assistance to the committee and to the Grand Master to make some changes in the form of petition for reinstatement. The principal reason for suggesting these changes is that the brother petitioning for reinstatement should be required to furnish information over his own signature as to the extent of property owned by him.

We therefore recommend that the Grand Master be authorized to prepare and use a new form of application for reinstatement that will include the suggestions made by the committee in regard to the property statement.

We suggest to the Grand Lodge a printed form which we herewith submit for consideration.

W. Brother John R. Tapster, 119, read the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

We, your Committee on Finance, respectfully submit for your consideration and approval the following report and recommendations:

The Grand Secretary has had an audit made of his books and records by a certified public accountant and the report made by the accountant is printed in full in the report of the Grand Lodge Officers, and agrees with the findings of your committee, and was a valuable aid in their work, and we recommend that this system be continued.

We have examined the books and records of the Grand Secretary and find them accurate and well kept. A detailed statement of the moneys handled through this office is found in the printed report of the Grand Secretary, which will furnish you any information desired. We recommend a careful reading of same.

The following is a brief summary of the Grand Lodge funds:

Balance on hand June 5th, 1923.....	\$ 83,215.49
Income during the year.....	131,971.19
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Making a total of.....	\$215,186.68
Disbursements.....	73,418.89
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Leaving a total credit of.....	\$141,767.79
Accounted for as follows:	
Increase in bonds in Building and Improvement Fund.....	\$ 97,331.00
Increase in bonds in War Relief Fund over bonds and C. D.....	175.16
Cash on hand June 3d, 1924.....	44,261.63

Showing a net increase in cash assets during the year of \$ 58,552.30
 \$50,000.00 of which is an unexpended appropriation made at the
 last session of this Grand Lodge for the erection of an Infir-
 mary at Plattsmouth, leaving a net increase of 8,552.30

We have examined the expense account of the Grand Custodian and
 found it correct in every detail. The money was spent for the purpose
 appropriated and a great work accomplished at the lowest possible cost.

We have examined the accounts of the Committee on Relief and Care of
 Orphans and found them correct.

Balance on hand June 5th, 1923 \$ 7,319.58
 Receipts 6,999.72

Total \$14,319.30
 Disbursements 3,454.54

Leaving a balance on hand June 3d, 1924 \$10,864.76

The report of the Committee on Childrens Homes was found correct
 and shows receipts during the year \$10,599.05

Disbursements 10,147.96

Leaving \$ 451.09

The Childrens Home Building Fund:

Balance on hand June 5th, 1923 \$12,302.72
 Received for return premium 166.64

Transferred from Grand Lodge Home account 1,223.48

Total \$13,692.84
 Disbursements \$13,692.84

The Grand Chaplain's account was checked and is as follows:

Balance on hand July 10th, 1923 \$ 7.84
 Received during the year 150.00

Total \$157.84
 Expenses during the year 78.02

Leaving a balance on hand of \$ 79.82

We have checked the Liberty Bonds in the Building and Improvement
 Fund, which are kept in a safety deposit box in the vault of the First
 National Bank of Omaha, and found them correct. Bonds with a face
 value of \$98,000.00 are carried on the books at actual cost, \$97,331.00.

The accounts of the Committee on Promulgation of the Work in Ne-
 braska, of the Masonic Service Association, have been checked, and we find
 that \$2,113.65 of the \$2,975.00 appropriated has been expended.

We recommend payment of \$200.00 to the Masonic Relief and Employ-
 ment Bureau.

We recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to purchase 5,000
 small monitors at the lowest bid received.

We have checked the accounts of the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts, and find that the appropriation made at the last session has not been expended, but bills amounting to \$298.50 have been contracted by W. Brother Hilton, Secretary, and we recommend their payment.

We recommend the following appropriations for the year ending June, 1925, or as much thereof as may be necessary:

Pay-roll	\$ 5,000.00
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	6,676.20
Printing Grand Officers' reports, proceedings, etc	1,400.00
Purchasing supplies for sale and issue	4,000.00
Grand Lodge office, rent, heat and light, to June 30, 1925	1,000.00
Incidental expenses	300.00
Expenses of the Grand Chaplain	150.00
Completing furnishings, Grand Secretary's office	100.00
Grand Master's expense	1,500.00
Grand Master's clerk hire	600.00
Grand Secretary's salary	2,400.00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire	2,500.00
Deputy Grand Secretary's salary	2,400.00
Grand Custodian's salary	1,800.00
Grand Custodian's expense	600.00
Expenses of Deputy Grand Custodians	1,000.00
Grand Tyler, session of 1924	15.00
Organist, session of 1924	10.00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence	200.00
Maintenance and improvements, Childrens Homes	5,000.00
Membership in the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada	200.00
Library, purchasing and binding	100.00
Fire insurance, books, supplies, etc	40.00
Grand Lodge office, janitor	100.00
Grand Lodge office, telephone	75.00
Postage, telegrams, telephone calls and expressage	500.00
Stationery	120.00
Blanks	350.00
Grand Secretary's surety bond	20.00
Incidental expenses, Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts	100.00
For the purpose of a reserve to be drawn on from time to time by said Board, as contracts under special agreements require	5,000.00
For certified public accountant	25.00
Stenographer and expense of Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	1,500.00
Addition to the Building Fund of Infirmary at Plattsmouth	50,000.00
Committee on Masonic Education	1,500.00
Amount due Masonic Service Association, if any	

Past Grand Master George H. Thummel moved that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be and they are hereby tendered to Miss Bertha White, for work in cataloguing the books of the John J. Monell library, which had been donated to the Grand Lodge. The motion was carried.

On motion of W. Brother Edwin C. Yont, 162, action on the amendments to Sections 148 and 96—A was laid over for one year.

The following report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was presented by Past Grand Master Charles E. Burnham, and was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

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

Your Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that we have examined the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1923, and have checked the deliberations of this session, and find that there remains no unfinished business at this time.

W. Brother Ralph O. Canaday, 285, offered the report of the Committee on Codification of the Law, and it was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW.

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

Your Committee on Codification of the Law begs leave to report as follows:

(1) In accordance with the action of the Grand Lodge, Section 81 of the law was amended by striking out of line three, as shown in addenda on page 373, proceedings 1923, the words "Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00)" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Ten Dollars (\$10.00)," and by striking out of line five thereof the words "Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50)" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Two Dollars (\$2.00)," and further by striking out of the second paragraph of said section as shown on page 45, edition of 1922 of the law, in the second line thereof, the words "One Dollar (\$1.00)" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Fifty Cents (\$0.50)," and by striking out of the third line thereof the words "Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50)" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Two Dollars (\$2.00)," so that said Section 81 as amended will read in its entirety as follows:

"Each lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge, on or before the 5th day of April, for each initiation, the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and for each member, except those exempt from the payment of dues as provided for in Section 84 (which is now repealed), the sum of Two Dollars (\$2.00), seventy-five cents of which shall be paid for the maintenance of the Nebraska Masonic Home. Each subordinate lodge shall collect and transmit to the Grand Lodge with its annual returns Ten Dollars (\$10.00) from each Master Mason affiliating therewith during the year covered by

said returns. Provided, that a Master Mason holding a Nebraska demit and being in good standing at the time he presents his petition for affiliation shall not be liable for this fee.

"The additional funds for each initiation and affiliation fees, together with the sum of fifty cents, from the Two Dollars (\$2.00), Grand Lodge dues shall be placed into a fund to be known as the Building and Improvement Fund. These increases to apply only on those initiated or affiliated on and after July 15th, 1922. 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, and the Grand Secretary 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 complete as provided by Section 57, and pay their indebtedness to the Grand Lodge by the 10th of April.

"When the complete returns of any subordinate lodge shall not have been received by the Grand Secretary by April 20th, he shall notify the Grand Master of that fact, and the Grand Master shall, by himself, the Grand Custodian, or an Assistant to the Grand Custodian, or some other brother appointed by the Grand Master, make personal investigation of such lodge, and secure returns as complete as may be. And the Grand Secretary shall charge upon the books of the Grand Lodge the expenses of such visitation to the lodge, unless the Grand Master, being satisfied that good reason existed for such delay, shall order otherwise.

"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 annually 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."

(2) Amend Section 77 of the law, edition 1922, by adding thereto the following:

"Active pall-bearers must be Master Masons in good standing, and clothed as Masons. No other organization or lodge shall be placed between the hearse and the Masonic lodge";

so that said Section 77, as amended, in its entirety will read as follows:

"FUNERAL CEREMONIES.—The ceremonies recommended by this Grand Lodge for use in the burial of a deceased brother symbolize the final consummation of the great truths set forth in the ceremonies of the Fraternity. A deceased brother, who at the time of his death was in good standing, is entitled to Masonic funeral rites, if requested by him in his lifetime, or by his relatives after his death. In case of suicide, the same may be granted at the discretion of the Master.

"The expenses of a Masonic burial are not meant to be controlled or affected by this section.

"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.

"Active pall-bearers must be Master Masons in good standing, and clothed as Masons. No other organization or lodge shall be placed between the hearse and the Masonic lodge."

(3) Amend Section 66 of the law as shown by addenda, pages 372 and 373, proceedings 1923, by adding thereto the following paragraph:

"An unaffiliated Master Mason in good standing in the Fraternity is entitled to be instructed and examined in any lodge as to his proficiency in

the degree of a Master Mason, and upon being found proficient, this fact should be certified to the lodge electing him to membership”;

so that said Section 66 as amended will read in its entirety as follows:

“MASTER MASON’S EXAMINATION.—All those hereafter initiated, passed, and raised shall become proficient in each degree, and shall give proof thereof by examination in open lodge. After such examination the Master may, if there is no objection made, declare the brother proficient. If objection is made, the Master shall put the question: “Is the brother proficient?” and the question shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present. The Secretary shall make a record that the examination was had and the action of the lodge upon the same.

“Examination of all those hereafter raised to the degree of a Master Mason shall be had not later than ninety days following the conferring of said degree, but the lodge may for good cause shown extend the time, but not for more than six months after the degree is conferred; provided, that the Grand Master may extend the time for good cause shown.

“An unaffiliated Master Mason in good standing in the Fraternity is entitled to be instructed and examined in any lodge as to his proficiency in the degree of a Master Mason, and upon being found proficient, this fact should be certified to the lodge electing him to membership.”

(4) Amend Section 60 of the law, edition 1922, by inserting in the sixth line thereof after the word “install” a comma, and the words “or both,” followed by a comma, and by adding to said Section 60, to be known as Section 60-A, the following:

“No officer shall hold over another year on account of failure to install his successor. But where an officer-elect is not installed within time, the lodge shall proceed under dispensation to install. In the event the officer declines installation, the lodge shall proceed to elect and install under dispensation. In the event the Master-elect is not installed, the duly installed Warden, according to rank, shall discharge all of the duties of the office of Master until the Master is elected and installed”;

so that said Section 60, including 60-A, when amended, shall read as follows:

“TIME: DISPENSATION.—The officers shall be installed during the month of June, and after the annual communication of the Grand Lodge. Installation at other times, except by dispensation, is irregular, and any Master permitting it is subject to Masonic discipline. The fee for dispensation to elect or install, or both, at any other than the prescribed time shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00), which must accompany the petition, which petition must be under the seal of the requesting lodge.

60-A “No officer shall hold over another year on account of failure to install his successor. But where an officer-elect is not installed within time, the lodge shall proceed under dispensation to install. In the event the officer declines installation, the lodge shall proceed to elect and install under dispensation. In the event the Master-elect is not installed, the duly installed Warden, according to rank, shall discharge all of the duties of the office of Master until the Master is elected and installed.”

(5) Amend Section 80 of the law, edition 1922, by inserting in the third line on page 45 after the word “payment,” the following: “All such dues, and special assessments, shall be uniform upon the members”; and further by striking out the period following the word “demit” in the eighth line on page 45 and inserting in lieu thereof a comma and adding the following words: “and shall be required to pay in full all special assessments,” so that said section, after amendment, shall read in its entirety as follows:

"ASSESSMENT.—Chartered lodges shall have discretionary power to assess dues upon members who are Master Masons in good standing, and their by-laws shall designate the amount so assessed and the time for its payment. All such dues, and special assessments, shall be uniform upon the members. All lodges in fixing the dues of their members shall include the amount of Grand Lodge dues with the lodge dues. A brother desiring to demit shall be required to pay dues only for the time he is a member of the lodge, that is, to the end of the month in which he is demitted, and shall be required to pay in full all special assessments.

"A lodge's floating debt does not rest pro rata on its members until so assessed. The dues owed by members to a lodge cannot be offset against any debts owed by the lodge to said members, except with the consent of the delinquent members."

(6) Amend Section 76 of the law, edition 1922, by adding a new section following 76-A, which shall be known as 76-B and read as follows:

"A lodge may hold a meeting on St. John's Day, to which the Order of the Eastern Star and members of Masonic and Eastern Star families may be admitted, in like manner as they are admitted to a public installation of officers of the lodge";

so that said Section 76, as amended, shall read in its entirety as follows:

"PUBLIC PROCESSIONS AND SERVICES.—No lodge shall participate in promiscuous parades or processions. A lodge may take part in a funeral procession in which other organizations participate, but the Masonic service must be separate from, and subsequent to, all others. A lodge may hold memorial services to which profanes are admitted, but cannot, as a lodge, participate therein with non-Masonic organizations.

76-A. CELEBRATION.—No lodge may, without the Grand Master's consent, hold a public Masonic celebration.

76-B. A lodge may hold a meeting on St. John's Day, to which the Order of the Eastern Star and members of Masonic and Eastern Star families may be admitted, in like manner as they are admitted to a public installation of officers of the lodge."

(7) Amend Section 119 of the law, edition 1922, by adding to Section 119-A thereof the following:

"The ballot cannot be divided and but one ballot box can be used in voting on a petition. The ballot shall not be spread until the questionnaire provided by the Grand Lodge has been filled out in full, signed and returned, and if not done within four months, the petitioner shall be declared rejected without ballot";

so that said Section 119 as amended shall read in its entirety as follows:

"VOTERS, ETC.—None but members of the lodge can vote therein. On a petition for initiation, or admission, or on an application for a waiver of jurisdiction, the ballot must be unanimately favorable, and no member can be excused from voting thereon.

"Sec. 119-A. A ballot should be spread only for one candidate and not for several collectively. The ballot cannot be divided and but one ballot box can be used in voting on a petition. The ballot shall not be spread until the questionnaire provided by the Grand Lodge has been filled out in full, signed and returned, and if not done within four months, the petitioner shall be declared rejected without ballot."

(8) Amend Section 146-A of the law, edition of 1922, as follows: Strike out of lines two and three, as shown on page 63, the words "from any lodge outside of this state"; insert in the third line on page 64 after the word "lodge" and before the word "under," the following: "in this Grand Jurisdiction, or"; insert in line 17, page 64, after the word "jurisdic-

tion" and before the word "of," the language "of this Grand Lodge, or," so that said Section 146-A as amended will read in its entirety as follows:

"VISITORS—CERTIFICATES—RECEIPTS.—No lodge in this jurisdiction shall receive a visitor 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 in some lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, or under the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge recognized by this Grand Lodge; 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. Such diplomas and certificates as are authorized by the law of the Grand Jurisdiction whence the visitor comes may be accepted as filling the requirements of this section in that respect. And the Master and committee must be satisfied that the lodge giving the certificate is a regular lodge, working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or 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 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.

"No lodge shall permit a brother holding membership in a lodge outside of this Grand Jurisdiction to visit a Nebraska lodge, who does not exhibit a proper diploma or receipt for dues dated within one year prior to such visitation."

(9) Amend Section 184 of the law, edition of 1922, by inserting after the comma following the word "attorney" and before the word "shall" the words "who must be a Master Mason in good standing," so that after amendment said Section 184 in its entirety will read as follows:

"EXAMINATIONS.—The testimony of witnesses who are Masons in good standing may be taken in open lodge, or by a special committee appointed by the Master. Other witnesses shall be examined by such committee. In either case the accused and the accuser, in person or by attorney, who must be a Master Mason in good standing, shall be entitled to be present and propound such relevant questions as they may desire."

(10) Amend Section 180 of the law, edition of 1922, by adding thereto the following sentence: "No affidavit shall be received in evidence over objection"; so that said Section 180 as amended will read in its entirety as follows:

"ACCUSER AND ACCUSED.—The evidence of both the accuser and the accused, if offered, shall be received in any Masonic trial. The status, rights, and privileges of a Mason under charges are not affected until conviction. No affidavit shall be received in evidence over objection."

(11) Amend Section 99 of the law, edition of 1922, by adding thereto the following:

"The conferring of a degree, or degrees, in violation of this section is irregular but not void, and any lodge so conferring any such degree shall not proceed with the degrees but shall immediately certify its action to the lodge having jurisdiction over the petitioner, or if no lodge has such jurisdiction, then to the Grand Secretary, and the total fees collected, less the amount due the Grand Lodge, shall be paid to the lodge having jurisdiction, or in the event no lodge has jurisdiction shall be paid to the Grand Lodge and placed in the Building and Improvement Fund. The lodge conferring

the degrees without jurisdiction shall also pay to the Grand Lodge, as a penalty, double the amount of prescribed fees, and at the option of the Grand Master, its charter may be arrested”;

so that said Section 99 as amended in its entirety will read as follows:

“RESIDENCE REQUIRED.—No lodge shall ballot upon a petition for initiation from any person who has not resided continuously within the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he petitions for the twelve months immediately preceding. This requirement shall not apply to applications for advancement, nor shall temporary absence with an intent to return interrupt the period of the petitioner’s residence. But it is not necessary that a petitioner be a naturalized citizen. Any person in any occupation having no fixed domicile and moving from place to place must first establish a Masonic residence in some lodge jurisdiction.

“The conferring of a degree, or degrees, in violation of this section is irregular but not void, and any lodge so conferring any such degree shall not proceed with the degrees but shall immediately certify its action to the lodge having jurisdiction over the petitioner, or if no lodge has such jurisdiction, then to the Grand Secretary, and the total fees collected, less the amount due the Grand Lodge, shall be paid to the lodge having jurisdiction, or in the event no lodge has jurisdiction shall be paid to the Grand Lodge and placed in the Building and Improvement Fund. The lodge conferring the degrees without jurisdiction shall also pay to the Grand Lodge, as a penalty, double the amount of prescribed fees, and at the option of the Grand Master, its charter may be arrested.”

(12) Amend Section 115 of the law as shown in addenda, proceedings 1924, pages 373 and 374, as follows: By striking out the period following the word “degree” in the second line on page 374 and inserting in lieu thereof a comma followed by the language “in which event, the petition for advancement must set out the dates of receiving the preceding degree, or degrees, and shall follow the usual course, or unless he has been elected and received either of said degrees in a lodge not having jurisdiction”; by adding after the word “degree” in the fourth line on page 374 the following sentence: “The fees to be charged for the succeeding degrees shall be the fees in force at the time the petition for advancement is received by the lodge,” and further by adding to said section the following:

“If he has received any of these degrees in a lodge not having jurisdiction, and desires to be advanced, he must petition the lodge having jurisdiction, for advancement, setting forth the facts of his petition to the lodge without jurisdiction and its action thereon. The petition shall take its regular course and upon favorable action thereon in the lodge having jurisdiction, the irregularity in the conferring of the degrees by the lodge without jurisdiction to be healed and the work thereafter to proceed in the lodge in the regular manner”;

so that said Section 115 as amended in its entirety will read as follows:

“ESSENTIALS.—It is not necessary for an Apprentice Mason or Fellow Craft Mason to petition his lodge in writing for advancement, unless he has been rejected, or a period of five years has elapsed since taking the preceding degree, in which event, the petition for advancement must set out the dates of receiving the preceding degree, or degrees, and shall follow the usual course, or unless he has been elected and received either of said degrees in a lodge not having jurisdiction. But he must be examined in open lodge and show a thorough knowledge of at least the first section of the lecture of the preceding degree. The fees to be charged for the succeeding degrees shall be the fees in force at the time the petition for advancement is received by the lodge. An interval of four weeks shall intervene between the conferring of degrees.

"If he has received any of these degrees in a lodge not having jurisdiction, and desires to be advanced, he must petition the lodge having jurisdiction for advancement, setting forth the facts of his petition to the lodge without jurisdiction and its action thereon. The petition shall take its regular course and upon favorable action thereon in the lodge having jurisdiction, the irregularity in the conferring of the degrees by the lodge without jurisdiction to be healed and the work thereafter to proceed in the lodge in the regular manner."

(13) Amend Section 63 of the law, edition of 1922, by striking out of line three the word "may" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "shall," and by inserting after the words "be conferred" and before the words "by a convocation" in the fourth line of said section the words "under the direction of the Grand Custodian"; that said section be further amended by striking out the period following the word "convocation" in the sixth line thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof a comma and adding the following language: "Nor shall such installation be had until a certificate is presented to the installing officer showing the Master-elect to have so received the degree of Past Master"; so said Section 63 as amended will read in its entirety as follows:

"WHO MAY BE INSTALLED.—No Master shall be installed until he shall have been duly qualified by actually receiving the degree of Past Master, which shall be conferred, under the direction of the Grand Custodian, by a convocation of not less than three actual Past Masters, and none but such Past Masters can be present at such convocation, nor shall such installation be had until a certificate is presented to the installing officer showing the Master-elect to have so received the degree of Past Master. Chapter Past Masters, as such, are excluded from participation. The degree of Past Master shall not be conferred upon any Master-elect while under charges. Arrearages for dues shall not prevent the installation of an officer-elect."

(14) Amend Section 121 of the law, edition of 1922, by adding a new paragraph thereto, which shall read as follows:

"It is unlawful to discuss a petition for affiliation or for the degrees after the ballot thereon, but pertinent and judicious inquiry as to the qualifications of the candidate before ballot is proper";

so Section 121 will read, after amendment, in its entirety as follows:

"INTERRUPTION.—The progress of a ballot should not be interrupted or suspended except by a formal objection to the candidate.

"The ballot should be spread upon the petition of a candidate at the same meeting at which the committee reports upon the same, unless the Master in the exercise of his discretion and for good cause, shall announce in open lodge that the ballot will be postponed until the next regular meeting.

"It is unlawful to discuss a petition for affiliation or for the degrees after the ballot thereon, but pertinent and judicious inquiry as to the qualifications of the candidate before ballot is proper."

(15) Form No. 234 shown on page 95, edition of the law of 1922, to be changed by the substitution therefor of the form approved by the Grand Lodge under the adoption of the recommendation in the report of the Committee Advisory to the Grand Master on Applications for Reinstatement.

(16) To amend Section 75 of the law, edition 1922, by striking out all of the first sentence thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Members of a lodge may attend church services in procession without dis-

pensation"; and also by striking out of the last line of said section the comma, and the words "except as aforesaid," so that said Section 75, as amended, in its entirety will read as follows:

"ATTENDING CHURCH: MASONIC CLOTHING.—Members of a lodge may attend church services in procession without dispensation. But Masonic clothing should be worn only when the lodge is at work or upon some Masonic occasion."

(17) Amend Section 103 of the law, edition of 1922, by striking out the period after the word "Nebraska" in the last line thereof and inserting in lieu thereof a semi-colon and then by adding the following:

"Provided further that the lodge in the adjoining Grand Jurisdiction shall immediately notify the lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction in whose jurisdiction the petitioner resides, and shall take no further action for thirty days after such notification, and if the petition has been rejected by a Nebraska lodge no further procedure may be had in the lodge in the adjoining Grand Jurisdiction without consent, lawfully given, of the Nebraska lodge having jurisdiction. A Nebraska lodge receiving a like petition from a lodge of another Grand Jurisdiction shall proceed in like manner";

so that Section 103 as amended will read in its entirety as follows:

"PETITIONS TO ADJOINING GRAND JURISDICTIONS.—Whenever citizens of Nebraska who are desirous of petitioning for the degrees shall reside nearer some subordinate lodge in any adjoining Grand Jurisdiction, and shall wish to petition such lodge for the degrees, they shall be allowed to do so without first obtaining permission of the Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction: Provided, that this regulation shall take effect and be in force only upon, and after, receipt of official information from such adjoining Grand Jurisdiction that similar permission is given residents thereof to apply for the degrees in neighboring lodges located in Nebraska; Provided further, that the lodge in the adjoining Grand Jurisdiction shall immediately notify the lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction in whose jurisdiction the petitioner resides, and shall take no further action for thirty days after such notification, and if the petitioner has been rejected by a Nebraska lodge no further procedure may be had in the lodge in the adjoining Grand Jurisdiction without the consent, lawfully given, of the Nebraska lodge having jurisdiction. A Nebraska lodge receiving a like petition from a lodge of another Grand Jurisdiction shall proceed in like manner."

On motion of Grand Secretary Francis E. White, hearty thanks were extended to M. W. Brother Charles A. Chappell, for the courteous manner in which he has presided over our deliberations, and for his services to the Craft during the nearly two years in which he has acted as Grand Master; also to the lodges in Omaha for their cordial assistance in making this session of the Grand Lodge a success, and for special favors extended.

Past Grand Master George H. Thummel installed all of the Grand Officers for the ensuing year, except the Grand Tyler; authority was given to Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln, to install W. Brother Alexander E. Porter as Grand Tyler, at his convenience. The installation ceremony was very impressive, and was an inspiring scene to the representatives

who witnessed it through eyes bright with tears. This was especially true of the installation of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Custodian, the entire membership rising in token of their respect and esteem as the Grand Marshal conducted these brethren to the East. Past Grand Master Thummel referred in feeling terms to their service to the Grand Lodge and his friendship for them of many years' standing, and expressed the hope that they would be spared for many years to labor for the Craft.

M. W. Brother James R. Cain, Jr., presented to M. W. Brother Charles A. Chappell, retiring Grand Master, the Past Grand Master's jewel authorized by the Grand Lodge. Brother Cain referred to his own service as Grand Master when he had appointed Brother Chappell as a member of an important committee, and to Brother Chappell's distinguished service to the Craft. A fitting response was made by Past Grand Master Chappell, who said in part: "It is indeed a joy and a pleasure for me to wear this jewel. I want to assure you, my brothers, that as the days come and go and the years speed by, it shall be my most earnest endeavor to serve the Craft faithfully in every respect. Brethren, I thank you each and every one, and I appreciate the honor you have shown me."

At half past five o'clock P. M., no further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, peace and harmony prevailing.

ROBERT R. DICKSON,
Grand Master.


Grand Secretary.

ADDENDA TO THE LAW.

Being Amendments to the Law adopted since the publication of the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska, edition of 1922.

Sec. 9-A.—Each member of a standing committee of the Grand Lodge shall be entitled to a seat and voice, but not vote, by virtue of such appointment, in the Grand Lodge. 1923—366.

Sec. 15.—RELIEF AND CARE OF ORPHANS.—The Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans 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). 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. 1923—370.

Sec. 16-A.—The Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Grand Master, which Board shall have full control of receiving, investing, managing, and disbursing the funds arising from annuities and gifts that shall be received by it to the uses of Masonry in this jurisdiction. The title to all funds and property shall be taken, held, and conveyed in the name of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, all subject to the control of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master in vacation.

The management of the funds shall be under the general direction of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master in vacations. Provided, further, that the said Board shall have general power to disburse said funds without a specific appropriation from the Grand Lodge. 1923—369.

Sec. 30.—ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND.—\$100,000.00 and the unexpended income therefrom shall constitute the Orphans Educational Endowment Fund and shall never be depleted below the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. 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 it so far as necessary shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans to be disbursed on order of said committee. This Endowment Fund, with its increase from time to time, shall by the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds. 1923—370.

Sec. 31-A.—WAR RELIEF FUND.—\$30,000.00, the result of the resolution of June 5th, A. L. 5918, and the unexpended income therefrom shall constitute the WAR RELIEF FUND, and except by direct action of the Grand Lodge and for the purpose expressed in the resolution of June 6th, A. L. 5923, with reference thereto, no part of the principal of said fund shall be used.

The annual interest earned by said fund in any year may be expended for the purpose set forth in the resolution of June 6th, A. L. 5923, with

reference thereto, and shall be disbursed on order of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, as are other relief funds.

The fund with its increase from time to time shall by the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds. 1924—585.

Sec. 32.—INVESTIGATION AND PAYMENTS.—All applications for relief from this fund shall be referred to the standing Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans; said fund, when the amount thereof is ascertained each year, shall be transferred to said committee to be disbursed by it. 1923—370.

Sec. 60.—TIME: DISPENSATION.—The officers shall be installed during the month of June, and after the annual communication of the Grand Lodge. Installation at other times, except by dispensation, is irregular, and any Master permitting it is subject to Masonic discipline. The fee for dispensation to elect or install, or both, at any other than the prescribed time shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00), which must accompany the petition, which petition must be under the seal of the requesting lodge. 1924—605.

Sec. 60-A.—No officer shall hold over another year on account of failure to install his successor. But where an officer-elect is not installed within time, the lodge shall proceed under dispensation to install. In the event the officer declines installation, the lodge shall proceed to elect and install under dispensation. In the event the Master-elect is not installed, the duly installed Warden, according to rank, shall discharge all of the duties of the office of Master until the Master is elected and installed. 1924—605.

Sec. 63.—WHO MAY BE INSTALLED.—No Master shall be installed until he shall have been duly qualified by actually receiving the degree of Past Master, which shall be conferred, under the direction of the Grand Custodian, by a convocation of not less than three actual Past Masters, and none but such Past Masters can be present at such convocation, nor shall such installation be had until a certificate is presented to the installing officer showing the Master-elect to have so received the degree of Past Master. Chapter Past Masters, as such, are excluded from participation. The degree of Past Master shall not be conferred upon any Master-elect while under charges. Arrearages for dues shall not prevent the installation of an officer-elect. 1924—609.

Sec. 66.—MASTER MASONS' EXAMINATIONS.—All those hereafter initiated, passed, and raised shall become proficient in each degree, and shall give proof thereof by examination in open lodge. After such examination the Master may, if there is no objection made, declare the brother proficient. If objection is made, the Master shall put the question: "Is the brother proficient?" and the question shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present. The Secretary shall make a record that the examination was had and the action of the lodge upon the same.

Examination of all those hereafter raised to the degree of a Master Mason shall be had not later than ninety days following the conferring of said degree, but the lodge may for good cause shown extend the time, but not for more than six months after the degree is conferred; provided, that the Grand Master may extend the time for good cause shown. 1923—370.

An unaffiliated Master Mason in good standing in the Fraternity is entitled to be instructed and examined in any lodge as to his proficiency in the degree of a Master Mason, and upon being found proficient, this fact should be certified to the lodge electing him to membership. 1924—605.

Sec. 66-A.—REFUSING EXAMINATION.—A brother refusing to qualify and pass an examination as provided by Section 66 renders himself liable to charges. No one hereafter made a Master Mason shall be entitled to a demit, a diploma, nor to hold an office in a lodge, until he has complied with said section. 1923—370.

Sec. 69-D.—Every Master Mason is entitled to a diploma of the form provided in this Grand Jurisdiction from the lodge of which he is a member, upon his making request therefor, unless having been made a Master Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction after June 7th, 1923, he has failed to comply with the provisions of Section 66. Said diploma is to be granted without charge therefor, and regardless of whether he became a member of said lodge by affiliation, or by taking the degrees therein. 1923—370.

Sec. 75.—ATTENDING CHURCH: MASONIC CLOTHING.—Members of a lodge may attend church services in procession without dispensation. But Masonic clothing should be worn only when the lodge is at work or upon some Masonic occasion. 1924—610.

Sec. 76-B.—A lodge may hold a meeting on St. John's Day, to which the Order of the Eastern Star and members of Masonic and Eastern Star families may be admitted, in like manner as they are admitted to a public installation of officers of the lodge. 1924—606.

Sec. 77.—(New paragraph.) Active pall-bearers must be Master Masons in good standing, and clothed as Masons. No other organization or lodge shall be placed between the hearse and the Masonic lodge. 1924-604.

Sec. 80.—(First paragraph.) ASSESSMENT.—Chartered lodges shall have discretionary power to assess dues upon members who are Master Masons in good standing, and their by-laws shall designate the amount so assessed and the time for its payment. All such dues, and special assessments, shall be uniform upon the members. All lodges in fixing the dues of their members shall include the amount of Grand Lodge dues with the lodge dues. A brother desiring to demit shall be required to pay dues only for the time he is a member of the lodge, that is, to the end of the month in which he is demitted, and shall be required to pay in full all special assessments. 1924—606.

Sec. 81.—(First two paragraphs.) Each lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge, on or before the 5th day of April, for each initiation, the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and for each member, except those exempt from the payment of dues as provided for in Section 84 (which is now repealed), the sum of Two Dollars (\$2.00), seventy-five cents of which shall be paid for the maintenance of the Nebraska Masonic Home. Each subordinate lodge shall collect and transmit to the Grand Lodge with its annual returns Ten Dollars (\$10.00) from each Master Mason affiliating therewith during the year covered by said returns. Provided, that a Master Mason holding a Nebraska demit and being in good standing at the time he presents his petition for affiliation shall not be liable for this fee.

The additional funds for each initiation and affiliation fees, together with the sum of fifty cents, from the Two Dollars (\$2.00), Grand Lodge dues shall be placed into a fund to be known as the Building and Improvement Fund. These increases to apply only on those initiated or affiliated on and after July 15th, 1922. 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, and the Grand Secretary 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 complete as provided by Section 57, and pay their indebtedness to the Grand Lodge by the 10th of April. 1923—369. 1924—603.

Sec. 89-A.—(Second paragraph.) No lodge shall send circular letters, copies of resolutions, or other communications of a similar character to other lodges without the consent or approval of the Grand Master, but his consent to or approval of all proper communications of such character between lodges shall not be withheld because he may disagree with the views expressed therein. 1923—369.

Sec. 99.—(New paragraph.) The conferring of a degree, or degrees, in violation of this section is irregular but not void, and any lodge so conferring any such degree shall not proceed with the degrees but shall immediately certify its action to the lodge having jurisdiction over the petitioner, or if no lodge has such jurisdiction, then to the Grand Secretary, and the total fees collected, less the amount due the Grand Lodge, shall be paid to the lodge having jurisdiction, or in the event no lodge has jurisdiction shall be paid to the Grand Lodge and placed in the Building and Improvement Fund. The lodge conferring the degrees without jurisdiction shall also pay to the Grand Lodge, as a penalty, double the amount of prescribed fees, and at the option of the Grand Master, its charter may be arrested. 1924—608.

Sec. 103.—PETITIONS TO ADJOINING GRAND JURISDICTIONS.—Whenever citizens of Nebraska who are desirous of petitioning for the degrees shall reside nearer some subordinate lodge in any adjoining Grand Jurisdiction, and shall wish to petition such lodge for the degrees, they shall be allowed to do so without first obtaining permission of the Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction: Provided, that this regulation shall take effect and be in force only upon, and after, receipt of official information from such adjoining Grand Jurisdiction that similar permission is given residents thereof, to apply for the degrees in neighboring lodges located in Nebraska; Provided further, that the lodge in the adjoining Grand Jurisdiction shall immediately notify the lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction in whose jurisdiction the petitioner resides, and shall take no further action for thirty days after such notification, and if the petitioner has been rejected by a Nebraska lodge no further procedure may be had in the lodge in the adjoining Grand Jurisdiction without the consent, lawfully given, of the Nebraska lodge having jurisdiction. A Nebraska lodge receiving a like petition from a lodge of another Grand Jurisdiction shall proceed in like manner. 1924—610.

Sec. 108.—**NO WITHDRAWAL.**—After a petition has been read and formally accepted by a lodge, it cannot be withdrawn. And upon such acceptance the petitioner becomes and thereafter, unless a regular waiver is made, remains the material of the lodge. Provided, however, that this shall not apply to the petition of one who is found ineligible because of physical defects or who is found not to be within the jurisdiction of the lodge. 1923—370.

Sec. 115.—**ESSENTIALS.**—It is not necessary for an Apprentice Mason or Fellow Craft Mason to petition his lodge in writing for advancement, unless he has been rejected, or a period of five years has elapsed since taking the preceding degree, in which event, the petition for advancement must set out the dates of receiving the preceding degree, or degrees, and shall follow the usual course, or unless he has been elected and received either of said degrees in a lodge not having jurisdiction. But he must be examined in open lodge and show a thorough knowledge of at least the first section of the lecture of the preceding degree. The fees to be charged for the succeeding degrees shall be the fees in force at the time the petition for advancement is received by the lodge. An interval of four weeks shall intervene between the conferring of degrees.

If he has received any of these degrees in a lodge not having jurisdiction, and desires to be advanced, he must petition the lodge having jurisdiction for advancement, setting forth the facts of his petition to the lodge without jurisdiction and its action thereon. The petition shall take its regular course and upon favorable action thereon in the lodge having jurisdiction, the irregularity in the conferring of the degrees by the lodge without jurisdiction to be healed and the work thereafter to proceed in the lodge in the regular manner. 1923—369. 1924—608.

Sec. 119-A.—A ballot should be spread only for one candidate and not for several collectively. The ballot cannot be divided and but one ballot box can be used in voting on a petition. The ballot shall not be spread until the questionnaire provided by the Grand Lodge has been filled out in full, signed and returned, and if not done within four months, the petitioner shall be declared rejected without ballot. 1924—606.

Sec. 121.—(New paragraph.) It is unlawful to discuss a petition for affiliation or for the degrees after the ballot thereon, but pertinent and judicious inquiry as to the qualifications of the candidate before ballot is proper. 1924—609.

Sec. 146-A.—**VISITORS—CERTIFICATES—RECEIPTS.**—No lodge in this jurisdiction shall receive a visitor 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 in some lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, or under the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge recognized by this Grand Lodge; 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. Such diplomas

and certificates as are authorized by the law of the Grand Jurisdiction whence the visitor comes may be accepted as filling the requirements of this section in that respect. And the Master and committee must be satisfied that the lodge giving the certificate is a regular lodge, working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or 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 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.

No lodge shall permit a brother holding membership in a lodge outside of this Grand Jurisdiction to visit a Nebraska lodge, who does not exhibit a proper diploma or receipt for dues dated within one year prior to such visitation. 1924—607.

Sec. 148-*o*.—To apply to any Scottish or York Rite Body for the degrees therein or to solicit such a petition from another until after the lapse of one year from the time said petitioner has been made a Master Mason, and shall have attended at least six meetings of a Master Masons lodge or lodges, and shall have complied with the provisions of Section 66 of the Grand Lodge law as to proficiency. 1923—370.

Sec. 180.—ACCUSER AND ACCUSED.—The evidence of both the accuser and the accused, if offered, shall be received in any Masonic trial. The status, rights, and privileges of a Mason under charges are not affected until conviction. No affidavit shall be received in evidence over objection. 1924—607.

Sec. 184.—EXAMINATIONS.—The testimony of witnesses who are Masons in good standing may be taken in open lodge, or by a special committee appointed by the Master. Other witnesses shall be examined by such committee. In either case the accused and the accuser, in person or by attorney, who must be a Master Mason in good standing, shall be entitled to be present and propound such relevant questions as they may desire. 1924—607.

Sec. 191.—ENUMERATED.—When any Mason, after due trial, shall be found guilty of a Masonic offense, one of the penalties herein provided, adequate to the offense, and in the discretion of the lodge, shall be inflicted. Such penalties in the order of their severity are: Expulsion, indefinite suspension, definite suspension, reprimand, and censure. 1923—369.

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NAME	LODGE	DATE OF DEATH
CHARLES S. SCRANTON	Nebraska,	No. 1 Dec. 15, 1916
CLARENCE B. WHITNEY	Nebraska,	No. 1 1917
ROBERT JOHN MOSCRIP	Nebraska,	No. 1 July 7, 1917
CARL O. NELSON	Nebraska,	No. 1 Feb. 19, 1918
ARTHUR H. BURNETT	Nebraska,	No. 1 March 5, 1918
LEOPOLD HELLER	Nebraska,	No. 1 Oct. 18, 1918
ALEXANDER CLARK	Nebraska,	No. 1 Dec. 10, 1918
JOHN H. PHELPS	Nebraska,	No. 1 Aug. 19, 1921
WILLIAM H. GOODWIN	Nebraska,	No. 1 May 12, 1923
ROY SAUNDERS	Nebraska,	No. 1 June 6, 1923
FRED J. RAMEY	Nebraska,	No. 1 June 16, 1923
PAUL S. DENISON	Nebraska,	No. 1 Aug. 4, 1923
GEORGE W. HILL	Nebraska,	No. 1 Aug. 10, 1923
WILLIAM H. JONES	Nebraska,	No. 1 Aug. 19, 1923
JOHN S. LYONS	Nebraska,	No. 1 Sept. 21, 1923
BRYANT McBRIDE	Nebraska,	No. 1 Oct. 31, 1923
WILLIAM H. HARPER	Nebraska,	No. 1 Nov. 22, 1923
WILLIAM D. McHUGH	Nebraska,	No. 1 Dec. 23, 1923
GEORGE A. NELSON	Nebraska,	No. 1 Jan. 25, 1924
JOHN E. VON DORN	Nebraska,	No. 1 Jan. 26, 1924
LEVI F. HOOTON	Nebraska,	No. 1 Jan. 27, 1924
WILLIAM J. ADDY	Nebraska,	No. 1 Feb. 5, 1924
SAMUEL S. LEECH	Nebraska,	No. 1 Feb. 25, 1924
JOHN E. RINER	Nebraska,	No. 1 March 26, 1924
W. GRAYSON MOORE	Nebraska,	No. 1 March 27, 1924
EDWIN F. WARREN	Western Star,	No. 2 July 9, 1923
JOEL V. D. PATCH	Western Star,	No. 2 Aug. 26, 1923
CHARLES W. HOHAUS	Western Star,	No. 2 Sept. 18, 1923
FRANK L. BURDICK	Western Star,	No. 2 Dec. 28, 1923
REINHOLD B. BUSCH	Capitol,	No. 3 April 9, 1923
DANIEL P. KEEDY	Capitol,	No. 3 April 30, 1923
HORACE W. BARNUM	Capitol,	No. 3 May 28, 1923
J. RUSH WINGATE	Capitol,	No. 3 June 8, 1923
CHARLES F. SMITH	Capitol,	No. 3 June 10, 1923
CLIFF C. HIDDLESTONE	Capitol,	No. 3 June 26, 1923
JOHN G. McBRIDE	Capitol,	No. 3 Aug. 17, 1923
CHARLES H. PICKENS	Capitol,	No. 3 Nov. 5, 1923
WILLIAM JOBSON	Capitol,	No. 3 Aug. 29, 1923
JAMES R. LOCHRY	Capitol,	No. 3 Nov. 8, 1923
ALMON A. TAGGERT	Capitol,	No. 3 Dec. 13, 1923
JULIUS ROSENZWEIG	Capitol,	No. 3 Dec. 28, 1923
JOHN BAMFORD	Capitol,	No. 3 Feb. 24, 1924
LOUIS R. MAGOR	Nemaha Valley,	No. 4 Oct. 26, 1923
HARRY C. BOYD	Falls City,	No. 9 Nov. 26, 1923
RALPH P. ROBERTS	Falls City,	No. 9 March 8, 1923

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RICE ARNOLD	Solomon,	No. 10 June 14, 1923
FRANK E. ZEILER	Covert,	No. 11 March 31, 1923
CHARLES M. RACKLEY	Covert,	No. 11 May 3, 1923
WILLIAM R. CORDELL	Covert,	No. 11 May 9, 1923
HENRY A. HASKELL	Covert,	No. 11 July 13, 1923
JOSEPH W. PETERS	Covert,	No. 11 July 19, 1923
ELI H. McCONOUGHY	Covert,	No. 11 Aug. 11, 1923
EDISON PUTMAN	Covert,	No. 11 Dec. 2, 1923
CHARLES C. COPE, SR.	Covert,	No. 11 Dec. 17, 1923
GRANT McFARLAND	Covert,	No. 11 Dec. 28, 1923
LOUIS PETERSON	Covert,	No. 11 Feb. 12, 1924
OSCAR A. NORENE	Covert,	No. 11 Feb. 28, 1924
EDWARD J. JORGENSEN	Peru,	No. 14 Feb. 12, 1924
GEORGE J. HASLAM	Fremont,	No. 15 April 24, 1923
FRED W. MITCHELL	Fremont,	No. 15 June 20, 1923
FLOYD A. SMITH	Fremont,	No. 15 Oct. 4, 1923
RICHARD B. FIELDS	Fremont,	No. 15 Dec. 26, 1923
FRANK H. LAMME	Fremont,	No. 15 Dec. 27, 1923
HENRY HAGER	Fremont,	No. 15 Dec. 28, 1923
JESSE C. McNISH	Fremont,	No. 15 Jan. 15, 1924
GEORGE W. BATES	Lincoln,	No. 19 July 11, 1923
ANDREW J.		
WOLFENBARGER	Lincoln,	No. 19 Oct. 8, 1923
ERNEST P. THOMPSON	Lincoln,	No. 19 Dec. 2, 1923
PERRY BLACK	Lincoln,	No. 19 Dec. 14, 1923
ERNEST W. THUMAN	Lincoln,	No. 19
AUSTIN N. OHLER	Lincoln,	No. 19 Jan. 22, 1924
ROBERT W. EGAN	Lincoln,	No. 19 Febr. 8, 1924
JOHN M. BURKS	Lincoln,	No. 19 Febr. 10, 1924
STEPHEN L. GESSTHARDT	Lincoln,	No. 19 Febr. 18, 1924
JOHN WATSON	Lincoln,	No. 19 March 31, 1924
LEMUEL L. LANTRY	Washington,	No. 21 Febr. 27, 1924
OSCAR E. HALL	Pawnee,	No. 23 Nov. 9, 1919
GILBERT F. SPRINGER	Pawnee,	No. 23 Nov. 6, 1923
FREDERICK E. MERRILL	Pawnee,	No. 23 Dec. 3, 1923
JOSEPH H. DENNIS	St. Johns,	No. 25
JAMES R. PERKINS	St. Johns,	No. 25
JACOB H. SHUGART	St. Johns,	No. 25
ROBERT A. HARRIS	St. Johns,	No. 25 May 25, 1911
LEONIDAS P.		
FUNKHOUSER	St. Johns,	No. 25 June 11, 1912
OLE C. OLSON	St. Johns,	No. 25 1913
GARRETT S. GUILD	St. Johns,	No. 25 June 26, 1915
WILLIAM A. TEMPLETON	St. Johns,	No. 25 April 3, 1916
JOHN C. DREXEL	St. Johns,	No. 25 May 21, 1916

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HENRY L. BURRELL	St. Johns,	No. 25 April 26, 1917
HARTLEY D. THORPE	St. Johns,	No. 25 Dec. 13, 1917
ALFRED P. HOPKINS	St. Johns,	No. 25 Febr. 1918
GEORGE E. ABBOTT	St. Johns,	No. 25 May 1919
JURIEN BOONSTRA	St. Johns,	No. 25 Nov. 17, 1919
CHARLES W. RUSH	St. Johns,	No. 25 Nov. 27, 1919
JAMES ALLAN	St. Johns,	No. 25 May 23, 1923
JACOB KOPP	St. Johns,	No. 25 May 23, 1923
W. DAVID LINCOLN	St. Johns,	No. 25 June 6, 1923
ARTHUR H. BRIGGS	St. Johns,	No. 25 June 30, 1923
JORGEN MICHAELSEN	St. Johns,	No. 25 July 15, 1923
LEWIS J. BEEMER	St. Johns,	No. 25 Aug. 1, 1923
DANIEL W. PHELPS	St. Johns,	No. 25 Sept. 13, 1923
FRED P. HESSE	St. Johns,	No. 25 Sept. 23, 1923
WILLIAM J. WIGTON	St. Johns,	No. 25 Oct. 13, 1923
F. ELTON ALLYN	St. Johns,	No. 25 Jan. 3, 1924
JOHN M. BENNETT	St. Johns,	No. 25 Jan. 4, 1924
JOHN E. BLACKWELL	St. Johns,	No. 25 Jan. 31, 1924
CLARENCE E. CALLAHAN	St. Johns,	No. 25 Febr. 24, 1924
CHARLES L. THOMAS	St. Johns,	No. 25 March 6, 1924
ULYSSES S. RAYNOR	Beatrice,	No. 26 July 28, 1923
AARON PALMER	Beatrice,	No. 26 Febr. 4, 1924
GEORGE H. BRASH	Beatrice,	No. 26 Febr. 28, 1924
JACOB WILLIAM HANDLEY	Hope,	No. 29 Oct. 13, 1923
CHARLES JOHNSTON	Blue River,	No. 30 Nov. 30, 1923
ROBERT D. MUIR	Blue River,	No. 30 March 21, 1924
ADOLPH NEUMANN	Tekamah,	No. 31 April 12, 1923
CASPER K. CONGER	Tekamah,	No. 31 Sept. 14, 1923
OZIAS A. FARLEY	Tekamah,	No. 31 Febr. 12, 1924
HENRY SCHUFF	Platte Valley,	No. 32 May 26, 1923
PAUL R. HALLIGAN	Platte Valley,	No. 32 Aug. 3, 1923
JOHN McGRAW	Platte Valley,	No. 32 Aug. 26, 1923
EDWARD V. BOGUE	Platte Valley,	No. 32 Febr. 28, 1924
CHRISTIAN E. LYKKE	Ashlar,	No. 33 June 11, 1923
OSCAR WELLS	Ashlar,	No. 33 June 24, 1923
ELI A. BARNES	Ashlar,	No. 33 July 16, 1923
WOLF GOLDBERG	Ashlar,	No. 33 Aug. 29, 1923
ROBERT J. BARR	Ashlar,	No. 33 Oct. 6, 1923
JAY L. HIGHLAND	Ashlar,	No. 33 Jan. 5, 1924
JAMES W. PETERS	Fairbury,	No. 35 Nov. 7, 1923
ROBERT BROCK	Fairbury,	No. 35 March 26, 1924
MARVIN V. HUTCHINS	Lone Tree,	No. 36 Aug. 3, 1922
JAMES R. RATCLIFF	Lone Tree,	No. 36 May 17, 1923
GEORGE A. CLARK	Lone Tree,	No. 36 June 11, 1923

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RICHARD M. BROWN	Lone Tree,	No. 36 July 28, 1923
PHILIP UNITT	Oliver,	No. 38 May 27, 1923
DANIEL KEEDWELL	Humboldt,	No. 40 Dec. 10, 1923
JAMES BROOKS, JR.	Northern Light,	No. 41 Sept. 22, 1923
JAMES McKELVIE	Juniata,	No. 42 Jan. 28, 1924
BRYSON W. HESS	Hebron,	No. 43 March 30, 1924
JOHN H. ROBERTSON	Harvard,	No. 44 Jan. 1, 1924
JEROME G. PACE	Harvard,	No. 44 March 19, 1924
FRANK W. HULL	Rob Morris,	No. 46
ALEX D. McINTYRE	Rob Morris,	No. 46 April 21, 1923
GEORGE E. WITTEMAN	Rob Morris,	No. 46 May 6, 1924
FOREST L. WHEADON	Rob Morris,	No. 46 May 31, 1923
HENRY GIBBONS	Rob Morris,	No. 46 Aug. 22, 1923
FRANK SPOFFORD	Rob Morris,	No. 46 March 13, 1924
CHARLES O. SWAN	Rob Morris,	No. 46 March 14, 1924
ADDISON E. TRACY	Rob Morris,	No. 46 Febr. 3, 1924
DAVID PICKARD	Evening Star,	No. 49 Sept. 9, 1923
CLARENCE V. MILES	Hastings,	No. 50 June 14, 1923
ABNER C. HULL	Hastings,	No. 50 July 25, 1923
WILLIAM M. LOWMAN, JR.	Hastings,	No. 50 Sept. 23, 1923
MILTON CULLIP	Hastings,	No. 50 Oct. 2, 1923
AMBROSE S. CAMPBELL	Hastings,	No. 50 Dec. 7, 1923
GORDON H. EDGERTON	Hastings,	No. 50 Dec. 11, 1923
FLAVIUS C. WOOD	Hastings,	No. 50 March 7, 1924
IRA ELIJAH DOTY	Fidelity,	No. 51 March 6, 1924
JOHN C. HAEGER	Fidelity,	No. 51 Dec. 31, 1923
WILLAM D. BADGER	Hiram,	No. 52 March 3, 1923
WILLIAM H. FISHER	Charity,	No. 53 Dec. 27, 1923
FRANK W. COWDEN	Charity,	No. 53 March 13, 1924
BENJAMIN M. LAMPERT	Lancaster,	No. 54
ELLIOTT J. CLEMENTS	Lancaster,	No. 54 April 8, 1923
WILLIAM H. PARTON	Lancaster,	No. 54 Oct. 10, 1923
CHARLES T. GRAY	Lancaster,	No. 54 Oct. 18, 1923
JOHN R. HARRIS	Lancaster,	No. 54 Dec. 3, 1923
EDWARD D. SNYDER	Lancaster,	No. 54 Jan. 21, 1924
JOHN A. ELAM	Lancaster,	No. 54 Jan. 23, 1924
WILLIAM M. MORNING	Lancaster,	No. 54 Febr. 18, 1924
JOHN W. WALLIN	Lancaster,	No. 54 March 1, 1924
CHARLES H. BAKER	Mosaic,	No. 55 July 28, 1923
ANDREW N. McGINNIS	Mosaic,	No. 55 Nov. 30, 1923
SMITH H. GRANT	Mosaic,	No. 55 Dec. 24, 1923
WILLIAM H. BECKENHAUER	Mosaic,	No. 55 Jan. 26, 1924
OTTO J. DUDEK	York,	No. 56 Sept. 28, 1923
WALTER W. SENG	York,	No. 56 Nov. 16, 1923

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MELVIN G. KOONS	York,	No. 56. Dec. 18, 1923
ROBERT McCONAUGHY	York,	No. 56. Dec. 18, 1923
OLE OLSON	Lebanon,	No. 58. Sept. 21, 1923
A. PRYOR PAXSON	Lebanon,	No. 58. Nov. 28, 1923
BENJAMIN D. RUPP	Wahoo,	No. 59. May 18, 1923
JAMES S. REED	Melrose,	No. 60. Aug. 25, 1923
ETHBERT C. VANHORN	Thistle,	No. 61. Aug. 17, 1923
JAMES HART	Thistle,	No. 61. Febr. 4, 1924
GEORGE H. ROSS	Blue Valley,	No. 64. May 19, 1923
CLAYBORN W. DAVISON	Blue Valley,	No. 64. Aug. 6, 1923
BENJAMIN F. STEINMEYER	Blue Valley,	No. 64. Febr. 6, 1924
WILLIAM J. CONKLYN	Osceola,	No. 65. June 18, 1921
IRWIN D. REED	Osceola,	No. 65. Jan. 5, 1924
ALBERT B. CANFIELD	Edgar,	No. 67. July 20, 1923
MILTON J. HULL	Edgar,	No. 67. Sept. 18, 1923
AMOS D. TRAVIS	Aurora,	No. 68. Aug. 23, 1923
MARTIN M. HAGARITY	Aurora,	No. 68. Sept. 15, 1923
FERDINAND MEYERS	Aurora,	No. 68. Nov. 24, 1923
ELISHA TURNER	Sterling,	No. 70. Febr. 12, 1924
WILLIAM BULMER	Trowel,	No. 71. Nov. 20, 1923
THOMAS RINEHIMER	Friend,	No. 73. Febr. 8, 1924
ALBERT JOHNSON	Frank Welch,	No. 75. May 22, 1923
CHARLES P. PAULING	Joppa,	No. 76. May 17, 1923
SAMUEL LOGSDEN	Geneva,	No. 79. July 11, 1923
G. FRED OSTERRICHER	Composite,	No. 81. Jan. 20, 1924
ROBERT HARVEY	St. Paul,	No. 82. Nov. 1, 1923
HENRY C. PARKER	St. Paul,	No. 82. Dec. 30, 1923
JOHN T. MARRIOTT	Corinthian,	No. 83. Aug. 13, 1923
AARON E. KUNSELMAN	Fairfield,	No. 84. Febr. 5, 1924
CLARENCE L. LOWRY	Doniphan,	No. 86. Jan. 20, 1924
CHARLES H. JONES	Ionic,	No. 87. Aug. 26, 1923
EMIL SCHRIER	Ionic,	No. 87. March 12, 1924
CHARLES WATSON	Ionic,	No. 87. March 15, 1924
WILLIAM H. DAVIS	Cedar River,	No. 89. April 3, 1923
DAVID E. C. BROWN	Cedar River,	No. 89. June 30, 1923
WILLIAM H. COOPER	Cedar River,	No. 89. July 26, 1923
JOHN J. ACKERMAN	Beaver City,	No. 93. May 17, 1923
CLAUDE C. NELSON	Utica,	No. 96. Aug. 2, 1923
LEWIS D. ROSE	Utica,	No. 96. Nov. 13, 1923
HENRY E. BALSTER	Utica,	No. 96. March 1, 1924
MELVIN D. SWEARINGEN	Euclid,	No. 97. April 15, 1923
THADDEUS L. BENEDICT	Republican,	No. 98. Oct. 26, 1923
WILLIAM H. BENTLEY	Shelton,	No. 99. Aug. 14, 1923
ERNEST C. GUMPRECHT	Shelton,	No. 99. Sept. 27, 1923

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GEORGE L. GARDNER	Shelton,	No. 99 Febr. 9, 1924
GEORGE KING	Creighton,	No. 100 May 20, 1923
LEANDER A. OSTEN	Creighton,	No. 100 June 13, 1923
THOMAS I. THOMAS	Ponca,	No. 101 June 25, 1923
JOHN G. MAGERLINE	Ponca,	No. 101 Sept. 2, 1923
WILLIAM LISTER	Ponca,	No. 101 Nov. 17, 1923
FRANK WHITMORE	Waterloo,	No. 102 Oct. 19, 1923
CROWELL L. WEMPLE	Table Rock,	No. 108 April 23, 1923
EDWIN E. WHEELER	Table Rock,	No. 108 April 28, 1923
OMER D. HANFORD	Pomegranate,	No. 110 Oct. 5, 1923
LAWRENCE R. WYLDER	DeWitt,	No. 111 July 3, 1923
WILLARD H. DAVIDSON	Springfield,	No. 112 Sept. 11, 1923
DAVID McCOUL	Springfield,	No. 112 Jan. 10, 1924
GEORGE W. RAY	Globe,	No. 113 Aug. 21, 1916
EDGAR S. THOMPSON	Wisner,	No. 114 April 27, 1923
SHERIDAN WILLIAMS	Harlan,	No. 116 Oct. 7, 1923
HARLAN T. MOORE	Harlan,	No. 116 Oct. 8, 1923
CLARENCE H. WALRATH	North Bend,	No. 119 June 5, 1923
FREMONT L. NEELY	Wayne,	No. 120 April 11, 1923
RIALTO PHILLEO	Wayne,	No. 120 Oct. 9, 1923
PETER M. CORBIT	Wayne,	No. 120 Oct. 16, 1923
OTIS C. LEWIS	Wayne,	No. 120 Nov. 17, 1923
GEORGE W. WOOLSEY	Superior,	No. 121 Sept. 19, 1923
CLARENDON E. ADAMS	Superior,	No. 121 Febr. 23, 1924
ALLEN E. SANDERS	Auburn,	No. 124 June 10, 1923
GEORGE E. HEACOCK	Auburn,	No. 124 Febr. 27, 1924
JAMES K. CURZON	Auburn,	No. 124 March 18, 1924
GEORGE W. REED	Mt. Nebo,	No. 125 June 16, 1913
JOHN DAWSON	Mt. Nebo,	No. 125 Aug. 1921
ALEXANDER CLARK	Mt. Nebo,	No. 125 June 28, 1923
OLOF NETSELL	Stromsburg,	No. 126 Nov. 27, 1923
WILBUR O. AYERS	Guide Rock,	No. 128 Jan. 7, 1924
WHEATON W. HOGATE	Blue Hill,	No. 129 Nov. 1, 1923
WALTER A. GUIDINGER	Scribner,	No. 132 Sept. 18, 1923
JAMES W. EGGLESTON	Elm Creek,	No. 133 Sept. 10, 1923
WILLIAM C. ROBINSON	Solar,	No. 134 Nov. 26, 1923
SYLVESTER CORDEAL	McCook,	No. 135 April 21, 1923
ANTON PROBST	McCook,	No. 135 Jan. 23, 1924
CHARLES W. BRITT	McCook,	No. 135 Febr. 21, 1924
EDMUND BROWN	Long Pine,	No. 136 Febr. 10, 1924
DEE BEVER	Upright,	No. 137 June 6, 1923
CHARLES W. HARRIS	Upright,	No. 137 Jan. 5, 1924
WILLIAM MULLEN	Rawalt,	No. 138 Sept. 4, 1923
WILLIAM L. BANTA	Rawalt,	No. 138 Oct. 16, 1923
SHERMAN N. COX	Rawalt,	No. 138 Jan. 4, 1924

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WILLIAM B. SMITH	Clay Center,	No. 139. Aug. 18, 1923
GEORGE M. MOREY	Western,	No. 140. Sept. 28, 1923
CHARLES BURNS	Western,	No. 140. Febr. 7, 1924
DENNIS TRACY	Crescent,	No. 143. Nov. 2, 1923
ALBA H. BRIGGS	Crescent,	No. 143. Jan. 7, 1924
FREDERICK W. HEISER	Crescent,	No. 143. Jan. 23, 1924
WILLIAM W. THOMPSON	Crescent,	No. 143. March 8, 1924
BENNEVILLE F.		
SCHLEGEL	Kenesaw,	No. 144. May 27, 1923
MICHAEL KELLY	Bancroft,	No. 145. Aug. 1921
WILLIAM D. SHIELDS	Jachin,	No. 146. April 25, 1923
CHARLES JENS	Jachin,	No. 146. June 15, 1923
ANDREW S. ERICKSON	Jachin,	No. 146. Sept. 30, 1923
JAMES I. RHEA	Jachin,	No. 146. Febr. 10, 1924
WILLIAM HOPKINS	Emmet Crawford,	No. 148.
SAMUEL K. HARRIS	Emmet Crawford,	No. 148.
DARIUS M. AMSBERY	Emmet Crawford,	No. 148. July 9, 1923
JOHN GOW VAN COTT	Emmet Crawford,	No. 148. Aug. 15, 1923
JAMES D. GAGE	Emmet Crawford,	No. 148. Febr. 26, 1924
JOHN M. KIMBERLING	Emmet Crawford,	No. 148. March 19, 1924
CHARLES H. HAYWOOD	Cambridge,	No. 150. July 1923
SHERMAN A. WILLARD	Hartington,	No. 155. May 27, 1923
ISAAC ORR	Valley,	No. 157. Sept. 17, 1923
AXEL NELSON	Ogalalla,	No. 159. April 12, 1923
GEORGE M. NELSON	Mt. Zion,	No. 161. Oct. 19, 1923
TOBIAS G. KLINGER	Trestle Board,	No. 162. Febr. 22, 1924
WILLIAM A. MCCARTHY	Atkinson,	No. 164. April 15, 1923
HUGH A. ALLEN	Atkinson,	No. 164. Dec. 29, 1923
JACOB SWANSON	Barneston,	No. 165. Febr. 17, 1924
LEWIS R. PRITCHARD	Mystic Tie,	No. 166. Dec. 10, 1923
JACOB E. BURT	Elwood,	No. 167. May 15, 1923
STEPHEN B. YEOMAN	Elwood,	No. 167. Jan. 10, 1924
WILLIAM C. NEWCOME	Curtis,	No. 168. May 5, 1923
GEORGE N. BROOKS	Amity,	No. 169. Dec. 16, 1923
FLORIAN JACOBS	Merna,	No. 171. Jan. 7, 1924
HARRY L. JONES	Robert Burns,	No. 173. March 11, 1924
ALEXANDER H. MILLER	Culbertson,	No. 174. June 20, 1923
CHARLES WESTON	Hay Springs,	No. 177. Oct. 31, 1923
PIERCE DYGERT	Prudence,	No. 179. Jan. 10, 1924
LEON H. MOSHER	Alliance,	No. 183. Febr. 24, 1924
WILLIAM C. BENNETT	Bee Hive,	No. 184. April 1, 1923
THEODORE A.		
TILLOTSON	Bee Hive,	No. 184. April 13, 1923
HERMAN T. SCHULTZ	Bee Hive,	No. 184. Sept. 9, 1923
JOHN F. SCHULTZ	Bee Hive,	No. 184. Jan. 25, 1924

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FRANCIS M. SPRINGER	Boaz,	No. 185 Jan. 28, 1924
RALPH V. HULL	Israel,	No. 187 April 28, 1923
CLARENCE J. CHITTENDEN	Amethyst,	No. 190 Nov. 12, 1923
GILBERT EUGENE TAYLOR	Minnekadusa,	No. 192 Sept. 8, 1923
CHARLES P. JORDAN	Minnekadusa,	No. 192 Jan. 6, 1924
WALTER W. WELLS	Minnekadusa,	No. 192 March 4, 1924
JOSEPH GLENN COATES	Arcana,	No. 195 Febr. 7, 1924
LYMAN H. FITCH	Level,	No. 196 Nov. 29, 1923
FRED VAN GORDON	Morning Star,	No. 197 Febr. 16, 1924
JOHN MONTIETH	Purity,	No. 198 April 21, 1923
BENJAMIN H. SAPP	Purity,	No. 198 Nov. 22, 1923
HERMAN L. WEIMER	Gavel,	No. 199 July 14, 1923
GEORGE W. BAILEY	Gavel,	No. 199 Febr. 9, 1924
JOHN W. BROCKUS	Blazing Star,	No. 200 April 18, 1923
BENJAMIN BUNNELL	Blazing Star,	No. 200 May 28, 1923
MARK BROWN GARDNER	Scotts Bluff,	No. 201 Nov. 16, 1923
LEON W. BUNNELL	Plainview,	No. 204 Nov. 5, 1923
ROSCOE G. MCGREW	Parian,	No. 207 June 23, 1923
JOSIAH E. MORRISON	Parian,	No. 207 Dec. 19, 1923
JOHN MORAN	Parian,	No. 207 March 30, 1924
JOHN WALL	Gauge,	No. 208 Nov. 16, 1923
HERMAN H. SCHMIDT	Gauge,	No. 208 Dec. 20, 1923
JAMES E. BARNES	Gauge,	No. 208 Jan. 23, 1924
J. LEE WAIT	Gauge,	No. 208 Jan. 28, 1924
JOHN E. STARBOARD	East Lincoln,	No. 210 May 12, 1923
JAMES M. CAMP	East Lincoln,	No. 210 May 28, 1923
THERON LOOMIS	East Lincoln,	No. 210 Sept. 8, 1923
WILLIAM M. PARK	East Lincoln,	No. 210 Nov. 24, 1923
GEORGE A. RHEINSCHILDT	East Lincoln,	No. 210 Nov. 30, 1923
THOMAS A. YOUNG	East Lincoln,	No. 210 Febr. 7, 1924
MARCUS E. BUSH	Compass & Square,	No. 212 Nov. 3, 1923
HOMER J. MERRICK	Plumbline,	No. 214 Febr. 4, 1924
PLATO SCHOFIELD	Occidental,	No. 215 July 7, 1923
FAYETTE T. DIMMICK	Wauneta,	No. 217 June 18, 1923
JOHN C. PINKERTON	Wauneta,	No. 217 Nov. 18, 1923
FRED E. STEWART	Magnolia,	No. 220 April 14, 1923
PETER N. PETERSON	Landmark,	No. 222 April 3, 1922
CHARLES H. HINSDALE	Landmark,	No. 222 April 13, 1923
HERBERT W. FOURNIER	Silver Cord,	No. 224 Jan. 9, 1924
WILLIAM J. CANNON	Grace,	No. 226 April 1, 1923
CAPTAIN E. MARSTELLER	Grace,	No. 226 April 12, 1923
ALBERT N. SHUMARD	Grace,	No. 226 Oct. 31, 1923

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EDWIN J. KATES	North Star,	No. 227 June 8, 1921
CASSIUS M. STRADER	North Star,	No. 227 May 4, 1923
JAMES F. HAGERTY	North Star,	No. 227 June 12, 1923
FRANCIS E. WOODFORD	North Star,	No. 227 July 22, 1923
JOHN H. MORGAN	Bartley,	No. 228 July 13, 1923
AUGUST WAGNER	Mt. Hermon,	No. 231 March 24, 1924
ROBERT R. KINCAID	Zion,	No. 234 Nov. 30, 1923
THOMAS A. STRONG	Fraternity,	No. 235 Dec. 28, 1923
JOHN F. POMEROY	Golden Rule,	No. 236 Dec. 19, 1923
RALPH E. CRANDELL	Friendship,	No. 239 Aug. 4, 1918
ELLIOTT D. WIGTON	Pilot,	No. 240 June 4, 1923
THOMAS McKENZIE	Pilot,	No. 240 March 8, 1924
JOHN DRISCOLL	George Armstrong,	No. 241 June 13, 1923
ERNST MEYER	Tyrian,	No. 243 April 20, 1923
TROY C. OSBORN	Sincerity,	No. 244 Sept. 17, 1923
BENJAMIN O. TUCKER	Nehawka,	No. 246 Oct. 18, 1923
HANS F. NISSEN	Corner-stone,	No. 247 Sept. 30, 1923
JOHANNES M. MOHR	Laurel,	No. 248 June 23, 1923
JOSEPH E. KNAPP	Laurel,	No. 248 Aug. 25, 1923
CHESTER L. MARSHALL	Laurel,	No. 248 Aug. 27, 1923
MILO J. McGEE	Laurel,	No. 248 March 18, 1924
ZACHARIAH L. HODSON	Gothenburg,	No. 249 Febr. 20, 1924
ABRAM J. WARNE	Wausa,	No. 251 June 20, 1923
G. ADOLF F. ENGLISH	Beemer,	No. 253 Dec. 24, 1923
FRANK M. BARTLETT	Bassett,	No. 254 April 22, 1923
HARLEY D. HARTUNG	Bassett,	No. 254 Dec. 26, 1923
HENRY C. DUNCAN	Bassett,	No. 254 March 5, 1924
MARCUS E. PLANK	Bradshaw,	No. 255 July 4, 1923
EDMUND W. MORRISON	Bradshaw,	No. 255 Oct. 14, 1923
HARDY A. SKELTON	Ornan,	No. 261 Dec. 1, 1923
HENRY ORMAN	Endeavor,	No. 262 Febr. 21, 1924
EARL B. JUSTICE	Robert W. Furnas,	No. 265 Jan. 24, 1924
CHARLES R. SHERMAN	George W. Lininger,	No. 268 July 31, 1923
THOMAS R. HILL	George W. Lininger,	No. 268 Oct. 2, 1923
LOCY M. TALMAGE	George W. Lininger,	No. 268 March 19, 1924
FRANK I. ANDERSON	Riverside,	No. 269 March 19, 1919
WILLIAM H. LAHARTY	Crofton,	No. 273 Jan. 7, 1924
EDWARD WYCKOFF	Olive Branch,	No. 274 Febr. 9, 1924
WILLIS McBRIDE	Antelope,	No. 276 Aug. 25, 1923
ISAAC ALLSTOTT	Litchfield,	No. 278 Jan. 24, 1917
ELMER F. WAGNER	Litchfield,	No. 278 May 15, 1922
WILLIAM H. CHAPMAN	Litchfield,	No. 278 Sept. 11, 1923
HARRY ALKIRE	Litchfield,	No. 278 Febr. 6, 1924
JOHN A. KENYON	Swastika,	No. 280 Dec. 17, 1923
FREDERICK E. KLEVER	Florence,	No. 281 April 3, 1923

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BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE

At Rest

NAME	LODGE	DATE OF DEATH
THOMAS D. CRANE.....	Florence,	No. 281. May 3, 1923
JACOB PFLUG.....	Exeter,	No. 283. Aug. 20, 1923
SAMUEL H. MAHAN.....	Omaha,	No. 288. Oct. 9, 1923
WILLIAM McGRAINOR.....	Omaha,	No. 288. Dec. 28, 1923
ROBERT LEE GRANT.....	Omaha,	No. 288. Dec. 29, 1923
GEORGE M. SMAHA.....	Lotus,	No. 289. Nov. 14, 1923
JENS LUDWIG EMIL HANSEN	John J. Mercer,	No. 290. June 26, 1923
GUY A. BOYD.....	Diamond,	No. 291. Dec. 12, 1923
BRUCE PERRINE.....	Kimball,	No. 294. July 9, 1923
LEVI M. DICK.....	Chester,	No. 298. Nov. 3, 1923
DANIEL A. COZZENS.....	Mizpah,	No. 302. Jan. 19, 1924
FRED A. WHEELER.....	Right Angle,	No. 303. Aug. 24, 1923
ALFRED V. YOUNG.....	Right Angle,	No. 303. Oct. 28, 1923
WILLIAM E. WINSLOW.....	Ruskin,	No. 304. April 8, 1923
LUKE RISTER.....	Perkins,	No. 308. Febr. 15, 1924

VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS

WHO HAVE ATTENDED GRAND LODGE 21 YEARS OR MORE.

Francis E. White, 52 Years.	1871-72-74-75-76-77-78-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88- 89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03- 04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18- 19-20-21-22-23-24.
Samuel P. Davidson, 42 Years.	1875-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94- 96-97-98-99-00-01-03-04-05-07-08-09-10-12-13- 14-15-16-17-19-20-21-22-23-24.
George H. Thummel, 40 Years.	1872-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-81-85-89-90-94-97-98-99- 00-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24.
Robert E. French, 40 Years.	1885-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00- 01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24.
John A. Ehrhardt, 39 Years.	1881-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99- 00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-15-16- 17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24.
Robert E. Evans, 32 Years.	1889-92-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07- 08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-20-21-22-23- 24.
Henry H. Wilson, 29 Years.	1888-89-90-92-93-94-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05- 06-07-08-10-12-13-14-15-16-17-19-23.
Frank E. Bullard, 29 Years.	1877-78-79-80-81-82-90-91-92-95-96-97-98-99-00-01- 02-03-04-05-07-08-09-10-11-14-15-21-23.
John Finch, 26 Years.	1898-99-00-01-02-03-04-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14- 15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24.
Charles E. Burnham, 25 Years.	1900-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24.
Benjamin F. Pitman, 25 Years.	1900-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24.
Samuel S. Whiting, 24 Years.	1901-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16- 17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24.
Harry A. Cheney, 24 Years.	1897-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14- 15-16-17-18-19-22-23-24.
Edwin C. Yont, 24 Years.	1897-98-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16- 17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24.
James R. Cain, Jr., 23 Years.	1902-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17- 18-19-20-21-22-23-24.
Frank L. Haycock 22 Years.	1892-93-94-95-96-97-99-00-04-06-07-14-15-16-17-18- 19-20-21-22-23-24.
Lewis E. Smith, 22 Years.	1901-02-04-05-06-07-08-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18- 19-20-21-22-23-24.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

*Robert C. Jordan	1857-58-59
*George Armstrong	1860-61-62
*Daniel H. Wheeler	1863-64
*Robert W. Furnas	1865-66
*Orsamus H. Irish	1867-68
*Harry P. Deuel	1869-70
*William E. Hill	1871-72
*Martin Dunham	1873
*Frank Welch	1874
*Alfred G. Hastings	1875
George H. Thummel, Omaha, 404 South 38th Avenue	1876
*George W. Lininger	1877
*Edward K. Valentine	1878
*Rolland H. Oakley	1879
*James A. Tulleys	1880
*James R. Cain, Sr.	1881
*Edwin F. Warren	1882
*Samuel W. Hayes	1883
John J. Wemple, Cleveland, Ohio, 710 Prospect Ave	1884
*Manoah B. Reese	1885
*Charles K. Coutant	1886
*Milton J. Hull	1887
*George B. France	1888
*John J. Mercer	1889
Robert E. French, Kearney	1890
*Bradner D. Slaughter	1891
Samuel P. Davidson, Tecumseh	1892
*James P. A. Black	1893
John A. Ehrhardt, Stanton	1894
Henry H. Wilson, Lincoln	1895
*Charles J. Phelps	1896
*John B. Dinsmore	1897
*Frank H. Young	1898
*William W. Keysor	1899
*Albert W. Crites	1900
Robert E. Evans, Dakota City	1901
*Nathaniel M. Ayers	1902
Frank E. Bullard, Willow Springs, Howell Co., Missouri	1903
Charles E. Burnham, Norfolk	1904
*Melville R. Hopewell	1905
*Zuingle M. Baird	1906
Ornan J. King, Lincoln, 1126 N. Street	1907
*William A. DeBord	1908
*Michael Dowling	1909
Harry A. Cheney, Creighton	1910

*Deceased.

*Henry Gibbons	1911
James R. Cain, Jr., Omaha, 1039 South 30th Avenue	1912
*Alpha Morgan	1913
*Thomas M. Davis	1914
Samuel S. Whiting, Lincoln, First National Bank Bldg.	1915
Andrew H. Viele, Norfolk, 400 South Eighth Street	1916
Frederic L. Temple, North Platte	1917
Ambrose C. Epperson, Hastings	1918
John J. Tooley, Broken Bow	1919
Joseph B. Fradenburg, Omaha, 601 Keeline Bldg.	1920
Lewis E. Smith, Masonic Temple, Omaha	1921
*Edward M. Wellman	1922
Charles A. Chappell, Minden	1923

*Deceased.

GRAND SECRETARIES.

*George Armstrong	September 23d, 1857, to June 2d, 1858
*Robert W. Furnas	June 2d, 1858, to June 4th, 1862
*Robert C. Jordan	June 4th, 1862, to June 24th, 1863
*Stephen D. Bangs	June 24th, 1863, to June 24th, 1865
*J. Newton Wise	June 24th, 1865, to October 27th, 1869
*Robert W. Furnas	October 27th, 1869, to June 21st, 1872
*William R. Bowen	June 21st, 1872, to May 6th, 1899
*Frank H. Young, Acting	May 6th, 1899, to June 9th, 1899
Francis E. White	June 9th, 1899, to date

*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.....	Stephen Y. Taylor.....	Calgary.
Arizona.....	George J. Roskrige.....	Tucson.
Arkansas.....	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock.
British Columbia.....	William A. DeWolf-Smith.....	New Westminster.
California.....	John Whieher.....	Masonic Temple, San Francisco.
Canada.....	William M. Logan.....	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado.....	William W. Cooper.....	Masonic Temple, Denver.
Connecticut.....	George A. Kies.....	Masonic Temple, Hartford.
Costa Rica.....	Jose Fabio Garnier.....	P. O. Box 1047, San Jose.
Cuba.....	Felix V. Preval Perez.....	Apartado 72, Havana.
Delaware.....	John F. Robinson.....	Wilmington.
District of Columbia.....	J. Claude Keiper.....	Masonic Temple, Washington.
Egypt.....	Abdel Maguid Younis.....	P. O. Box 148, Cairo.
England.....	Philip Colville Smith.....	Freemasons Hall, London.
Florida.....	Wilber P. Webster.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	Francis F. Baker.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	Curtis F. Pike.....	Masonic Temple, Boise.
Illinois.....	Owen Scott.....	Decatur.
Indiana.....	William H. Swintz.....	Masonic Temple, Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	Newton R. Parvin.....	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland.....	Henry C. Sheller.....	Freemasons Hall, Dublin.
Kansas.....	Albert K. Wilson.....	Topeka.
Kentucky.....	Fred W. Hardwick.....	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	John A. Davilla.....	Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Maine.....	Charles R. Davis.....	Portland.
Manitoba.....	James A. Ovas.....	Masonic Temple, Winnipeg.
Maryland.....	George Cook.....	Masonic Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Frederick W. Hamilton.....	Masonic Temple, Boston.
Michigan.....	Lou B. Winsor.....	Masonic Temple, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	John Fishel.....	Masonic Temple, St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	Edward L. Faucette.....	Meridian.
Missouri.....	Frank R. Jesse.....	Ninth and Locust Sts., St. Louis.
Montana.....	Cornelius Hedges, Jr.....	Helena.
Nebraska.....	Francis E. White.....	Masonic Temple, Omaha.
Nevada.....	Edward D. Vanderlieth.....	437 S. Center St., Reno.
New Brunswick.....	J. Twining Hart.....	Ritchie's Bldg., St. John.
New Hampshire.....	Harry M. Cheney.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Isaac Cherry.....	Masonic Hall, Trenton.
New Mexico.....	Alpheus A. Keen.....	Albuquerque.
New South Wales.....	Arthur H. Bray.....	283 Castlereagh St., Sydney.
New York.....	Robert J. Kenworthy.....	Masonic Hall, New York.
New Zealand.....	George Barclay.....	P. O. Box 649, Christ Church.
North Carolina.....	William W. Willson.....	Raleigh.
North Dakota.....	Walter L. Stockwell.....	Fargo.
Nova Scotia.....	James C. Jones.....	Freemasons Hall, Halifax.
Ohio.....	Harry S. Johnson, Act.....	Masonic Temple, Cincinnati.
Oklahoma.....	William M. Anderson.....	Masonic Temple, Guthrie.
Oregon.....	Darwin R. Cheney.....	Masonic Hdqts., Multnomah Hotel, Portland
Pennsylvania.....	John A. Perry.....	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Philippine Islands.....	Newton C. Comfort.....	P. O. Box 990, Manila.
Prince Edward Island.....	Ernest Kemp.....	Charlottetown.
Puerto Rico.....	Jose G. Torres.....	San Juan.
Quebec.....	W. W. Williamson.....	P. O. Box 3172, Montreal.
Queensland.....	Charles H. Harley.....	Box 675, Brisbane.
Rhode Island.....	S. Penrose Williams.....	Freemasons Hall, Providence.
Saskatchewan.....	William B. Tate.....	Masonic Temple, Regina.
Scotland.....	David Reid.....	Freemasons Hall, 96 George St., Edinburgh.
South Australia.....	Charles R. J. Glover.....	Freemason's Hall, Adelaide.
South Carolina.....	O. Frank Hart.....	Columbia.
South Dakota.....	George A. Pettigrew.....	Sioux Falls.
Tasmania.....	William H. Strutt, Act.....	117 Macquarie St., Hobart.
Tennessee.....	Stith M. Cain.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	William P. Pearson.....	Waco.
Utah.....	Sam H. Goodwin.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	Henry H. Ross.....	Burlington.
Victoria.....	William Stewart.....	Freemasons Hall, 25 Collins St., Melbourne.
Virginia.....	Charles A. Nesbitt.....	Richmond.
Washington.....	Horace W. Tyler.....	Masonic Temple, Tacoma.
Western Australia.....	J. D. Stevenson.....	Freemasons Hall, Perth.
West Virginia.....	John M. Collins.....	Charleston.
Wisconsin.....	William W. Perry.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	Joseph M. Lowndes.....	Masonic Temple, Casper.

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

GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Alabama.....	O. Edwin Mickey, 65.....	Osceola.....	May 1, 1924
Alberta.....	Earl M. Bolen, 130.....	Ulysses.....	May 2, 1924
Arizona.....	Charles E. Gallagher, 251.....	Coleridge.....	Aug. 22, 1906
Arkansas.....	Chester C. Wells, 1.....	Omaha.....	May 9, 1924
British Columbia.....	John Finch, 225.....	Arnold.....	Oct. 15, 1920
Canada.....	John R. Webster, 3.....	Omaha.....	Aug. 21, 1918
Colorado.....	Robert E. Evans, 5.....	Dakota City.....	Dec. 20, 1915
Connecticut.....	Samuel P. Davidson, 17.....	Tecumseh.....	Oct. 10, 1889
Costa Rica.....	Benoni J. Lane, 135.....	McCook.....	April 30, 1919
Cuba.....	Charles W. Kraft, 288.....	Omaha.....	Aug. 17, 1904
Delaware.....	Carroll D. Evans, 58.....	Columbus.....	Aug. 3, 1900
Dist. of Columbia.....	Albert W. Jefferis, 1.....	Omaha.....	June 12, 1912
Egypt.....	Harry A. Cheney, 100.....	Creighton.....	Sept. 12, 1907
England.....	Francis E. White, 6.....	Omaha.....	Sept. 7, 1917
Florida.....	Ambrose C. Epperson, 139.....	Hastings.....	Sept. 20, 1912
Georgia.....	Frank H. Woodland, 25.....	Omaha.....	Oct. 26, 1923
Idaho.....	John A. Ehrhardt, 41.....	Stanton.....	March 28, 1923
Illinois.....	George H. Thummel, 33.....	Omaha.....	Jan. 1, 1915
Indiana.....	Earl B. Brooks, 23.....	Pawnee City.....	March 1, 1915
Ireland.....	Ira C. Freet, 56.....	York.....	Dec. 7, 1923
Kansas.....	Henry H. Heiler, 50.....	Hastings.....	April 10, 1919
Louisiana.....	Adam McMullen, 104.....	Beatrice.....	Dec. 18, 1915
Maine.....	Thomas K. Sudborough, 26.....	Omaha.....	Oct. 15, 1890
Manitoba.....	John Wright, 19.....	Lincoln.....	Nov. 25, 1921
Maryland.....	Charles L. Fahnestock, 135.....	Lincoln.....	March 8, 1911
Michigan.....	Lewis E. Smith, 136.....	Omaha.....	Aug. 29, 1917
Minnesota.....	George A. Beecher, 268.....	Hastings.....	March 17, 1904
Mississippi.....	Lamont L. Stephens, 106.....	Loup City.....	May 1, 1924
Missouri.....	Samuel S. Whiting, 54.....	Lincoln.....	Sept. 10, 1914
Montana.....	Charles S. McGill, 11.....	Omaha.....	April 9, 1915
Nevada.....	Frank L. Haycock, 207.....	Callaway.....	Oct. 25, 1915
New Brunswick.....	James W. Wynkoop, 210.....	Lincoln.....	Aug. 30, 1917
New Hampshire.....	Frederic L. Temple, 61.....	North Platte.....	Oct. 11, 1910
New Jersey.....	Edwin G. Whitford, 9.....	Falls City.....	March 21, 1921
New So. Wales.....	Frederick M. Weitzel, 78.....	Albion.....	July 26, 1905
New York.....	Albert R. Davis, 120.....	Wayne.....	April 10, 1923
New Zealand.....	Frank E. Ward, 31.....	Tekamah.....	July 22, 1905
North Carolina.....	Walter M. Hopewell, 31.....	Tekamah.....	June 3, 1911
North Dakota.....	Henry H. Andrews, 207.....	Callaway.....	June 27, 1913
Nova Scotia.....	Henry H. Wilson, 19.....	Lincoln.....	Feb. 25, 1892
Ohio.....	George W. Little, 240.....	Lyons.....	June 23, 1905
Oklahoma.....	Louis P. Tonner, 153.....	Pierce.....	Jan. 13, 1917
Oregon.....	William T. Bourke, 268.....	Omaha.....	May 18, 1909
Philippine Islands.....	John J. Tooley, 258.....	Broken Bow.....	Oct. 10, 1913
P. Edward Island.....	Charles E. Burnham, 166.....	Norfolk.....	Oct. 21, 1902
Puerto Rico.....	Charles M. Shepherd, 54.....	Lincoln.....	August 20, 1921
Quebec.....	Edwin D. Crites, 158.....	Chadron.....	April 20, 1920
Queensland.....	Robert B. Walker, 170.....	Mason City.....	April 4, 1923
Rhode Island.....	Alexander R. Porter, 19.....	Lincoln.....	June 20, 1921
Saskatchewan.....	Claude L. Talbot, 184.....	Omaha, South Side.....	July 3, 1908
Scotland.....	William Cosh, 11.....	Omaha.....	Aug. 6, 1914
South Australia.....	Joseph B. Fradenburg, 3.....	Omaha.....	April 20, 1920
South Carolina.....	James R. Cain, Jr., 105.....	Omaha.....	July 12, 1907
South Dakota.....	Charles A. Chappell, 127.....	Minden.....	Aug. 26, 1918
Tennessee.....	Charles E. Allen, 188.....	Cozad.....	July 25, 1917
Texas.....	Robert R. Dickson, 95.....	O'Neill.....	May 3, 1915
Utah.....	Robert E. French, 46.....	Kearney.....	May 4, 1888
Vermont.....	Fred H. Barclay, 23.....	Pawnee City.....	Aug. 17, 1918
Victoria.....	John S. Bishop, 54.....	Lincoln.....	Feb. 19, 1904
Virginia.....	John S. Davison, 136.....	Omaha.....	July 14, 1900
Washington.....	Andrew H. Viele, 55.....	Norfolk.....	Oct. 10, 1910
West Australia.....	Ornan J. King, 54.....	Lincoln.....	Sept. 26, 1904
West Virginia.....	Frank M. Knight, 183.....	Alliance.....	July 3, 1900
Wisconsin.....	Orville A. Andrews, 19.....	Lincoln.....	Jan. 4, 1924

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GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Alabama.....	Lawrence H. Lee.....	Montgomery.....	July 30, 1909
Alberta.....	Frank Barnhouse.....	Edmonton.....	May 2, 1921
Arizona.....	John Herbert Harper.....	Globe.....	July 27, 1923
Arkansas.....	Lewis C. Hall.....	Dardanelle.....	Feb. 15, 1911
British Columbia.....	Edward B. Paul.....	Victoria.....	Oct. 26, 1903
Canada.....	Henry T. Smith.....	Toronto.....	July 28, 1921
Colorado.....	Edward P. Hufferd.....	Colorado Springs.....	Aug. 12, 1905
Connecticut.....	Henry H. Brautigam.....	Bridgeport.....	Feb. 27, 1919
Costa Rica.....	Cecilio Nieto.....	San Jose.....	Dec. 10, 1918
Cuba.....	Jose L. Hevia.....	Havana, Tejadillo, 1.....	May 12, 1919
Delaware.....	George J. Middleton.....	Wilmington.....	Sept. 28, 1923
Dist. of Columbia.....	John Linn McCreigh.....	Washington, 3168 18th St. N. W.....	July 6, 1917
Egypt.....	Michael Bey Saleh.....	Cairo, P. O. Box 148.....	April 3, 1905
Florida.....	William M. Cannon.....	Palatka.....	April 11, 1910
Georgia.....	Wallace W. Bibb.....	Adairsville.....	Dec. 9, 1922
Idaho.....	Francis Jenkins.....	Moscow.....	Dec. 21, 1918
Illinois.....	Francis H. Bradley.....	Princeton.....	Sept. 5, 1922
Indiana.....	Omar B. Smith.....	Rochester.....	Sept. 16, 1908
Ireland.....	John Morgan.....	Dublin, 51 North- ampton Rd.....	March 22, 1923
Kansas.....	William I. Stuart.....	Troy.....	Oct. 23, 1911
Louisiana.....	Adolph G. Ricks.....	New Orleans.....	Sept. 17, 1901
Maine.....	Charles M. Farrar.....	Milo.....	Dec. 10, 1923
Manitoba.....	Henry E. Hletcher.....	Winnipeg.....	June 11, 1913
Maryland.....	William F. Broenning.....	Baltimore.....	July 25, 1919
Michigan.....	Frank W. Richey.....	Dowagiac.....	Feb. 23, 1907
Minnesota.....	Alfred G. Pinkham.....	St. Paul.....	April 7, 1906
Mississippi.....	James Finis Hill.....	Meridian.....	June 20, 1919
Missouri.....	Olaf A. Lucas.....	Kansas City.....	Sept. 23, 1923
Montana.....	Henry M. Parchen.....	Helena.....	March 18, 1892
Nevada.....	Harry H. Atkinson.....	Tonopah.....	June 19, 1911
New Brunswick.....	LeBaron Wilson.....	St. John.....	March 7, 1921
New Hampshire.....	Justin O. Wellman.....	Amesbury, Mass.....	March 15, 1916
New Jersey.....	Robert J. Hanna.....	Clifton.....	Oct. 25, 1916
New So. Wales.....	William T. Wearne.....	Randwick, Sydney.....	Oct. 17, 1914
New York.....	Henry Herz.....	New York City, 29 Nassau St.....	June 5, 1921
New Zealand.....	Oliver Nicholson.....	Auckland.....	Feb. 14, 1903
North Carolina.....	Joshua P. Pillsbury.....	Raleigh.....	Oct. 8, 1917
North Dakota.....	Theodore S. Henry.....	Valley City.....	Aug. 24, 1917
Nova Scotia.....	Marston Guillod.....	Halifax, 126 South St.....	July 16, 1902
Ohio.....	Horace A. Irvin.....	Dayton.....	Jan. 8, 1903
Oklahoma.....	Randall U. Livesay.....	Anadarko.....	July 31, 1916
Oregon.....	John K. Kollock.....	Portland, Corbett Bldg.....	Apr. 21, 1922
Philippine Islands.....	Newton C. Comfort.....	Manila.....	Nov. 14, 1913
P. Edward Island.....	James D. Stewart.....	Georgetown.....	July 5, 1915
Puerto Rico.....	Manuel del Valle Atilas.....	San Juan.....	July 5, 1915
Quebec.....	Alex J. McRobie.....	Westmount, 453 Claremont Ave.....	March 23, 1910
Queensland.....	Harry Hill.....	Brisbane.....	May 31, 1923
Rhode Island.....	Henry C. Dexter.....	Pawtucket.....	May 21, 1909
Saskatchewan.....	Duncan A. Kingsbury.....	Rouleau.....	Oct. 12, 1914
Scotland.....	Norman M. MacKean.....	Paisley.....	March 17, 1916
South Australia.....	Frank Ernest Haddrick.....	Adelaide.....	June 9, 1910
South Carolina.....	George W. Williams.....	York.....	May 2, 1924
South Dakota.....	Marshall R. Brown.....	Sioux Falls.....	Aug. 6, 1908
Tennessee.....	George S. Larson, Jr.....	Tulahoma.....	Jan. 21, 1922
Texas.....	James D. Greshaw.....	San Antonio.....	Dec. 3, 1901
Utah.....	Thomas W. Charlton.....	Salt Lake City.....	June 16, 1923
Vermont.....	Edward C. Woodworth.....	Arlington.....	Aug. 9, 1907
Victoria.....	Francis W. W. Morton.....	Melbourne, Collins St.....	Jan. 1, 1904
Virginia.....	Sbl Cutchins.....	Richmond.....	April 20, 1901
Washington.....	Archibald W. Frater.....	Seattle.....	April 13, 1900
West Australia.....	Thomas W. Paisley.....	Bunbury.....	July 19, 1902
West Virginia.....	Charles E. Bailey.....	Sistersville.....	June 17, 1910
Wisconsin.....	Frank E. Noyes.....	Marinette.....	Dec. 23, 1904

NEBRASKA LODGES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

- Acacia, 34.
 Adams, U. D. ., (extinct).
 Adoniram, 159.
 Alnorath, U. D. ., (131).
 Albion, 78.
 Alexandria, 74.
 Allen, U. D. ., (236).
 Alliance, 183.
 Amethyst, 190.
 Amity, 169.
 Anchor, 142, (extinct).
 Anselmo, 258.
 Antelope, 276.
 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.)
 Bayard, 301.
 Beatrice, 26.
 Beaver, U. D. ., (179).
 Beaver City, 93.
 Beaver Valley, U. D. ., (230).
 Bee, 259.
 Bee Hive, 184.
 Beemer, 253.
 Belgrade, U. D. ., (269).
 Bell Creek, U. D. ., (241).
 Benkelman, U. D. ., (180).
 Bennett, 94.
 Benson, U. D. ., (290).
 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.)
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 Burchard, U. D. ., (137).
 Burnett, U. D. ., (166).
 Butte, U. D. ., (233).
 Cable, 225.
 Cambridge, 150.
 Camp Clarke, 285.
 Canopy, 209.
 Capitol, 3.
 Carleton U. D. ., (199).
 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.
 Chester, 298.
 Clay Centre, 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.
 Cotner, 297.
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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	MASTER	SECRETARY
Nebraska,	No. 1	Omaha	Douglas	First Tuesday	Benjamin F. Eyre	Frank Wilcox
Western Star,	" 2	Nebraska City	Otoe	Third Friday	Frank L. Hillden	Henry W. Carson
Capitol,	" 3	Omaha	Douglas	First Monday	Harry C. Stafford	Lute M. Savage
Nemaha Valley,	" 4	Brownville	Nemaha	Wednesday on or before○	Cassius Kennedy	Don A. Lawrence
5 Omadi,	" 5	Dakota City	Dakota	Saturday on or before○	Charles H. Fueston	John H. Ream
Plattsmouth,	" 6	Plattsmouth	Cass	First and third Mondays	Luke L. Wiles	Frank A. Cloidt
Falls City,	" 9	Falls City	Richardson	Second and fourth Mondays	Edwin W. Morgan	Otto L. Lewis
Solomon,	" 10	Fort Calhoun	Washington	Tuesday on or before○	Milton R. Cady	J. Howard Beales
Covert,	" 11	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	Arthur G. Brown	George R. Porter
10 Orient,	" 13	Rulo	Richardson	First and third Mondays	Homer D. Kirk	John C. Shepherd
Peru,	" 14	Peru	Nemaha	Second Monday	Eli B. Vance	John B. Lewis
Fremont,	" 15	Fremont	Dodge	First Tuesday	David H. Ohlmutz	Matthew A. Priestley
Tecumseh,	" 17	Tecumseh	Johnson	First and third Saturdays	Thomas J. Buckley	Leo B. Heskett
Lincoln,	" 19	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Cecile E. Wadlow	John Wright
15 Washington,	" 21	Blair	Washington	Second Tuesday	Albae H. Nelson	Raymond C. Hitchman
Pawnee,	" 23	Pawnee City	Pawnee	First and third Tuesdays	Alden E. Henry	John H. Tracy
Saint Johns,	" 25	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Harry G. Browne	Frank E. Underwood
Beatrice,	" 26	Beatrice	Gage	Second and fourth Mondays	C. Ray Macy	James B. High
Jordan,	" 27	West Point	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Robert R. Moodie	Peter Poellot
20 Hope,	" 29	Nemaha City	Nemaha	Friday on or before○	James C. Handley	William E. Seid
Blue River	" 30	Milford	Seward	First Thursday	Charles G. Samuelson	Davison F. Todd
Tekamah,	" 31	Tekamah	Burt	First and third Wednesdays	Carl L. Holland	William T. Poucher
Platte Valley,	" 32	North Platte	Lincoln	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Edward E. Carr	Abner J. Wessberg
Ashlar,	" 33	Grand Island	Hall	Second Thursday	Edwin B. Johnston	Robert R. Watson
25 Acacia,	" 34	Schuyler	Colfax	First Tuesday	Charles L. Jones	Joseph G. Groulik
Fairbury,	" 35	Fairbury	Jefferson	First and third Mondays	Henry J. Evans	Arthur J. Denney
Lone Tree,	" 36	Central City	Merrick	First and third Wednesdays	Verner C. Riggs	Thomas H. Line
Crete,	" 37	Crete	Saline	First Friday	Reaves L. Blevins	Claude R. Davenport
Oliver,	" 38	Seward	Seward	First Friday	Thelbert H. Ramsey	Smith D. Atkins
30 Papillion,	" 39	Papillion	Sarpy	First and third Saturdays	Richard S. Livingston	Fred R. Lamb
Humboldt,	" 40	Humboldt	Richardson	Second and fourth Thursdays	Mason M. Ramey	J. Frank Sneath
Northern Light,	" 41	Stanton	Stanton	Wednesday on or before○	Edward Herbst	Frank S. Boals
Juniata,	" 42	Juniata	Adams	Monday on or before○	Tim N. Cannon	Joseph Ormond
Hebron,	" 43	Hebron	Thayer	First Thursday	Harvey W. Hess	John R. Sutton
35 Harvard,	" 44	Harvard	Clay	First and third Tuesdays	Edward Schuck	Griffith J. Thomas

	Rob Morris,	No. 46	Kearney.....	Buffalo.....	First Wednesday.....	Edward F. Reed.....	Raymond H. Haase
	Fairmont,	" 48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	Second Wednesday.....	George M. Schepers.....	Myron Gibson
	Evening Star,	" 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Thursdays.....	Conrad E. Pope.....	Arthur W. Burlingame
	Hastings,	" 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	First Tuesday.....	Hubert F. Favinger.....	Henry H. Heiler
40	Fidelity,	" 51	David City.....	Butler.....	First Tuesday.....	Harry L. Wilson.....	George D. Cooper
	Hiram,	" 52	Arlington.....	Washington.....	Thursday on or before○	Walter C. Bliss.....	Ernest Wager
	Charity,	" 53	Red Cloud.....	Webster.....	First and third Fridays.....	Roy S. Oatman.....	Benjamin F. Perry
	Lancaster,	" 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Friday.....	Lester L. Dawson.....	Jack Matthews
	Mosaic,	" 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	First Tuesday.....	Arthur B. Carpenter.....	Harlan P. Blaine
45	York,	" 56	York.....	York.....	Last Friday.....	Frederick A. Muir.....	John Muir
	Mount Moriah,	" 57	Syracuse.....	Otoe.....	Thursday on or before○	Willard Stong.....	William N. Hunter
	Lebanon,	" 58	Columbus.....	Platte.....	Second Wednesday.....	Clarence N. McElfresh.....	Clarence A. Pittman
	Wahoo,	" 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	First Wednesday.....	Clarence E. Henrikson.....	Arthur M. Horan
	Melrose,	" 60	Orleans.....	Harlan.....	Wednesday on or before○*	Alvin W. Ekberg.....	Albert J. Olson
50	Thistle,	" 61	Lexington.....	Dawson.....	Second Tuesday.....	Lewis P. Spies.....	Hanford D. Smith
	Keystone,	" 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton.....	Saturday on or before○	Frank E. Hunt.....	Scott E. Heinzman
	Riverton,	" 63	Riverton.....	Franklin.....	Monday on or before○	Ivan M. Pollard.....	Rolland C. Shetler
	Blue Valley,	" 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	Tuesday on or before○*	Albertus N. Dodson, Jr.....	Lad J. Skocpol
	Osceola,	" 65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	First and third Fridays.....	Simon P. Johnson.....	Joel Hanson
55	Edgar,	" 67	Edgar.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	James G. Walley.....	Clair S. Voorhees
	Aurora,	" 68	Aurora.....	Hamilton.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Russel V. Bird.....	George E. Funk
	Sterling,	" 70	Sterling.....	Johnson.....	Tuesday on or before○	James W. Turner.....	Otto H. Stuve
	Trowel,	" 71	Neligh.....	Antelope.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Leroy R. Fleming.....	John W. Lamson
	Hooper,	" 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	First Friday.....	Marion E. Shipley.....	William M. Zellers
60	Friend,	" 73	Friend.....	Saline.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Albert H. Teale.....	Malcolm L. McFarlane
	Alexandria,	" 74	Alexandria.....	Thayer.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	Charles W. Beer.....	Benjamin L. Terry
	Frank Welch,	" 75	Sidney.....	Cheyenne.....	First Tuesday.....	Frank A. Barger.....	Leslie Neubauer
	Joppa,	" 76	Bloomington.....	Franklin.....	Friday on or before○	Verne L. Dunn.....	Edward D. Paulson
	Nelson,	" 77	Nelson.....	Nuckolls.....	Thursday on or before○	Arthur F. Ely.....	Lee Sage
65	Albion,	" 78	Albion.....	Boone.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Edward B. Papez.....	Frank E. Clark
	Geneva,	" 79	Geneva.....	Fillmore.....	Friday on or before○*	William E. Bruce.....	Percy C. Bedford
	Composite,	" 81	Rising City.....	Butler.....	Tuesday on or before○	William O. Larson.....	Luther J. Saylor
	Saint Paul,	" 82	Saint Paul.....	Howard.....	Third Thursday.....	Jens P. Christensen.....	Fred R. Haggart
	Corinthian,	" 83	Wakefield.....	Dixon.....	Friday on or before○	H. Alva Bowman.....	Floyd F. Clough
70	Fairfield,	" 84	Fairfield.....	Clay.....	First and third Mondays.....	Arthur H. Swanson.....	Rolland H. Potter
	Tyre,	" 85	Blue Springs.....	Gage.....	Tuesday on or before○	Robert N. Scott.....	James W. Marples
	Doniphan,	" 86	Doniphan.....	Hall.....	First Friday†.....	Alvie L. Johnson.....	Richard M. Britt
	Ionic,	" 87	Niobrara.....	Knox.....	Thursday on or before○	Claude Hargan.....	Leonard J. Kocina
	Star,	" 88	Decatur.....	Burt.....	First Tuesday.....	Charley M. Ashley.....	John G. Maryott
75	Cedar River,	" 89	Fullerton.....	Nance.....	First and third Mondays.....	Charles L. Mahornay.....	Fred E. Ward
	Elk Creek,	" 90	Elk Creek.....	Johnson.....	First Thursday.....	Jerry Dvorak.....	Ralph L. Carmine
	Oakland,	" 91	Oakland.....	Burt.....	Second and fourth Wednesdays.....	Robert M. Packard.....	Arthur B. Peden
	Hubbell,	" 92	Hubbell.....	Thayer.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Harold M. Smith.....	J. E. Conklin
	Beaver City,	" 93	Beaver City.....	Furnas.....	Monday on or before○	Clyde E. Goble.....	Harry B. Hall

*And two weeks thereafter.

†And June 24th each year.

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LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	MASTER	SECRETARY	
80 Bennett, Garfield, Utica, Euclid, Republican,	No. 94 95 96 97 98	Bennett..... O'Neill..... Utica..... Weeping Water..... Republican City.....	Lancaster..... Holt..... Seward..... Cass..... Harlan.....	Tuesday on or before○ First and third Thursdays..... Wednesday on or before○ First Monday..... Wednesday on or before○	William Rasmussen..... Leroy A. Burgess..... Oscar Craige..... Sam J. Baker..... Dean Drummond.....	Henry F. May David H. Clauson Fred H. Pieper Everett B. Taylor Leonard L. Johnson
85 Shelton, Creighton, Ponca, Waterloo, Ord,	" 99 100 101 102 103	Shelton..... Creighton..... Ponca..... Waterloo..... Ord.....	Buffalo..... Knox..... Dixon..... Douglas..... Valley.....	Friday on or before○ Tuesday on or before○ Thursday on or before○ First Tuesday..... Wednesday on or before○	Rolland D. Treat..... Carl Oppen..... Steward M. Gilliland..... Roy Hickson..... Clarence M. Davis.....	Martin Slattery Walter T. Philbrick Arthur H. Logan Charles C. Peabody Ernest C. James
90 Wymore, Stella, Porter, Table Rock, Pomegranate,	" 104 105 106 108 110	Wymore..... Stella..... Loup City..... Table Rock..... Ashland.....	Richardson..... Madison..... Pawnee..... Saunders.....	Second and fourth Wednesdays..... First Thursday..... Second and fourth Tuesdays..... Second and fourth Tuesdays..... First Friday.....	Leonard D. Densmore..... Fred L. Gilbert..... Carl S. Hager..... Guy F. Bonham..... Earl Chamberlin.....	Ralph E. Fulton Robert A. Tynan Lamont L. Stephens Leo D. Harmon S. Frank Woodward
95 DeWitt, Springfield, Globe, Wisner, Harlan,	" 111 112 113 114 116	DeWitt..... Springfield..... Madison..... Wisner..... Alma.....	Saline..... Sarpy..... Madison..... Cuming..... Harlan.....	Monday on or before○ Second Tuesday, fourth Sat'd'ys First Tuesday..... Second and fourth Wednesdays..... Second and fourth Fridays.....	Sylvester Shumard..... Thomas J. Wright..... Fred A. Lemar..... Robert Johnson..... Mark J. McKenzie.....	Glen H. Sire Clifford R. Caley Preston S. Palmer Neil D. Saville H. Jay Egelston
100 Hardy, Doric, North Bend, Wayne, Superior,	" 117 118 119 120 121	Hardy..... Dorchester..... North Bend..... Wayne..... Superior.....	Nuckolls..... Saline..... Dodge..... Wayne..... Nuckolls.....	Thursday on or before○ Monday on or before○ Second Tuesday..... Second and fourth Fridays..... Wednesday on or before○	Jacob E. Hart..... George A. Mooberry..... Clarence C. Sidner..... Elwayne E. Fleetwood..... Edward J. Davison.....	James H. Fair Harry E. Bosserman Charles A. Millar J. Murray Cherry William F. Gingrich
105 Auburn, Mount Nebo, Stromsburg, Minden, Guide Rock,	" 124 125 126 127 128	Auburn..... Genoa..... Stromsburg..... Minden..... Guide Rock.....	Nemaha..... Nance..... Polk..... Kearney..... Webster.....	Monday on or before○ Second and fourth Tuesdays..... Second Tuesday..... Wednesday on or before○ Thursday on or before○	Ernest R. Reynolds..... Carle C. Willard..... Arthur M. Woodhead..... Bert F. Darnell..... Howard R. Cosford.....	Homer L. Combs William J. Kelley Albin E. Rodine Roy T. Bang John H. Cray
110 Blue Hill, Tuscan, Scribner, Elm Creek, Solar,	" 129 130 132 133 134	Blue Hill..... Surprise..... Scribner..... Elm Creek..... Clarks.....	Webster..... Butler..... Dodge..... Buffalo..... Merrick.....	Second and fourth Thursdays..... Thursday on or before○ First Wednesday..... First Tuesday..... Tuesday on or before○	Edward L. Moore..... William Kunzman, Jr..... John Beaver..... Allen A. Wright..... August F. Nordgren.....	John R. Hall Amasa S. Chapman Herman F. Meyer William A. Clarke Charles E. Souser, Jr.
115 McCook, Long Pine, Upright, Rawalt,	" 135 136 137 138	McCook..... Long Pine..... Burchard..... Oxford.....	Red Willow..... Brown..... Pawnee..... Furnas.....	First and third Tuesdays..... Second Monday..... Wednesday on or before○* Thursday on or before○	George F. Moss..... Dayton R. Mounts..... Louis C. Borden..... Alfred H. Nissen.....	Jesse S. Chambers Walter E. Patterson Clay E. Cox Harold A. Arnsberger

* And two weeks thereafter.

	Clay Centre,	No. 139	Clay Center.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	August C. Krebs.....	Dent Z. Holcomb.....
120	Western,	" 140	Western.....	Saline.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	Joel C. Mead.....	Frank H. Beer.....
	Crescent,	" 143	Cedar Rapids.....	Boone.....	Third Wednesday.....	Lawrence V. Spence.....	William A. Gibson.....
	Kenesaw,	" 144	Kenesaw.....	Adams.....	Friday on or before○.....	Lee W. Ramsey.....	Niels Mikkelsen.....
	Bancroft,	" 145	Bancroft.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	Edward F. Farley.....	Arthur A. Kolpwick.....
	Jachin,	" 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	Third Thursday.....	William Eberspacher.....	Earl Barnett.....
125	Siloam,	" 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	Friday on or after○.....	Dale K. Stuart.....	Philip E. Johnson.....
	Emmet Crawford,	" 148	Broken Bow.....	Custer.....	Third Wednesday.....	Walter L. Schnabel.....	James W. Yockey.....
	Jewel,	" 149	Tobias.....	Saline.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Archie S. Mumaw.....	Charles W. Boggs.....
	Cambridge,	" 150	Cambridge.....	Furnas.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Joseph O. Correll.....	Kenneth R. Newcomb.....
	Square,	" 151	Valparaiso.....	Saunders.....	Second Tuesday.....	Charles E. Baustian.....	William J. Butler.....
130	Parallel,	" 152	Liberty.....	Gage.....	Thursday on or before○.....	William Lynch.....	Hazel Shannon.....
	Evergreen,	" 153	Pierce.....	Pierce.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	J. Edson Heath.....	Edward B. Fanske.....
	Lily,	" 154	Davenport.....	Thayer.....	Friday on or before○.....	John C. Campbell.....	Robert B. Walker.....
	Hartington,	" 155	Hartington.....	Cedar.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Frank O. Robinson.....	Rudolph H. Jenny.....
	Pythagoras,	" 156	Ewing.....	Holt.....	First Wednesday.....	Harvey R. Porter.....	Garry Benson.....
135	Valley,	" 157	Wilsonville.....	Furnas.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Andrew L. Wilburn.....	Thaddeus E. Cline.....
	Samaritan,	" 158	Chadron.....	Dawes.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Albert J. Wood.....	L. Edgar Sprague.....
	Ogallala,	" 159	Ogallala.....	Keith.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Roscoe P. Moore.....	Harry J. Antrim.....
	Zeredatha,	" 160	Reynolds.....	Jefferson.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Joseph C. Richardson.....	George E. Warren.....
	Mount Zion,	" 161	Shelby.....	Polk.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	Wilhelm J. Thelen.....	Richard T. Below.....
140	Trestle Board,	" 162	Brook.....	Nemaha.....	First Saturday.....	Charles B. Redfern.....	Almon C. DePue.....
	Unity,	" 163	Greenwood.....	Cass.....	Friday on or before○*	Austin Finley.....	Charles E. Calfee.....
	Atkinson,	" 164	Atkinson.....	Holt.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	Carroll C. Raymer.....	Harry A. Snyder.....
	Barneston,	" 165	Barneston.....	Gage.....	Tuesday on or before○*	Elam H. Eckert.....	Roy A. Roberts.....
	Mystic Tie,	" 166	Tilden.....	Madison.....	Fourth Thursday.....	George W. Irving.....	Earl L. Jenkins.....
145	Elwood,	" 167	Elwood.....	Gosper.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	John R. Gano.....	Charles A. Yeoman.....
	Curtis,	" 168	Curtis.....	Frontier.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Melville C. Babington.....	Edgar L. Keith.....
	Amity,	" 169	Rushville.....	Sheridan.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	George B. Wilson.....	George Greer.....
	Mason City,	" 170	Mason City.....	Custer.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Verne F. McIninch.....	Ralph F. McCloughan.....
	Merna,	" 171	Merna.....	Custer.....	Saturday on or after○.....	Adelbert J. Read.....	Lester J. Corlett.....
150	Grafton,	" 172	Grafton.....	Fillmore.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	Frank H. Conrad.....	William A. Stuckey.....
	Robert Burns,	" 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	George W. Meguire.....	Bert G. Shillington.....
	Culbertson,	" 174	Culbertson.....	Hitchcock.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	Elmer M. Reynolds.....	Arvene C. Eisenhart.....
	Temple,	" 175	Filley.....	Gage.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Walter Erickson.....	John L. Noakes.....
	Gladstone,	" 176	Ansely.....	Custer.....	Thursday on or after○.....	Arthur Hein.....	William Mackey.....
155	Hay Springs,	" 177	Hay Springs.....	Sheridan.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	Grover J. Eberly.....	Albert E. Johansen.....
	Prudence,	" 179	Beaver Crossing.....	Seward.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Harry S. Knudson.....	Philip Maurer.....
	Justice,	" 180	Benkelman.....	Dundy.....	Friday on or before○.....	Walter C. Edwards.....	George Hamburg.....
	Faith,	" 181	Crawford.....	Dawes.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Harvey W. Taylor.....	William H. Pittam.....
	Incese,	" 182	Ohiowa.....	Fillmore.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Paul J. Gundermann.....	Carl H. Brinkmann.....
160	Alliance,	" 183	Alliance.....	Box Butte.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Elbert G. Laing.....	James H. Hewett.....
	Bee Hive,	" 184	Omaha†.....	Douglas.....	First Thursday.....	Robert H. Bishop.....	William N. Paxton.....
	Boaz,	" 185	Danbury.....	Red Willow.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	McDonald Ryan.....	George B. Morgan.....

†South Side Station.

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	No. 187	Ulysses.....	Butler.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Charles R. Northway.....	Anson B. Andrew
Israel, Meridian,	" 188	Cozad.....	Dawson.....	Third Tuesday.....	Ralph M. Allen.....	William M. Rumpeltes
165 Granite,	" 189	Gibbon.....	Bufalo.....	First Tuesday.....	David A. Trivelpiece.....	Ira A. Kirk
Amethyst,	" 190	Gandy.....	Logan.....	Second and fourth Saturdays.....	*William M. Baskin.....	*Theodore H. Reasoner, Jr.
Crystal,	" 191	Scotia.....	Greeley.....	Thursday on or before○.....	John V. Maddox.....	Theodore J. Stoetzel
Minnekadusa,	" 192	Valentine.....	Cherry.....	Third Tuesday.....	Roy E. Syfert.....	Luke M. Bates
Signet,	" 193	Leigh.....	Colfax.....	Friday on or before○.....	Earnest M. Nelson.....	John A. Glandt
170 Highland,	" 194	Cortland.....	Gage.....	First Monday.....	William Rohe.....	Irvin H. Johnston
Arcana,	" 195	Gordon.....	Sheridan.....	First and third Mondays.....	Noel A. Boyles.....	Roy S. Ross
Level,	" 196	Stockville.....	Frontier.....	Saturday on or before○.....	George J. Dold.....	Arlo J. Lindsey
Morning Star,	" 197	Gresham.....	York.....	Friday on or before○.....	Sheridan B. Marsden.....	Samuel A. Toley
Purity,	" 198	Imperial.....	Chase.....	Friday on or before○.....	Everitt H. Johnston.....	Joseph F. McLain
175 Gavel,	" 199	Carleton.....	Thayer.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Thurston V. Bailey.....	James H. Bryant
Blazing Star,	" 200	Burwell.....	Garfield.....	Thursday on or after○.....	Thomas G. Banks.....	Leonard H. Johnson
Scotts Bluff,	" 201	Gering.....	Scotts Bluff.....	First and third Fridays.....	William H. Heiss.....	Roderick McDonald
Golden Sheaf,	" 202	Randolph.....	Cedar.....	Monday on or before○.....	Gustav A. Hanssen.....	Marvin M. Bowles
Roman Eagle,	" 203	Pender.....	Thurston.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Archie M. Smith.....	Clyde K. Moseman
180 Plainview,	" 204	Plainview.....	Pierce.....	First Tuesday.....	Charles F. Tepner.....	Andy Hansen
Golden Fleece,	" 205	Chappell.....	Deuel.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Mads P. Jensen.....	Jack G. McCormick
Naphali,	" 206	Diller.....	Jefferson.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	William G. Robertson.....	Harry K. Shutt
Parian,	" 207	Callaway.....	Custer.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Dota F. Sherrel.....	Charles M. Frederick
Gauge,	" 208	Arcadia.....	Valley.....	Tuesday after○*.....	Percy E. Doe.....	Charles H. Downing
185 Canopy,	" 209	Elmwood.....	Cass.....	Saturday on or before○.....	John E. Turner.....	John H. Rogge
East Lincoln,	" 210	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Thursday.....	Joe I. Crain.....	Lorenzen P. Ronne
Cement,	" 211	Wood River.....	Hall.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Melvin L. Hodges.....	Edward B. Persson
Compass & Square,	" 212	Sumner.....	Dawson.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Byrle E. Irvin.....	Jacob P. Serr
Plumblime,	" 214	Adams.....	Gage.....	Monday on or before○.....	Joseph B. Steidley.....	John E. Killen
190 Occidental,	" 215	Cedar Bluffs.....	Saunders.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Robert C. Fleming.....	Oscar M. Fenstermacher
Palisade,	" 216	Palisade.....	Hitchcock.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Isaac O. Premer.....	Walter S. Tyler
Wauweta,	" 217	Wauweta.....	Chase.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Thomas L. Darnall.....	Carl M. Ketler
Bloomfield,	" 218	Bloomfield.....	Knox.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Ralph E. Clements.....	Cornelius T. Heckt
Relief,	" 219	Coleridge.....	Cedar.....	Second Friday.....	Roy B. Gould.....	George R. Stone
195 Magnolia,	" 220	Emerson.....	Dixon.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	John W. Church.....	George H. Haase
Wood Lake,	" 221	Wood Lake.....	Cherry.....	Fourth Saturday.....	W. Earl Hanna.....	Henry Lausen
Landmark,	" 222	Herman.....	Washington.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Lorentz C. Hanson.....	Harry L. Swan
Eminence,	" 223	Giltner.....	Hamilton.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Melville L. Cramer.....	Nelson LeBaron
Silver Cord,	" 224	Ainsworth.....	Brown.....	Second Tuesday.....	John K. Cassel.....	George A. Farnam, Jr.
200 Cable,	" 225	Arnold.....	Custer.....	First and third Saturdays.....	Tillie E. Chambers.....	George Rath
Grace,	" 226	Wilcox.....	Kearney.....	Monday on or before○*.....	Ralph L. Willman.....	George W. McCullough

*And two weeks thereafter.

*Elected; no report of installation.

	North Star,	No. 227	University Place	Lancaster	First Wednesday	Cecil C. Gates	Leslie A. Thomas
	Bartley,	" 228	Bartley	Red Willow	Wednesday on or before○	Cassius M. Pirimmer	William F. Cochran
	Comet,	" 229	Ceresco	Saunders	Thursday on or before○*	Joseph W. Blodgett	Otis Beaman
205	Delta,	" 230	Saint Edward	Boone	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Maxfield J. Wilson	Alfred Powell
	Mount Hermon,	" 231	Cook	Johnson	Tuesday on or before	Lewis Richards	Ralph D. Mershon
	John S. Bowen,	" 232	Kennard	Washington	Third Thursday	George M. Mangold	Gustave E. Kronberg
	Gilead,	" 233	Butte	Boyd	Second and fourth Mondays	Darley B. Raymer	Stephen A. Richardson
	Zion,	" 234	Hyannis	Grant	Wednesday on or before○	John W. Maun	Raymond R. Gentry
210	Fraternity,	" 235	Winside	Wayne	Fourth Wednesday	Ralph Prince	Irving F. Gaebler
	Golden Rule,	" 236	Allen	Dixon	Tuesday on or before○*	†Donald O. Travers	†Vernon W. McDonald
	Cubit,	" 237	Douglas	Otoe	Thursday on or before○	Denver A. McPherson	Nathaniel C. Newlin
	Friendship,	" 239	Chapman	Merrick	Second and fourth Fridays	Charles Fishburn	Samuel W. Calhoun
	Pilot,	" 240	Lyons	Burt	Third Friday	John A. Young	John E. Buckley
215	George Armstrong,	" 241	Craig	Burt	First and third Tuesdays	Jacob L. Friis	John T. Davis
	Tyrian,	" 243	Oak	Nuckolls	First and third Wednesdays	Eugene A. Follmer	Henry L. Meyer
	Sincerity,	" 244	Battle Creek	Madison	Second Tuesday	Howard Miller	Frank E. Martin
	Hampton,	" 245	Hampton	Hamilton	First and third Wednesdays	William H. McGuire	George E. Plotts
	Nehawka,	" 246	Nehawka	Cass	Wednesday on or before○	Herman L. Swanson	Herman L. Thomas
220	Corner-stone,	" 247	Osmond	Pierce	Friday on or before○	Alfred L. Lundstrom	James Cizek
	Laurel,	" 248	Laurel	Cedar	Second and fourth Wednesdays	George A. Wright	Joseph Hartman
	Gothenburg,	" 249	Gothenburg	Dawson	Second Wednesday	Lester W. Carlson	Clifford T. Winters
	George Washington,	" 250	Havelock	Lancaster	Second and fourth Thursdays	David E. Jones	Frank B. Young
	Wausa,	" 251	Wausa	Knox	First Thursday	Benjamin F. Johnson	William Berridge
225	Hildreth,	" 252	Hildreth	Franklin	Wednesday on or before○*	Clifford M. Glenn	George M. Myers
	Beemer,	" 253	Beemer	Cuming	First and fourth Wednesdays	George W. Hubenthal	Ernest L. Fried
	Bassett,	" 254	Bassett	Rock	Second Thursday	John Cousineau	Roy H. Patitz
	Bradshaw,	" 255	Bradshaw	York	First and third Mondays	Charles A. Sininger	Emile C. Roggy
	Hickman,	" 256	Hickman	Lancaster	Thursday on or before○	Harvey B. Stapleton	Cyrus Black
230	Holbrook,	" 257	Holbrook	Furnas	Second and fourth Fridays	Bennett Phillipson	Albert Phillipson
	Anselmo,	" 258	Anselmo	Custer	Wednesday on or before○	Joseph C. Kellenberger	Chalmers G. Empfield
	Bee,	" 259	Bee	Seward	Thursday on or before○	Frank Opocensky	Ernest Sobotka
	Orman,	" 261	Spencer	Boyd	First, third and fifth Mondays	Howard E. Bradstreet	William D. Spicknall
	Endeavor	" 262	Indianola	Red Willow	Thursday on or before○	Joseph Reiter	Arthur C. Crahtree
235	Mitchell,	" 263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	Second Monday	Matthew G. Slemmons	Oliver P. Burrows
	Franklin,	" 264	Franklin	Franklin	Second and fourth Mondays	Harmon M. Tecker	Harold B. Long
	Robert W. Furnas,	" 265	Scottsbluff	Scotts Bluff	Second and fourth Mondays	Harry J. Wisner	Victor Fuehring
	Silver,	" 266	Silver Creek	Merrick	First Wednesday	Gifford E. Hutchison	Paul V. Hobart
	James A. Tulleys,	" 267	Overton	Dawson	Fourth Monday	Ralph W. Wallace	Joseph R. Wilson
240	George W. Liningar,	" 268	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	Elza A. McGlasson	William McCormack
	Riverside,	" 269	Belgrade	Nance	Friday before○*	Albert R. Wolcott	Adelbert W. Knight
	Huntley,	" 270	Huntley	Harlan	Tuesday on or before○*	Harry E. Richman	Elmer L. Combs
	Oasis,	" 271	Morrill	Scotts Bluff	Thursday on or before○	Harry E. Morris	Henry J. Kaman
	Lee P. Gillette,	" 272	Dunbar	Otoe	Monday on or before○	Wilbert H. Harpster	William G. Money

*And two weeks thereafter.

†From last report of officers received.

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245	Crofton	No. 273	Crofton	Knox	Thursday on or before○	Claus A. Johnson	Charles Ruden
	Olive Branch,	" 274	Walthill	Thurston	Second Monday	Adelbert P. Coleman	Cressie J. Blanchard
	Ramah,	" 275	Bertrand	Phelps	First Thursday	Berton H. Scranton	William J. Ehlers
	Antelope,	" 276	Elgin	Antelope	First and third Tuesdays	Samuel T. Jackson	Rollie C. Huffman
	Sioux,	" 277	Harrison	Sioux	Second Monday	Dee P. Davis	Philip H. Unitt
250	Litchfield,	" 278	Litchfield	Sherman	Thursday on or before○	Albert E. Barnett	Harvey I. Lang
	Wallace,	" 279	Wallace	Lincoln	Tuesday on or before○	Charles R. Crozier	Ralph E. Cowles
	Swastika,	" 280	Sargent	Custer	Second Tuesday	Josiah D. Vose	Frank L. Hicks
	Florence,	" 281	Omaha†	Douglas	First Monday	William E. Rogers	Robert H. Sutton
	Mullen,	" 282	Mullen	Hooker	Tuesday on or before○	Edwin C. Pickett	Arthur G. Humphrey
255	Exeter,	" 283	Exeter	Fillmore	Second and fourth Fridays	Joseph B. Klotz	James Biba
	Seneca,	" 284	Seneca	Thomas	Wednesday on or before○	Edward R. Larsen	Edgar T. Lay
	Camp Clarke,	" 285	Bridgeport	Morrill	First Tuesday	Henry L. Hume	Edward K. Milmine
	Oshkosh,	" 286	Oshkosh	Garden	Wednesday on or after○	Ed S. Wood	Clyde H. Sudman
	Union,	" 287	Palmyra	Otoe	Wednesday on or before○	Arthur P. Wallen	Albert T. Cassel
260	Omaha,	" 288	Omaha	Douglas	First Saturday	Frank R. Higgins	Edward L. Cain
	Lotus,	" 289	Ravenna	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Henry C. Lovell	Archie A. Meek
	John J. Mercer,	" 290	Omaha†	Douglas	First Tuesday	William H. Middleton	Earl W. Dean
	Diamond,	" 291	Royal	Antelope	First Monday	*Jim Johnston	*Cedric D. Lucas
	Wolbach,	" 292	Wolbach	Greeley	First and third Wednesdays	John N. Larson	John G. Parli
265	Monument,	" 293	Arapahoe	Furnas	Second and fourth Mondays	Robert Stout	Clyde E. Toler
	Kimball,	" 294	Kimball	Kimball	First Monday	Frank E. Reader	Irving S. Walker
	Minatare,	" 295	Minatare	Scotts Bluff	Second and fourth Fridays	Ora E. Adcock	Fred W. Smith
	Cowles,	" 296	Cowles	Webster	First and third Wednesdays	John E. Malick	Horace G. Morse
	Cotner,	" 297	Bethany	Lancaster	First Friday	Peter Hornby, Sr.	Imon T. Hensley
270	Chester,	" 298	Chester	Thayer	First and third Mondays	Thomas F. Antrim	Samuel M. Moxham
	Sutherland,	" 299	Sutherland	Lincoln	First Wednesday	Harry M. Stewart	Harold P. Wiig
	Liberty,	" 300	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Thursday	George E. Bostrom	Paul Sinclair
	Bayard,	" 301	Bayard	Morrill	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Lawrence A. Fricke	James A. Stockwell
	Mizpah,	" 302	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	Henry F. Chapman	Lemuel E. Fitch
275	Right Angle,	" 303	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	John A. Nieman	Paul F. Griswold
	Ruskin,	" 304	Ruskin	Nuckolls	Second and fourth Tuesdays	William H. Nelson	Frank Hopkirk
	Newman Grove,	" 305	Newman Grove	Madison	Second and fourth Mondays	Charles E. Barrett	Alexis R. Gustavson
	Golden Rod,	" 306	Lodgepole	Cheyenne	Second Tuesday	Frank H. Wolf	Charles E. Vaughan
	William E. Hill,	" 307	Otoe	Otoe	Third Tuesday	Judson L. Clark	Lewis Ganzel
280	Perkins,	" 308	Grant	Perkins	First Monday	Charles H. Collier	Charles O. Bowley
	Winnebago,	" 309	Winnebago	Thurston	First Thursday	Charles B. Betts	George W. Zapp
	Victory,	" 310	Valley	Douglas	Second and Fourth Tuesdays	James E. Hanthorn	Joseph I. Pollock
	Polk,	" 311	Polk	Polk	First Monday	William P. Miller	Joseph E. McDaniel
	Oak Leaf,	" 312	Lynch	Boyd	Second Thursday	Clifford J. Hurless	George G. Shuber
285	Potter,	" 313	Potter	Cheyenne	Second Tuesday	Ray A. Babcock	Roy L. MacAdam
	Craftsmen,	" 314	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Frederick M. Andrus	Elmer L. Farmer

†Florence Station.

‡Benson Station.

*Elected; no report of installation.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Lodge:

FOREWORD.

In making this, my ninth annual report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, I seek your patience and indulgence.

In all my previous reviews I have sedulously refrained from personal allusions to my work, but the conditions under which the report is written this year are so unusual that I feel justified in making an apology and an explanation. The major part of the year has been spent in the hospital or on a bed of sickness under doctor's orders and in the care of a vigilant nurse. Concentration of thought on Masonic matters has been almost impossible, but the solace and comfort of its benign influence has been most gracious.

The Greek Orator, Seneca, said: "The gods never give a man the wisdom of experience, without withdrawing the vitality of Youth." How conscious I am of this! Strength and vitality to champion the fundamentals of Masonry in the forum of the Grand Lodge and in the communications of my brethren is denied me by the inexorable laws of Nature. With Samuel Adams I can say, "The tenement in which I live is getting shaky and the landlord refuses to make many more repairs," so I must content myself with expressing my views of the work in these pages with the prayer that the young men of the Jurisdiction with all their splendid powers may carry on the work of the Fathers and be faithful to those landmarks that have marked the course of our beloved Order through all the years and given it its pre-eminence and moral power in the affairs of the world.

KU KLUX KLAN.

The careful perusal of the proceedings of the several Grand Lodges during the past Masonic year will demonstrate that on the question of the Ku Klux Klan, they are using the "soft pedal" instead of the forcible language employed in former proceedings. To my mind this is a grievous mistake. The spirit of the Ku Klux Klan is so unmistakably foreign to the spirit of tolerance and charity that believers in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man cannot afford to retreat from our former condemnation of the "Invisible Empire."

MYSTIC SHRINE.

My observation of the Mystic Shrine from the outside in years past led me to believe there was no justification for its existence, but in their work in the establishment and maintenance of their hospitals for crippled children they seem to have abandoned their so-called playground and are doing real Masonic service.

MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

The Masonic Service Association has had men of eminent ability devoting their time in an effort to keep lined up the Grand Lodges who have already joined and persuading other Grand Jurisdictions to join with them and the purpose for which it was originally organized, viz. relief in great calamities, has almost entirely been lost sight of and it has become a book and bulletin publishing house. The Service Association has been of little benefit to rural lodges and those situated in small towns, but may have served to some degree the large centers of Masonic population where well-informed speakers could instruct the Craft. It shows a tendency to assume powers and prerogatives that have always belonged to the several Grand Lodges. The supreme executive, legislative, and judicial authority of the Grand Lodge has been jealously guarded in the past, but the trend of the Masonic Service Association has been to deprive the Grand Lodge of its investigation of the regularity and recognition of other Grand Bodies claiming to be Masonic, and the danger is that if we follow in its wake, we might soon be in fraternal relations with agnostic and atheistic bodies of the world claiming to be Masonic. The moment any of these prerogatives is invaded, the Grand Lodge will give up its inherent rights. It is my belief that if the money spent in the Masonic Service Association was used by the Deputy Grand Custodians to the work of teaching the officers of the chartered lodges to make Masons, instead of members; to educating the members of our lodges by talented lecturers in the principles of Masonic excellence, much more good would be accomplished. A central board of Masonic education could not serve our local conditions better than our own Committee on Education.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

The George Washington Memorial Association also shows this tendency to concentrate Masonry in a supreme body, for it was organized originally to make a fitting depository for the relics of our first President's Masonic life, but has grown into a proposition to centralize Masonry at Alexandria, Virginia. At first two million dollars was proposed to be expended in the erection of a memorial and safe deposit for the George Washington relics, now the expense has grown to five million dollars and in the best judgment of conservative brothers, who have investigated the matter, the final estimate will total the cost at seven million dollars before the edifice can be completed.

In presenting this report I want to express my appreciation of the valuable assistance of Brother John Frank Poucher, for without his aid, it would have been impossible for me to have completed the report at this time.

JOHN A. EHRHARDT,

For the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

ALABAMA.

Montgomery.

December 5th, 1923.

103rd Annual Communication.

The Grand Master, M. W. Julius Fletcher Spearman, read his second annual address and has expressed his thanksgiving to God, for His goodness. He says that the business of the Grand Lodge of Alabama has grown to such enormous proportions that it is necessary that the Grand Master give almost all of his undivided time in the administration of its affairs.

He records the death of Brother William Carey Bledsoe, Right Worshipful and Reverend Grand Chaplain. Also the death of two Past Grand Masters, M. W. Brother Daniel Arthur Greene, and M. W. Brother Ben Moses Jacobs. Historical sketches of their lives are given in the proceedings. He says the Alabama Masonic Home stands today as an everlasting memory to the men of our Great Brotherhood. While it is far from a state of perfection, it is the untold benefit that will be derived by those who are committed to its care that is evidence of the wisdom of those who were instrumental in establishing the Home. He recommends that no more aged people be admitted to the Home unless absolutely necessary, but that they should be cared for in their respective homes from the Grand Master's Emergency Fund. He reports a communication received from the Grand Lodge of Utah, in which they say that Masonic lodges in Utah do not receive petitions from Mormons, either for the degrees or for affiliation, nor would they allow any Mormons made Masons in other jurisdictions to visit their lodges.

The Grand Master submitted his decision that the lodge cannot try an insane member after he has been so adjudged by the civil courts and while he remains in that state of mind.

Brother Oliver D. Street, the talented Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee, submitted his resignation at the last Grand Lodge. He was urged to continue, but was obdurate in his refusal. The Grand Master expressed his appreciation of the work of Brother Street, and speaks of the unselfish service that these correspondents are rendering to the Grand Lodge. He appointed Brother Fred Wall as successor to Brother Street.

The first report of the Correspondence Committee by the pen of Brother Wall indicates considerable study and faithful work. He reviews Nebraska for 1923.

DUNCAN C. CARMICHAEL, Grand Master, Dothan.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary, Montgomery.

ARKANSAS.

Little Rock.

November 20th, 1923.

82nd Annual Communication.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother John Q. Wolf, in his address, voiced the pride and joy of the jurisdiction in their new Temple. The home of the Grand Lodge had been destroyed by fire during the year, and a new one erected, and they are now domiciled in their new quarters.

The death of Past Grand Master George Thornburgh causes sorrow, not only in his own jurisdiction, but wherever he was known.

Brother Grant C. Smith was the Grand Orator, and acquitted himself in a creditable manner.

Brother A. M. Forby was Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, but no review of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges is printed with the proceedings.

F. W. HARRIS, Grand Master, Mammoth Springs.

FAY HEMPSTEAD, Grand Secretary, Little Rock.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

New Westminster.

June 21st, 1923.

52nd Annual Communication.

Seven Emergent Communications had been held during the year.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother Andrew McC. Creery, speaks of the use of the black-ball, as follows:

The misuse of the black ball is sometimes the cause of discord in a lodge. While Freemasonry is such a precious thing that extreme care should be taken that no unworthy petitioner be admitted from the ranks of the profane, yet a double injury is done when for no true Masonic reason, but perhaps from personal spite, suitable material is rejected; an injustice is done the applicant, but in my opinion a still greater injury is self-inflicted by a member upon himself when he so far forgets the teaching of the Craft as to commit the mean and cowardly act of stabbing an innocent victim in the dark.

Many questions on physical qualifications were passed on by the Grand Master, and he held strictly to the perfect physical candidate.

The Grand Master attended eighty-one Masonic functions during the year, for which he was highly commended by the Committee on Grand Master's Address. He suggests that a leaflet be prepared after the pattern in use by the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, to be handed to the would-be petitioner before signing the application. This leaflet states the principles and purposes of Masonry in the community.

The Grand Master closes his very admirable address with the beautiful poem:

"We go this way but once, O heart of mine,
 So why not make the journey well worth while.
 Giving to those who travel on with us,
 A helping hand, a word of cheer, a smile.
 We go this way but once. Ah! never more
 Can we go back along the self-same way,
 To get more out of life, undo the wrongs,
 Or speak love's words we knew but did not say.
 We go this way but once. Then let us make
 The road we travel blossomy and sweet
 With helpful, kindly deeds and tender words,
 Smoothing the path of bruised and stumbling feet."

12,093 members are reported, an increase of 1,046 over the year previous.

In a very comprehensive review, by Brother William A. DeWolf-Smith, two pages are devoted to review of Nebraska proceedings.

CHARLES E. TISDALL, Grand Master, Vancouver.

WILLIAM A. DE WOLF-SMITH, Grand Secretary, New Westminster.

CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco.

October 9th, 1923.

74th Annual Communication

It has been a pleasure to read the proceedings of the 74th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of California. The message of Grand Master William A. Sherman is worthy of the closest study. He is wise and discriminating and expresses his opinion in a very forcible manner. He says: "Although our nation and state have passed through economic and political turmoil in the last year, California Masonry has pursued the even tenor of its way, steadily advancing in membership and strength. It has been a year of splendid activity and harmonious relationship." He reports 484 lodges and a membership of over one hundred thousand. Thirty-eight new lodges have been formed. He visited 350 lodges and traveled 27,000 miles. Eighteen corner-stones have been laid and the Craft has been recognized by two Governors of the state who have requested the Grand Master to lay the corner-stone of the new State Building, at San Francisco, and also that of the State Building, at Sacramento.

The Grand Master set aside a week known as "Public School Week," which was observed in a general manner by the Masons of the state, who held public meetings and had a speaker who emphasized the importance of the Public School. He also observed "Constitution Week" with a splendid response. The two observances aroused great interest. Of the Masonic Service Association, the Grand Master says:

At the last communication of the Grand Lodge it was decided that this jurisdiction should become a member of the Masonic Service Association. This was done largely in compliment to the man who presented the Association plan to the Grand Lodge and really contrary to the judgment of many of the brethren who have given special thought to the matter and to the recommendation of those who, at the request of the Grand Lodge, had thoroughly investigated the plans and methods adopted by this association.

Without in any way minimizing the worth of this association, I do not believe that California has received sufficient service to justify the expenditure of so much money; in fact, I believe that if this money were given to the Committee on Masonic Education, that committee could obtain better results in the development of a program consonant with the needs of California than could be obtained by following programs drawn up by those not in touch with our local conditions.

After discussing this matter thoroughly with the members of the various committees of Grand Lodge, including the Chairman of the Committee on Policy and Purposes and the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, I determined to notify the association that at the expiration of our year's membership we would cease to be members. * * * In matters of relief we are definitely on record as opposed to its system. In

connection I might add that I received a telegram from the association on September 9, stating the urgency of immediate relief for suffering Japan on the part of Masons of the United States, and suggested our co-operation. To this I replied that just seven days previous to the receipt of their telegram, California had recognized and responded to the call of suffering humanity in Japan.

During the year the Grand Lodge sent a thousand dollars to the relief of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, to help care for the people made homeless by the fire that destroyed the city of Astoria. To the Red Cross was sent \$2,500.00 for the relief of the Japanese, and \$2,000.00 was given to the lodges of Berkeley, to see that students were supplied with books that they might continue their studies after the fire that made so many professors and families homeless in that university city.

The Grand Master commends very highly the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children at San Francisco, which "has already saved many little ones from a life of suffering and work of this kind cannot help but win praise from all classes."

In a touching manner, the Grand Master voices the sorrow of the jurisdiction in the death of three Past Grand Masters:

George Clement Perkins,
Charles Lewis Patton, and
Albert Glenn Burnett.

Fitting words were spoken of each of these servants of Masonry who have entered into their reward. In speaking of the passing of President Harding who died August second in the city of San Francisco, the Grand Master says "no better tribute to his character can be paid than to quote his creed, given to the employees of his newspaper. It follows:

Remember there are two sides to every question. Get them both.

Be truthful. Get the facts.

Mistakes are inevitable, but strive for accuracy. I would rather have one story right than a hundred half wrong.

Be decent, be fair, be generous.

Boost, don't knock.

There's good in everybody. Bring out the good and never needlessly hurt the feelings of anybody.

In reporting a political gathering, give the facts. Tell the story as it is, not as you would like to have it. Treat all parties alike. If there is any politics to be played, we will play it in our editorial columns.

Treat all religious matters reverently.

If it can possibly be avoided, never bring ignominy to an innocent man, woman or child in telling of the misdeeds or misfortunes of a relative.

Don't wait to be asked, but do it without asking, and above all be clean and never let a dirty word or suggestive story get in type.

I want this paper so conducted that it can go into any home without destroying the innocence of any child.

The Honorable John L. McNab, of national fame as an orator, was selected by the Grand Master to serve them as Grand Orator and his oration on "Masonry in its relation to Citizenship" is a masterpiece of eloquence.

ARTHUR S. CRITES, Grand Master, Bakersfield.

JOHN WHICHER, Grand Secretary, San Francisco.

COLORADO.

Denver.

September 18th, 1923.

63rd Annual Communication.

The Grand Master, M. W. Edward P. Hufferd, in closing his address, says:

The future needs the best effort and thought of the entire Fraternity. The spirit of unrest abroad in the world—the tendency toward change and innovation is manifesting itself in some lodges, and, in my opinion, not to their credit. The closer we adhere to the traditions and teachings which have made Freemasonry great, the better will be the experience and history of the years to come. Let us hold fast to the achievements of our ancient brethren and guard well the portals against unworthy applicants. Prosperity and well-being are not manifested by great increase in membership alone, but in the quality of manhood and love for our avowed purposes, shown by those whom we acclaim as brothers.

There will be little need for innovations and for new attractions in our Lodges if we shall keep close to the practice of our professions and devote our energies to the attainment of a full understanding and exemplification of the ideals we profess; even if we fail in some measure, a sincere attempt will meet its sure reward. I am not an alarmist, and I do not share in the cry that is going up in some quarters of dangers from without. The future is secure if we look well to our duties within.

They had a net gain in membership of 1,174, bringing the total up to 29,210.

An oration was delivered by R. W. Brother John Andrew, Grand Orator, on "Our Responsibilities as Masons," for which the thanks of the Grand Lodge were extended and the oration ordered published in the proceedings. A resolution on the death of Brother Warren G. Harding, President of the United States, was unanimously adopted. M. W. Brother Jesse C Wiley, the newly installed Grand Master, said that the Grand Lodge of Colorado had been in safe hands for a great many years and that his policy would not vary from the actions of predecessors.

A Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Stanley C. Warner, Chairman who presents 126 pages of review. Nebraska evidently had not been received, as it is neither reviewed nor given in the list of the various jurisdictions.

JESSE C. WILEY, Grand Master, Del Norte.

WILLIAM W. COOPER, Grand Secretary, Denver.

CONNECTICUT.

Hartford.

February 7th, 1923.

135th Annual Communication.

The 135th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut is to be congratulated on the report of the Committee on Credentials, for they report that they have 118 lodges in the state, and every one of them was represented in the Grand Lodge communication.

The Grand Master, M. W. Frank L. Wilder, commended the Order of the De Molay. He attended the meeting of the George Washington

Masonic National Memorial Association, at Washington, and thinks that the building when completed will be a source of pride to the Masonic Fraternity.

The annual homecoming of the Fraternity occurred at the Masonic Home, at Wallingford, where "Grand Master's Day" was celebrated.

In regard to the Ku Klux Klan, he has this to say:

While it is the privilege of any Mason to join any organization as long as he does not violate the law of the land or his duty as a Mason, you will say to the lodges that the Grand Master deeply deplores any attempt to connect the oldest and greatest fraternity in the world with this so-called "Klan" and that all Masons are cautioned against having any relation or connection as such with the Ku Klux Klan.

The Allingtown Hospital for gassed veterans of the World War in their jurisdiction had been without the services of a Protestant Chaplain. The Catholic Church provided a priest for those of their faith. The Grand Master made an appeal for funds to secure the services of a Chaplain, and a total of \$3,116.00 was received, and the Chaplain is doing a great work for the patients.

The Grand Master reported that the Grand Lodge for the last five years has paid out more money than they received, and he calls attention to the fact that with one exception their per capita tax is the lowest in the United States. In order to support the Masonic charities, he suggested two plans, one to increase the per capita tax, part of which is to go to the Grand Lodge, and the remainder to the expenses of the Home; the other plan was to increase the fee for initiation and affiliation. This plan was referred to the Committee on Finance who recommended both the increase of per capita tax, and an extra charge of \$10.00 from each and every initiate and affiliate from other Grand Jurisdictions, which amount shall be appropriated to the purpose of the Masonic Charity Foundation.

The report of Brother George A. Kies, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, closes with these words:

The general hysteria and craze for "organization" has somewhat affected Masonry. Some of the societies which base their membership on Masonry, which have sprung up like mushrooms, are (like political platforms) apparently founded upon good and high-minded principles, but of these some are simply sources of income to a bunch of organizers, as is the case with the Ku Klux Klan. One or two orders for boys and girls have asked and secured Masonic bodies as "sponsors."

The evil side of all this is the probability that these barnacles on Masonry will hamper the Fraternity in its progress toward its legitimate objects and unduly narrow its activities. But, thank heaven, there are ample signs that this, like the rest of the aftermath of war hysteria, will ultimately die of inanition and everything will settle into normalcy and true progress.

ARTHUR M. BROWN, Grand Master, Jewett City.

GEORGE A. KIES, Grand Secretary, Hartford.

DELAWARE.

Wilmington.

October 3d, 1923.

118th Annual Communication.

The Grand Master, M. W. Charles A. Bamberger, frowns upon members of subordinate lodges, as members of their respective lodges, acting on

committees not directly connected with said lodges, and their Masonic functions; he directs all members to withdraw at once from such committees, unless they serve simply as individuals, or in a capacity disassociated from their membership in their Masonic lodges. The edict was expressed in the following language:

In Masonry there are certain fundamentals which no earthly power can alter or change. One of these fundamentals is the belief in the Supreme Architect of the Universe. Freedom of thought and action is accorded, and it is un-Masonic to espouse any religious creed or sect. The only religious test required of a Freemason is his belief in the Supreme Being by whatever name it may be known. The Grand Master of New York, in his address to the Grand Lodge of New York at the last Annual Communication, said the three great things for which our fraternity stands are "Reverence for God and all things that are sacred and holy, loyalty to our own Country and its institutions, and charity, benevolence and toleration in all our relations with our fellow men."

During the year the new Masonic Home was dedicated with appropriate exercises, more than five thousand people being in attendance, and there was present on this occasion the most representative gathering of Masons in the history of the jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge adopted a revision of the funeral ritual.

Brother Thomas J. Day, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, has very thoroughly reviewed the proceedings of the Grand Lodges, and in reviewing Nebraska he quotes in full the resolution of the Committee on Jurisprudence in regard to the Ku Klux Klan.

EDWARD W. COOCH, Grand Master, Wilmington.

JOHN F. ROBINSON, Grand Secretary, Wilmington.

FLORIDA.

Jacksonville.

January 15th, 1924.

95th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother John L. Hall, Grand Master.

The Angel of Death has invaded their ranks and removed several of their most distinguished and beloved brothers, among whom were Past Grand Master John M. Caldwell and Past Grand Master Cephas L. Wilson.

Among the decisions of the Grand Master was one that the Fraternity could not comply with the request of a brother who desired, after his death, the lodge to take his ashes out to sea and scatter them to the four winds. And, in a case where charges had been preferred against a member of a lodge and referred to a committee for investigation, the committee reported that they found the accused mentally deficient, and recommended that he be requested to demit from the lodge, the Worshipful Master ruled that the lodge had no authority to take such action, and the decision of the Worshipful Master was approved by the Grand Master.

Their Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a report begging leave to present the following rules to be established as guidance to be used for all foreign Grand Jurisdictions requesting fraternal recognition with the Grand Lodge of Florida:

1. That such Grand Body has been formed lawfully by at least three just and duly constituted lodges, or that it has been legalized by valid act issuing from the Grand Lodge of New York or from a Grand Body in fraternal relations with this Grand Lodge.

2. That it is a reasonable, independent, self-governing organization with sole, undisputed and exclusive authority over the symbolic lodges of its jurisdiction, and not in any sense whatever subject to, or dividing such authority with a Supreme Council or other power claiming ritualistic or other supervision or control.

3. That its membership is composed of men exclusively and that it entertains no Masonic relations with mixed lodges or bodies admitting women into their fellowship.

4. That it adheres in principle to the Ancient Landmarks, traditions, customs and usages of the Craft, as set forth in the constitutions adopted by the Grand Lodge of England in 1723.

5. That it meets in particular the following tests which the Grand Lodge of Florida considers essential to acceptance of a Foreign Grand Body into its fellowship:

"1. Acknowledgment of a belief in God the Father of all men.

"2. Belief in Immortality.

"3. Presence of the Three Great Lights of Masonry in the lodges while at work, chief among them the Sacred Book of the Divine Law.

"4. Exclusion of controversial political and sectarian religious discussions from the lodges and from all meetings held under the auspices of a lodge."

Brother Silas B. Wright, P.:G.:M.:., makes his 24th annual report for the Committee on Correspondence. Five pages are given to Nebraska.

T. T. TODD, Grand Master, Pensacola.

WILBER P. WEBSTER, Grand Secretary, Jacksonville.

IDAHO.

Boise.

September 11th, 1923.

56th Annual Communication.

With sixty-nine lodges represented, out of seventy-five on the rolls, the Grand Lodge of Idaho met in their new beautiful temple at Boise, with Grand Master George M. Scott presiding.

The Masonic year was marred by no unpleasantness and was an exceedingly busy one for the Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge of Idaho has had about the same experience with the National Masonic Service Association as we have had in this jurisdiction, and in connection with this subject the Grand Master says:

We were first persuaded to membership in this association by conditions brought about by war. The present or immediate necessity for such an organization, and for the benefits as first promulgated, is a subject of much discussion and difference of opinion. We deemed it best, however, to discontinue our connection with the association, only later, September, 1921, to renew the membership.

Times of peace have brought about a change from the original idea of relief service to one of developing an organization of education, by the distribution of literature and the conduct of lecture bureaus. I am not impressed with this work as applicable to our needs. Our jurisdiction is too small in numbers and great in territory for us to afford the advantages of the lecture bureau and the expense of maintaining our membership for the monthly leaflet distributed to the lodges each month is too great for the benefits

derived. We could far better devote this amount as part of a fund to carry on a system of Masonic study of our own. I, therefore, recommend that we withdraw at this time from the National Masonic Service Association.

The actions of the Order of the Mystic Shrine have moved the Grand Master to remonstrate against the common practice at the periodical ceremonial gatherings of the Shrine for certain members to seize upon the occasion as a fitting time to throw off all restraint and to indulge in drunken debauches and other unseemly conduct, much to the disgrace of themselves and to the chagrin of others who are themselves helpless to protect the good name of Masonry. The Grand Master says that the time has come for the Grand Lodge to serve notice on the proper officials of the Shrine in Idaho that the aforementioned conditions must be corrected and "their house put in order," "and if such is not done within the coming year it is my purpose to introduce a resolution at the next annual session of the Grand Lodge requiring our members to withdraw their membership from the organization known as the Mystic Shrine."

The state is to be divided into five or more districts, and the Grand Master is to appoint as his representative District Deputy Grand Masters.

The Grand Master recommended that no member of this jurisdiction shall petition for membership in the Order of Mystic Shrine until five years have elapsed since taking the third degree, violation of such requirement to be declared a Masonic offense, and subject the offender to discipline.

The Grand Master closes his address by saying:

I will soon return to you the purple mantle of our Order, I hope unsullied, for you to bestow upon the Mason of your choice. I have not willfully neglected your business, endeavoring at all times to place "service above self," feeling that I have conscientiously endeavored to deserve the honor of the title of Past Grand Master.

In a very able review, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence devotes considerable space to the Nebraska proceedings. The reviewer, R. W. Brother George E. Knepper, says that he would like to quote the report of Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, in full, but confines himself to a few quotations.

VICTOR PETERSON, Grand Master, Grangeville.

CURTIS F. PIKE, Grand Secretary, Boise.

ILLINOIS.

Chicago.

October 9th, 1923.

84th Annual Communication.

The Grand Master, M. W. Elmer E. Beach, in his address made allusion to the Japanese earthquake calamity, and urged the Grand Lodge to make a liberal appropriation for the relief of the sufferers. He called attention to a meeting of the Spanish Grand Orient, held at Madrid, and their decision to "dissolve" and form seven regional Grand Lodges. In this rearrangement they purpose to take over the Philippine Islands. The Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of the Philippine Islands, has been recognized as regular by most if not all of the Grand Lodges of the world, and he warns all Masons owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Illinois of the irregu-

larity and illegitimacy of Masons claiming allegiance either to the Spanish Grand Orient or to any fragmentary alleged Grand Lodge resulting from the dissolution.

The law in regard to smoking in open lodge is enforced by the Grand Master, who disciplined two lodges for the violation of the rule by arresting the charters and by removing the Master from one of them. The letter of the law forbids the withdrawal of a petition for degrees after it has been received by the lodge, but in the case where the petitioner was sent by his employers to another country across the sea, where the investigating committee could not make a report, the Grand Master permitted the petition to be withdrawn.

Forms of bequest which may be adopted for those wishing to make the Home at Sullivan, or the Home for Children, at La Grange, beneficiaries in their wills were prepared by eminent legal talent and printed for those who might wish to remember these institutions in their wills. A complete set of forms of bequests to cover practically every case has been prepared.

Touching allusion to the death of President Harding and R. W. Bernardus L. Ten Eyck were made.

The Grand Master deplors the custom of a few lodges to time their meetings by the change of the moon, and strongly advises stated and fixed times for annual meetings. The Grand Lodge adopted a ceremony for receiving the flag, as exemplified by the Board of Grand Examiners, and incorporated it in the ritual to be taught at each of the Grand Lodge Schools. One hundred and ninety children were reported in the Home for Children—a gain of forty-five over the previous year.

The oration of Charles V. V. Spilman, Grand Orator, was one of the best I have read during the year; pathos and power distinguish it.

The Grand Master was presented with a Past Grand Master's jewel in an appropriate manner.

Brother Delmar D. Darrah makes his sixth annual report on Fraternal Correspondence in his usual discriminating and illuminating manner. His comments and opinions are pertinent and judicial. He generously devotes three pages to a review of proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

ARTHUR E. WOOD, Grand Master, Chicago.

OWEN SCOTT, Grand Secretary, Decatur.

INDIANA.

Indianapolis.

May 22d, 1923.

106th Annual Communication.

Robert W. Phillips, Grand Master. The kindly face of William H. Swintz, Grand Secretary, faces the title page, and there are also photographs of the presiding Grand Master and of the new Grand Master. Five hundred forty-three of the five hundred fifty-seven lodges were represented. The Grand Master, in making his report, says:

I have carefully refrained from exercising unduly my authority, but have endeavored to be of service to the various lodges by helping them adjust the difficulties that have arisen, and have employed sterner measures only in cases where it became absolutely necessary.

He reports a number of visitations, the constituting of one lodge, and the laying of corner-stones for a number of buildings. He approved many by-laws and removed a number of penalties previously imposed, placed a number of lodges on probation, and approved the consolidation of a number of lodges. He refused a number of applications for dispensations; among them was one made by the Grand Guardian of Job's Daughters, to use a lodge room in the Masonic Temple, refusing them the permission to confer some so-called side degrees in the Masonic lodge room. He refused permission to solicit funds from the various lodges. There is a Society of Actual Past Masters' Higher Educational Foundation of Indianapolis that requested permission to solicit funds from the lodges in Indiana, which was not granted.

He reports fully on the Masonic Home, the numerous gifts, and commends the institution very highly. They observe as Masonic Home Day in Indiana, June 24th. He reports no deaths in the official circle of the Grand Lodge, but notes the passing of many distinguished Masons of other jurisdictions. They wanted to organize a bowling team in one of the lodges. He held that there was no objection to the promotion of good, clean recreation, but that it should not be any part of the lodge affairs, neither should it bear the name of the lodge. He says it is not permissible to use the lodge room for any purpose other than Masonic purposes, but that if they had a dining-room or any other room outside of the lodge room it could be used for dancing. He says there should be no distinction in the membership of a Masonic lodge and that the dues of a resident member and a non-resident should be the same. He reports attending the George Washington National Memorial Association, February 21st and 22d, and gives a very full report of the proposed structure.

The Committee on Correspondence, through P. G. M. Elmer F. Gay, in reference to the application for recognition of the Grand Lodge of Argentina, say they are not sufficiently informed to recommend recognition and ask for further time to be granted them.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported an amendment to the general regulations providing for the election of honorary members by ballot or orally by majority vote, which was adopted.

Past Grand Master Elmer F. Gay presents the annual review, reviewing fifty-two jurisdictions, Nebraska for 1922 receiving fraternal consideration.

CHARLES A. LIPPINCOTT, Grand Master, South Bend.

WILLIAM H. SWINTZ, Grand Secretary, Indianapolis.

IOWA.

Sioux City.

June 12th, 1923.

80th Annual Communication.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa are so interesting and even exciting that the reviewer is embarrassed with the wealth of good things, and if space permitted we would like to publish the whole gist of the proceedings.

Iowa is blessed with a remarkable Grand Secretary, whose skill is unsurpassed.

The Grand Lodge met in the new Masonic building at Sioux City and the photographs of the Temple, published in the proceedings, would indicate that the Masons of Sioux City have every reason to be proud of their edifice.

At the public exercises, prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge, M. W. Brother Thomas Lambert, the oldest Past Grand Master in point of service present, was appointed to present the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Frank Wellington Glaze.

Brother Henry Kendig, the oldest Mason in Iowa, as well as the oldest living elective Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge, he having been elected Senior Grand Warden in 1871, was presented to the Grand Lodge with great applause.

The Grand Master, in his address, speaks of the glad fellowship he enjoyed with the brethren during the year and quotes the following:

“As I stroll along the highways
Of a hundred kinds of men,
Let me turn into the byways
Of the humble, now and then;
Let me reach the corner quickly,
Where the path of friendship starts,
And the bright flowers blossom thickly
In the lane of loving hearts.

“As I trail, where trails go winding,
Let me take the path that leads
On to where I'm sure of finding
Simple hearts and noble deeds;
Up the trail that winds and angles,
As through rugged pines and oaks,
Where there are no spoils nor spangles,
And where men are God's own folks.”

—*Mal Rose.*

In common with other jurisdictions, the Iowa Grand Master has had to face the problem of the Ku Klux Klan. He states that he was visited by a delegation of Klan organizers, the head of the organization being among them, and asked to state the attitude of the Grand Lodge in regard to their order. His answer is worth quoting:

The Grand Lodge of Iowa does not approve of your organization, and as for me, I can see no good reason for its existence. If a Mason wants to do good, he has ample opportunity as a Mason to do so. As far as enforcing the law, we have officers for that purpose and I do not believe any good Mason should take the law in his own hands, and further, I do not believe any respectable, honest, upright man would want to cover his face and go out at night to enforce the law. I can see no reason why a good Mason would want to join an organization which is in disrepute and a disgrace to the community, and as far as I was concerned, I had no use for such an organization.

He also makes the following statement:

I received information that speeches had been made in some of the lodges by Klan organizers, spreading their propaganda. I investigated the matter and found it to be true. I therefore called a meeting of the Masters

in that locality and informed them that no more speeches of that nature must be allowed in their lodge halls, and if any of them were members of the Klan, or expected to join, to turn in their jewels to me, as I did not consider it proper for an officer of any lodge, knowing the attitude of the Grand Lodge, to be a member of that body. I was informed that the Junior Warden of the lodge at Sheffield was an organizer for the Klan, so on April 3d I sent the following letter to the Master at that place:

"I am informed that Rev. Thos. L. Roberts, your Junior Warden, is an organizer for the Ku Klux Klan and is making speeches over the state in the interest of that organization. I feel that this is detrimental to the Masonic Fraternity of Iowa and that he is disregarding the wishes of the Grand Lodge in doing so. I therefore ask you to arrest his jewel, declare his office vacant, and proceed at once to elect an officer to fill the vacancy."

The report on Grand Master's Address commends his attitude in the following language:

We have read with keen interest that portion of the Grand Master's address devoted to the pernicious activities of the Ku Klux Klan. We endorse without reservation his strong disapproval of this un-American organization, and are of the opinion that many members of the Klan have joined entirely misapprehending its fundamental nature. The organization is utterly discredited wherever its sinister character has been revealed and understood, and a thorough-going analysis of the whole matter shows the radical contrast between the teachings of Masonry and those of this self-appointed organization of "reformers." Masonry is tolerant—the Klan reeks with intolerance; Masonry is law respecting and law abiding—the Klan defies the orderly process of law and abrogates to itself the powers of the courts; Masonry charges its votaries with the grave responsibilities of good citizenship—the Klan's claim to such a virtue is a travesty upon the name of patriot. Our Grand Master has faced the issue squarely and we believe this Grand Lodge will uphold the stand he has taken. We also note his order to arrest the jewel, declare the office vacant and elect an officer to fill the vacancy in the case recited as having occurred at Sheffield. It would be of interest to inform the Grand Lodge as to the carrying out of this order.

The Grand Master favors dual membership.

All of the recommendations of the Grand Master were approved by the Committee on Grand Master's Address, and his decisions were also approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The statistics show a net increase of 2,805 members during the year.

Brother Newton R. Parvin makes an excellent report as Librarian. In regard to traveling libraries, he says:

The demand for loan of traveling libraries seems to be on the increase. Where a lodge has had one for a time, they do not seem to want to be without one. Some lodges have had five to seven of them within the past few years. Around the first of the year we requested those lodges having traveling libraries to return them to the Library, that we might make a complete check of all volumes included in them and add new books which we have been purchasing. We found it almost impossible to get all of these back, as quite a number wished to retain them until June or July, when they would be sent in. So great has been the demand for traveling libraries that we have ordered several hundred new volumes, some of which are duplicates of copies we already have, and are having new libraries made up. In addition to these, we have made up from our loaning collection a number of volumes to be sent out in small cartons, which will serve the purpose of a traveling library.

He makes a list of books that could be purchased for around \$50.00 and also how much of a library could be secured for \$150.00. These lists are given as follows:

FIRST LIST.

Mackey—Encyclopedia of Freemasonry.
 Gould—Concise History of Freemasonry.
 Sibley—Story of Freemasonry.
 Vibert—Freemasonry Before the Existence of Grand Lodges.
 Lawrence—Sidelights on Freemasonry.
 Mackey—Symbolism of Freemasonry.
 Pound—Philosophy of Freemasonry.
 Wright—Eleusinian Mysteries and Rites.
 Morris—Poetry of Freemasonry.
 Constitution of 1722.
 Crowe—Things a Freemason Should Know.
 Darrah—Evolution of Freemasonry.
 Newton—Builders.
 Wright—Roman Catholicism and Freemasonry.
 Peters—Masons as Makers of America.
 Lanier—Washington, the Great American Mason.

SECOND LIST.

Johnson—Freemasonry in America Prior to 1750.
 Carr—Swastika.
 Engle—History of the O. E. S.
 Wright—Indian Masonry.
 Oliver—Antiquities of Freemasonry.
 Addison—Knights Templar.
 Gould—Military Lodges.
 Finlayson—Symbols and Legends of Freemasonry.
 Lawrence—Keystone.
 Lawrence—By-ways of Freemasonry.
 Stillson & Hughan—History of Freemasonry and Concordant Orders.
 Wilmshurst—Meaning of Freemasonry.
 Bloomer—Ante-Room Talks.
 Boutelle—Man of Mt. Moriah.
 Ellis—Low Twelve.
 Ellis—High Twelve.
 Mackey—Text Book of Masonic Jurisprudence.
 McCarty—Great Pyramid Jeezeh.
 Wright—Woman and Freemasonry.
 Lang—History of Freemasonry in the State of New York.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence by the incomparable master of the wizardry of words, Louis Block, Past Grand Master, occupies 192 pages of the proceedings. His epigrammatic sentences ring the bell at every shot and Iowa is to be congratulated on having such an able reviewer.

He devotes considerable space to the review of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

MILO JOHN GABRIEL, Grand Master, Clinton.

NEWTON RAY PARVIN, Grand Secretary, Cedar Rapids.

KANSAS.

Topeka.

February 27th, 1924.

68th Annual Communication.

The Grand Lodge convened in Representative Hall, State Capitol, with M. W. Richard E. Bird, Grand Master, presiding. The total representation in the Grand Lodge was 770, with 48 Grand Representatives present.

The Grand Master announced his steady purpose to preside over the Craft in full and strict conformance to the Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry. He declined to accept the invitation to be present at the annual gathering of the Past Grand Masters' Association, which convened the night before the opening of the Grand Lodge, because on that occasion "the address of the Grand Master, to be given the following morning, is taken up and discussed 'pro' and 'con' with the Grand Master and among themselves," and he thought it an improper procedure for the Grand Master to report to some other organization than the Grand Lodge.

Without mentioning the name of the "Invisible Empire," he speaks of it as an aftermath of the war as follows:

After all wars reconstruction problems appear, and the greatest war of all history has proven no exception to the rule. War is embodied hate, and in a Nation suddenly released from war is always seen running amuck, cupidity, intolerance, avarice and revenge. The unthinking and unsuspecting are always preyed upon. The problems are not confined to the economic, but are found in the mental, moral and spiritual realms as well. How Kansas has faced these questions has been interesting, and how Kansas Masonry has faced them in her realm has been more than interesting. It has been truly fascinating. Organized effort has been made to turn Kansas into a veritable field of Ares, plowed and sown with the dragon's teeth of hatred and intolerance, but everywhere and always I have found the deep and well-grounded thinkers of our Craft thoroughly alert, well posted and alive to the situation. In fact, so well has the situation been met that I have felt that it was not needful to deal with the movement in specific terms. I believe that the orgasm has well nigh passed and that Kansas Ancient Craft Masonry yet stands forth with malice toward none and tolerance and charity toward all.

He says the "theme" of his administration has been to turn the attention of the Craft to the fundamentals and great purposes of the Institution, which he says have not faltered or changed since time immemorial. The following paragraph is interesting:

Two currents have shown themselves in the body of Freemasonry. The one is strongly tainted with modernism and with the thought that Freemasonry, with its high ideals and purposes, should attach itself to and become a part of every movement of uplift. More than this, it has come to be a belief with a considerable number that Ancient Craft Masonry can the better serve its purposes if nationalized and internationalized, and if directly aided by and aligned with the various rites, organizations and isms that have from time to time attempted to attach themselves, with more or less proximity, to our Fraternity. The other current, more still and deep, feels that Freemasonry thrives by its impress upon the individual; that it is a thing distinctive unto itself, the like of which has never been known in the annals of Time and with a purpose to be conducted with regularity, surpassed only by the Greater and Lesser luminaries. Whatever of accomplishment is to be achieved by Freemasonry in worldly affairs is to be reached only in a reflected way in the individual lives of its votaries. If the members of the Masonic Fraternity in their daily personal lives live up to the standard of Freemasonry, it is success; it is Freemasonry in operation; if they do not, success has not yet been attained. To this latter view, as your Grand Master, I most tenaciously hold. To Ancient Craft Masonry in a philosophical way I can see a centrifugal force akin to the centrifugal force in the mechanical world. It is a force naturally repellant, and demonstrates that the power of Freemasonry is from within, and is not to be reached by ancillary attachment to other things.

Two edicts were issued "From the Grand East" during the year. One was against unwise publicity given to Masonic affairs, and the other warned lodges not to memorialize or petition Congress upon specific bills and subjects of legislation, nor to permit the lodge to be used as a forum for the discussion of political subjects. He closes his address with words of appreciation and thanks to the 75,265 Masons of Kansas.

Brother Ernest H. Lindley, Chancellor of Kansas University, was the Grand Orator, and it is to be regretted that his oration is not printed in the proceedings.

Brother Albert K. Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, referring to Nebraska, says:

We note they rejoined the Masonic Service Association, and according to the scale of prices charged by that organization they are called upon to pay five cents per member, which, based on their present membership of 38,642, amounts to \$1,932.10. This, however, is not all, as they provided for an additional expenditure for promulgating whatever form of education is put out by this association, at an expense of seven and one-half cents per capita, which on their present membership amounts to \$2,898.15, making the total cost \$4,830.25. Of course, it is their own money and they have a right to spend it as they please, but we take the liberty of suggesting that our neighbors on the north step across the line and see how we do it in Kansas and without the assistance of any outside self-constituted bureau of information. We notice, however, that before the above proposition was put over there was considerable discussion and remarks were offered by not only a number of their own members, but by a Past Grand Master of Texas, who is devoting his entire time to this work and visiting Grand Lodges throughout the country in an endeavor to have them do just what our Nebraska brethren did.

He corrects the statement made in our review of last year that "their Grand Master attended a meeting of so-called Masonic Service Association at Kansas City, reported that he was in favor of the Grand Lodge of Kansas becoming a member thereof." He denies the allegation and defies the allegator and says, "Our Grand Master did exactly the opposite, and recommended that our Grand Lodge do *not* become a member of that association, and his recommendation was approved by our Grand Lodge."

ELMER F. STRAIN, Grand Master, Topeka.

ALBERT K. WILSON, Grand Secretary, Topeka.

KENTUCKY.

Louisville.

October 16th, 1923.

123d Annual Communication.

While this was a prosperous year in the Kentucky jurisdiction, the M. W. Grand Master, Brother Emerson E. Nelson, reports that their hearts are saddened by the loss of their Past Grand Master and Grand Treasurer of Kentucky, Brother John Hess Leathers, and he recommends that a page be set aside in the proceedings as a mark of appreciation of his life. He appointed as Grand Treasurer, Past Grand Master James Garnett, of Louisville. The Grand Master was called upon to give an unusual decision, which follows:

A brother guarding a United States bonded warehouse was killed by a gang of whiskey thieves. Seven suspects were arrested and one or more confessed guilt. Another was alleged to have desired to make a confession,

but his attorney would not permit him to do so. The attorney being a Master Mason, was sought to be charged with un-Masonic conduct. Held that the brother lawyer ought to be left free to make such defense as his conscience dictated, and that the lodge had no right to undertake to influence or control the policy of the defense.

In regard to the Ku Klux Klan, the Grand Master says:

The great institution of Masonry promulgated the principles on which free government was erected. It recognizes civil government as being necessary for the preservation of society and it teaches its members that they should not countenance rebellion or disloyalty, but should patiently submit to the civil authorities. Freemasonry stands for religious and political freedom and its members are warned that they should not let their zeal for the Order interfere with their religious or political opinions, be they what they may. All men are endowed with certain rights which they cannot surrender—life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We are Americans and believe in a constitutional form of government. Therefore, we cannot subscribe to the theory that any number of men have the right to form an invisible empire and under the cover of darkness attempt to regulate their fellowman. An organization which appeals to religious prejudices and racial hatred is un-Masonic. All Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky are pledged to support and sustain the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

The Grand Master, in reporting the welfare of the Masonic Home in Kentucky, says:

Our Masonic Homes in Kentucky are beautiful institutions, serving well the purposes for which they were established. They are as nearly ideal as Homes can be. Sunlike they stand upon the horizon of the unfortunate, filling with warmth and light a future which otherwise for them were comfortless and dark.

Sweet is the call of morning,
 To follow the woodland trail;
 Sweet through the sultry noontide,
 The pipe of the harvest quail;
 Sweet all day to wander away—
 On Man's far quest to roam;
 But sweetest of all at even-fall,
 Is the light that beckons home.

In closing his address, the Grand Master said:

At the close of my term of office will you permit me to utter one caution: Our Kentucky Masons are so strong in numbers, so liberal, so friendly, so altogether delightful, that there is danger of our feeling too secure, too self-satisfied, and of becoming oblivious of the necessity of eternal vigilance. Dangers of one kind or another beset every organization; and we should never forget that it is not numbers, or wealth, or even friendliness and liberality that make a fraternity strong. The source of strength is character. We are not always alert to receive into our Order only men of good character and then to make them better. Our definition of "good character" needs attention. When some people say that a man is of good character, it does not mean that he is clean, and sober, and upright, and honorable; it means little more than that he keeps out of jail, or keeps his meanness concealed under a plausible exterior.

I say it is character that counts, that wields influence for good, and gives to the righteous decrees of an organization an irresistible power over its own members and indirectly over the entire community. There is nothing that enfeebles this power like indulging in immorality, but a lazy toleration

of immorality, by those who are moral is almost as debilitating as immorality itself. These things lower the temperature of spiritual fervor, and without this fervor no real good can be accomplished.

I can, therefore, give no more serious or important admonition than that this great Fraternity demand a higher standard of morality, and that it suffer no man to bear its name unless his character is really clean and good.

A resolution was adopted by the Grand Lodge to memorialize the next General Assembly of Kentucky, to purchase the property that was once owned by Henry Clay in the city of Lexington, and convert the same into a public place and memorial for the edification and pleasure of those who care to visit the premises of this distinguished brother, whose genius and reputation added so much lustre to the fame of this state that has produced so many distinguished and noted men. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, as an evidence or token of its interest and sincerity in the purpose indicated herein, pledged and appropriated the sum of ten thousand dollars as a free will gift to the state of Kentucky to be applied as a part of the purchase price of said property. Henry Clay was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in the year of 1820-21, serving with credit to himself and honor to the Fraternity; hence it seems most becoming for the Masons of Kentucky to take the initiative toward having his home place preserved in its original state, beauty, and simplicity for all time to come as a memorial to her distinguished son.

Nebraska has no place in the report of the Committee on Correspondence.

ALPHEUS E. ORTON, Grand Master, Dawson Springs.
FRED W. HARDWICK, Grand Secretary, Louisville.

LOUISIANA.

New Orleans.

February 4th, 1924.

118th Annual Communication.

The Grim Reaper visited the circle of Past Grand Masters, and removed M. W. Brother Albert Campbell Allen, an able attorney and servant of the Fraternity.

The report of the Grand Master, M. W. Brother Joseph Sinai, is full of decisions on physical disabilities of candidates, and he very wisely says:

We have reached the period of time, both in world affairs and in Masonry, when we should make the progressive step forward relative to the physical qualifications of candidates; if we are to look at the internal and not the external qualifications of those who are seeking admission into our Order, and as we no longer pretend that we are operative, but wholly speculative, it is my firm belief that we should permit the intelligent man, who unfortunately has suffered some maim, or who possesses some blemish, which prevents him from being sound in limb, to have entrance into our Order; we do not need to be too radical in this respect, if you will, but many other Grand Jurisdictions have found it proper to open its doors to the unfortunate man who is lacking in soundness of limb, but is yet able to substitute the missing part.

As the able reviewer, Past Grand Master Louis Block, of Iowa, puts it: "I would rather admit a man who has a wooden leg, than a man who has a wooden head."

The Grand Master says: "I feel it is impossible for any lodge in the state of Louisiana, which charges less than \$6.00 for its annual dues, to comply with the law, and provide an amount sufficient for current expenses, the care of charity and the burial of deceased brethren." He thinks that the privileges of Masonry are well worth \$1.00 a month. The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the sentiments, and brought in a resolution to the Grand Lodge, fixing the dues at not less than \$4.00 a year. This was deferred until the next annual communication.

Four pages of the proceedings were given by R. W. Brother John A. Davilla, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, to the discussion of Nebraska Masonry.

PRENTISS B. CARTER, Grand Master, Franklinton.

JOHN A. DAVILLA, Grand Secretary, New Orleans.

MAINE.

Portland.

May 2d, 1923.

104th Annual Communication.

Albert M. Spear, Grand Master. There were present two hundred and seventeen delegates, representing one hundred and fifty-four of the two hundred and six chartered lodges, six of the nine living Past Grand Masters, with twenty-nine out of the other forty-three permanent members, including forty-three of the sixty representatives of other Grand Lodges, together with visiting brethren. The number of lodges represented this year was the smallest proportion for many years, due to flood condition and railroad washouts.

A distinguished visitor was M. W. William N. Ponton, Grand Master, of the Grand Lodge of Ontario; also, Brother Arthur E. Randell, Past Grand Master, of Texas.

The Grand Master called attention to the fact that for the first time for thirty-seven years M. W. Frank E. Sleeper, Senior Past Grand Master, and present Grand Lecturer, was, because of illness, absent at the opening of an annual communication of the Grand Lodge. The net gain in numbers for the year is 1,056.

The Grand Master feels that we are drifting away from the landmarks of our early conception of government. "Liberty, as defined by the fathers, has grown irksome. The rule that your liberty ceases, where my rights begin, is no longer popular. The tendency is toward socialism, communism and disregard of law. As I interpret the tenets of Masonry, every one of these tendencies is a plain perversion of their teaching." But the Grand Master adds, "Notwithstanding the present conditions, I nevertheless have absolute confidence in the complete triumph of civilization, over the enemies of organized society."

The Grand Master closes his address with these well-chosen words:

Is this great fraternity worth preserving? If it is, it devolves upon the men who sit before me to see to it that it shall not be permitted to be weakened by deterioration in the quality of its membership. It is true that members make a lodge; but I know, and you know, that it is quality, not quantity, that makes a Masonic Lodge.

No candidate should be solicited. He should come of his own free will and accord, says the law. He should be a Mason at heart before he can become a Mason in fact. It would be but a mockery to confer the degrees upon one who sought them for personal advantage. The spirit, as well as the law, protests admission on any such motive.

My final word to you today is this prophecy: That, whenever Masonry admits to its membership a candidate who is not worthy of the privilege of the Craft, such admission weakens the Order; and, whenever the unworthy constitute a majority the precepts and example of Masonry will no longer be worthy the name.

We may fear little danger from without; Masonry has the confidence and good will of every community; but we are not free from dangers that may arise from within.

We read of the fabled eagle, who, as he lay wounded and dying upon the plain, grieved not that he was about to die, but that the fatal shaft that had pierced his vitals was guided in its deadly course by a feather dropped from his own wing.

Let us not have occasion to grieve over the prostrate form of our beloved and cherished institution because of a wound, inflicted by a blow, administered by our own hand.

Brother Ashley A. Smith, in a very carefully prepared review of the proceedings of the Grand Lodges, devotes two pages to Nebraska.

ALBERT M. SPEAR, Grand Master, Augusta.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, Grand Secretary, Portland.

MANITOBA.

Winnipeg.

June 13th, 1923.

48th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Andrew B. Baird, D. D., Grand Master.

The Grand Master urges the lodges to pay more attention to the clock, as will be seen in the following quotation:

I am convinced that one reason for the irregular attendance, especially of brethren like myself who are advanced in years, is the late hour in the evening to which in most lodges the meetings are kept up, and I offer two suggestions which have a bearing on this point. One is that Masters of lodges see to it that their meetings begin sharp on time; no doubt, that is a lesson which a great many masters have thoroughly learned already, but at least in some rural lodges I find a shocking disregard of the clock, and to begin a meeting half an hour or three-quarters of an hour after the advertised time means a lateness of dispersal which interferes with an adequate night's rest. We all admit the difficulty which in this respect besets the small lodges in the country. The long distance some members have to travel, the heavy burden of hard work and responsibility at home which cannot be evaded even for a single evening; and of course when a lodge has become accustomed to slackness in the hour of meeting, it is a herculean task to get back to promptitude. But the effort is well worth while and may indeed save the life of a lodge. Let the Master and his Wardens, by personal interviews, or, if necessary, by personally gathering for the first time or two the necessary number to form a quorum, be on hand a few minutes before the appointed time and let them unflinchingly begin on the stroke of the clock, and the trouble will soon right itself.

The other suggestion for allowing us to get home early I make with more hesitation. It is well known among most of our members who are familiar with English Freemasonry that the hours of meeting in the old land differ widely from ours. I would like to see an attempt made in some of our lodges to try out the system which has been so generally adopted in

England, where a lodge meets at six o'clock or half-past six in the evening; let the members have supper together, and let this be followed at once by any social or entertainment feature thought advisable; the lodge will then be ready for any business or degree work not later than eight o'clock, and the whole evening's program may be completed at an hour which will rob "lodge night" of the sarcastic recognition it has in many a home circle. Not to dwell on the domestic peace which would probably be secured, many a man finds himself less fit for his work on the morning after a late sitting in the Temple. Nowhere are men more ready to adapt themselves to new situations than in the West, and I commend this suggestion to my brothers who are trying to popularize "meeting night."

He gives some interesting information on the acacia:

One of the symbols which recalls very tender memories in the Masonic hearts is the sprig of acacia. The acacia as it grows in Arabia and Palestine is an evergreen and therefore an emblem of immortality, an emblem the more suitable because its wood is indestructible. Under the name of shittim wood, it was used for constructing the Biblical Ark of the Covenant, and it was the material, too, used in making the coffins of the Egyptian kings of which we have heard so much of late and which have so marvelously withstood the ravages of time. The sprig of acacia then was a symbol by no means unfitting for the enduring personality which abides unchanged through the chances and changes of this mortal life and which bridges the gap between this life and the next and carries the soul, the real self, to the further shore. The acacia in most of its forms is an inconspicuous little member of the plant world with its grey-green foliage and in the desert its half-hidden location in the sides of the wady. This seems to have suggested its use as an emblem of innocence and modesty, the lessons of which are constantly associated with its appearance, and so it is an appropriate reminder of that great teaching which stands out in the philosophy and law of life of our Order "I am among you as he that serveth."

He says:

There never was a time when this old world of ours needed more the help and cheer of those who believe in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men. Racked as civilization is by the devastations of war and by the scarcely less ominous jealousies and suspicions of what we hardly dare to call peace, we need the effort of every man, Grand Masters, Brethren, Apprentices and all, to bring back good understanding and good will.

Their membership is 11,207, as recorded by the Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead records the passing of Brothers George B. Murphy and James D. Bayne, Past Grand Masters.

"Not dead—oh, no, but borne beyond the shadows,
Into the full, clear light;
Forever done with mist and cloud and tempest,
Where all is calm and bright."

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba has been watching very closely the Masonic Service Association and has not been impressed. Their reviewer refers to it as follows:

The Masonic Service Association, a product of war days to distribute United States relief funds, is barely holding its own, in spite of or by reason of having changed its activities into those of an Educational Bureau. It has been fortunate in interesting and securing as exponents of its policies many talented and eloquent brethren, but the shadow of an overhanging fear that it is forming the nucleus of a National Grand Lodge for the whole of the United States, as well as the fact that the original per capita

assessment from Grand Lodges joining has been raised from one to two cents and recently to six cents, together with the establishing of an administrative office at Washington, is causing some withdrawals from membership and a coolness on the part of other Jurisdictions. Its apparent objective is worthy, but the cost of conducting its work would appear on the surface to be excessive.

WILLIAM J. MAJOR, Grand Master, Winnipeg.

JAMES A. OVAS, Grand Secretary, Winnipeg.

MARYLAND.

Baltimore.

May 6th, 1923.

260th Semi-Annual Communication.

On account of the illness of the Grand Master, M. W. Warren S. Seipp, the Grand Lodge was opened by the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Brother George S. Livingston. A message of sympathy was sent to the Grand Master, with the hope that his recovery would be speedy.

A memorial service in memory of Brother Warren Gamaliel Harding, late President of the United States of America, was held at an extraordinary communication. The address was given by Brother Alexander Armstrong, Attorney General of the state of Maryland.

When the corner-stone of the George Washington Memorial was laid at Alexandria, Virginia, on November 1st, 1923, the Grand Lodge of Maryland, together with an escort composed of the officers of the Grand Commandery and many Sir Knights, in all about 800 swords and about 3,500 members of lodges, attended.

The one hundred and thirty-seventh annual communication was held November 20th, at Baltimore, the Grand Master, M. W. Warren S. Seipp, presiding. The Grand Master urged that care should be exercised in the selection of the material for Masonry, and in this connection he said:

Masonry was never intended for children nor fools, nor anyone mentally incompetent, and I should like to impress upon the Craft the necessity for care in the selection of material. You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear, neither can you make a gentleman out of a roughneck, and I believe that the standard cannot be too high, nor the qualifications—moral, mental and spiritual—too exacting.

In the review of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges, Nebraska is given liberal mention by Brother Henry Branch, Past Grand Senior Warden, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

WARREN S. SEIPP, Grand Master, Baltimore.

GEORGE COOK, Grand Secretary, Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston.

1922.

189th Anniversary.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has quarterly communications and their proceedings fill a book of seven hundred pages.

Most Worshipful Arthur D. Prince, Grand Master, at the quarterly held June 14th, 1922, says of the Ku Klux Klan:

However high-sounding the printed ideals of this organization may be, they are too narrowly defined to be Masonic. While we have no quarrel with any organization, we certainly cannot approve of the methods commonly attributed to the Klan by which they attempt to accomplish their purposes, however laudable may the latter appear to some minds. But we certainly have the right and responsibility to repudiate all claims of recognition, support, or connection of such an un-Masonic organization with our Fraternity.

He sent an official communication to the lodges, in part as follows:

Without hesitation, I declare the Ku Klux Klan an un-Masonic organization, utterly without Masonic support or sympathy.

Its avowed principles violate Masonic law at every point and it would be impossible for me to conceive of a Mason who could so far forget his Masonic teachings as to affiliate with an organization which advocates taking the law into its own hands, condemning men and women in secret trials, and imposing the punishment of the whip, the tar bucket, or unlawful banishment.

How long will it be before the law-abiding people of this Commonwealth visit dire punishment upon those who forget or flout the sovereignty of the law?

In the report of the Committee on Recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges, they lay down certain regulations to be followed, viz.:

Section 714. Fraternal recognition may be extended to a foreign Grand Lodge when * * * it appears to the satisfaction of this Grand Lodge:

1. That the foreign Grand Lodge in question represents a substantial unity of the Freemasons of the territory over which it assumes jurisdiction; i.e. the Country, Province, or State.

2. That it has been lawfully organized by three or more regular Lodges.

3. That it is independent, having entire dogmatic and administrative authority over resident Masons and the Symbolic Degrees within its territorial jurisdiction.

4. That its Ritual is fundamentally in accord with the Ancient Landmarks, customs, and usages of the Craft. This involves:

a. Monotheism;

b. The Volume of the Sacred Law a part of the furniture of the Lodge.

c. Secrecy;

d. The symbolism of the operative art;

e. The division of Symbolic Masonry into the three degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason;

f. The legend of the Third Degree.

5. That it makes Masons of men only.

6. That it is non-sectarian and non-political; i.e. that its dominant purposes are charitable, benevolent, educational and religious.

Our esteemed friend, Brother Roscoe Pound, formerly of Nebraska, served on this committee and assisted in making up the report.

The Grand Lodge expended for charities in the year 1922, the sum of \$133,607.00.

The Grand Master made an official visit to the lodge in China, where fifty-eight years ago they sponsored Masonry in the Orient.

DUDLEY H. FERRELL, Grand Master, Lynn.

FREDERICK W. HAMILTON, Grand Secretary, Boston.

MICHIGAN.

Kalamazoo.

May 22nd, 1923.

79th Annual Communication.

The Grand Master, M. W. Clark W. McKenzie, reports the death of the Past Grand Master, Oliver L. Spaulding, who was the dean of Michigan's Past Grand Masters. His was a long and useful life, and one to which Masons could point with pride.

The Grand Master ordered that the use of a canvas in the work of the second section of the third degree be done away with, giving as his reason that it excited levity which was not in conformity with the serious lessons of the degree. He also reports perfect harmony among the 135,000 Masons in the state.

The sum of \$12,978.66 was expended for special charity out of a special charity fund, created by a 10c per capita tax on dues-paying Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Grand Master protests against the raffling of automobiles or any other commodity, and the use of punch boards for the use of distribution of prizes in connection with and under the auspices of constituent lodges, and the Committee on Jurisprudence said, "Every time a Masonic Lodge or a member participates or carries on one of these gambling devices they not only violate the law of the State of Michigan, but violate the law of Masonry."

Three pages are given to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska by Lou B. Winsor, chairman of committee, in the report on correspondence.

CHARLES A. DURAND, Grand Master, Flint.

LOU B. WINSOR, Grand Secretary, Grand Rapids.

MINNESOTA.

St. Paul.

January 17th, 1924.

70th Annual Communication.

The Grand Master, Brother Herman Held, in his address in referring to the Order of De Molay expresses the interest of all Masons in the movement. But he adds:

There seems to be a feeling, however, that the DeMolay degree does not accomplish what it sets out to do. In the first place, there is danger that the spirit of intolerance which it so strongly condemns, is apt to fasten itself on the minds of the boys, who are still in the impressionable age. While there is no desire to make the Order a feeder to the Lodge, there is no question that the larger number of the boys are from families of Masonic connections. The probabilities, therefore, are that they may be expected sooner or later to associate themselves with the Fraternity. The Spectacular De Molay degree should to my mind be eliminated as it has a tendency to lead any of its members who might want to join the Fraternity to expect too much along that line, and not receiving it, become dissatisfied.

The last Grand Lodge voted a thousand dollars to Masonic work among the patients at the Mayo Brother's Hospital, at Rochester. The fund was augmented by donations from the Grand Chapter, Grand Commandery, Grand Chapter, O. E. S., Scottish Rite Bodies, and the Shrine until it

amounted to \$2,750.00. Thousands of patients pass through the clinics and a great many belong to the Fraternity. A permanent organization was formed to look after the work and Brother Frank G. Warner was made Fraternal Representative. In six months 707 Master Masons and 176 members of the Eastern Star were visited, and an average of 121 members are in the hospital all of the time.

The Grand Master recommends that it should be made a Masonic offense for a man to petition for membership in bodies known as "higher degrees" within one year from the time of raising and before attending twelve regular communications of the lodge.

In regard to organizations making Masonry a pre-requisite for membership the Grand Master forcibly delivers himself in the following words:

Gradually during the last years, organizations have sprung up in other states, that require as a pre-requisite to membership, membership in good standing in the Blue Lodge. Think of the audacity, brethren, of using us as a foundation to build up organizations over which we have no control, and whose shortcomings will be laid to all those bearing the name of Mason. I recommend the passage of a resolution which will make it a Masonic offense, punishable by expulsion, for any one to join any order that requires membership in the Blue Lodge in good standing as a pre-requisite to its own membership, if that order has not been recognized by this Grand Lodge.

The Home Corporation is separate and distinct from the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge does not own its own Home and the Grand Master is of the opinion that it will never be a success until it is owned by the Grand Lodge.

JAMES M. McCONNELL, Grand Master, St. Paul.

JOHN FISHEL, Grand Secretary, St. Paul.

MISSISSIPPI.

Jackson.

February 20th, 1923.

105th Annual Communication.

Three of the official family of the Grand Lodge passed away during the year; Past Grand Masters William A. Roane and Benjamin V. White, and Grand Tyler Julius Yaretsky.

"Far from the storms that are lashing the ocean,
Nearer each day to that pleasant home light;
Far from the waves that are big with commotion,
Under full sail and harbor in sight;
Growing old cheerfully,
Cheerful and bright.

Past all the winds that were adverse and chilling,
Past all the islands that lured thee to rest,
Past all the currents that lured thee unwilling,
Far from thy course to the land of the blest;
Growing old cheerfully,
Peaceful and blest."

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother Paul H. Murphy, in his address has much to say in regard to the so-called higher degrees of Masonry. He confesses to having taken all of the degrees, both York and Scottish Rite, except the 33rd. He says he has "waltzed over the Playground," and every step of the way was beautiful. He admits that the principles of these "higher" degrees have been chiseled into his soul and he is a better man for having passed through them. Notwithstanding he says;

When I look back over the road I have traveled I realize that the Blue Lodge degrees cover it all, in fact the charge to the Entered Apprentice, to my mind, covers all there is to Masonry. Listen, you have all heard this many times. "There are three great duties, which as a Mason you are charged to inculcate—to God, your neighbor and yourself. To God, in never mentioning His name except with that reverential awe which is due from a creature to his Creator; to implore His aid in all your laudable undertakings; and to esteem Him as the chief good. To your neighbor, in acting upon the square, and doing unto him as you wish he should do unto you. And to yourself, in avoiding all irregularity and intemperance, which may impair your faculties or debase the dignity of your profession."

He recommends that a resolution be passed prohibiting any Master Mason from petitioning any of the so-called higher bodies until one year has elapsed after taking the third degree. The committee to which this was referred recommended that no action be taken on it.

Nebraska is not reviewed in the report on Foreign Correspondence.

MARSH HAINER, Grand Master, McComb City.

EDWARD L. FAUCETTE, Grand Secretary, Meridian.

MISSOURI.

Kansas City.

October 16th, 1923.

103rd Annual Communication.

Credit is given to the Grand Master, Bert S. Lee, for the "most successful business administration which has ever been given the Grand Lodge," and in his biographical sketch the writer informs us that the Grand Master came from a long line of American patriots and citizens, among whom were Thomas Lee, once President of the Virginia Council, Richard Henry Lee, a famous orator and strong factor in framing the Declaration of Independence; Francis Lightfoot Lee, who with his brother signed the Declaration of Independence; the great Confederate soldier, General Robert E. Lee, and the well known General Fitzhugh Lee.

Our Missouri brethren mourn the death of their Grand Chaplain, John Henderson Miller, who had served them in that capacity for twenty-eight years.

The Grand Master has had trouble with many who have commercialized their Masonic affiliations and have used the word "Masonic" in their business advertisements. The Committee on Jurisprudence were instructed to take such lawful means as may be in their power to stop and prohibit by civil means or by legislation if possible the use of the word "Masonic" or any of the symbols, words or phrases of the Masonic Order in connection with any commercial enterprise.

The Grand Master had been called to dedicate many new temples during the year, and found that brethren in order to raise funds for building purposes have resorted to illegal means by the use of raffles, punch boards, and other games of chance. In common with other jurisdictions he deplored the organization of clubs and orders which make Masonry a prerequisite, and a committee was appointed to make careful investigation and report to the next Annual Communication. Two hundred aged people and one hundred and forty children were the recipients of Masonic benefaction in the Home, and the striking fact is reported that since the organization of the Home there has been but one death among the children.

Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, Grand Orator, made an illuminating address on "The Spirit of Freemasonry."

Six pages of the review are given to Nebraska and the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead is given in its entirety. The Rev. Charles C. Woods, D.D., P.'G.'M.' of St. Louis, is the able reviewer and his report that covers 225 pages is not too long.

JOSEPH S. McINTYRE, Grand Master, St. Louis.

FRANK R. JESSE, Grand Secretary, St. Louis.

NEVADA.

Reno.

June 13th, 1923.

59th Annual.

M.'W.'Brother Edward C. Peterson, Grand Master, delivered his address after the opening of the Grand Lodge, and reported the death of distinguished Masons of his jurisdiction. He reports fully the activities of his lodges during the year. The visitations he made are fully set forth. He approves the George Washington National Memorial Association. He recommends that the Grand Lodge re-enact the law that requires the candidate to receive the Entered Apprentice degree in the lodge in which he was elected to receive the degrees. He approves the order of De Molay.

The year's oration was delivered by Brother Andrew L. Haight on "Masonic Leadership" which is well worth careful study.

They have added to their questionnaire on the form of petition for degrees the following:

Do you promise that you will not, within twelve months after receiving the degree of Master Mason, petition for or receive any degree or be initiated in any body, order or organization the prerequisite of membership wherein is that a person be a Master Mason?

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Grand Commissioner of Review, Edward D. Vanderlieth, Nebraska being fraternally considered.

SILAS E. ROSS, Grand Master, Reno.

EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH, Grand Secretary, Reno.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

St. John.

August 24th, 1922.

55th Annual Communication.

The picture of the Grand Master, M.'W.'Lt. Colonel James D. B. F. MacKenzie, adorns the proceedings.

In speaking of his year's work, he says:

The acquaintances one meets with and the friendships made while visiting the brethren throughout the jurisdiction is something in one's life that will never be forgotten.

The total membership of the jurisdiction is 5,374.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Relations calls attention to the International Masonic Federation which was formed in Zurich, Switzerland, in 1920.

Its main purpose is well shown in its name, a purpose in which we must all be deeply interested. This International Federation does not claim to be a supreme body, adherence to which would necessarily impair the sovereign powers of its constituent members; nevertheless, it appears to have certain laws to which its members must conform. What effect, if any, their submission to these laws should have upon our relations with any foreign grand bodies which join the Federation is a matter upon which your Committee is not prepared to offer an opinion until further information is available. An official circular from Copenhagen indicates that the Grand Lodge of Denmark, in consequence of adhering to this International Masonic Federation, has adopted a new constitution and changed its name to Grand Orient of Denmark and the North. This may not necessarily mean that the Grand Lodge of Denmark with which we were in correspondence has ceased to exist.

The new Grand Lodge of Vienna, and several new grand bodies in Spanish American countries, are asking for fraternal recognition. Your Committee is unable to make any recommendation in these cases at present. It may be well to add that such a lack of recognition is not condemnation. Later advices or altered circumstances may lead us to welcome these new organizations, not only as true and genuine Masonic Bodies, but as much needed allies. Within the limits of the Ancient Landmarks, we cannot have too many helpers.

No review of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges is included in the pamphlet.

LEBARON WILSON, Grand Master, St. John.

J. TWINING HARTT, Grand Secretary, St. John.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The semi-annual communication held December 27th, 1922, at Manchester, was called simply for work.

The annual communication was held in the city of Concord, Wednesday, May 16th, 1923. Walter G. Africa, Grand Master, in his address says:

A summary of the year's work shows a united effort on the part of the whole Fraternity to erect a Memorial to Washington whose life exemplified our principles and the splendid work of the Masonic Service Association in disseminating knowledge.

He reports fully his activities of the year and refers again to the Masonic Service Association and the Washington National Memorial Association. He reports the severing of communication between the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire and the Grand Lodge of Kansas. It all came about by reason of one of the lodges in New Hampshire refusing to allow a brother from Kansas the right of visitation by reason of the lack of a diploma. The brother from Kansas had a receipt for dues and the lodge of New Hampshire declined to accept it in lieu of the diploma.

There was an amendment proposed to the constitution providing for dual membership. The Committee on Jurisprudence present a report on the method of procedure in extending fraternal recognition to foreign Grand Lodges by the Grand Lodge, and recommended that as a guide to the Grand Lodge and the committee in extending recognition the following facts should be made evident before recognition be recommended:

1. That the foreign Grand Lodge in question represents a substantial unity of the Freemasons of the territory over which it assumes jurisdiction; i.e., the Country, Province or State.
2. That it has been lawfully organized by three or more regular lodges.
3. That it is independent, having entire dogmatic and administrative authority over resident Masons and the Symbolic Degrees within its territorial jurisdiction.
4. That its ritual is fundamentally in accord with the ancient landmarks, customs and usages of the Craft.
5. That it makes Masons of men only.
6. That it is non-sectarian, and non-political; i.e., that its dominant purposes are charitable, benevolent, educational and religious.

On the question of relations with the Grand Lodge of Kansas the Committee on Jurisprudence reported that the Grand Lodge is a sovereign Masonic Grand Body in the jurisdiction and as such entitled to make such reasonable regulations for the protection of its subordinate bodies as is deemed advisable by it. Requests for recognition by the Grand Lodge of Queensland and the National Grand Lodge of Colombia were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, but it reported insufficient information to recommend fraternal relations.

The report on correspondence is by M. W. Brother Harry M. Cheney, who presents his 17th annual report, Nebraska being fully considered by a page and a half of comment.

FREDERIC E. EVERETT, Grand Master, Concord.

HARRY M. CHENEY, Grand Secretary, Concord.

NEW JERSEY.

Trenton.

April 18th, 1923.

The address of the Grand Master, M. W. Brother Arthur Potterton, was thoughtful and well arranged. During the year he was called upon to pass on 214 cases of physical defects and he waived 197 and refused only 17. The number of physical defects reported represented only 3 per cent of the total number of petitioners. He says:

I believe, that as the Lodges are deemed qualified to judge as to the moral and mental qualifications of their candidates, their judgment can just as safely be trusted in the less important detail of their physical fitness, and as a more liberal policy is being adopted by many Grand Jurisdictions, I recommend that all cases of visible physical defects be referred to the Master of the Lodge to which the candidates possessing them apply, for decision as to their eligibility, with the understanding that if there be any doubt in the mind of the Master relative to any particular case, he may submit it to the Grand Master for his decision.

The Grand Lodge concurred in his recommendation.

In regard to finances he finds that most lodges are "speculating" on their initiates in that their annual expenses are largely in excess of the amount received for dues, and that a larger amount of money is being expended for non-essentials than is justified. In order to correct this, he recommended a budget system for the lodge with items for charity, entertainment, and incidentals, in which the Grand Lodge did not concur.

The following recommendation the Grand Lodge adopted:

There can be no doubt that Relief is one of the three principal tenets of Masonry, and the only one that calls for a material sacrifice. Throughout the Craft, as well as those not in our Fraternity, the belief is general that Masonry teaches charity and helpfulness, and that belief is responsible for the high regard in which Masonry has so long been held. Many of those who have had opportunities to observe and who cared to do so have been forced to admit that the per capita outlay for charitable objects has not kept pace with the material prosperity of our Lodges, while on the other hand the expenditures usually classed as "Refreshments and Entertainment" have increased to such an extent as to create in the mind of the newly made member the thought that Masonic lodges are little, if anything, more than social bodies whose efforts are directed, not to help the broken and helpless, to be found all around us, who know little else but want, hunger and discouragement, but to providing dances, amusements and refreshments for the members.

Is Masonry to decline to a mere source for supplying these demands? Can nothing be done to impress our brethren that the funds of a Lodge, beyond paying necessary expenses, are a sacred trust, and to be expended only in the way called for by our tenets and teaching?

During the past year almost \$150,000 was expended by our Lodges for entertainment and refreshment, while only about one-third of that amount was expended for Charity.

It is my belief that this is wrong—a wrong that will soon work incalculable harm to our Fraternity. With a showing like that what chance have we to attract to our ranks the solid serious and charitable men we so seriously need, and who alone can keep our Fraternity on the high level it has occupied in the past.

Outside our Lodges are many men who are leading more truly Masonic lives than those within our ranks, whose selfish demands on our Lodge treasuries are so strongly tending to keep them in such financial condition as to be unable or less able to meet the calls that can be heard by all whose ears are attuned to the cry of distress. This condition in our lodges is steadily growing worse and the difference between the outlay for "refreshments" and that for Charity is steadily growing greater.

To have reached the high place that Masonry has attained in the respect of the world—even among our enemies—is one thing, but to keep that place is quite another thing. The first was the work of many generations of earnest men who saw in Masonry only an enlarged opportunity for doing good in the world; the second is for the present in our hands, and no greater responsibility can ever come to us. Is this responsibility being met as it should be when we find so large an amount expended for "entertainment and refreshment" and such a comparatively small amount for Charity, as was reflected in the financial statements of the Lodges for last year?

I am one—and there are many more—who believe such a condition to be a Masonic disgrace.

I can never have a better opportunity to call this state of affairs to your serious and thoughtful consideration, and I believe I should be false to my duty if I failed to do so. It is my opinion that something definite and decisive should be done now, to impress our membership that the

funds of their Lodges do not belong to them, and that they are for the time being only the Trustees of such funds, charged with the solemn duty of disbursing them in Masonic ways only. I am as well aware as one could be that hitherto our Lodges have had full power to use their funds in any way they liked, but if they are risking the high standard of their Masonic teaching and thereby lowering the reputation of our Fraternity, is it not a matter that concerns this Grand Lodge?

I believe it is and I, therefore, recommend that no Lodge be permitted to use a larger proportion of its yearly income for entertainment and refreshment than it does for Charity.

The adoption of this recommendation would have the double effect of increasing the amount devoted to Charity and of reducing the amount selfishly expended on ourselves.

The Grand Lodge adopted a recommendation prohibiting the lodges from conferring the degrees on Sunday.

The reviewer gives a brief reference to Nebraska.

FRANK C. SAYRS, Grand Master, Trenton.

ISAAC CHERRY, Grand Secretary, Trenton.

NEW MEXICO.

Albuquerque.

February 19th, 1923.

45th Annual Communication.

M. W. Lucius Dills, Grand Master. There is situated at Camp Bayard what is known as the Sojourner's Club for work among the soldiers; it has brought a new spirit of Masonry into the community. Another eleemosynary institution supported by the Masons is the National Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association. They carry on an Educational Campaign among Masons as to the cause, nature, and prevention of tuberculosis in an effort to reduce the death rate.

The Grand Master reports a year of healthy growth, despite the untoward financial condition from which the state has suffered. He issued many dispensations for joint occupancy of lodge rooms. He refused to recognize perpetual jurisdiction over a candidate and says he is following the established policy in New Mexico. He ruled that:

The Master of a constituent Lodge acted within his lawful powers in ordering a candidate removed from the Lodge who refused to repeat the word "swear" in the Entered Apprentice obligation, and ordered his fees returned. The candidate had not reached the point where he could be taken by the hand as a Brother. The term swear in our obligations has exactly the same meaning as vow, and any one so literal-minded as to be unable to draw the distinction between the Biblically inhibited sense of swear and its use in our rituals would be of doubtful value to Masonry.

A resolution was offered in the case of Mexican Masonry, that the Grand Lodge withdraw recognition from the York Rite Masonry in Mexico and recognize the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom the matter was referred, emphatically urged against recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, and the report of the committee was adopted. The Grand Master endorsed the Sterling-Towner National Education Bill and recommended that a resolution to that effect be sent to the Senators and Representatives in Congress,

which was done. A Student Revolving Loan Fund was created by the Grand Lodge.

Brother John Milne ably reviews the proceedings of fifty-one Grand Jurisdictions.

JOSEPH GILL, Grand Master, Clayton.

ALPHEUS A. KEEN, Grand Secretary, Albuquerque.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Sydney.

June, 1922.

34th Annual Report.

Brother William Epps, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, has a very interesting report, under Condition of the Order. He speaks of the marvelous increase in membership, and questions as to whether it serves the interest of the Order in the best manner. In his review, he takes up the problem of the large lodges, referring to Palestine Lodge of Detroit, Michigan, which has a membership of 3,000 and which is said to have multitudinous activities, so as to furnish a true and Masonic centre for each and every one of them. "It carries on a great club-house without seeming to lose any of the true fraternal spirit of a Masonic Lodge,' though how this remarkable result is achieved it would be interesting to learn. Almost 200,000 dollars have been involved, and it is planned to more than double the equipment. There are also numerous Lodges, in various jurisdictions, with over 1,000 members as, for example, Ohio, which has a lodge with a membership of 1,991, and 27 with lodges of over 1,000 members each, and the states, in which the majority of these exist, 'are in the forefront of Masonic activity.'"

Brother Epps thinks, however, that the advantages of the smaller lodge, as they appear from reports and correspondence which the committee has had, may be grouped under the following heads:

1. Greater opportunity for social life and a development of the spirit of Masonry.
2. A development of competent officers under the stimulus of the ambition to serve as Master of a Lodge.
3. The closer cementing of ties in the individual lodge.

On these points the Committee finds that any Lodge can provide facilities for the first point, irrespective of its size, by limiting the amount of degree work done at a meeting, and that, where any Lodge "by reason of becoming a 'Degree Mill,' uses all its time for ritualistic work, there can be no development of the social or cultural side. Let the local Lodge," says the report, "be it large or small, spend more time in educating its Entered Apprentice, Fellow Crafts and Master Masons in the true meaning of Masonry, and in spreading true Masonic light, and that Lodge will have a homogeneity and solidarity such as we all desire."

On this subject of the size of the Lodges, it is interesting to compare the conditions in Great Britain with those above cited. In addressing the Grand Lodge of Iowa upon the subject of his visit to England, as representative of that Grand Lodge at the Peace Jubilee, P. G. M. Schoonover made a valuable contribution to this discussion. He stated that there are in London over 700 Lodges, the average membership of which is in the vicinity of 45 Masons per Lodge. He continues: "If we compare this with the conditions prevailing in Metropolitan New York, the contrast is at once evident, and yet our English Brethren are seriously debating the

question of the large Lodge. They feel that a Lodge of over 50 members tends inevitably to lose its character as a Masonic organization." This question of the size of the Lodges is a vital one, and will probably become later a burning one. We most of us feel that, as we gain seniority and the size of our Lodge increases, we lost touch with the members individually, and from becoming a congeries of friends, each known to one another, our Lodges become collections of Brethren, with one object certainly, but missing the great basic principle of Masonry, the element of close brotherhood, which cannot possibly be the same among strangers as among friends.

There are, of course, many problems affecting the future of the order generally, which are also being discussed, but naturally the most important is the rapid rise in membership everywhere. It is stated authoritatively that in the last five-yearly period there has been an increase of 30 per cent, in the membership of the Order in the U. S. A., bringing the total to 2,500,000, in regard to which it is a fact that the increase is as great in British constitutions as in those of America. But otherwise there are many matters engaging attention, in America especially, in which all are interested. These include such questions as the evident desire for Masonic education; the more thorough investigation of the claims of candidates; the future of the new American Masonic Service Association; proficiency in ritualism; the enlargement and improvement of Masonic homes; the question of the physical qualifications of candidates; and many others of less importance and urgency, to which further reference will be made in these pages. The general result of the investigations of the Committee into the work and progress of Masonry in Australia and throughout the English-speaking world, at least goes to show that Masonry is progressing rapidly, it is hoped on sound lines; that the various jurisdictions are alive to the dangers of excessive proselytism and expansion without careful selection of membership; and that everywhere the influence of the Craft for the good of mankind is expanding and developing.

WILLIAM THOMPSON, Grand Master.

ARTHUR H. BRAY, Grand Secretary, Sydney.

NEW YORK.

New York City.

May 1st, 1923.

142nd Annual Communication.

The Grand Master has had a busy year, visiting 21 district meetings, constituting 14 lodges, laying five corner-stones, dedicating six Masonic temples, and attending 81 other Masonic functions such as banquets, anniversary celebrations, and lodge communications. He has spoken to approximately 75,000 Masons. He makes eloquent allusion to the uncertainty of human life and the immutable certainty of death in the beautiful words: "But the thought of death should not disturb us or alarm us. Death loses its terror and its sting when we reflect upon its universality and the immortality of the soul. Death is a part of the Divine plan, but not the end of that plan; and He who paints the wayside flower, and lights the evening star, and observes the fall of the sparrow, and numbers the hairs of our heads, will not desert man, the highest order of creation in the hour of his earthly dissolution." He urges the publication of an official Grand Lodge periodical as "many so-called Masonic publications do not correctly interpret Masonic thought and sometimes place our fraternity in a false light before the world. Some fan the flame of intolerance."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that they had agreed with one accord as nothing had been brought to their attention. These matters had been handled by their Judge Advocate. A commendable report of the Grand Lodge Historian is worth reading. The Grand Lodge recognized the Grand Orient of Italy, the three regular Masonic Grand Lodges of the Republic of Colombia, the Grand Lodge of Guatemala, and the Grand Lodge of Venezuela. M. W. Domizio Torrigiani, Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Italy, addressed the Grand Lodge.

ARTHUR S. TOMPKINS, Grand Master, Nyack.

ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, Grand Secretary, New York.

NEW ZEALAND.

Christchurch.

November 29th, 1922.

33rd Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Thomas Ross, Grand Master. There are 236 active lodges with an aggregate membership of 19,715 members. The Patron of the Grand Lodge is H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught, M. W. Grand Master of England.

The first order of business was the election of the Grand Master. The name of W. Brother Viscount Jellicoe, of Scapa, was presented by the Grand Master, who said that a great honor would be conferred upon the Grand Lodge by that distinguished brother accepting the Grand Mastership.

The installation of the Grand Master is an affair of pomp and pageantry. The call of trumpets and flourishes, the canopy carried by four distinguished brethren under which the Grand Master is conducted to his throne, all make an imposing spectacle.

M. W. Brother Herbert James Williams, and M. W. Brother Christopher James Whitney Griffiths, Past Grand Masters who had rendered eminent service to the Craft, were called to their eternal reward during the year.

The proposition Form and Declaration by Candidates seems a good way of instructing candidates in the purposes of Masonry. It follows:

Each candidate applying for admission to the Craft shall be supplied with a copy of the following statement in reference to the Aims and Objects of Freemasonry:

"Having expressed a desire to become a Freemason, we presume you are willing to consider thoroughly the step you propose to take. The exact nature of our institution being unknown to you, we deem it advisable that you should be informed on certain points, the knowledge of which may affect your decision to apply for membership.

"Freemasonry interferes neither with religion nor politics, but has for its foundation the great basic principles of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. No Atheist can be a Freemason. Freemasonry strives to teach a man the duty he owes to God, his neighbor and himself. It inculcates the practice of virtue, and makes an extensive use of symbolism in its teachings.

"It cannot be too strongly emphasized that Freemasonry is not to be entered in the hope of personal gain or advancement. Admission to the Order must not be sought from mercenary or other unworthy motives.

Anyone so actuated will be bitterly disappointed. The aim of the true Freemason is to cultivate a Brotherly Feeling among men, and to Help whomsoever he can.

"Freemasonry is not a Benefit Society. This fact cannot be too strongly emphasized. We do not subscribe so much a year to entitle us to draw sick pay or other benefits, or to make provision for those who survive us. There are other excellent Societies founded for this purpose. No man should enter the ranks of Freemasonry in the hope or expectation that he will derive any financial benefit from it. Masonic Charity is directed towards those who, from unforeseen circumstances and through no fault of their own, have met with misfortune. For such cases help is always forthcoming, and no deserving appeal is ever made in vain.

"Loyalty to one's country is an essential qualification in Freemasonry, and only those are acceptable who cheerfully render obedience to every lawful authority. Disloyalty in any form is abhorrent to a Freemason, and is regarded as a serious Masonic offense.

"Freemasonry has in all ages insisted that men should come to its doors entirely of their own free will, and not as the result of solicitations, or from feelings of curiosity, but simply from a favorable opinion of the institution, and a desire to be ranked among its members.

"We have no authority at the present time to give you further information regarding the Brotherhood you propose to join, but we have imparted sufficient to enable you to conclude that Freemasonry is not contrary to the principles which mark a man of upright heart and mind, and has in it nothing inconsistent with one's civil, moral, or religious duties.

"We think it advisable to inform you that your admission to our Craft will entail certain financial obligations which you should be able to discharge without detriment to yourself or those dependent on you. In addition to the fees payable on your entrance, there will be an annual subscription for the support of your Lodge, and from time to time you will be called upon to contribute for the maintenance of the charities connected with the Craft."

VISCOUNT JELlicoe, Grand Master, Scapa.

GEORGE BARCLAY, Grand Secretary, Christchurch.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Raleigh.

January 16th, 1923.

136th Annual Communication.

The death of Past Grand Master John W. Cotten is reported, and a fitting tribute paid to his memory by the Committee on Necrology. A very gratifying increase in membership was reported. The Grand Master recommended the employment of an Educational Field Secretary to inform the brethren not only in the ritualistic and unwritten work, but in the great foundation principles of the Order.

The oration was delivered by Brother E. S. Parker, Jr., who quoted the following:

"An old man, traveling a lone highway,
Came at the evening cold and gray,
To a chasm deep and wide,
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream had no fear for him,
But he turned when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

“‘Old Man,’ said a fellow pilgrim near,
 ‘You are wasting your strength in building here,
 Your journey will end with the ending day,
 You never again will pass this way;
 You’ve crossed the chasm deep and wide,
 Why build you the bridge at eventide?’

“The builder lifted his old gray head,
 ‘Good friend, in the path I’ve come,’ he said,
 ‘There followeth after me today,
 A youth whose feet must pass this way.
 This chasm that was as naught to me,
 To that fair youth may a pitfall be;
 He, too, must cross in the twilight dim,
 Good friend, I am building the bridge for him.’”

In regard to physical qualification the Committee on Jurisprudence recommended the following, which was adopted:

1. A candidate for initiation must possess no maim or deformity which will prevent him from being properly instructed in the art of Freemasonry and in his own person instruct others by exemplification.

2. Maim or deformity after initiation shall not prevent the Brother from advancement.

3. Maim or deformity shall not prevent a candidate from being Initiated, Passed or Raised, provided such candidate can, by artificial means, comply with the provisions of paragraph No. 1 of this section.

There is no published report for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

HUBERT McNEILL POTEAT, Grand Master, Wake Forest.

WILLIAM W. WILLSON, Grand Secretary, Raleigh.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Grand Forks.

June 19th, 1923.

34th Annual Communication.

After the reception of the distinguished visitors and the Masonic Veterans, the Stars and Stripes were presented, the Grand Lodge standing at attention, and America was sung, after which the Grand Master delivered his address. He reports the death of Brother Louis A. Jacobson, P. G. M., and also that of P. G. M. Grant Sherman Hager, who was the fraternal correspondent of North Dakota for many years. He commends the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and the Masonic Service Association, condemns the Ku Klux Klan, and says the action of the Grand Lodge at the last communication confirms the advisability of their action in this matter. He issued an edict as required by the order of the Grand Lodge, and says that no renunciations had been filed with the local secretaries as far as he could ascertain.

Three years previous they made the Past Masters members of the Grand Lodge and at a subsequent meeting mileage and per diem were allowed. They find now that in some instances the amount paid as mileage and per diem to the Past Masters of some lodges practically equals the amount paid by said lodges to the Grand Lodge as per capita tax. The

Grand Master recommended that the total amount paid any year as mileage and per diem to the Past Masters and the accredited representatives of any lodge in attendance at sessions of the Grand Lodge shall not exceed one-half of the amount paid by said lodge to the Grand Lodge as its per capita tax for the preceding year, which was adopted. He also recommends that Past Masters of the lodge should not be allowed per diem.

There seems to be an effort being made to erect a Masonic Dormitory at the State University. He approves the Order of De Molay. There is a proposition before the Grand Lodge to create the rank and title of Honorary Past Grand Master for any brother who has been a Master Mason for thirty-five years or more and an active member of the Grand Lodge for ten years prior to such election upon recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence and by three fourths vote of the Grand Lodge. The number of Honorary Past Grand Masters at any one time not to exceed six.

The Frank Jared Thompson Memorial Prize Oration delivered at the University of North Dakota, by J. Duane Squires, is published in the proceedings, his subject being "The House of Destiny." The oration is a plea for the League of Nations.

One Grand Lodge proceedings had been reviewed by M. W. Grant S. Hager, that of North Carolina, when death called him. A topical review by Brother George H. Phillips is presented.

RALPH L. MILLER, Grand Master, Fargo.

WALTER L. STOCKWELL, Grand Secretary, Fargo.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Halifax.

June 13th, 1923.

58th Annual.

M. W. Brother James Henry Winfield, Grand Master, presiding. After the opening of the Grand Lodge it was placed in the hands of the Grand Chaplain, and divine service was held in the lodge room. After the reception of the distinguished visitors the Grand Master delivered his address and says:

There never has been a time in the history of the world when the ideals and teachings of Masonry were more needed than today.

He reports many visitations and made a number of decisions of local interest. He gives in full detail a report of his official acts and reports the presentation to the Grand Lodge from the heirs of Past Grand Master Alexander Keith, of a handsome silver centre-piece and candelabra and five silver trowels, which at various times had been presented to M. W. Brother Keith, during his term of office. In conclusion, he says "that Freemasonry has descended to us through many centuries of glorious tradition and achievement. Our pride in its past and in the strength of its present position gives abundant grounds for our faith in its future."

A Board of Jurisprudence consisting of all the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge, residents of the jurisdiction who do not decline to serve and such others as may be appointed, has been organized. There must

be seven on the board. If there are not sufficient Past Grand Masters then one or more Past Masters, residents of the jurisdiction, may be chosen to fill the place. The decision of the majority of the Board is to be final. A report shall be made to the Grand Lodge at its annual session, respecting all decrees, decisions, edicts, rulings, dispensations, and other judicial acts of the Grand Master and the board, and such report and the decision of the Board therein referred to shall not be subject to review by the Grand Lodge. It seems that by this action the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia has delegated to this board its supreme executive power and this is the first instance that has come under the observation of the writer where a Grand Lodge has created a body superior to itself.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, R. W. Brother James C. Jones.

JAMES HENRY WINFIELD, Grand Master, Halifax.

JAMES C. JONES, Grand Secretary, Halifax.

OHIO.

Springfield.

October 17th, 1923.

114th Annual Communication.

The Grand Lodge convened at Springfield, instead of Cincinnati, for the purpose of dedicating the new \$600,000.00 Rickly Memorial Hospital.

The Grand Master called official attention to the death of President Warren Gamaliel Harding, a member of Marion Lodge No. 70, and in official proclamation all lodges were directed to have the lights and jewels suitably draped for a period of sixty days. M. W. Brother George D. Copeland addressed the Grand Lodge on "The Life and Work of Warren G. Harding." The oratorical ability, the courage, and the fidelity to Masonic ideals of our late beloved President were emphasized in an able manner.

The Grand Master said that "of all the activities of the Grand Lodge there is none that enlists the interest and enthusiasm of the individual Mason quite as much as a visit to the Ohio Masonic Home. Here is where you find Masonry at work." During the session the Grand Lodge dedicated the new Rickly Memorial Hospital. The building of this hospital will be a serious financial problem in the near future in the opinion of the Grand Master, and he recommended to the Grand Lodge action requiring each petitioner for initiation, each applicant for affiliation, and each expelled brother upon reinstatement, to pay in addition to the fee of the lodge petitioned, the sum of \$10.00 for initiation or affiliation, to be collected by the petitioned lodge. He also recommended that each member, if his circumstances will permit, contribute \$10.00 to the endowment fund. The plan was recommended for the following reasons:

It makes no demand on any present member, nor on any of our constituent lodges.

2. It will avoid an increase in the present per capita tax for the Home; eventually it may make possible a decrease.

It will not keep out a single desirable petitioner.

It will not interfere with the growth or progress of the lodge, but rather accelerate it.

It gives each candidate a specific interest in the workings of Masonry.

Each candidate will have a personal investment in the Home. It is much more desirable to raise \$100,000 from ten thousand, than have one give that amount.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported adversely on the Grand Master's recommendation.

The Grand Secretary reported an increase of 7,447 members during the year.

Four pages are given the Nebraska Jurisdiction by the reviewer, Past Grand Master O. P. Sperra, and the report of the Nebraska Committee on Jurisprudence with the resolution on the matter of Ku Klux Klan is given in full.

CAMPBELL M. VOORHEES, Grand Master, Columbus.

JACOB H. BROMWELL, Grand Secretary, Cincinnati.

OKLAHOMA.

Guthrie.

February 27th, 1923.

15th Annual Communication.

The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma boasts of having the youngest Grand Master of any jurisdiction, namely Brother Leslie Herbert Swan. While young in years, his address to the Grand Lodge shows ripened judgment.

He recommends that the incoming Grand Master check up their own Grand Representatives near other Grand Lodges to ascertain if they have answered roll-call, and if they have failed to discharge their duty as such, that he take such steps to appoint some one in their stead.

He recommends that the secretary of the lodge refuse to issue a receipt for dues until by his own knowledge or documentary evidence he is satisfied that the member has visited a Masonic lodge within the last twelve months. The Committee on Law and Usage did not approve this, however.

Brother William Mark Sexson delivered a very interesting oration.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was written by Brother Thomas Chauncey Humphry, and is the seventeenth annual report. In reviewing Nebraska, he devotes considerable space and hands the writer of this review a pleasing bouquet of compliments.

WILLIAM E. STUART, Grand Master, Shattuck.

WILLIAM A. ANDERSON, Grand Secretary, Guthrie.

OREGON.

Portland.

June 13th, 1923.

73rd Annual Communication.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by M.'W.'George G. Brown, Grand Master.

At the calling of the roll, the name of M. R. Grand Chaplain and Honorary Past Grand Master, J. R. N. Bell, was greeted with loud and continued applause.

The jurisdiction mourns the death of M. W. Brother Silas M. Yoran, Past Grand Master, who was greatly beloved by the brethren.

The assets of the Grand Lodge are reported at \$766,172.48. The Home Building Fund was drawn on for \$31,670.02, which was \$11,766.14 more than their income.

The Grand Master commends the Student Loan Fund or Revolving Scholarship Fund, which loans to students from \$50.00 to \$300.00 to assist them in their education at the University of Oregon, and the Oregon Agricultural College. Twenty-three students have taken advantage of the appropriation. \$4,000.00 was appropriated last year for this purpose. The Grand Master quotes the following statement:

"There are on this campus thirty-five men's organizations composed of fraternities and clubs. There is the keenest rivalry existing between these bodies as to who shall lead each year in scholarship grades. The record is just out. The Square and Compass Club heads all other clubs and is third in the entire list, with an average of 87.11. As a comparison, the student body average was 83.58, and the average of all men was 83.05. The average of men not in fraternities was 81.66. The highest average was 87.95, so the Square and Compass Club missed first place of all organizations by but .85 of one per cent."

The sum of \$20,000.00 was also appropriated for two Masonic club houses; one located at Eugene for the University of Oregon, and the other at Corvallis for the Agricultural College.

The Masonic Service and Employment Bureau is maintained, and the report of this jurisdiction shows that 2,478 applications were received during the year, 1,912 calls from employees, and 1,615 positions were filled. The total expenditure for keeping up the bureau was \$3,755.37, making an average expenditure per placement of \$2.32.

The Grand Lodge of Oregon has an agreement between the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, that no Master Mason should apply for appendant degrees within a year from the time of his receiving the third degree.

On the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, the sum of \$303,798.01 was expended.

In concluding his address, the Grand Master very eloquently says:

We never suffer any religious disputes in our lodges, and as Masons, we only pursue the universal religion, the religion of nature. Worshippers of the God of Mercy, we believe that in every Nation, he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him. All Masons, therefore, whether Christians, Jews, or Mohammedans, who violate not the rule of right, written by the Almighty upon the tables of the heart, who do fear Him, and work righteousness, we are to acknowledge as brethren, and, though we take different roads, we are not to be angry with or prosecute each other on that account. We mean to travel to the same place; we know that the end of our journey is the same; and we affectionately hope to meet in the lodge of perfect happiness. How lovely is an institution fraught with sentiments like these! How agreeable must it be to Him who is seated on a throne of everlasting mercy, to thank God, who is no respecter of persons!

As Masons, then let us—

"So live, that when our summons comes to join
 The innumerable caravan which moves
 To that mysterious realm where each shall take
 His chamber in the silent halls of death,
 We go, not like the quarry slave at night,
 Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed
 By an unfaltering trust, approach our grave
 Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
 About him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Brother Walter C. Winslow was Grand Orator and delivered a very interesting and helpful oration on the building of a human temple, urging that the structure be symmetrical by the perfection of the Tripartite measure of man—the body, mind, and spirit. He outlines the duty of Masonry in the following verse:

"The world's great heart is throbbing with the spirit of unrest.
 We hear the cry that welletth up from the peoples long oppressed,
 We see the rule of Mammon and the grasping hand of greed,
 The travesties of justice and the toiler's bitter need,
 The striving for the mastery, the ever present fear,
 With nation watching nation and the war clouds hovering near,
 And the question ever riseth as portentious signs we trace,
 What will the final outcome be, and what the saving grace?
 And Masonry makes answer with its never changing plan—
 The Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man."

Two beautiful verses are published by the Committee on Necrology:

There must be something after death,
 Behind the toil of man;
 There must exist a God divine;
 Who's working out a plan;
 And this brief journey that we know
 As life, must really be
 The gateway to a finer world
 That some day we shall see.

As the sun goes down behind the cloud
 And sinks in its mellow ray,
 The night comes on like a ghostly shroud,
 And this is the end of day.

In the leafy trees the birds retire,
 And the flocks and herds are still,
 In the fading glow of celestial fire,
 Just over the western hill.

In the silence deep of the chilly night,
 When stretched out on the ground,
 We grope in darkness for the light,
 And hear no earthly sound.

In the care of God we still remain,
 As we humbly kneel to pray;
 When the setting sun shall rise again,
 There'll be no end of day.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, written by Brother David P. Mason, Past Grand Master, is published in supplementary form and is an interesting volume of 182 pages. Nebraska is given ample consideration.

GEORGE T. COCHRAN, Grand Master, LaGrande.

D. RUFUS CHENEY, Grand Secretary, Portland.

QUEBEC.

Montreal.

February 14th, 1923

53rd Annual Communication.

M. W. Charles McBurney, Grand Master. The Grand Master in his address says:

I call upon you, in your individual and corporate capacity, to acknowledge with fervent gratitude the guidance of the G. A. O. T. U., during the past year, and to reflect on the many mercies that we have received at His hands. He is the Great Light in the Centre towards which all the teachings of Masonry tend, and without which we have not the spiritual vision to use aright the Working Tools of our profession. Let us accept His revelation as the Trestle Board plan for the construction of our moral edifice, and so use the Mallet and the Chisel, in Faith and Hope, that we may erect a Temple for the inspiration and the healing of the nations.

Many petitions for new lodges were received and granted during the year by the Grand Master, and a healthy growth was reported throughout the jurisdiction. His refusal of several applications for dispensations, particularly those to initiate candidates who had not the necessary physical qualifications, moved him to say:

These are amongst the most difficult applications that a Grand Master has to deal with. He realizes that the qualifications of heart and mind are more important than those of the body, and he regrets exceedingly to be obliged to close the doors of the Order against good men because of the lack of physical qualifications. And yet who will say that, because physical qualifications are the less important, they are not very important. Masonry is essentially idealistic; it aims at the development of a perfect mind and spirit, and requires a perfect body as the fitting tabernacle of that spirit. It would be convenient for the Grand Master, if the Ancient Landmarks permitted of such legislation, that Grand Lodge should specify what degree of physical imperfection might be accepted; but I am convinced that it is better to allow these cases to be dealt with individually as they arise than to place on our statutes anything that would indicate a recession from the requirement of physical perfection demanded by the Craft in all ages.

Concluding his report as Grand Master for two years, he warns against the making of Masons, without worthy preparation, in the following eloquent words:

During the past year some lodges have initiated over fifty candidates, and though these may all be worthy men, it must be difficult, if not quite impossible, to absorb so many new members into a lodge in one year and imbue them thoroughly with the spirit that should control the Order. In such cases there is a dangerous tendency for a lodge to become a mere job-lot Mason factory, in which the candidate contributes his fees, received certain signs, tokens and words as a "quid pro quo," and is turned out under the impression that he is a Mason. Nothing could be worse than that. It is not the mental possession of certain secrets that constitutes a Mason, but the fact that these secrets have entered into the character and form

the controlling force of life. A Mason is not the product of one evening's session of a lodge, but is the fruit that springs from the seed of Masonic truth sown in the hearts of honest men and carefully nurtured in a healthy Masonic atmosphere. The best Masonic work can be done only in a lodge whose numbers are such as to permit of every brother knowing intimately every other brother and taking a personal interest in his welfare. There is undoubtedly room for several additional new lodges, particularly in the City of Montreal, when the right men can be found to act as their first officers and set up in the new lodges the highest standards of Masonic ideals.

During the session of the Grand Lodge, a memorial tablet was unveiled to the members who served in the Great War overseas. Eighty names are recorded of those who made the supreme sacrifice. The program was very beautiful and dignified in its character.

Much space is given to Nebraska by the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M. W. Brother E. T. D. Chambers, Past Grand Master, who writes a very able and comprehensive review.

ALLAN P. CHATFORD, Grand Master, Montreal.

W. W. WILLIAMSON, Grand Secretary, Montreal.

RHODE ISLAND.

Providence.

May 21st, 1923.

133d Annual Communication.

The semi-annual communication was held at Providence, November 20th, 1922. There was a report of the Committee on Jurisprudence and a report of the Commissioners of Trials, and also a report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recommending the recognition of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland and that some pronouncement of the principles to be applied in the recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges should be made by the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master, M. W. Norris G. Abbott, delivered his address at the annual communication, held at Providence, May 21st, giving a very full and complete report of his activities during the Masonic year. He commends the George Washington Masonic National Association of the United States, and urges a more liberal support of the proposition to raise the funds to erect a Masonic Home. He gives a full history of the question of physical qualifications, devoting eight pages of his report to that subject, and recommends the following change in their law, which was approved by the Grand Lodge:

The physical qualification of a candidate shall be determined by the subordinate lodge receiving the petition, and the several lodges are enjoined to satisfy themselves in each case of the ability of the candidate to understand, and explain or exemplify the secrets of the Craft when properly called upon, and of the ability of the candidate to support himself and his dependents.

The Grand Master invited M. W. Thomas McKenzie, Past Grand Master, and R. W. Brother Arthur N. Nash, Junior Grand Warden, of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut to serve as tellers during the election of officers.

They raised the minimum fee for the degrees from twenty-five to forty dollars, and they also provide that the sum of five dollars for each applicant for affiliation and five dollars for each applicant for the degrees should be

paid in addition to the regular fees to be paid to the Grand Secretary within thirty days from the receipt thereof to be deposited by the Grand Treasurer to the credit of the Masonic Home Fund. They established a special fund to be known as the Grand Lodge Educational Fund, and made a special assessment of one dollar per member annually, the fund to cover the expenses of a son or daughter of a Master Mason for one year in an approved college or university.

There was a very full report by P. G. M. Wilbur A. Scott, who was a delegate to the convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and a report from the Deputy Grand Master, who was a delegate to the meeting of the Masonic Service Association. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted a report wherein is outlined the requisites of foreign Grand Lodges when application is made for fraternal recognition. There is no review.

ARTHUR G. NEWELL, Grand Master, Pawtucket.

S. PENROSE WILLIAMS, Grand Secretary, Providence.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh.

1923-1924.

Quarterly Communications.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland recommends:

That the holding in London in 1924 of the British Empire Exhibition, which will be visited by thousands of brethren of the Craft from overseas, provides an opportunity for calling an International (World's) Conference of Freemasons in London in 1924; and, if so considered, that the Grand Lodge of Scotland approach the Sister Grand Lodges of England and Ireland and other Grand Lodges in amity, to enlist their cordial interest and aid in supporting such a Conference.

The death of Brother John A. Forrest, Past Provincial Grand Master of Midlothian, is reported. Brother Forrest made a bequest of £5000 to the Grand Lodge as a special trust to be designated "The John Forrest Trust," and to be utilized in granting annuities to the children of deceased Freemasons. The bequest was gratefully received.

DAVID REID, Grand Secretary, Edinburgh.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The semi-annual communication was held Wednesday, October 18th, 1922. Most of the time was taken up at this session by a discussion of a proposed amendment to the constitution relating to the fees, and after devoting most of the evening to the discussion the amendment was carried and the fees were raised from seven to ten guineas, that is ten guineas for the city lodges and eight guineas for the country lodges. There was a special communication November 15th to receive the report of the semi-annual communication in relation to the amendment of the constitution which was approved.

The annual communication was held April 19th, 1923, when the proposed amendment was again approved and became the law of the jurisdiction. Very much of the proceedings is taken up by a report of the different funds,

the benevolences seeming to predominate. The Grand Master addressed the Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge officers were installed. There is a report on correspondence, Brother Frank E. Haddrick, representative, reviewing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for 1922. Other representatives review the proceedings of the Grand Lodges they represent.

ARTHUR WILLIAM PIPER, K. C., Grand Master, Adelaide.

CHARLES R. J. GLOVER, Grand Secretary, Adelaide.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Charleston.

March 14th, 1923.

186th Annual Communication.

The Grand Master, M.:W.:J. Campbell Bissell, in his address, says:

The Masonic Fraternity throughout this whole great Nation has made signal advances, and the flower of our youth is clamoring for admission. We have every reason to believe that the men of the Craft are catching the vision of the useful part that our institution is destined to play in the constructive life of the world, and are striving and will ever strive to make that vision a constant and ceaseless reality.

He closes his address by quoting:

"If I but knew that somehow, somewhere, I
Had dried a tear or lessened sorrow's sigh—
Had slacked the thirst of parching fevered lips,
Or led some soul through trial's dark eclipse,
Then I should feel life's mission had been true,
If I but knew.

"If I but knew some heart this side the tomb
Had by mine act been rescued from the gloom;
Or that one life had grown in noble deeds
Because somewhere I'd sown some worthy seeds,
The thought would drive dark clouds from out life's view—
If I but knew."

J. CAMPBELL BISSELL, Grand Master, Charleston.

O. FRANK HART, Grand Secretary, Columbia.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Mitchell.

June 12th, 1923.

49th Annual Communication.

M.:W.:Brother Theorus R. Stoner, Grand Master, in his address, says:

Our Order has emerged from the world's conflict stronger, more charitable, with broader visions and higher ideals than ever before. It has cost us the lives of many of our young, brilliant, energetic brothers, but it has more fully developed that spirit of universal fraternity, and universal brotherhood so necessary to prevent a recurrence of the havoc, desolation, and horrors of war and its aftermath of sorrow, and woe. Let us hope and pray their sacrifice has not been in vain.

I am pleased to note that all over our fair land there is a great movement among the Craft for better education, higher morals, better social and living conditions.

This is the work for Masons today, and in order to get results we must forcibly impress all brethren with the true meaning of Masonry. If we succeed in so interesting but one brother, that he will read and study Ma-

sonry, dig and delve in Masonic lore, and teach and practice its principles in his every-day life, we have accomplished more for humanity than pinning buttons and emblems on a hundred, and making them Masons in name only.

He reports the death of Past Grand Masters Harvey J. Rice and James Roane, who have "crossed the bar that so narrowly separates the life that is from the life to be, and passed into that dreamless sleep that knows no waking this side of eternity."

The Grand Master reports that no complications or differences of any kind have arisen with other Grand Jurisdictions, and the only misunderstanding, one that has been the subject of correspondence between the Jurisdictions of Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota since 1919, has been cleared up.

Next year is the 50th anniversary of Masonry in South Dakota, and a committee was appointed to prepare a suitable program for its celebration.

The Grand Master speaks of what he calls "Mushroom Masonry," and by that he means the rush and hurry of brothers into and through the so-called higher degrees of Masonry before they have had time to study, digest, or get an ordinary knowledge of the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry. He says:

I have seen a petition for the higher degrees put into the hands of a brother the night he received the M. M. Degree with the advice to hurry up and get to the top. I have seen brothers take these higher degrees before they had learned the lecture of the M. M. Degree, before they could pass an examination to be admitted into a lodge outside of their own, and whose Masonry, when they reached the top, was measured only by the badges, buttons and emblems they wore.

The report of Brother Charles L. Brockway, of the Committee on Correspondence, shows careful and painstaking work. He devotes two pages to Nebraska.

ROBERT S. LOCKHART, Grand Master, Watertown.

GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, Grand Secretary, Sioux Falls.

TASMANIA.

Launceston.

February 24th, 1923.

32nd Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Henry L. D'Emden, Grand Master, reports that during the year four new lodges have been consecrated, making a total of thirty-six lodges now working under the Tasmania constitution, with a membership roll of 2,827 brethren at 31st of December, 1922, as compared with 2,494 December 31st, 1921.

Brother Charles Ramsay, P. D. G. M. of Devonport, was suddenly called to his eternal reward. He was well-beloved by all Masons in the jurisdiction.

HENRY L. D'EMDEN, Grand Master.

W. H. STRUTT, Acting Grand Secretary, Hobart.

TENNESSEE.

Nashville.

January 30th, 1924.

110th Annual Communication.

The Grand Master, M. W. George L. Hardwick, in his address says :

It is profoundly gratifying to those of us who cherish the principles and ancient traditions of Freemasonry that in the midst of this ultra-progressive age of modern thought and action, those honorable institutions which characterize our Fraternity have withstood the ravages of time, and today stand forth in bold relief as signposts that point the way to a higher and better civilization. Centuries have come and gone, empires have risen and fallen, war and pestilence have devastated the land, but those simple principles, rites and ceremonies which have been transmitted from lip to lip, and from Mason to Mason, from the completion of the Temple, have lost none of their appeal to the minds and consciences of men. The silent influences which emanate from the altar of Freemasonry have, through the support of individual Masons, been a potent factor in almost every organization, which has for its purpose the promotion of the Christian religion, the advancement of education, or the relief of the unfortunate.

Two Past Grand Masters have gone to their reward during the year, M. W. Henry M. Aiken and M. W. Nathan S. Woodward. The Grand Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star was also taken from the jurisdiction during the past year.

The Grand Master ruled that a petition for affiliation accompanied by a certificate of good standing from Lodge Gamilo, of Buenos Aires, does not warrant a Tennessee lodge in accepting the petition—the same would be true if the petition were accompanied by a demit from the Buenos Aires lodge, since fraternal relationship has never been established with that jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. He however permitted a brother who has been initiated in the Entered Apprentice degree by a Cuban lodge to be advanced, fraternal relations existing between the Grand Lodge of Cuba and the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. He ruled that a subordinate lodge is the judge of physical qualifications of an applicant, which was not concurred with. He also decided that a subordinate lodge should not rent its hall, or permit the same to be used by, the Ku Klux Klan.

Brother Henry A. Chambers, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, reviewed the Nebraska proceedings and his report is a compendium of poetry gleaned from the proceedings he has read.

HOWELL E. JACKSON, Grand Master, Nashville.

STITH M. CAIN, Grand Secretary, Nashville.

TEXAS.

Waco.

December 4th, 1923.

88th Annual Communication.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Texas make a massive, well-bound book of 1,200 pages, full of good things for the Craft.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother Mike H. Thomas, introduced to the Grand Lodge all Master Masons who had been in good standing for more than fifty years; fourteen members were present. Sixteen Master Masons were introduced who had been Masons in good standing for forty years or more, but less than fifty years.

The membership more than doubled in ten years, which means that in the last ten years more members were received than in the seventy-six years of previous life.

The campaign for funds for the new Masonic Home and School has occupied much of the time of the Grand Master, and in his appeal he says:

Aside from the responsibility for the lives of the children in our hands at this time, the letter from the Board last year advised you that there were 43 orphans knocking at our door; 43 children of Master Masons who had gone before to whom we were forced to refuse protection and care because of lack of room for them; 43 fatherless waifs out in the cold, deprived of the care of which we are so justly proud. Within the past few days I have been notified of a family of small children, orphans of a Master Mason, who desired a place in the Home. Just think how easily we might help them; just a few paltry dollars from all of us would relieve the situation.

With the Mexican border on their South, Mexican Masonry is a problem for the Grand Lodge of Texas, and the Grand Master has this to say:

Mexican Masonry is at its best a very perplexing study. It is a continual history of rebellion and counter rebellion, secession and counter secession, and to attempt to ascertain its legitimacy carries one into a maze of darkness and entanglements. While the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite of Mexico claims no control over the various Grand Lodges in Mexico, at the same time few Grand Lodges there are who recognize any type of Masonry that is not recognized by the Supreme Council. This, I am convinced, is the reason that the York Grand Lodge of Mexico is not recognized by other Grand Lodges in Mexico, as it refused to adopt what is known as the Oriental esoteric work, but has a ritual very similar to the Grand Lodge of New York. I am informed that there are perhaps fifty Grand (and so called) Lodges in Mexico, each one which is able to establish some ground of legitimacy having its offspring in what is termed a "rebellious" body. This is the history of the Grand Lodge Valley de Mexico, and the York Grand Lodge, both claiming to be the legitimate body, and while the facts that have been presented to me are very favorable to the York Grand Lodge, it is certain that the two exist today as the result of a "split" in the original "Grand Lodge Valley de Mexico."

I have been pressed to investigate certain facts which appear not to have come to the attention of this Grand Lodge. It has been presented to me that there are negroes in the Grand Lodge Valley de Mexico, and that that body does not require the use of the Bible in the lodge room, or belief in God as a prerequisite, only requiring some books of religious doctrine, whether it be the Bible, Koran, Book of Confucius, Talmud or others, and a belief in a creator, whether it be God or others.

There is a crying need for Masonry of the same standards as ours in Mexico, and until the country is helped by the establishment and prevalence of Masonry, it will continue under the oppression of ignorance, and if we are to lend a helping hand, we must not lose sight of the problem as to whether we can best assist the country through Mexican Masonry or through the establishment and encouragement of American Masonry. But while we fully recognize that Masonry is not an American institution, we must be sure that we only recognize a type of Masonry that has the same high standards that we uphold, for instead of elevating that Masonry, we would only lower our own.

There were 241 cases of physical disability referred to the Grand Master for decision. Two hundred twenty-two were decided favorably and 29 rejected. He passed unfavorably in cases reciting the loss of a hand or foot, arm or leg; bad rupture; one eye out and remaining eye bad; slight affliction of epilepsy; loss of entire right thumb or part of it; loss or stiff-

ness of entire first two fingers of right hand; stiffness of either knee that prevented kneeling; total blindness; total deafness; deformities caused by curvature of the spine, or by diseased vertebræ; stiff arm that could not voluntarily be raised; loss of rear part of foot that left no arch; stiff shoulder; paralysis; any of the foregoing being the result of either accident or prenatal deformity.

The oration by Brother M. A. Childers, on the building and maintaining of the Ship of State, a study in Masonic citizenship, was masterly addressed.

In speaking of the care of children, he gives this beautiful poem, entitled "Human Blossoms":

Flowers! I love flowers, and I'll say that they are sweet,
But no flower has got pink toes on a pair of rose leaf feet.
And no flower has got arms that go up around a fellow's neck,
And no flower ever tells you that it loves you 'most a peck.
And no flower is so weary when the long play day is by
That it snuggles to your bosom almost ready for a cry,
Till you 'gin to count its piggies. I love flowers. They are fine,
But it's little human blossoms that have got this heart of mine.

It is little human blossoms that can holler and can run
With their arms stretched out to meet you when your working day is
done:

That your eyes begin to look for when you turn into your street;
That your ears begin to listen for the patter of their feet;
That make your arms stretch out to hold them, and your face break
into smiles.

It's life's little human blossoms that make glad life's weary miles.
And the bluest morning glory, its rare blossoms gemmed with dew,
Ain't as pretty as a baby with its face turned up to you.

I know lots of millionaires—know about them, anyhow;
I know how their very presence makes men 'gin to scrape and bow.
But I don't envy them none. They ain't got the things I seek.
Dollars can't climb into your arms and hold their cheeks agin your
cheek

Like a baby can and love you. Dollars seem plum cheap and cold
When they're put beside a baby that your arms can lift and hold.
Millions are not necessary. Roses may not climb your wall,
But life without human blossoms ain't worth anything at all.

Past Grand Master S. M. Bradley writes the review, and devotes three pages to Nebraska.

GUS A. BRANDT, Grand Master, Houston.

WILLIAM B. PEARSON, Grand Secretary, Waco.

UTAH.

Salt Lake City.

January 16th, 1923.

52nd Annual Communication.

M. W. Emery Roy Gibson presided as Grand Master. Past Grand Masters Charles Stetson Varian and Abbot Rodney Heywood answered the summons of the Great Architect of the Universe, and their absence in the Grand Lodge was poignantly felt.

The trial of Thomson and others is reported in the address of the Grand Master, and is of interest to Masons throughout the United States; the history of the case is given as follows:

An event of great importance to Masons in Utah and elsewhere was the trial in the United States District Court at Salt Lake City in the month of May, 1922, of Matthew McBlain Thomson, Thomas Perrott and Dominic Bergera. These men had been charged in an indictment returned by a United States Grand Jury, in April, 1921, with the crime of using the United States mails to defraud.

The activities of Thomson and his associates have been well known to Utah Masons for many years. In the annual address of Grand Master James H. Brown, published in the proceedings in 1909, reference is made to a warning issued by Grand Master Brown to the Masons of Utah, calling attention to the establishment at Helper, in January, 1909, of the first lodge in Utah under the control of the American Masonic Federation. For more than ten years Thomson had his headquarters in Salt Lake City and gathered to his fold many thousands of men scattered throughout the United States.

Thomson claimed to have lodges in more than half of the United States and boasted at one time of a membership in excess of ten thousand. He pretended to have authority to confer both the craft and higher degrees in Masonry and to control the degrees of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Shrine.

The Temple of the American Masonic Federation was not a block away from our Temple in Salt Lake City, and many visitors were led to think that the home of Thomson's organization was only a branch of regular Masonry.

In order to show the falsity of Thomson's representations, it was necessary for the Government to bring to Salt Lake City Brother David Reid, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; Brother Joseph Inglis and Brother John A. Forrest, both members of the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Other distinguished Masons from eastern states were also requested by the Government to attend the trial at Salt Lake City.

The evidence upon which these men were convicted was gathered by Post Office Inspector Monte G. Price of St. Louis, Mo. Aside from Brother Price and the witnesses from Scotland, no member of the Fraternity had any part in the actual trial of the case.

All three men were convicted and sentenced by the Hon. Judge Martin W. Wade of Iowa to serve two years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and to pay a fine of \$5,000 each. Perrott is now serving his sentence, but Thomson and Bergera have appealed separately to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

It is impossible in a few words to tell you of the many interesting phases of this case, but this report would not be complete without some mention of this trial. The indictment upon which these men were convicted was drawn by Isaac Blair Evans, formerly United States Attorney for the District of Utah and a member of the Fraternity. He has written a book, published at Salt Lake City, under the title of "The Thomson Masonic Fraud: A Study in Clandestine Masonry." In the preparation of this book, Brother Evans had access to a great quantity of material which had been gathered by Brother Price, but not used at the trial, as well as the record of the proceedings had in court. He also had the use of such material supplied by the brethren from Scotland and by our own Grand Secretary, Brother S. H. Goodwin. The account of Thomson's activities includes, therefore, not only the story told by the witnesses in court, but also much valuable material not otherwise available, showing the history and practices, both in this country and abroad, of Thomson and his associates. So far as known, this is the first attempt to make a complete study of any one of the many irregular Masonic organizations which have existed in America. In order to show by contrast the true

nature of the Thomson institution, Brother Evans has devoted a chapter in the book to a brief survey of Masonry in America.

I believe it is consistent to say that no Masonic library is complete without a copy of this book. So valuable is the information contained in this book that I believe it to be the duty of every Mason, old or young, to read and ponder it carefully.

A copy of the transcript, consisting of two bound volumes, giving a complete and authentic record of the trial, was furnished Grand Lodge by Brother Grover F. Summers, the official Court Reporter at the trial. This is a very valuable document and, I believe, should be placed in the Grand Lodge archives for future use if required. As no appropriation was made by the last communication of Grand Lodge for this purpose, Brother Summers has not been reimbursed. I trust the Committee on Finance will find a way to compensate Brother Summers for this service.

Three pages are given to Nebraska by Brother Sam H. Goodwin, the Grand Correspondent.

LE ROY AYLMEER McGEE, Grand Master, Price.

SAM H. GOODWIN, Grand Secretary, Salt Lake City.

VERMONT.

Burlington.

June 13th, 1923.

113th Annual Communication.

M. W. George I. Whitney, Grand Master. During the past year, the Angel of Death removed from the official ranks two Past Grand Masters, Eugene S. Weston and Edward L. Wells. The Grand Chaplain, Rev. Alfred J. Hough, was also taken from them. Suitable eulogies of their character were made by the Committee on Necrology.

The Grand Master reports favorable condition of the work in the jurisdiction and he highly recommends the holding of district meetings. He says the attendance was good and there was much enthusiasm and genuine interest shown in the work. A Board of General Purposes, consisting of three members, was appointed by the Grand Master.

Replying to the request of two lodges for permission to attend church in regalia on St. John's Day, the Grand Master said:

I replied that a dispensation to wear their regalia on an occasion of this kind was not necessary. It would be well and for the good of the whole Craft if all would attend church on this day. It is possible the custom would become more universal if our Reverend Brethren would extend the invitation.

In the case of a brother of Monterey Lodge No. 13 of Monterey, Mexico, who wished to join a lodge by affiliation, the Grand Master replied that as the Monterey lodge was not recognized by their Grand Jurisdiction, the only course for the brother to pursue was to present his petition for degrees in the regular manner, after he had resided in this jurisdiction the required time. A demit from Monterey lodge would be of no use to him.

The Grand Secretary reported 103 chartered lodges, and the number of Master Masons 18,229.

Because of the death of Past Grand Master Eugene S. Weston, who was Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the Grand Master appointed Past Grand Master Archie S. Harriman to complete his work, which is done in the most acceptable manner.

Two pages are given to Nebraska in his review.

GEORGE I. WHITNEY, Grand Master, Bellows Falls.

HENRY H. ROSS, Grand Secretary, Burlington.

VIRGINIA.

Richmond.

February 13th, 1923.

145th Annual Communication.

The picture of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, James H. Price, adorns the proceedings and his address has literary excellence as well as being packed with Masonic prophecy and wholesome recommendations.

That they have had a beautiful and harmonious year is evidenced by the fact that not a single matter came before the Committee of Appeals.

Virginia Masonry is justly proud of their heritage, and the Grand Master says:

Our past should be a constant inspiration, a never-failing stimulus to every Mason of this Grand Jurisdiction to lift high the banner of Masonry and to preserve her name unsullied. As I look from the window of my office, there stands out in bold relief the great Capitol of Virginia, the original unit of which was planned by Thomas Jefferson—the symbol of the greatness, the majesty, the sovereignty of the people of this great old Commonwealth. Yonder in the distance may be seen the spires of old St. John's Church, where the burning eloquence of Patrick Henry in the Virginia House of Burgesses fired the people of this country with patriotic fervor. In another direction is the old home of Most Worshipful John Marshall, the sixth Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, to whom we owe the stability of our judicial system, and through whose efforts our courts were made the bulwark of human rights and liberties. In the foreground, standing as a sentinel to warn us of danger, is the equestrian statue of the immortal Washington, the man and Mason. We every day frequent the scenes which once knew such patriots and sages and distinguished Masons as Blair, Mercer, Randolph, Brooke and others who have shed lustre upon the Masonic name and character. Not all of the illustrious Virginians, to whom reference is made, were Masons; but the vast majority of those who were instrumental in fashioning the government of this historic old Commonwealth had drunk deep at the fountains of Masonry, and the blessed privileges enjoyed by every citizen of this great republic of ours are largely the results of the efforts of Masons inspired by the light they received at our altars.

The Grand Master says that he is not an alarmist, but that he is convinced, as a student and lover of Masonry, that the safety of the Institution for the future depends upon their fidelity to the pure and lofty Masonic ideals of the past. He says:

In these latter days, when social unrest, dissatisfaction, discord and strife are the outstanding characteristics of the age; when there is on every hand an insatiable desire for change and innovation, I can think of nothing better than to go back to the land of beginning again and pledge anew our faith to high Masonic ideals; to reconsecrate and rededicate our lives afresh to the Ancient Landmarks and to pure, undefiled Masonry as exemplified in

the lives of our early brethren. There is developing in certain sections a desire for something new—new organizations which will add new and resplendent glories to an institution which, in the eyes of these brilliant devotees has grown old and obsolete. I ring out the challenge that Masonry needs nothing new, and I would raise high the danger signals wherever these distressing symptoms appear. It takes a minister of courage to stand before his people from week to week and preach to congregations, whose desire primarily is entertainment, the religion of the living God. I admire from the bottom of my heart the Mason who is brave enough to stand and weather the gale when some new thought or spirit of innovation invades his lodge.

In a necrological reference, this beautiful poem is quoted:

“He has just gone over the hill, my friend,
 Right over the hill by the shorter way,
 While we must toil on to the long road’s end
 Through the dust and heat. We shall meet some day
 At the resting place. No, he is not dead,
 He has just passed on. Why, of course, you know
 How we would always send one boy ahead,
 In our childish rambles of long ago,
 To pick out a place for a pleasant rest,
 Where we all might sit. He has gone before.
 It is only a few short hours at best
 Before He will call us to toil no more.
 He has only gone by a shorter way
 To the resting place. No, he is not dead;
 Like the pioneer in our childish play,
 He has simply wandered off ahead.”

In regard to the laying of corner-stones on Sunday, the Grand Master forbids such work and quotes the time-honored ruling of the Fraternity, as given by Past Grand Master Quinn, who said:

The Great Light in Masonry teaches us that in six days God created the heaven and the earth and rested on the seventh, which he hallowed and made a day of rest for the ages, for man and beast, and “the seventh, therefore, our ancient brethren consecrated as a day of rest from their labors,” and we must obey God and do as did our ancient brethren.

During the year, thirty-six corner-stones were laid by the Craft.

Their Grand Charity Committee disbursed \$6,000.00.

The conclusion of the Grand Master’s address is worthy of quotation:

Masonry occupies a sphere peculiarly its own. It is a silent but nevertheless potential and constructive force for good. It makes no effort to interfere with the religious belief of any member of the Craft. It selects for no man the manner in which he shall worship his Maker; designates no particular church in which he shall offer up his devotions; it erects no form of altar on which he must make his oblation, but leaves his religious principles a matter for his own conscience to prescribe. Masonry makes no effort to dictate to its devotees the political faith which they shall embrace. We number in our Fraternity people of all political faiths and economic creeds. Each member of the Fraternity is charged at its very threshold that in the state he is to be a quiet and peaceful citizen, true to his government and just to his country; that he is not to countenance disloyalty or rebellion, but patiently submit to legal authority and conform with cheerfulness to the government of the country in which he lives. As individual Masons, we should do all that is in our power to promote and support proper laws for the maintenance of our government, but it would be manifestly improper, as a body, to try to do it. We must not be stamped into politics as a body, even on account of our enemies, for they will, in time, fail, as

we will do if we follow their tactics. Every Mason has the right to join any organization that is not subversive to the moral law, that is patriotic and that stands for not only obedience to law, but enforcement of law as well.

Masonry, in the last analysis, is a system of giving—not getting—and means a career of service and sacrifice from the moment you are received at the West Gate until the last scene is over. The highest conception of Masonry is service. "Every human being has a claim upon your kind offices; do good unto all, but recommend it more especially to the household of the faithful." Display and ostentation are entirely foreign to the spirit of the Institution. Every attempt to erect a super-structure or to devise something wonderful upon which the public might gaze has been looked upon with disfavor. When the Great Teacher, with his three disciples, found their way to the mountain top to commune with Moses and Elias, one of the emotional members of the party proposed to erect three tabernacles. The Great Teacher frowned upon the suggestion, and with his eyes directed to the valley, led his disciples down the mountain side to the lowlands where the multitudes were, and began to heal the sick, relieve the distressed and render his usual practical service. Brethren, our work is in the valley, and I would have you press forward with earnestness and zeal to the prize of your high calling. Discouragement may come—ingratitude may be in evidence on every side, even the heavens may seem dark and your soul rent with agony, but these things are not lost. I would commend to you the comfort and consolation of these words:

The look of sympathy, the gentle word,
Spoken so low that only angels heard;
The secret act of pure self-sacrifice,
Unseen by men, but marked by angels' eyes—
These are not lost.

The kindly plan, devised for other's good,
So seldom guessed, so little understood;
The quiet, steadfast love that strove to win
Some wanderer from the ways of sin—
These are not lost.

Not lost, O God! for in thy city bright,
Our eyes shall see the past with clearer light,
And things long hidden from our gaze below,
Thou wilt reveal; and we shall surely know
These are not lost.

All of the decisions of the Grand Master were approved by the Committee on Grand Master's Address.

Sixty-three proceedings were reviewed by Past Grand Master Joseph W. Eggleston, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and four pages are devoted to Nebraska.

JAMES H. PRICE, Grand Master, Richmond.

CHARLES A. NESBITT, Grand Secretary, Richmond.

WASHINGTON.

Tacoma.

June 12th, 1923.

66th Annual Communication.

There was an address of welcome and response and then the message of the Grand Master, M. W. James McCormack, who reported the death of Past Grand Master William W. Witherspoon. He reports a very busy

year, constituting nine lodges, dedicating seven Masonic Temples, laying nine corner-stones, taking a trip to Alaska, and visiting the lodges there, being the first Grand Officer who ever visited the most northern Masonic lodge in the world at Fairbanks. He devoted from July 19th to August 4th in making the visitations. In addition to that he made 89 visitations in their jurisdiction. He approved many by-laws, issued five dispensations, and made many decisions. One was that he did not consider a lodge room properly tyled if wicket or peep-hole was placed in the door of the lodge room; another that the Grand Master had no authority to make a Mason at sight. He reports attending the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at Alexandria; commends the Masonic Home; reports officiating at fifteen installation ceremonies, and commends the Committee on Masonic Research and Education under the chairmanship of Past Grand Master Thomas E. Skaggs.

He issued a Christmas message that is well worth the careful perusal of the brethren of that or any other jurisdiction. He called the attention of the Grand Lodge to the use of ciphers in the Grand Jurisdiction, and recommends that a law be passed making it a Masonic offense, punishable by suspension or expulsion, to use the same in the lodge room, in public, or in the posting of a candidate, and that a Master of a lodge permitting it should be immediately suspended from office. He made many recommendations, and seems to have devoted practically the entire time of the year to the duties of the office.

The Grand Historian, William H. Gorham, presented an address that was published in the proceedings and is well worth careful consideration.

There is a topical review of thirty pages by Past Grand Master Ralph C. McAllaster, discussing among others the following subjects: Care in Investigating, Character Building, Dual Membership, Extraneous Orders, the Fees for the Masonic Home, Foreign Language Lodges, Grand Lodge Authority, the Grotto, the Ku Klux Klan, Size of Lodges, and a number of other subjects.

TOM W. HOLMAN, Grand Master, Olympia.

HORACE W. TYLER, Grand Secretary, Tacoma.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Perth.

May 24th, 1923.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by M.'W.'Brother the Most Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D.D., LL.D., O.B.E., V.D. (Archbishop of Perth).

The Grand Master calls attention to the fact that when the Grand Lodge of Western Australia was established in 1900, the lodges comprising it had a total membership of 2,000, which has now increased to 6,010. Eighty per cent of their lodges show an increase of membership during the past year.

A very charitable review of Freemasonry in Ireland is given by the Grand Master, in the following words:

We are informed by the Grand Lodge of Ireland that the Freemason's Hall, Dublin, which has been in the possession of a section of the Irish

Republican Army, has now been handed back, and that, so far as can be ascertained, a great deal of damage has not been done; although it will take some little time to find out to what extent the archives have been interfered with. The Deputy Grand Master says that during the whole period of the negotiations leading up to the evacuation of the building he was most courteously treated by the Provisional Government, who did everything in their power to help them. The Grand Lodge of Ireland is of the opinion that when the existing Government becomes firmly established, the Craft will have nothing to fear in the future. They state that there is now no general hostility to the Order in the South of Ireland, and they do not believe that a feeling of this kind is encouraged by the Roman Catholic Church, which fully appreciates the difference between Irish Freemasonry and that carried on in some of the Continental Grand Lodges. We deeply sympathize with our Irish brethren in the troubles through which they have passed, and their loss of Masonic fellowship, through all the Lodges being shut up. However, the latest news is most encouraging, and we trust the future has great happiness in store for them.

In the review of Nebraska, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is very much impressed with the benevolent aspects of our Grand Lodge and they are struck with the magnificent avenues of help that are so predominant a feature, saying:

The Masonic Home is a real home in every sense of the word. Here we have no fees for labour done on the part of the managing committee, and yet their labours are no sinecure, but such in real earnest, and one ventures to think that the time lost alone would mean a very considerable financial asset indeed.

Then the Children's Home, to care for that greatest asset of a nation, its children, is such as makes the Western Australian Mason consider, for it has ever been the contention of this reviewer that our own Grand Lodge, satisfactory as its benevolent work may be, should capitalize some undertaking such as this, where an amount equal in our money to £6,000 is voted in one year to extend the accommodation by one cottage. Our American brethren think, and then put their thoughts into concrete expression, and the two things are not unduly weighed, and once they are committed to a certain course time alone is the essence of the contract.

C. O. L. RILEY, Grand Master, Perth.

J. D. STEVENSON, Grand Secretary, Perth.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Wheeling.

November 14th, 1923.

59th Annual Communication.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother E. Carl Frame, makes it almost unanimous by recommending that one year should elapse between the conferring of the Master Masons degree and applications for the so-called higher degrees.

The Grand Secretary reports a net gain of 1,467, making the aggregate membership 31,018.

Past Grand Master George W. Atkinson writes his thirty-third annual report on correspondence and makes many kindly references to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

FRED C. STEINBICKER, Grand Master, Wheeling.

JOHN M. COLLINS, Grand Secretary, Charleston.

WISCONSIN.

Milwaukee.

June 12th, 1923.

Most Worshipful John E. Langdon, Grand Master.

The passing of Past Grand Master Hiram W. Sawyer is noted. He was the oldest living Past Grand Master of Wisconsin and one of the patriarchs of the Fraternity. He was a connecting link of the present generation with that of the distant past.

The Grand Master, in answering the questions: "Can a demit be granted an insane brother, and can an insane brother be disciplined for non-payment of dues," replied that if a brother did not wish to sever his connections with the lodge while he was responsible, it would be an act of injustice to demit him when he is wholly irresponsible. And, that an insane person is practically dead to the state, so an insane brother is practically dead to his lodge to which he is amenable for his conduct when he is mentally sound.

The Grand Master says that he has been asked to sanction lodges and organizations made up exclusively of Masons to go on picnics, and promoting different forms of amusements on Sunday, thereby subjecting lodges and the Fraternity to unfavorable criticism, bringing reproach on the good name of Masonry, yet possibly not thinking any wrong would be done. To all of which he refused, saying that:

Masonry is a dignified institution, its ideas of the highest, and we as Masons should maintain that high efficiency in both principle and practice, which assures respect, that gives dignity to the enforcement of our laws.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows 290 lodges in existence, with a membership of 49,550.

In the report of the Committee on Correspondence, Brother Aldro Jenks, in three pages, devoted to reviewing Nebraska, speaks of our severance from the Masonic Service Association, and says:

Thus, one by one, the Grand Lodges are coming to the conclusion that the Association has nothing of real value to offer and membership in it is a needless burden and expense.

CHARLES F. LAMB, Grand Master, Madison.

WILLIAM W. PERRY, Grand Secretary, Milwaukee.

WYOMING.

Cheyenne.

August 22nd, 1923.

49th Annual.

M. W. William A. Riner, Grand Master, reports the death of three of their Past Grand Masters. He says that November 4th should be marked one of the calendar days of Freemasonry, being the birthday of George Washington, and commends the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. He constituted three lodges, laid a number of corner-stones, and rendered seven decisions, all of which were approved by the Grand Lodge. There was no work for the Committee on Appeals and Grievances of the jurisdiction. The salary of the Grand Secretary was raised to twelve hundred dollars per annum.

A special report by the Committee on Jurisprudence approving the rules and terms of the action of the Grand Lodge in the recognition of foreign Grand Jurisdictions, was presented and the following rules were adopted:

I. That such Grand Lodge has been lawfully formed by three or more just and regular lodges.

II. That it is a responsible independent self-governing organization with undisputed and exclusive authority over the Symbolic Lodges within its territorial jurisdiction, and not subject or under authority of any Supreme Power claiming control over the three Symbolic Degrees known as the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason.

III. That its membership is composed of men only.

IV. That it adheres in principle to the Ancient Landmarks, traditions, customs and usages of the Craft as set forth and adopted by the Grand Lodge of England in 1723, which involve:

a. The belief in the existence of one God, the Father of all men.

b. The belief in Immortality.

c. The presence of the Three Great Lights of Masonry in the Lodges while at work, which must include the Sacred Book of the Divine Law.

d. The division of Symbolic Masonry into three degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason.

e. Belief in secrecy.

V. That it is non-sectarian and non-political and excludes discussions on these subjects from all meetings held under the auspices of a lodge.

The review is by M. W. Brother Joseph M. Lowndes, Grand Secretary, Nebraska for 1922 being accorded two pages of careful consideration.

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