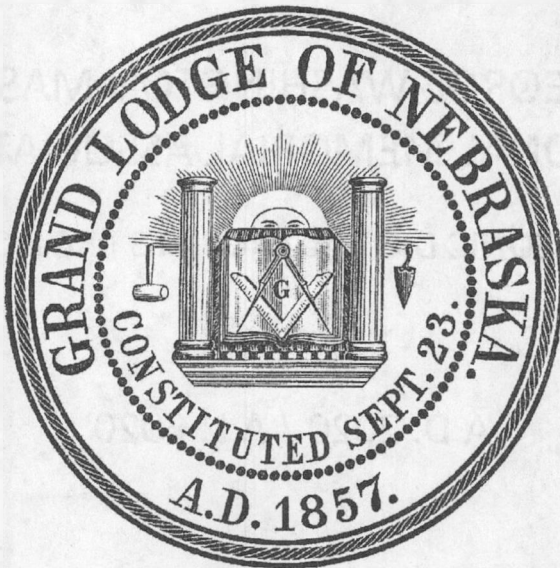


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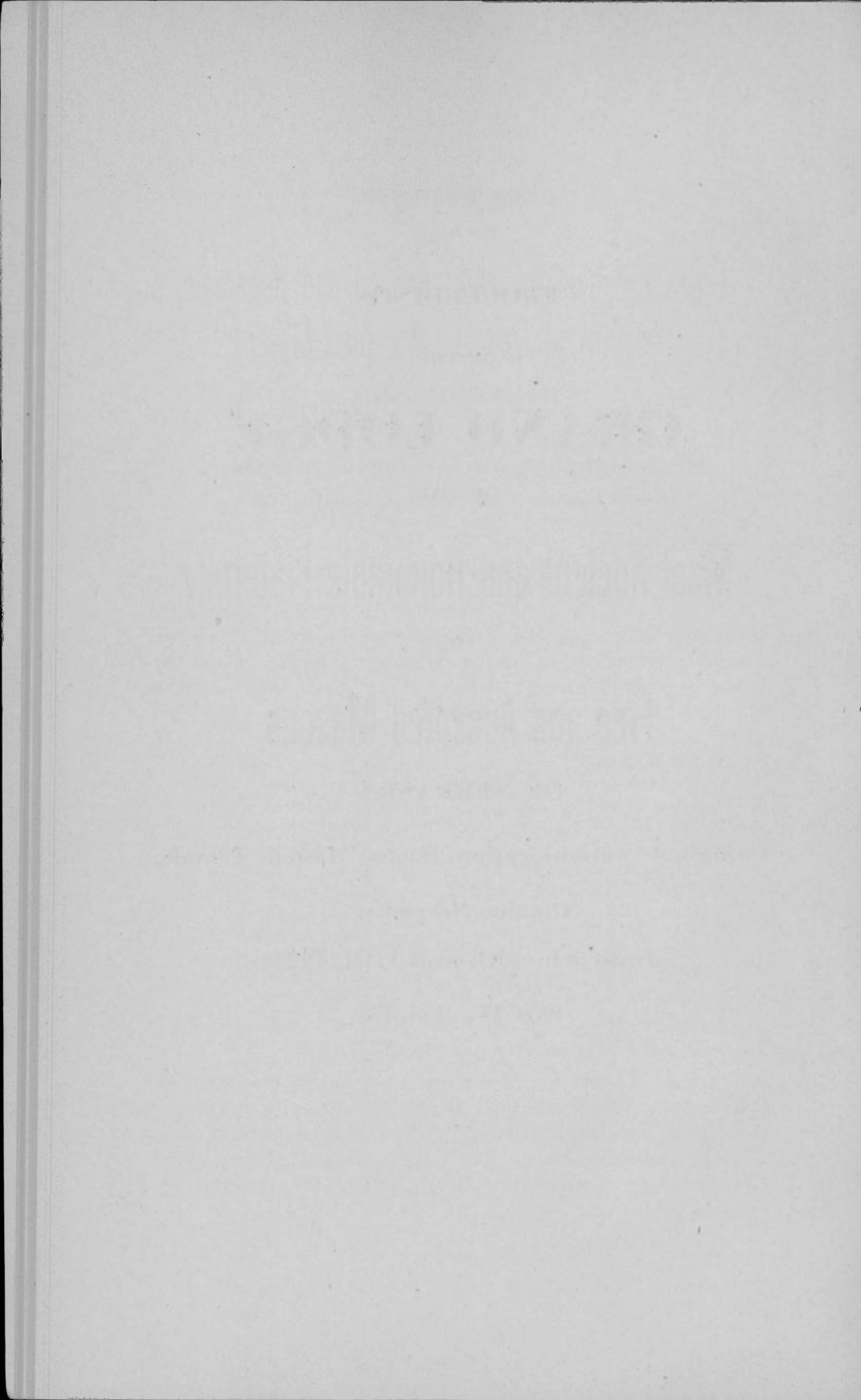
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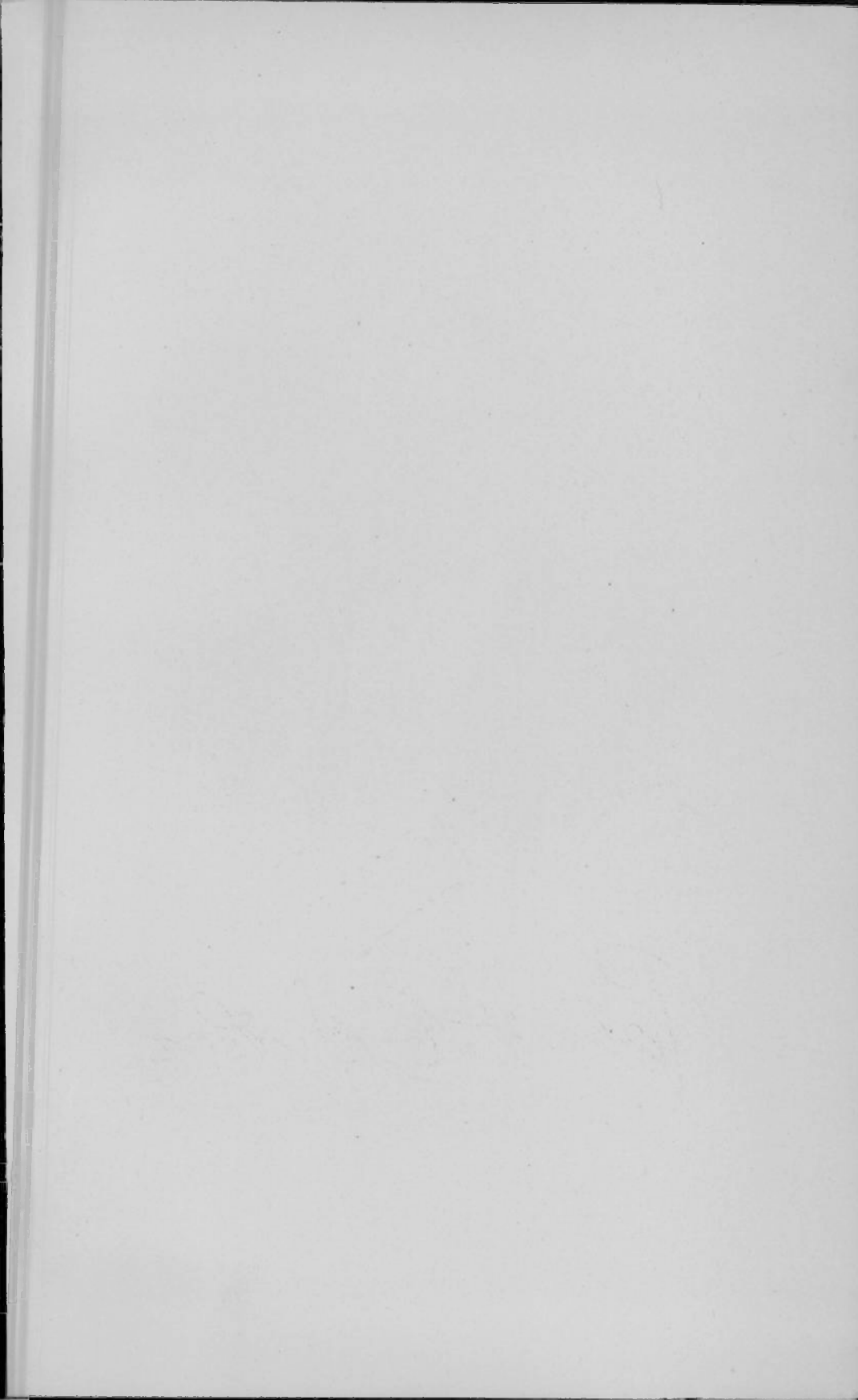




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GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN NEBRASKA

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OF NEBRASKA
AT THE
Sixty-eighth Annual Communication,
Held in Omaha, June 9th, 10th and 11th, 1925.

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 9th, A. D. 1925, A. L. 5925, at half past nine o'clock A. M., there being present:

- M. W. Robert R. Dickson.....Grand Master.
- R. W. John Wright.....Deputy Grand Master.
- R. W. Edwin D. Crites.....Grand Senior Warden.
- R. W. Albert R. Davis.....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. Matthew A. Hall.....Grand Orator.
- M. W. Robert E. French.....Grand Custodian.
- W. Frank H. Woodland.....Grand Marshal.
- W. Ira C. Freet.....Grand Senior Deacon.
- W. Orville A. Andrews.....Grand Junior Deacon.
- W. John W. Disbrow, 11.....as Grand Tyler.

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

A lodge of Master Masons was opened in due form by R. W. John Wright, Deputy Grand Master, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain. All Past Grand Masters present were received and welcomed by the Deputy Grand Master, Past Grand Master Henry H. Wilson making the introductory remarks as follows:

R. W. Deputy Grand Master and Brethren:

I am very happy to present to you some of the Past Grand Masters of Nebraska—a very rare collection of old fossils. We have here a rare museum in genealogy. The oldest in point of service is Brother Thummel who spent his tadpole stage in the black soil of northern Illinois. He soon developed amphibian characteristics, enabling him to leave the swamps of his native state for the highlands and fresh air of Nebraska. He became fossilized in 1876 when he passed into the museum of Past Grand Masters of Nebraska.

The oldest among them in point of years is my friend, Brother Davidson, who first saw the light in 1847, also in the swamps of Illinois; he reached his fossilization much later in life when he also passed into our museum of fossils of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in 1893.

Then further down the list is Brother French, our beloved Grand Custodian. It is said that some men are born great and others are born in Ohio; and if Brother French had remained in Ohio instead of becoming a fossil in our museum, he doubtless would have been a candidate for the Presidency of the United States.

Next we have Brother Whiting, a neighbor of mine. It is said that Brother Whiting seldom takes a bath, perhaps because he was born in 1850 in Bath (New York state). He became fossilized rather late in life and it was not until 1916 that he took his place in our museum of fossils. If any of you should discover moss on his back, it is not due entirely to his age, he is simply a moss-back democrat.

I next present to you Brother Viele, who got the advantage of me only by one year in starting in life. He was born in 1853 and I was born in 1854. I forgive him for taking the advantage of me in time because he certainly needed one year advantage to overcome the handicap of being born in Michigan, just across the line from my birthplace in northern Ohio. When a gentleman remarked that he came from Michigan, a friend said: "Well, some mighty smart men come from Michigan." The other replied: "Yes, and the smarter they are, the sooner they come." Brother Viele had a long period of incubation and did not reach complete fossilization until 1917 when he became Past Grand Master of Nebraska.

I next present to you our good Brother Evans. He not only has the distinction of being one of the specimens in this Masonic museum of fossils, but he has recently taken his place among the legal fossils of the state and is now a member of the Supreme Court where it becomes his duty to decide the controversies of the living by the rules laid down by the dead.

I now present to you Brother Burnham, against whom I have a special grievance. On the occasion of the celebration of the semi-centennial of this Grand Lodge in 1907, Brother Burnham was the presiding officer. I was also on the program on that occasion, and when the printed program came out I found his name under my picture in the program. I can well understand the powerful motive he had for putting the picture of a comely face over his name. While his motive was worthy and powerful, and, to some extent, extenuated his crime, it could not entirely excuse it. When in politics a few years ago, up in his part of the state, some political opponent charged him with being two-

faced. I am sure this was a mistake for we must all know that if Brother Burnham had two faces he certainly would not wear the one he now does.

I next present to you Brother Cheney. He is a banker up in the northern part of the state where it used to be said that if the banker could collect interest a few years on his money at the rates charged, he was quite content to lose the principal. He spent his chrysalis stage in what they used to call Egypt, in southern Iowa, where he was born in 1868. He took his place among us as a fossil in 1911.

I now come down to the infants of the class and present to you Brother Smith, who first saw the light in the primeval forests of Wisconsin in 1875, just one hundred years too late to participate in the victory of Bunker Hill. He has not had a sufficient period of incubation to make him a real fossil but he took his place among us in 1922 when he became Past Grand Master.

Our other infant is Brother Chappell, the only specimen from the state of Indiana, where he was born in 1882. He took his place among us only a year ago when he, too, became a fossil. It is said that in Scotland they have an old custom that is always observed at a burial. The last thing that is done after the grave is filled, is done by some acquaintance of the deceased who steps forward to say something favorable of the dead. In a little Scotch village they were burying about the toughest character in the village and everyone was wondering who would take the responsibility of saying anything good of the departed. Silence became intense and curiosity universal, when suddenly an old neighbor stepped forward and said, "Well, there is one thing that I think I could truthfully say of the deceased. and that is, that he was not always as bad as he sometimes was." This, I think, I might also truthfully say of Brother Chappell.

Now, I hope I have not missed anyone in our list. I intended that no guilty man should escape. Our sitting Grand Master is patiently looking forward to the close of this session of the Grand Lodge when he, too, is to join our delightful company. He, too, has had splendid preparation for fossilization; he has sat for a great number of years on the District bench of this state. By the law, every man is presumed to know the law except the District Judge; in the Supreme Court there is no presumption of the correctness of his decisions.

Now, brethren, I want to say a serious word. These, our brethren, have received all the honors that the Fraternity can confer upon them. In Masonry, they can have no other motive than the welfare of the Order and its preservation, pure and untarnished, of the reputation of our great Fraternity. This Grand Lodge has had the benefit of the counsel and advice of Brother Thummel for a half century; of Brother Evans, for twenty-five years, and of Brother Davidson, for more than thirty years. These brethren have each had a distinguished career at the bar. Your Committee on Jurisprudence has had the benefit of their learning and their experience all these years. I have met with them in the Committee on Jurisprudence for now thirty years and I want to say to you that I never conferred with a group of men more sincerely devoted to the welfare of the Fraternity and of mankind than have been all these worthy Past Grand Masters. From the very nature of their life membership, they represent a continuity and permanency of policy that cannot possibly

result from the shifting membership on the floor of the lodge, and I give it to you as the sincere expression of a deliberate opinion, gathered from thirty years experience, that anything that will lessen their numbers, or diminish their influence in guiding the policy of this Grand Lodge, will be to the infinite disadvantage of the Craft in this state.

After response by the Deputy Grand Master, he appointed Past Grand Masters George H. Thummel, and Samuel P. Davidson, and Grand Chaplain Charles M. Shepherd, to retire and escort the Grand Master, M. W. Brother Robert R. Dickson, to the lodge room. The committee retired and in due time returned with the Grand Master, and he was received by the Deputy Grand Master, who welcomed him and presented him to the brethren. He was given the honors of Masonry by three times three, and assumed his station as Grand Master.

Upon calling the roll of lodges, a quorum was found to be represented, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master declared the sixty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, opened in ample form for the transaction of such business as might be brought before it, and due proclamation thereof was made by the Grand Marshal.

It was stated that the Grand Lodge of Iowa was in session at this time, and a telegram of greeting was ordered sent them. The following message was sent:

Ernest R. Moore, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.,
Davenport, Iowa:

The Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, in its sixty eighth annual communication assembled, sends fraternal greetings and good wishes to the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Iowa, and sincerely wishes for it an abundance of success, prosperity, and a long period of usefulness.

ROBERT R. DICKSON, *Grand Master.*

The following was received in reply:

Robert R. Dickson, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.,
Omaha, Nebraska.

The Grand Lodge of Iowa, A. F. & A. M., acknowledges your fraternal greetings. May success attend your sixty-eighth annual communication.

ERNEST R. MOORE, *Grand Master.*

Most Worshipful Robert R. Dickson, 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:

Time in its never ending flight has recorded another year since we met, yet it seems but yesterday that we gathered around the sacred altar of our fathers. We have here congregated in accordance with the provisions of our constitution and the time honored custom of our Fraternity, in this our sixty-eighth annual communication, ever grateful to the Great Architect of the Universe for Divine guidance, and to acknowledge with prayer and thanksgiving the many blessings of an Allwise Creator so graciously and freely bestowed upon the members of our Fraternity throughout the state and nation. We come to renew the ties of friendship and brotherly love, to survey the Masonic activities and accomplishments of the year that is about to close, and by wise and considered action, adopt such measures as will best serve our Fraternity in the years to come, that will promote and insure the peace, prosperity, and general welfare of the Craft throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and to impress upon the Fraternity the underlying and fundamental principles of Masonry, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. It is with much pleasure that I extend to you a most cordial and fraternal welcome and the right hand of friendship.

A year has passed since this Grand Lodge elected me to the highest office within the gift of the Fraternity, and placed in my hands the leadership and responsibility of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction. I have, to the best of my ability and with the assistance of the brethren, administered its affairs in accordance with its laws, rules, and regulations. Many have advised and assisted me in the discharge of my duties, for which I am greatly thankful. I found them ever ready and willing to go on foot and out of their way to assist me in the discharge of my duties; and if I erred, after consulting them, it was because I heeded not their counsel, for it was always timely and good. At this time I desire to express my thanks and appreciation to R. W. Francis E. White, our Grand Secretary, for his timely advice and assistance.

Many important questions will be presented for your consideration and decision, and it is the right and duty of every brother to express his views on all matters coming before this Grand Lodge. This is your Grand Lodge; the responsibility is yours; you are the representatives of your respective lodges. The success or failure of this communication rests upon your shoulders, and you will be derelict in your duty to your lodge if you do not attend every session. Many of the brethren are apt to shirk and seek to avoid the responsibility for that which is done, and charge the mistakes made to the Grand Lodge instead of assuming responsibility therefor. I, therefore, beseech you that you attend every session, and assume your share of the great responsibility that rests upon this Grand Lodge. I have faith in you, and if you honestly, fearlessly, and conscientiously exercise your best judgment, I know that the results of your deliberations will reflect honor and credit to the Fraternity.

We never met under fairer skies, or with a more promising future. Even nature, clothed in all her beauty, inspires us in the work in which we are about to engage. There is not a cloud on the Masonic horizon; peace and harmony

prevail throughout the jurisdiction. The fraternal relations existing between our Grand Lodge and other Grand Jurisdictions are pleasant and harmonious. As a nation, we are at peace at home and abroad; we are prosperous, happy, and contented; sectional strife and contentions no longer exist; from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Gulf to the Great Lakes, the wheels of progress and industry proclaim the beginning of an era of new and welcome prosperity such as our nation has never experienced. The nations of the world acknowledge our supremacy on land and sea; the flag that led Washington's army to victory still waves "O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave." That great Constitution, based and founded on the Book of Books, the product of those noble, patriotic, and God-fearing men who laid the foundation for this great republic of ours, is still the supreme law of our beloved country. Our appeals to it for the protection of "Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" have never been denied us by executive, judicial, or legislative power, and never will be so long as we remain "A government of the people, by the people, and for the people." The great underlying and fundamental principles therein set forth and expressed in clear, and unmistakable language, have and ever will, continue to be the magnet of the world, drawing humanity from every clime, of every tongue, and of every creed seeking deliverance from bondage. It protected our fathers before us; it has protected us, and will protect those to come after us if we are true and faithful to the trust imposed upon us by those who gave their life, liberty, and fortunes in defense of its principles. Under its protection, we have grown from a mere handful of people along the Atlantic seaboard to the most powerful people and nation on earth; and yet, there are those who would destroy it or withdraw from us its protection. God grant that the day may never come when there may be withdrawn from the humblest citizen of our land the protection of that immortal document that guarantees to all, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, regardless of nationality or religion.

My brethren, viewed in the light of existing conditions, Masonry in this jurisdiction has made wonderful progress the past year. Our brothers have been prompted by the high idealism that the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man are above and superior to all other things on earth. We are living in a new age of thought, action, inspiration, and opportunities; many believe that we have left the moorings of our fathers and that we are sailing on unknown seas in an unknown bark, piloted we know not where, yet in spite of existing conditions, I feel that we are approaching the dawn of a new day, a new era, one in which men will see and understand each other in a different and clearer light, realizing that man's first duty to mankind will be human service, and that the greatest of all strength is the strength of unity, and that man's duty to man, to his country, and to his God is to be the paramount issue of this new day and age.

The business of this Grand Jurisdiction has multiplied to such an extent that a Grand Master must devote most of his time to the duties of that office, and if it continues to grow, some plan must, sooner or later, be evolved to relieve him of the many present duties. Through the kindness of the lawyers of my judicial district, I have been able to devote much more of my time to the discharge of those duties than I expected. While I know of nothing that has

been neglected or has suffered, yet had I been free to give more of my time, more could have been accomplished in the way of visitation of lodges. Great are the opportunities at this time for a Grand Master who is so situated, that he can give unsparingly of his time.

NECROLOGY.

It is with sadness and sorrow that I announce the death of our Grand Tyler, W. Brother Alexander E. Porter, who, for ten years, faithfully served the Grand Lodge as its Grand Tyler; there was not a brother more faithful to the Grand Lodge than he. He received his summons to higher service in the Supreme Lodge above, at his home in the city of Lincoln, on the 5th day of February, 1925. The announcement of his death carried sorrow and sadness to the Craft. On Sunday afternoon, February 8th, 1925, I attended an emergent meeting of Lincoln Lodge No. 19. The brethren repaired to the Scottish Rite Cathedral escorted by the brethren of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, where a large assembly of Masons and citizens had gathered to pay respect to our departed brother. After his Pastor had paid a beautiful tribute to the life and character of Brother Porter as a citizen and a Mason, the remains were taken to Wyuka Cemetery and there we laid his mortal remains with Masonic honors, with a Mason's hope that we shall meet him when the day dawns on the morning of the resurrection. Sweet be his rest.

The office of Grand Tyler becoming vacant by the death of Brother Porter, I appointed W. Brother John W. Disbrow, a resident of Omaha and a member of Covert Lodge No. 11, as Acting Grand Tyler.

My brethren, not only have the ranks of our official family been broken by the grim reaper, Death, but many of our brethren throughout the jurisdiction have been called to the unseen Temple above; and while our hearts are made sad by the passing of our brothers, we are brought to a realization that Death's mandate is one we must all obey, and that we are "Strangers and pilgrims here, and there is none abiding." It is for us who have been spared to carry out the designs upon the Trestleboard before we too are summoned.

"Thus pass away the men of might,
Whose noiseless foot-prints stamp the age;
Their thoughts that filled the earth with light
Still glow and blaze on memory's page."

"There is no death.
The stars go down to rise upon some fairer shore,
And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forever more."

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

During the year, petitions in due form were presented for the instituting of four new lodges. After very careful consideration and a thorough investigation of local conditions, and being convinced that it was for the best interest of the Fraternity, I granted dispensations for these lodges located at Palmer, Hastings, South Sioux City, and Grand Island.

The lodge at Palmer was instituted, at my request, by W. Brother Alfred G. Hunt, December 11th, 1924, on a dispensation issued November 22nd, 1924, to David E. Crites as Worshipful Master, Henry H. Golden as

Senior Warden and Joseph H. McGonagle as Junior Warden, to be known as Palmer Lodge U. D. :

The lodge at Hastings was instituted, at my request, by M. W. Ambrose C. Epperson, Past Grand Master, on the 9th day of January, 1925, on a dispensation issued January 8th, 1925, to Arthur A. Smith as Worshipful Master, Ellsworth W. Stevens as Senior Warden and Carl E. Pratt as Junior Warden, to be known as Mid-West Lodge U. D. :

The lodge at South Sioux City was instituted by the Grand Master on January 27th, 1925, on a dispensation issued by me on that date to Sidney T. Frum as Worshipful Master, George J. Boucher as Senior Warden and Sherman W. McKinley as Junior Warden to be known as Alpha Lodge U. D. :

The Grand Island lodge was instituted at my request by W. Brother Alfred G. Hunt on April 7th, 1925, on a dispensation issued April 1st to Oscar V. McCracken as Worshipful Master, Paul C. Holmberg as Senior Warden and Martin W. Jenkins as Junior Warden, to be known as Grand Island Lodge U. D. :

These lodges have made returns, as required by our law, and all have applied for charters except Grand Island. It asks that its dispensation be continued for another year. As to whether charters should issue and dispensation be continued is for the careful consideration by the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, and until this committee reports, no further action by this Grand Lodge is required.

MATTERS REFERRED TO THE GRAND MASTER.

Several matters, mostly of an unimportant nature, were referred to the incoming Grand Master, and have been cared for. I deem but one of these of sufficient importance to be herein specifically mentioned. The Committee on Grievances recommended that "The Grand Master investigate the trial of a brother, who was the complaining witness in the case appealed from Melrose Lodge No. 60, 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 said complaining brother be ordered." Not being able to personally conduct this investigation, I referred the matter to M. W. Charles A. Chappell, Past Grand Master, who visited Melrose Lodge and reported to me the result of his investigation, with suggestions and recommendations. And after giving the matter careful consideration, it is my judgment that the action of the lodge should be approved.

CORNER-STONES LAID.

I have responded to a number of requests to lay corner-stones. The laying of a corner-stone is a simple, yet impressive ceremony. It is a custom of our Fraternity that should be encouraged and accepted by the Grand Master to the exclusion, if need be, of any other official duty, and should be attended by every Grand Officer and the Craft in general if possible. It affords us an opportunity to publicly call attention to some of the underlying and fundamental principles upon which Masonry is based. The ceremony is interesting and educational, not only to the youth, but to those of mature years and

understanding. The occasion is long remembered, the effect is inspiring, lasting, and beneficial. It reflects and portrays man's duty to home, country, and God.

With the assistance of officers of the Grand Lodge and brethren of the Craft, I, as Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, laid corner-stones for the following buildings:

Falls City, June 11th, 1924, Richardson County Court House.
 Arnold, August 20th, 1924, E. S. & S. A. Finch Memorial Library.
 Columbus, September 27th, 1924, High School.
 Bellevue, October 18th, 1924, Church Community Building.
 Grand Island, November 8th, 1924, Senior High School.
 Springfield, November 10th, 1924, Masonic Temple.
 Bloomington, May 16th, 1925, School Building.
 Arnold, May 18th, 1925, School Building.
 Hastings, May 19th, Baptist Church.
 Curtis, June 2d, First Congregational Church.

In these ceremonies I desire to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the able assistance of the Grand Officers present, and to the Craft and citizens generally. And I especially desire to thus publicly thank V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, who was present on each occasion, except three.

Time forbids that I further particularize those who so willingly assisted in each instance to make these occasions worth remembering, except to thank the flowergirls, the future womanhood and motherhood of our country. God bless them.

REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHILDRENS HOME— FREMONT.

For some time, it had been apparent to those connected with the management and control of the Childrens Home at Fremont, that if the harmonious co-operation and management thereof continue, as carried on jointly between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, it was necessary that some clear and definite plan of operation, management, and control be evolved and agreed upon by these two Grand Bodies. After consulting with the Worthy Grand Matron of the Eastern Star, and others having the interest of the Homes at heart, it was agreed that a committee of seven should be appointed, three by the Grand Master, to represent this Grand Lodge, and three by the Worthy Grand Matron of the Eastern Star to represent that body, and one to be jointly appointed to represent both bodies and to act as chairman of the joint committee.

To represent the Grand Lodge, I appointed M. W. George H. Thummel, Past Grand Master; W. Frank H. Woodland, Grand Marshal; and Brother Frank C. Patton, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Nebraska, A. A. S. R.

The Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star appointed Past Grand Matrons Carrie M. Spellman, Harriet E. Willetts, and Hattie M. Scott, to represent that Grand Body.

W. Brother O. Edwin Mickey was agreed upon to represent both bodies, and to act as chairman of this joint committee.

The Joint Committee met and later presented their report with recommendations, which was afterwards communicated by circular to all lodges of Freemasons, as well as to all chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star in this jurisdiction, that they might be informed on the subject and be prepared to intelligently act thereon when presented for consideration to their respective Grand Bodies.

The Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, at its last meeting, approved and adopted the report of the Joint Committee, and consideration thereof by this Grand Lodge has been specially fixed for this evening, and I recommend its adoption.

SUGGESTIONS.

AS TO REQUEST OF TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIS COMMITTEE OF TEXAS, ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO.

Early in the year, I received a report of this Committee appointed by the Grand Masters of Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico, to investigate the existence and prevalence of tubercular disease among the Masons in their respective jurisdictions, and to make recommendations for the relief of those suffering therefrom throughout the United States.

The report is voluminous and deals with the subject from every angle, and indicates that the investigation has been thorough and exhaustive. From the report of this committee I would judge that these Grand Jurisdictions are especially interested because of the great burden carried by them by reason of consumptive Masons coming to these respective states to secure the benefits of the milder climate, many of whom become impoverished and a charge upon the local lodges or upon the community or private charity, and that many die because they cannot secure the hospital care and treatment necessary to restore them to health.

The committee estimates that approximately five thousand Masons die annually in the United States from tubercular trouble; that there are from fifty to sixty thousand active cases of tubercular trouble existing among the members of our Craft, and that a large percentage of these cases are curable. They recommend the building of ten hospitals, with five thousand beds, to be established in various parts of the United States, so as to serve the needs of all parts of the country, at an estimated cost of twelve million five hundred thousand dollars, and five million dollars for annual operation. The cost to each Mason for construction, would be about five dollars per capita, and the annual charge for operation approximately \$1.75 each.

The proposition involves so much and is so extensive and far reaching and having had no opportunity to investigate, I hesitate to make any recommendation. The appeal for relief within our own jurisdiction, which is a paramount obligation of the Craft, seems to tax us, at times, even beyond our ability to pay. But, brethren, the time is at hand, when we must lend a helping hand to the needy and afflicted everywhere.

I, therefore, recommend that the incoming Grand Master be authorized to appoint a committee of three to investigate and report the advisability of such an undertaking as recommended by this committee, and make recom-

mendations to the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge as to our duty in this respect.

MASONIC EDUCATION.

At the last communication of this Grand Lodge, the incoming Grand Master was authorized to appoint a Committee on Masonic Education, and \$1,500.00 was appropriated for that purpose to be expended under the direction of the committee.

In compliance with this authorization, I appointed a committee of five, consisting of V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain; M. W. Ambrose C. Epperson, Past Grand Master; and W. Bros. Edwin H. Gerhart, N. Dwight Ford, and Ralph O. Canaday.

Brother Shepherd has been actively engaged in that work, and has delivered his illustrated lecture to many of the lodges in the jurisdiction. It is a wonderful lecture, dealing with the early history of Masonry in our country, and the activities of Masons in the laying of the foundation and establishment of our government. Brother Shepherd's personal knowledge and acquaintance with the many historic places, enables him to vividly portray the Revolutionary period. It not only reflects the early Masonic history of our country, but it is patriotic, educational, and practical, and is especially adapted to present times and conditions. It demonstrates what a few men can do with right and justice on their side, and what could be accomplished by us if we were united as were the early founders of our Fraternity. This is a movement in the right direction and if continued, great will be the good that will follow, not only to the Fraternity, but to our citizenship at large.

I recommend that the work be not only continued, but that it be enlarged and extended, and that a sufficient appropriation be made to cover the expense incident thereto.

VISITATIONS.

In addition to laying corner-stones, attending Masonic picnics and County Masonic Associations, the presentation of Jordan medals, installing officers, and other Masonic activities which time and space will not permit me to mention, I have made many official visits. You will note that they cover every part of the state. Nebraska is a state of magnificent distances and proportions, and for the Grand Master to visit even one-third of the lodges in one year, would be a physical impossibility. I far over-estimated my ability in that regard. Many were the calls made upon me, the response to which would have given me much pleasure. My visits have convinced me that the Fraternity is composed of the very best element to be found in any community, which is very gratifying, and should inspire us to maintain that high standard of citizenship enjoyed by the Fraternity. Without exception, I was received with true, fraternal hospitality, honored and wined and dined (*without the wine*) wherever I visited. I have been placed under a debt of gratitude which I can never repay.

It has been my endeavor at all visitations to inform the Craft of the Masonic activities in this Grand Jurisdiction, and to discuss the present day needs of Masonry, to emphasize present day conditions, to remind the Craft of their

present day duty and obligation, and to preach the gospel of Masonry to the end that Masonry shall stand for law and order and the respect of constituted authority.

On the occasion of one of my visits to Mosaic Lodge No. 55, I had the pleasure of presenting to Brother David Baum a Jordan medal. I also accepted an invitation of this lodge to be present on the occasion of the presentation to M. W. Andrew H. Viele, the Past Grand Master's jewel. This occasion marked the fiftieth anniversary of Brother Viele's induction into Masonry. A large number of brethren were present from adjoining jurisdictions, and a most profitable evening was enjoyed by all, and the best wishes and fraternal greetings of those present were bestowed upon that worthy brother.

I would be ungrateful and unappreciative if I did not mention the reception given me by my home lodge, Garfield Lodge No. 95. The occasion was one never to be forgotten. Words fail to express my appreciation. After all, there is no place like home and the associations of a life time. To mingle and commune with those who have shared in your ambitions and accomplishments, your joys and your sorrows, is man's greatest satisfaction and pleasure; and "Not unremembered is the hour when friends meet."

Omitting date and location of lodge, except wherein indicated by the name and using only the Masonic name and number, the following lodges have been visited by me:

Nebraska Lodge No. 1; Falls City Lodge No. 9; Lincoln Lodge No. 19; St. Johns Lodge No. 25; Ashlar Lodge No. 33; Rob Morris Lodge No. 46; Hastings Lodge No. 50; Lancaster Lodge No. 54; Mosaic Lodge No. 55; Lebanon Lodge No. 58; Trowel Lodge No. 71; Frank Welch Lodge No. 75; Joppa Lodge No. 76; Garfield Lodge No. 95; Creighton Lodge No. 100; Ponca Lodge No. 101; Wymore Lodge No. 104; Springfield Lodge No. 112; Wayne Lodge No. 120; Auburn Lodge No. 124; Minden Lodge No. 127; Long Pine Lodge No. 136; Jachin Lodge No. 146; Siloam Lodge No. 147; Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148; Pythagoras Lodge No. 156; Samaritan Lodge No. 158; Atkinson Lodge No. 164; Curtis Lodge No. 168; Alliance Lodge No. 183; Bee Hive Lodge No. 184; Scottsbluff Lodge No. 201; East Lincoln Lodge No. 210; Relief Lodge No. 219; Silver Cord Lodge No. 224; Cable Lodge No. 225; Gilead Lodge No. No. 233; Gothenburg Lodge No. 249; George Washington Lodge No. 250; Bassett Lodge No. 254; Ornan Lodge No. 261; Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265; George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268; Exeter Lodge No. 283; Omaha Lodge No. 288; Liberty Lodge No. 300; Mizpah Lodge No. 302; and Oak Leaf Lodge No. 312. Total, forty-eight.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the year I have issued, and refused to issue, a number of dispensations. I need not here particularize those issued and refused, except to say that a number were issued for the installation, or election and installation of officers because of the death or removal from the jurisdiction of officers after election and before installation.

Some were issued changing the meeting place of the lodge from one hall to another, and five to confer some of the degrees of Masonry without waiting the required time. In these cases, I required proficiency in the preceding degrees before conferring the degree for which the dispensation was issued. In each instance, the dispensation was issued only on full investigation and upon being satisfied that they came within the provisions of our law.

Where a dispensation fee was required, it was collected and remitted to the Grand Secretary, except that for the dispensation issued to Capitol Lodge No. 3, to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees upon Herbert Lisle Hoerner, who was in the service of our country. I waived the fee under the provisions of Section 131, in this case.

These dispensations are on file with the Grand Secretary and I deem further consideration or mention of them unnecessary.

To enumerate and assign the reasons for refusing dispensations requested, would answer no good purpose or end. It is sufficient to say, they did not come within provisions of our law.

PROMULGATION OF THE WORK.

Heretofore, the Grand Custodian has employed much of his time in holding schools of instruction. The duties of the Grand Custodian extend much farther than holding schools of instruction, and are equally as important. Early in the year I became convinced that he could better serve the Craft by remaining at home arranging for and directing the holding of schools of instruction by his Deputy Grand Custodians and in reviewing the work.

The Grand Custodian must not only assign the school and the Deputy to hold it, but generally supervise the same. Many important questions arise that require the immediate attention of the Grand Custodian, and he must be accessible to the Craft. The arranging for, directing, and supervising the work of twenty Deputy Grand Custodians is no small task. He must receive, compare, examine, and consider each report of schools held, and to accomplish the end sought—the maintaining of the highest standard of Masonry in our Grand Jurisdiction—he is of necessity required, in many instances to communicate with the lodge or the Grand Master or both. A seemingly endless undertaking, but accomplished by our Grand Custodian.

The time has come in our jurisdiction when schools of instruction must be held by Deputy Grand Custodians under the supervision and direction of the Grand Custodian. Through the untiring efforts of our Grand Custodian and his deputies, they have carried the spirit and message of Masonry to the farthest corner of our jurisdiction. No Grand Custodian has ever had more faithful workers or efficient deputies, and at this time, I desire to acknowledge their splendid service to the Craft and to your Grand Master.

The brethren of this jurisdiction stand second to none among other jurisdictions in proficiency. The practice of issuing certificates of proficiency to individual brothers as well as to the officers of the lodge by our Grand Custodian, is commended and has been encouraged by me. This in time, will materially reduce the expense of the promulgation of the work. Brethren who, in this day, and under existing conditions, take sufficient interest in the work to obtain certificates of proficiency, cannot be too highly complimented. One but need attend their lodges to be convinced of the great good that is being done. It is an incentive to the other brothers to make themselves proficient in the work.

For more than a quarter of a century, our Grand Custodian has labored in season and out of season among the brethren, preaching and spreading the true doctrine of Masonry among them, exemplifying in every day life the great and underlying principles of Brother Love, Relief and Truth.

DISCIPLINE.

Masonic offenses have been less this year than any time since I have had knowledge of Masonic conditions in this jurisdiction; yet there have been a number of cases where charges were filed and investigations conducted. With two exceptions, the action of the local lodge met with my approval. These two cases, I very carefully investigated and considered, and concluded not to disturb the action of the lodge in acquitting a brother charged with a technical violation of the banking laws a long time before charges were preferred, concluding that the lodge's disposition of the case was for the best under all the circumstances. While the brother in this case was guilty of a technical violation of the law, no moral turpitude was involved.

The action of the lodge in the other case in acquitting a brother charged with a criminal assault, I could not approve of, and I set aside the action of the lodge and directed a new trial and disposition of the case in accordance with the verdict of the jury and judgment of the Supreme Court affirming the judgment of the district court. Four cases were brought against the brother. In one case, the brother was adjudged to be the father of a child; and in another, a judgment of seven thousand dollars for damages sustained by reason of the assault was recovered, and both cases were affirmed by the supreme court. I had before me the testimony taken on the trial of these cases, which required the greater part of two days and nights to read and examine. This litigation occupied the attention of the courts of two counties. The prominence of the brother and the character of the litigation must have been of great moment. With the record before me, I am at a loss to understand the action of the lodge. Twenty-four jurors, in two different counties, believed the brother guilty and so recorded their findings. The trial judge rendered judgment on the verdicts, and the supreme court upheld the same, and the brother offered no further evidence than that considered by the jury and the courts. The findings of the jury, and the solemn judgment of our Supreme Court, were set aside by the lodge and the brother exonerated. From the records, it is apparent that the brother not only violated the laws of the state and his Masonic obligations, but impaired the good name of Masonry.

On a second trial the lodge again failed to discipline the brother, and ignored its duty in the premises. Upon receiving notice of its action, I again set aside the action of the lodge and directed a new trial, and cautioned the lodge to do its duty and not to complain of what happened if it failed.

Not being able to attend the trial of the brother, I appointed Most Worshipful Charles A. Chappell, Past Grand Master, to be present at the trial as my special representative, and instructed him that if the lodge again failed to do its duty, that the case be appealed and the charter arrested. Brother Chappell attended the trial. And again the lodge refused to discipline the brother. Again, it ignored the verdict of twenty-four men from two different counties and the pronounced judgment of the trial judges in these cases as well as the solemn judgment of the Supreme Court in affirming both cases.

Whereupon the officers of the lodge, under my directions, appealed the case, and Brother Chappell, following my instructions arrested the charter.

While this case is not at issue at this communication, yet there should be an early determination. To that end I directed the Grand Secretary to

forward the entire record to the Chairman of the Committee on Grievances, and I suggest that the interested parties agree to a disposition of the same at this communication.

There are now pending before the Committee on Grievances, three other cases for consideration, which need not be by me considered, as they will be dealt with by that committee and reported to this Grand Lodge.

We are to be congratulated on the record of the year in the matter of discipline. I hope this good work will continue. A brother who violates Masonic laws or the laws of the land should not be permitted to remain in our Fraternity, and should not complain if cast aside as unworthy.

CASE IN THE HANDS OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF AND CARE OF ORPHANS.

The suffering and destitute condition of a sister of a brother Master Mason, was called to the attention of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans. On investigation the committee found that the brother was well able to care for his sister, a duty devolving upon him by the laws of the state as well as a Masonic obligation. After a number of conferences, the brother placed in the hands of the committee some \$1,500.00, to be used for her support; this amount, with some encumbered property she had, was thought to be sufficient to care for her in keeping with her station in life. The sister thereupon demanded amounts from said funds which seemed to the committee to be larger than was justified, and it refused to pay the same, whereupon she instituted an action at law to require the committee to comply with her demands.

In this case, which is still pending, the committee has answered, setting forth the entire facts, and praying that the court appoint some person as trustee for the funds which it holds, and to be relieved of its duties and responsibilities to all concerned. I do not deem it necessary at this time to further detail the facts in this case.

GROWTH AND CONDITION OF LODGES.

The Grand Secretary has furnished me with information, which reflects the growth and condition of our lodges, and the Fraternity in general.

Initiations this year were approximately 1,700. Our suspensions for non-payment of dues were less than last year; our increase in membership is around 700, bringing our total membership up to over forty thousand, to be exact 40,287.

The returns indicate an increase over last year of delinquent dues. The reports, when viewed as a whole indicate that we have made wonderful progress considering existing times and conditions. As a nation and a people we are emerging from perhaps the most trying times that the country and its people have ever experienced. Many have been compelled to ask for an extension of time on their obligations for the first time, and many have been unable to meet their obligations even when extended, and it is not surprising that our delinquent dues list has increased during such a depressing financial period.

Many of our lodges have no delinquent dues, but here and there I found lodges where it seemed that the members could not pay by reason of their financial condition, but the unexpected always happens, and many of the brethren who apparently were unable to do so, settled their financial obligations, thereby materially reducing the number of delinquencies. It seems to me that generally the dues are more than necessary, yet in the face of the increased demands for help for worthy brothers in distress, brought about by the distressing financial conditions in the past, there seemingly can be no reduction in dues. I find that in many cases the secretary is, in a measure, responsible for the delinquencies.

A brother can pay one year's dues, but is unable to pay two years. The failure to pay dues for years creates a debt that the brother cannot pay without depriving himself and family of perhaps the necessities of life, and this he declines to do. The result in many cases, is, the lodge not only loses the dues, but the brother also.

Few brothers, cannot, some time during the year, pay their dues, and it is within the power of the secretary to reduce the delinquent list to a minimum. Our secretaries should not only realize their duties in that regard, but should perform them, and should have the co-operation of the brethren. If a brother can pay, and will not, he should not complain if suspended; but not so with the brother who cannot.

Some action must be taken looking to the adjustment of these delinquent dues, and I recommend that the Grand Secretary furnish the incoming Grand Master with a list of all lodges having members who are delinquent in dues, for his information, to the end that he act advisedly and for the best interests of the Fraternity. I know that a letter from the Grand Master will, in most cases, bring about the desired result.

OUR HOMES.

These are our most worthy objects. Around them our chief interest centers. Around them cluster our brightest hopes and fondest anticipations.

"Home," what a hallowed name. It touches every fiber of the soul, strikes every chord of the human heart. We realize, we know that it is not within our power to make them the magic circle within which the weary find refuge, and the careworn heart retreat; but we can provide a place where the lone wanderer, bent with the weight of age, and white with the frost of years, may find rest from life's weary toil, and enjoy a brother's mutual care and sympathy. We cannot supply to our children the father's love and care, the sister's embrace, the brother's welcome, the mother's smile and sweet lullaby that banishes from the home every sorrow. But we can surround the children entrusted to our care with that influence which develops and establishes character and good citizenship.

The Homes are under the best possible management, the care, welfare, and happiness of those in our charge are given first consideration. To further care for and provide for their welfare, we have completed the Infirmary, the cornerstone of which was laid at our last communication, carrying out our constructive program. It is a most attractive and beautiful structure, and is a lasting monument to the Craft in this jurisdiction. To see it is an inspiration to

redouble our efforts along that line. It stands as a silent witness to the fulfillment of our pledge to the needy of the Fraternity.

I authorized the committee to appeal to the various Masonic bodies, and to the Eastern Star chapters, and to individual Masons to furnish it, and I am pleased to report that the response thereto indicates that there will be sufficient to furnish it.

I found in my travels over the jurisdiction, that but very few of our brethren have visited our Childrens Homes at Fremont. This led me to accept the invitation of our Omaha brothers to carry us there by automobile this afternoon. I hope that all will avail themselves of this opportunity, which will enable you to see with your own eyes what is being done in this jurisdiction for our boys and girls.

These Homes came in response to the appeal of the helpless and dependent, made so by the death of the father or mother, in many cases both. It touched the heartstrings of the womanhood and motherhood of the Craft, and the sisters of the Eastern Star responded, to the honor and credit of the wives, daughters, mothers, widows, and sisters of the Fraternity, whose Fraternity teaches charity, truth, and loving kindness, ever guided by the Star of love, of light, of hope, and of faith.

When you visit the homes at Fremont, let me say to you that you will see only a part of the children that are being assisted.

The Grand Lodge, through our Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans is contributing to the support of many in their homes, believing that the home is the most important school of character where there is imbibed those principles of human life and conduct which endure through manhood and cease only with life. There the heart is open; habits formed, intellect awakened, and character molded. It is to be regretted that all our dependent children are not surrounded by the lasting influence of home and mother, but such is not possible. The brethren of this jurisdiction owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women who, without compensation, have taken of their time and money to manage these Homes, and they deserve great credit for the success which has crowned their efforts.

And, my brethren, if Masonry is to go on and on, and carry out and fulfill the great underlying principles upon which it was founded, then our object of charity must be extended far beyond our present sphere, and we should extend our charity to every creed, nationality, and religion so far as we can do so. Masonry is universal, so should be our charities. I realize that there are those to whom we owe a special duty and obligation. It is within our power, and it is our duty not only to care for those who are the natural objects of our bounty, but to go farther and extend a helping hand to others deserving assistance.

Our marked increase in numbers, wealth, power, and influence, correspondingly increases our duty. The time has come when we cannot shut our eyes and close our ears to the appeals for charity, because it comes without our own narrow circle. We are no longer a frail and fleeting body. In the world, we represent the pillar of strength. Shall we be weighed in the balance and found wanting in the performance of duty?

“And while the widow’s tears we dry
Or raise a brother from despair,
Or hush the homeless orphan’s cry,
May love’s expanding care
Embrace humanity.”

REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED AND APPOINTED.

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

Brother Madmoud Rasmi, near the Grand Lodge of Egypt, commissioned November 3rd, 1924.

Brother Wentworth A. King-Harmon, near the Grand Lodge of Ireland, commissioned November 14th, 1924.

I recommended Brother John R. Tapster, 119, as representative for the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

PETITIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT.

Many applications for reinstatement of brothers who have been suspended for non-payment of dues for three years or more have been received and disposed of. The law requires they be sent to the Grand Master and by him referred to a committee for consideration and recommendation.

Attention is called to the new petitions, with questionnaires attached. These may be had by request from the Grand Secretary. The new petition must be used and the questionnaire which is a part thereof, should be carefully filled out and sent to the Grand Master. Failure to use the new petition or neglect to give the information called for in the questionnaire necessitates its return to the local lodge, increases the work of the Grand Master, and causes unnecessary delay. These petitions, to receive consideration of the Grand Master and by the committees to which they are referred, must be in proper form, and the information contemplated in the questionnaire given.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES.

At the request of lodges in our jurisdiction, I have asked lodges in other jurisdictions to confer for us the degrees of Masonry, and in return, our lodges have willingly responded to the call of other jurisdictions for similar services. These are matters of courtesy extended by one Grand Jurisdiction to another, and must be arranged for through the Grand Master’s office. I have, without a single exception, found the lodges in other jurisdictions, courteous and willing to help each other, and render such assistance to our lodges when requested to do so.

Under ordinary circumstances I think it an imposition to request a lodge in another jurisdiction to confer all of the degrees, and for many reasons, lodges should, as far as it is possible, confer the degrees on their own candidates; the principal one being the variation in the work in the different jurisdictions. When the brother returns to his home lodge, he finds it very difficult to correct his work, and in many instances makes no attempt to do so, which is not only unsatisfactory and confusing to the brother himself, but to the brethren in our own jurisdiction.

Special attention is called to the fact that in some jurisdictions lodges are prohibited from conferring the Entered Apprentice degree as an act of courtesy. In my judgment, the right place to confer the degree is in the home lodge, and there should be no exceptions, save only those that cannot be conferred by reason of conditions that arise after elections and those which would necessarily prevent the conferring of the degrees by the home lodge.

EXTENDING THE TIME FOR PROFICIENCY EXAMINATIONS.

I have, for very good reasons, in a very few cases, extended the time to pass the proficiency examination required by Section 66 as amended in 1923. It is my belief that this section is generally being complied with, but occasionally a brother finds that by reason of necessary absence, sickness, or inability to become posted, the time has to be extended by the Grand Master.

In all cases, where the brother was not at fault, I have, when requested, extended the time.

APPLICATIONS FOR RECOGNITION BY THE GRAND LODGE.

Many propositions have been made by organizations to obtain recognition of this Grand Lodge. All have been investigated and considered. Sufficient to say that, after a careful investigation I could see no good reason to suggest that our law be amended to increase our recognition of organizations formed or to be formed. To recognize every worthy organization that sought recognition of us, would necessarily weaken our present and future efficiency and divide and scatter our forces as well as our resources.

JORDAN MEDALS.

I find that a number of our lodges do not have the Jordan Medals that have been sent to them. One has been sent to every lodge and should be in its possession if it has not been presented to the brother in the lodge entitled thereto. I have, in a number of cases, directed the Grand Secretary to, without expense, furnish lodges with one of the medals, when I became satisfied that it had not been received, or if received, had been lost without fault of the lodge, as sometimes happens. I find that many of the brethren are not familiar with the history and purpose thereof.

I therefore, recommend that our Grand Secretary, who has these medals in charge, prepare a short history of the same, and the object and purpose of presenting them, and that when a medal is sent out, the history accompany it, and that one be available to every lodge requesting a copy thereof.

I further recommend that, when a lodge certifies under its seal, that the Jordan Medal sent it has been lost, another one be furnished without expense by the Grand Secretary so long as the supply on hand lasts, provided that said lodge shall promise in writing to follow the instructions required as to the presentation of such medals, and that it will take and preserve a receipt therefor.

We who are in our swaddling clothes, fail to appreciate the feelings of those who receive these Jordan Medals. I know of no case where they have not been highly appreciated and worn with much pride and satisfaction. It is a mark of distinction accorded to a worthy and deserving brother. May the time never come when we fail to, in some way, recognize the brother who has, for a lifetime, in season and out, kept the faith.

DECISIONS.

During my term, I have received and answered many letters calling for an interpretation of many of the sections of our law. Reference to the law usually answered the inquiry and gave the desired information. Scarcely a day passed that some question was not presented for consideration; generally speaking they were of minor importance, involving and presenting nothing new, and I do not consider them of sufficient importance to report to you, because by so doing would serve no good purpose and would prolong this address. None arose to the dignity of an official opinion except in three instances.

DECISION NO. 1

In answer to a question submitted to me by Worshipful Brother O. Edwin Mickey, Chairman of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, relating to granting or continuing relief under certain conditions named, I decided:

1. That when an application for relief for the family of a brother had been made while the brother was a member of the lodge in good standing, but before the application could be fully considered by the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, the brother was suspended by the lodge, that the committee would be justified in ignoring the suspension, and granting such relief to the family as the committee deemed proper.

2. When the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans is giving relief to a family, and the father, a member of the lodge, deserted his family, and the wife was contemplating applying for a divorce from her husband, I decided that the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans would be justified in continuing such relief as they deemed advisable, regardless of what action the local lodge might take in suspending or expelling the brother or a proceedings of divorce by the wife.

DECISION NO. 2

I have received considerable correspondence relating to the reinstatement of a suspended brother after his death, and what amounted to practically a request from a member of his family that the brother be ordered reinstated. I am advised by the Grand Secretary that this matter has been brought up on former occasions and that Grand Masters have invariably held that nothing could be done in the matter, but no formal decision has been made, and I can find nothing in our law that would give a Grand Master power to set aside the action of the lodge, and I therefore decided that I could do nothing in the matter. I believe, however, that some provision should be made in our law to cover cases of this kind, and to provide that where suspension was illegal, and the matter of reinstatement was brought up within one year, the Grand Master should be empowered to act. This proposition will be considered further in my recommendations.

DECISION NO. 3.

In answer to a question submitted to me by Brother Luther M. Kuhns, Chairman of the Committee on Admission of the Nebraska Masonic Home, as to whether or not a widowed mother of a Master Mason may be admitted to the Home, even though her husband was not a Master Mason, I held that she might be admitted.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

Under decision number two, I recommend that some provision should be made in our law to cover cases like those therein referred to. In order to give force and effect to that decision, I recommend as an amendment to Section 210, page 80, Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska, Edition of 1922, the following to be added to said section as Section 210-A:

"Section 210-A.—The record of a brother's suspension for nonpayment of dues cannot be changed, vacated, or annulled by the lodge suspending him after the brother's death. But when the action of the lodge was illegal, the sentence of suspension may be declared null and void by the Grand Master, provided, that if the so-called suspension occurred more than one year prior to the decease of said brother, and no attempt has been made by himself or his relations for restoration to good standing in that length of time, he shall be deemed to have had full knowledge thereof, and to have concurred therein and the action of the lodge shall not be changed, but shall be final."

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2.

Complaints have reached me that the requirement of the fee of ten dollars as required by Section 81 (first paragraph) as found on page 614, proceedings of 1924, prevents many worthy brothers from petitioning for affiliation. We have in this jurisdiction too many unaffiliated Master Masons, and many of them give as a reason why they do not affiliate, that the requirements of this provision of our law is unjust to them, and that we thereby discriminate between resident and non-resident Master Masons holding demits.

I therefore recommend that the first paragraph of said Section 81, found on page 614, proceedings of 1924, be amended by striking out the following words: "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," and inserting in lieu thereof in said paragraph the following: "Provided that any Master Mason holding a demit and being in good standing at the time he presents his petition for affiliation, shall not be liable for this fee." And by the phrase "good standing" is meant "one who has not been unaffiliated for more than one year, or who has made application, been rejected and renewed his application as often as once in each six months."

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3.

I recommend that Section 77 (new paragraph) as found on page 614, proceedings of 1924, be repealed, and that a new section to be known as Section 77-A be enacted as follows:

"Section 77-A.—Pall-bearers who are not Master Masons should not have a place in the part of the procession formed by the lodge of Freemasons. None but Master Masons should be in the line between the Tyler and the Master."

The law enacted in 1924 requiring all pall-bearers to be Master Masons in good standing is unworkable, unnecessary, and unsatisfactory.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4.

I recommend that Section 119-A as found on page 616, proceedings of 1924, be amended by adding after the words "Grand Lodge" in line four, the words: "For petitioners for the mysteries of Freemasonry." So that when the paragraph has been amended it will read as follows: "Section 119-A. A

ballot should be spread for only 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 for petitioners for the mysteries of Freemasonry has been filled out in full, signed and returned, and if not done within four months, the petitioner shall be declared rejected without ballot."

I am prompted to suggest this amendment because I find that in some of our lodges petitioners for affiliation by demit are required to fill out the questionnaire. Such was not contemplated by the law, and should not be construed to in any way limit or direct the manner or method of the investigation of petitioners for affiliation, that being wholly within the lodge's discretion.

If a questionnaire be required from those seeking to affiliate by demit, let the law be amended in that regard and a suitable questionnaire be prepared for such purpose.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5.

During the year many questions have arisen that I have had to solve, and I have felt the need of some committee or some one to whom I could go for advice and on whom I could, with confidence, rely. And as I have looked the situation over, I feel that some means ought to be provided whereby the Grand Master could get assistance in the way of helpful advice as he might need it.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, composed as it is of the Past Grand Masters, meet when the Grand Lodge convenes, and the matters that are presented to the committee, owing to our short session, of necessity get brief consideration. I am not complaining of the committee or of its action, but the committee does not have the time to give the proper consideration that ought to be given to the questions that are presented to them, and the committee desire to be present during the sessions of the Grand Lodge, and they ought to be present, not only for the benefit that the individual members thereof derive from whatever may come before the Grand Lodge, but the Grand Lodge itself needs the presence of its Past Grand Masters.

Other jurisdictions that started as we did by making the Committee on Jurisprudence to consist of all its Past Grand Masters, have long since found the necessity of creating a smaller committee to transact such business as might come before it, and I feel that the time has come when this Grand Lodge ought to adopt some plan by which the sitting Grand Master could have a committee that he could call upon for advice during the year.

I have not given the matter sufficient consideration to even make a suggestion as to just what plan should be adopted, but our Grand Secretary has submitted to me his idea of the Committee on Jurisprudence. I think it has genuine merit, and I am submitting the same to you, and I trust it will receive the careful consideration that it deserves; and I suggest that this plan of Brother White's be referred to a committee of three to be appointed by the incoming Grand Master, who shall make a report next year upon this plan, or any other plan which they may deem advisable, so that the Committee on Jurisprudence may be as helpful to the sitting Grand Master as possible, and also be able to function to the best possible advantage to the Craft.

I recommend the following amendment to the law, the same to lie over for consideration until our next annual communication:

Strike out on line 10, Section 9, Chapter III., the following:

"The committee numbered (1) above shall consist of all the Past Grand Masters in attendance, with the junior as chairman," and insert—

"The Committee on Jurisprudence shall consist of seven Past Grand Masters, members of some lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, four of them to be appointed by the Grand Master, at the time, or within ten days after his installation, and the other three members shall be the three Past Grand Masters, who have most recently served as Grand Master, with the retiring Grand Master as chairman. The Grand Master shall fill any vacancies that may occur. In filling the vacancies, the Grand Master shall do so by keeping on the committee those whose terms have recently expired."

Strike out all of Sections 11 and 12, Jurisprudence, and Codification of the Law, and insert after Section 12, the word "Repealed."

Enact the following as Section 11:

Section 11—Jurisprudence.—The Committee on Jurisprudence shall be a standing committee. To this committee, the Grand Master may, at any time present for its consideration any question of Masonic law or custom. Such question when submitted shall be sent to the chairman, and by him to all of the members of the committee, asking them for their opinion. When these have been returned, they shall be submitted to the Grand Master. The information shall in no way bind the Grand Master, but shall be advisory only. Copies of all decisions made by the Grand Master shall be sent to the Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, as soon after they are made as can conveniently be done. All recommendations shall also be sent to the chairman of the committee in ample time to be considered by the committee before the meeting of the Grand Lodge. On receiving copies of decisions or recommendations, the chairman of the committee shall send copies to each member of the committee, and ascertain from them their approval, rejection, or modification thereof. If a majority of the committee approve any decision or recommendation, the chairman of the committee shall prepare and present to the Grand Lodge at its next annual communication, amendments to the law making the necessary changes, specified by section and paragraphed, and repealing all portions of the law in conflict therewith. The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence shall always be considered as a special order to be brought up on the morning of the second day's session. When the report of the committee is brought up for consideration, the objections of five members shall prevent consideration of any changes in any section or paragraph. When objection is made by five members to any portion of the report that amends the law, said part of the law objected to will lie over for consideration at the next annual communication.

The committee shall codify all amendments to the law that have been adopted by the Grand Lodge, forming them under the proper headings in chapters, sections, and paragraphs, and shall repeal all laws in conflict therewith.

All expenses of the committee for postage, stationery, and stenographic services shall be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge. All bills shall be approved by the chairman of the committee and sent to the Grand Master. If they meet with his approval, he shall direct the Grand Secretary to draw an order therefor.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6.

Soon after I assumed the duties of Grand Master, I received many letters and they are still coming, calling for the interpretation of, seemingly, every section of the law. I regard the law of this Grand Jurisdiction sufficiently clear, with but very few exceptions, and that it needs no interpretation by the Grand Master. A careful reading of the law would have relieved me of at

least one-third of the correspondence. This led me to send out the time honored circular commanding that a part of the proceedings of the last communication of the Grand Lodge, and the law be read and action reported. The expected relief did not materialize, and neither did the reports, which necessitated the expense of a second circular in that regard, and still no relief, and many of the lodges still failing to report, required a third letter on the subject. Either the law is not being understandingly read, or the officers do not take the time to consider the law, finding it easier or more convenient to write the Grand Master.

I recommend that the law be continued to be read until the Masters and Wardens at least become familiar with its every provision. Masters should consult the law before asking the Grand Master's opinion, or where the law can be found.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 7.

The Grand Lodge at its communication in 1924, amended Section 99 of the law of 1922, by providing that lodges conferring degrees without jurisdiction shall, in addition to paying the lodge having jurisdiction over the petitioner the fees collected less amount due the Grand Lodge, pay 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.

The penalty provided by this section should only be enforced in cases of willful violation thereof. To enforce and compel the payment of this penalty in every instance, would be unreasonable and unjust.

I therefore recommend that, that part of the section be repealed or amended by vesting in the Grand Master the power to remit the penalty provided by this section, upon a showing that the lodge in receiving the petition or conferring the degree or degrees, acted in good faith and without notice or knowledge that it did not have jurisdiction, and that it had good reason to believe and did believe it had jurisdiction.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 8.

In 1923, Section 66-A of the by-laws was amended to require, in substance, that a Master Mason must have taken an examination and have been declared proficient in that degree as a prerequisite to his right to a diploma, a demit, and to hold office. Doubtless through oversight, the several provisions of our law relating to the granting of diplomas, demits, and the right to hold office, were not amended to conform to this section.

It is important that the various provisions of the law be reconciled to each other as new legislation is enacted, so that inconsistencies may be eliminated. Repeal of amendments of the law by implication should, so far as possible, be avoided. The necessity of reconciling conflicting provisions should be minimized.

I therefore recommend that, the different sections relating to the granting of a diploma, a demit, and the right to hold office, be amended to conform to the provisions of Section 66-A.

I am in hearty sympathy with the purpose of the recent legislation designed to require all Master Masons to become proficient in that degree, but I have been convinced, from my experience of the past year, that exceptional

cases will, from time to time, arise, when this requirement should be waived. And I therefore recommend that there be added to Section 66-A, a proviso permitting the Grand Master, for good cause shown, to waive this provision.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 9

I have become convinced that the right to lodge objections to the initiation, advancement, or the admission of candidates and members has been frequently abused, and that after the ballot is taken such right should be made to conform more closely to the present law as it applies to objections lodged by members of other lodges. I therefore recommend that Chapter XVI. of the law be amended to provide that upon the accepting of a petition for initiation or admission, all members of the lodge residing within the state be given notice in writing of the name, post-office address, age, and occupation of the petitioner, and that until the spreading of the ballot upon the petition, the right of objection as it now obtains shall remain unchanged, but that after a ballot has been taken and found clear, the Master shall demand of any member thereafter lodging an objection the reasons therefor and the facts upon which such objection is based, and if in the judgment of the Master the reasons for making such objection are insufficient, he shall then refer the matter, including the names of the petitioner and the objector, together with the reasons given for the objection, to the Grand Master, and it shall be the duty of the Grand Master to determine the validity of such objection, and, in his discretion, he may make such investigation as he shall deem advisable, and for this purpose may deputize a Master Mason in good standing to make such investigation and report to him the facts found and his conclusions thereon.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 10.

I recommend that the incoming Grand Master be requested to appoint a committee of three to report at the next annual communication a system of managing all the funds in which the Grand Lodge is interested, separating as nearly as it can be done, the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge from the usual routine duties of the Grand Secretary, creating, if it can be done, a department of finance.

Our funds have grown to be so large, and are in so many different accounts, that they should be cared for in a department by itself.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED.

During the year I received petitions and requests for the formation of a number of new lodges throughout the jurisdiction, all of which were refused, other than those herein referred to under the head of Dispensations Granted. Generally these requests came from brethren living in sparsely settled parts of the state, and the proposed situs of the lodge in municipalities ranging in population of one to three hundred inhabitants.

Upon investigation I found, as a rule, that it would require all of those living in close proximity to the proposed new lodge to constitute a quorum to transact business, and that only under favorable conditions could a quorum be obtained, and that the future growth of the proposed new lodge would be problematic; besides, as a rule the lodges that would be affected by the change

in jurisdiction would materially suffer by loss of membership as well as territory. I realize that brethren living in these sparsely settled portions of the jurisdiction are, by reason of distance from lodges, deprived of the right of visitation and participation, except at considerable inconvenience and sacrifice, yet there seems to be no way at present to obviate such conditions.

There are several important facts to be considered in the formation of a new lodge: The necessity, the expense, the future, and the effect on existing lodges. The formation of a new lodge in such places as I have mentioned is no small undertaking. The effect on existing lodges, of course, cannot always be foretold, but requires serious consideration. The destroying or crippling of one or more existing lodges that have for years endeavored to build up a lodge that is self-sustaining, and the creating of one in name only, and that for the accommodating of a few to the detriment of many, is a matter of great Masonic importance. I felt it my duty to deny all such petitions. What I have said applies generally to those I have refused with only one exception, the Ralston petition. The Ralston petition was submitted as by law required to Papillion Lodge No. 39, it being the nearest lodge to the proposed new lodge, and it received no support therefrom; besides there was a vigorous protest against it by Bee Hive Lodge No. 184. Before the petition was acted upon by Papillion Lodge, I visited Ralston and met many of the brethren interested in the formation of this new lodge, and inspected the building that was proposed to be used for lodge purposes. Later, by appointment, I met representatives of Bee Hive and Papillion Lodges at the office of the Grand Master in Omaha. After giving the matter careful consideration, I reached the conclusion that those brethren living in Ralston and in the territory it would acquire jurisdiction over by the formation of a new lodge, would suffer no Masonic hardship by being compelled to attend or affiliate with the lodge having jurisdiction over the territory of their residence. Papillion is only a step, so to speak, from Ralston. By the establishment of a new lodge at Ralston, Papillion's best territory would be taken away from it, and its plans and ambitions of a lifetime be destroyed, leaving its future Masonic existence a matter of conjecture and uncertainty. In fairness to the brethren who have so long and faithfully labored at Papillion, I did not feel like depriving them of the fruits of their labor.

For these reasons and others considered, I concluded that it was not for the best interest of the Fraternity that a new lodge be at this time formed at Ralston.

CONCLUSION.

BRETHREN, I cannot close this address without reference to present day conditions as they relate to law and order, and our duty in relation thereto.

History fails to record a time when there existed that disregard and disrespect for law and constituted authority as is prevalent today. It is not confined to our state, it extends beyond our border; it is world wide. It is not necessary for me to attempt a portrayal of these conditions here, because they are matters of common knowledge. They are reflected, not only by the public press, but are verified and confirmed by those who have investigated and tried to analyze them. The remedy therefor is the great problem confronting those in authority today. So grave has the problem become, that those who believe

in the sanctity of the home, and the perpetuity of our nation, are appealing for help: Help, to maintain law and order and to establish and maintain justice and equality; help to educate the rising generation to respect law and order and constituted authority, and to inspire them with the love of home, country, and flag; help, to be mindful of the many blessings enjoyed and the protection afforded by our Constitution which guarantees life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; help, to return to and preserve the political and religious liberties guaranteed by our Constitution; help, to establish the best ideals of citizenship, which are the true ideals of Masonry; help, to establish in man a desire to be governed by heart and conscience; help, to return to the faith of our fathers; help, to put back in the home, the family altar and the Book of Books.

Brethren, this appeal is made to you as citizens of this Commonwealth, and as Masons, it is your duty to assist along these lines. The task is seemingly a stupendous one and will require unfaltering courage. But think what a handful of Masons accomplished in the formation of our government, and then consider what is possible for us to accomplish if united in one common purpose. Numerically, we outnumber all other fraternal organizations, and our influence and power, if exercised along these lines, would solve not only every moral question, but every national, state, and municipal question. BRETHREN, to this call from the peaceful, law abiding people of Nebraska, I charge you, let your answer be, we are coming forty thousand strong.

Forward! March.

ROBERT R. DICKSON,
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 of the War Relief 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 May 20th, 1925:

VOTES ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Two hundred and eighty-five lodges, all except No. 236, have voted on the two amendments to the constitution, proposed at the last session of the Grand Lodge.

On the amendment to Article II. the vote stands: Two hundred and fifty-two for and thirty-three against.

On the amendment to Article XI. the vote stands: Two hundred and seventy-eight for and seven against.

VOLUME XI.

I suggest that some time during the year, the Grand Secretary be directed to ask for bids for printing and binding Volume XI., and if the bids are satisfactory, and have the approval of the Grand Master, that 600 volumes be printed and the electrotype plates sold. You will recall that some years ago, the Grand Lodge instructed the Grand Secretary not to continue the electrotyping of our proceedings. When this action was taken, we had a sufficient amount of proceedings electrotyped to constitute Volume XI., and the lodges were requested to preserve their copies of the proceedings sent to them, so that they could have these bound if they cared to do so. It might be well also to instruct the Grand Secretary to take into consideration, the binding together in a suitable volume, of any and all proceedings, beginning with the proceedings of 1918, which will be Volume XII., and end with the proceedings of 1921. Volume XIII. will end with the proceedings for 1925.

GRIEVANCES.

All papers relating to grievances that reached this office, were forwarded to the chairman of the Committee on Grievances.

MONITOR AND CEREMONIES.

As directed one year ago, I have had 5,000 copies of the small monitor printed. This was the 7th edition, making a total of 21,500 copies that have been printed from the original plates. When the 8th edition is wanted, it might be well to consider the ordering of new type, as the plates are getting slightly worn and should not be used unless they will make a perfect copy.

COLLECTION OF ANCIENT WEAPONS.

During the past year, Professor Edwin H. Barbour, Ph. D., University of Nebraska, with assistants from his office, and our Grand Chaplain, Charles M. Shepherd, rendering valuable assistance, have done much work in regard to cataloguing the collection of Brother George W. Lininger and Brother John J. Monell. The work is not quite completed.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

Applications for charters, with records, statements of work, and all other papers, have been received from three lodges that have been working under dispensation, Palmer, U. D., at Palmer; Mid-West, U. D., at Hastings; and Alpha, U. D., at South Sioux City, and have been referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations. An application for the continuance of the dispensation to the lodge U. D. at Grand Island has been referred to the same committee, as has the application of Highland Lodge No. 194, at Cortland, for a new charter, their original charter having been lost by fire.

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND.

Cash Debit.

Amount on hand May 21st, 1924.	\$ 44,261.63
Dues on 39,585 members, less 41 exemptions, net number collected on 39,544 at \$2.00 each.	79,088.00

Fees on 1,724 members initiated at \$5.00 each, including 5 previously omitted.	\$ 8,620.00
Penalties assessed in 1924.	35.97
Fees on 1,355 initiated after June 5th, 1924 at \$5.00 each.	6,775.00
Fees on 364 initiated before June 5th, 1924 at \$10.00 each.	3,640.00
Fees on 86 affiliations at \$10.00 each.	860.00
Supplies sold to lodges.	2,414.35
Supplies sold to Grand Chapter, R. A. M.	42.80
Interest on Government bonds, Building & Improvement Fund.	3,357.53
Mosaic Lodge No. 55, Building & Improvement Fund, by order of Grand Master, May 22nd, 1924.	20.00
Special dispensations.	150.00
Unexpended appropriation returned by the Grand Lodge Committee on the Masonic Service Association.	639.79
Interest on daily balances.	731.69
Interest on Government bonds.	637.50
Dispensations for 4 lodges, U. D.	100.00
Charter fee for Alpha Lodge, U. D.	75.00
Charter fee for Palmer Lodge, U. D.	75.00
Unexpended balance Grand Master's appropriation, returned by Charles A. Chappell.	34.89
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	\$151,559.15

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND.

Cash Credit.

Special train for laying of corner-stone of Infirmary, Plattsmouth. . . \$	345.28
Pay-roll, 1924.	4,814.86
Grand Tyler, session, 1924.	15.00
Organist, Grand Lodge, 1924.	10.00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.	200.00
Masonic Relief Association of Omaha.	200.00
Premium, Grand Secretary's bond.	15.00
Premium, Deputy Grand Secretary's bond.	15.00
Auditing accounts of the Grand Lodge.	25.00
Masonic Relief Association of the United States, ½-cent per capita to September 1st, 1924.	197.93
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Rent of Grand Lodge Office to March 31st, 1925.	1,000.00
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, 10% fees and dues, 1924	6,676.20
Childrens Homes, Fremont.	5,000.00
Stenographer and expense, Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.	1,500.00
Printing and expense, Committee on Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts.	311.50
Supplies for sale to lodges.	3,596.83
Re-binding 10 volumes Monell library.	20.00
Grand Master's expense.	1,500.00

Robert E. French.....	\$ 1,800.00
Francis E. White.....	2,400.00
Lewis E. Smith.....	2,400.00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire.....	2,150.00
Incidental expense.....	114.68
Janitor.....	65.00
Postage.....	315.00
Stationery.....	93.43
Blanks.....	235.50
Government bonds, (\$300.00) par value for War Relief Fund.....	306.45
Accrued interest on Government bonds, par value for War Relief fund.....	2.28
Balance, cash War Relief Fund, transferred to the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	1,251.76
Promulgation of the Work.....	999.60
Grand Custodian's expense.....	300.00
Grand Master's clerk hire.....	600.00
Committee on Masonic Education.....	1,250.00
Printing proceedings and reports of Grand Officers, and advance copies, 1924.....	1,245.30
Shelving in basement vault.....	58.45
Insurance premium on furniture, fixtures, and supplies.....	32.50
Library.....	7.00
Part appropriation for Infirmary.....	30,337.67
Nebraska Masonic Home, per capita tax.....	29,658.00
Government bonds for general fund.....	12,000.00
Premium on Government bonds for general fund.....	156.95
Accrued interest on Government bonds for general fund.....	174.44
Refund Boaz Lodge No. 185, fee paid twice.....	5.00
Government bonds for Building and Improvement Fund.....	6,000.00
Premium on Government bonds for Building and Improvement Fund.....	76.91
Accrued interest on Government bonds.....	90.76
300 copies, List of Regular Lodges.....	114.66
Telephone.....	53.70
Balance cash on hand.....	31,623.58
Total.....	\$151,559.15

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Bonds sold and cash paid to the Nebraska Masonic Home as part of the appropriation for the Infirmary at Plattsmouth:

Government bonds sold.....	\$ 67,809.12
Profit on bonds sold.....	1,084.07
Interest on bonds sold.....	769.14
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	\$ 69,662.33
Part appropriation for the Infirmary paid by Government bonds sold.....	\$ 69,662.33

Balance of appropriation, paid in cash.....	30,337.67
Total.....	<u>\$100,000.00</u>

GENERAL RELIEF FUND.

Balance on hand May 20th, 1924.....	\$ 6,676.20
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.....	\$ 6,676.20
May 20th, 1925, 10% on dues March 31st, 1924, 39,585 members at \$1.50 each.....	5,937.75
May 20th, 1925, 10% on fees March 31st, 1925, 1,724 initiations at \$5.00 each.....	862.00
May 20th, 1925, balance on hand.....	6,799.75
	<u>\$13,475.95</u>
	\$13,475.95

WAR RELIEF FUND—BEFORE TRANSFERRING MANAGEMENT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

June 17th, 1924, accrued interest on Government bonds purchased.....	\$ 2.28
June 17th, 1924, Government bonds, (par value \$30,000.00) cost.....	29,681.61
June 17th, 1924, cash.....	1,251.76
June 17th, 1924, by cash and bonds transferred to the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	<u>\$30,935.65</u>
	\$30,935.65
	\$30,936.65

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

May 20th, 1924, balance on hand.....	\$ 99,745.78
Mosaic Lodge No. 55.....	20.00
Interest on Government bonds.....	3,357.53
Interest on Government bonds sold.....	769.14
Profit on Government bonds sold.....	1,084.07
By dues on 39,585, less 41 members exempt from the payment of Grand Lodge dues.....	19,772.00
By 1,355 initiations after June 5th, 1924, at \$5.00 each.....	6,775.00
By 364 initiations before June 5th, 1924, at \$10.00 each.....	3,640.00
By 86 affiliations at \$10.00 each.....	860.00
To accrued interest on Government bonds purchased.....	90.76
Appropriation for Infirmary at Plattsmouth.....	100,000.00
Balance on hand.....	35,932.76
	<u>\$136,023.52</u>
	\$136,023.52

BONDS, BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

No. J00105329—Par value.....	\$5,000.00	Cost.....	\$4,920.32
No. K00105330—Par value.....	5,000.00	Cost.....	4,920.32

No. G00057667—Par value.....	5,000.00	Cost.....	\$4,920.31
No. H00126348—Par value.....	5,000.00	Cost.....	4,920.31
No. F00126376—Par value.....	5,000.00	Cost.....	4,920.31
No. A00126391—Par value.....	5,000.00	Cost.....	4,920.31
No. E00046905—Par value.....	5,000.00	Cost.....	5,057.81
No. E585764 —Par value.....	1,000.00	Cost.....	1,019.10
Total par value.....	\$36,000.00	Total Cost.....	\$35,598.79

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Amount on hand last year.....		\$	141.13
Amount purchased during year.....	\$3,596.83		
Sold to Grand Chapter, R. A. M.			42.80
Sold to lodges year ending March 20th, 1925.....			2,414.35
By amount issued free to lodges, etc.....			9.90
To balance on hand May 20th, 1925.....			988.65
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		\$3,596.83	\$3,596.83

TRIAL BALANCE GRAND LODGE GENERAL LEDGER.

After closing the accounts for the year ending May 20th, 1925.

Inventory.....		\$330,896.65
Stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$151,600.00	
Furniture and fixtures.....	4,503.82	
General Relief.....		6,799.75
United States Government bonds.....	22,156.95	
Supplies.....	988.65	
Cash.....	31,623.58	
Childrens Homes, Fremont.....	122,000.00	
Grand Lodge jewels.....	233.00	
Stock in the Nebraska Eastern Star Home, Fremont..	1,000.00	
John J. Monell library.....	2,281.04	
Grand Lodge library.....	1,553.68	
George W. Lininger collection.....	89.65	
Building and Improvement Fund.....		35,932.76
Liberty bonds, Building & Improvement Fund.....	35,598.79	
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	\$373,629.16	\$373,629.16

INVENTORY.

Assets.

Stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$151,600.00
Furniture and fixtures.....	4,503.82
U. S. Government bonds.....	22,156.95
Supplies.....	988.65
Cash.....	31,623.58
Childrens Homes, Fremont.....	122,000.00
Grand Lodge jewels.....	233.00
Stock in the Nebraska Eastern Star Home, Fremont..	1,000.00

John J. Monell library.....	\$ 2,281.04	
Grand Lodge library.....	1,553.68	
George W. Lininger collection.....	89.65	
Liberty bonds, Building & Improvement fund.....	35,598.79	\$373,629.16

Liabilities.

General relief.....	\$ 6,799.75	
Building and Improvement Fund.....	35,932.76	\$ 42,732.51

Net assets as shown by the ledger, May 20th, 1925.....\$330,896.65

Net assets as shown by the ledger, May 20th, 1924..... 221,703.22

Net increase for the year 1924-1925.....\$109,193.43

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

The five hundred and sixteen shares of stock owned by the Grand Lodge were represented at the annual meeting of the stockholders held January 23rd, 1925, by Robert R. Dickson, Grand Master. One thousand copies of the reports of the officers of the Home and the management thereof were printed and distributed as heretofore; copies being sent to all of our Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters, and all lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction. A little general information may be of interest to those who did not receive a copy of the pamphlet.

Our last report showed 19 men and 12 women at the Home, total 31. During the year the net increase was 4. We now have 19 men and 16 women, total 35.

In addition to those cared for at the Home, the Trustees are paying annuities to 15 members of the Masonic Fraternity or their families who can be better cared for in their homes; in this way it does not separate families and is more satisfactory to the annuitants.

The Childrens Homes at Fremont are caring for the children, and the Grand Lodge Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans have assisted during the past year about seventy members of the Fraternity or members of their families; all, or part of the time. In round numbers, the Masonic Fraternity is assisting about one hundred and fifty members of the Fraternity or members of their families, yearly.

Christmas is always a happy time for the residents of the Home at Plattsmouth and the children at Fremont, for at that time, humanity sends forth gifts in great abundance, and our residents and children are all well remembered with gifts by the hundreds. A visit to either the Home at Plattsmouth or the Childrens Home at Fremont on Christmas day will repay any of us for any service we may have rendered or money paid. There is so much real happiness there that some of it will reach us and it will remain with us for many days.

The report of the Superintendent at Plattsmouth for the calendar year 1924 shows:

Cost of food consumed.....	\$6,350.63
Number of meals served.....	53,903

Number of meals served to visitors.....	298
Average cost per meal.....	12 cents

Average cost per capita per month:

1922.....	\$9.00	1923.....	\$10.12	1924.....	\$10.80
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The ground recently purchased and streets donated makes the amount of land about sixteen acres. A sewer has been built to carry the rain water from the ground. Webster Boulevard has been laid out through our grounds, and graded by the city of Plattsmouth. The Committee on Buildings and Grounds have contracted for planting trees and shrubbery, so as to make the grounds beautiful and attractive. In all the work heretofore outlined, the Freemasons and citizens of Plattsmouth have co-operated with the Board of Trustees, and aided in every way possible.

The Infirmary is nearing completion and is a credit to the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction. The building is of stone, Tudor Gothic architecture, and the estimated cost is \$125,000.00. Of this sum, the Grand Lodge appropriated \$100,000.00; the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, pledged \$10,000.00, and the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, pledged \$10,000.00. Stock will be issued for the sums pledged as it is paid in.

The Infirmary was planned so as to include all the modern features of sanitation and conveniences for the care of those who need special care that cannot be given at the Nebraska Masonic Home. It is fire proof and built of the best material and will be furnished with all that may be necessary for the purpose for which it is intended. The building has forty rooms for residents; three sun parlors, electric elevator, an operating room for all necessary operations, diet kitchen, physician's office, nurses' working room, is steam heated, has electric lights and electric bells; in short, it will have everything necessary in an up-to-date Infirmary. Plans include two additional units when needed.

STOCK ISSUED DURING THE YEAR.

Benjamin F. Pitman, Past Grand High Priest.....	1 share, \$100.00
The Grand Council, R. & S. M. of Nebraska.....	1 share, 100.00
Millard M. Robertson, Capitol Lodge No. 3.....	1 share, 100.00
John Bauer, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.....	1 share, 100.00
Hartington Lodge No. 155, Hartington.....	1 share, 100.00
Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, North Platte.....	1 share, 100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur W. Day, Lincoln.....	1 share, 100.00
The Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska....	1,000 shares, 100,000.00
Total.....	\$100,700.00

2,022 shares of stock have been issued, of which the Grand Lodge owns 1,516.

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. 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
April 13, 1925, George Willing, Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148.....	500.00
Total.....	\$12,598.03

Information has been received that R. E. Sir Lewis M. Keene, of Fremont, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska, who died February 23d, 1925, left a legacy of \$5,000.00 to the Nebraska Masonic Home, in his will.

RETURNS.

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. 149 and 194 report carrying no insurance. All other lodges report carrying insurance on buildings if owned, or personal property.

The following lodges do not report the mileage: Nos. 54, 119, 157, 158, 216, 269, 279, and 307.

The following lodges do not report whether they have any delinquent dues or not: Nos. 32, 62, 113, 116, 126, 157, 165, 256, 298, and 310.

The following lodges having no delinquent dues: Nos. 11, 33, 39, 57, 58, 82, 85, 95, 100, 106, 119, 144, 150, 169, 180, 188, 199, 217, 244, 253, 275, 304 (this lodge reports all 1925 dues collected also), 305, 307, and 311, a total of twenty-five, two less than last year. Of these twenty-five, the following had no delinquent dues for 1924: Nos. 11, 33, 58, 82, 100, 188, 244, 253, 305, 307, and 311.

The number of delinquent members is reported to be 3,429 as compared with 3,117 for the previous year. The amount delinquent is \$29,012.99, as compared with \$25,153.22 for 1924; \$20,565.17 for 1923, and \$16,730.01 for 1922. The average for each delinquent this year is about \$8.46, which is 39 cents more than for 1924.

Number of chartered lodges.....	286	
Number of lodges under dispensation.....	4	
		290
Number initiated during the year.....	1,724	
Number passed during the year.....	1,719	
Number raised during the year.....		1,723
Number affiliated during the year.....		339
Number reinstated during the year.....		152
Number gained otherwise during the year.....		4
		2,218
Total gross increase.....		
Number demitted during the year.....		645
Number deceased during the year.....		481
Number suspended during the year.....		379
Number expelled during the year.....		8
Number lost by other causes during the year.....		3
		1,516
Total loss.....		
Net gain for the year ending March 31st, 1925.....		702
Number of Master Masons on the rolls April 1st, 1924.....		39,585
Number of Master Masons on the rolls March 31st, 1925.....		40,287

Francis E. White

Grand Secretary.

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E. A. A.		F. C. C.		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS											No. of Lodge				
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1925		No. Passed	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1925		No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1925		No. April 1, 1924	GAIN				Total	LOSS					No. on Rolls, March 31, 1925	
			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1925	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1925		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1925	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1925		By Raising	By Admission		Reinstatement	Other Causes	By Demission	By Death		By Suspension	By Expulsion		Other Causes			
																					Total Loss		
Nebraska	1	33	76	37	23	12	109	1439	40	12	11	1502	17	14	12	43	1459	1					
Western Star	2	11	29	11	15	2	45	269	10	1	1	280	1	4	2	7	273	2					
Capitol	3	29	68	32	23	8	163	1100	40	1	4	1146	7	20	8	35	1111	3					
Nemaha Valley	4	2	9	1	3	2	24	62	1	1	1	63	1	2	2	2	61	4					
Omadi	5	5	21	4	8	1	30	145	5	3	1	153	30	2	1	32	121	5					
Plattsmouth	6	13	32	12	5	4	28	194	17	2	1	213	5	4	1	9	204	6					
Falls City	9	6	36	9	14	1	43	289	6	1	1	296	4	1	1	5	291	9					
Solomon	10	2	9	4	1	1	2	43	5	1	1	48	2	1	1	2	46	10					
Covert	11	40	84	44	35	11	171	1292	46	3	3	1344	5	8	11	24	1320	11					
Orient	13	3	5	3	1	1	6	61	5	1	1	67	1	1	1	1	66	13					
Peru	14	2	7	3	3	1	16	103	2	1	1	105	3	1	1	3	102	14					
Fremont	15	20	12	19	2	1	21	530	19	8	1	557	5	5	1	10	547	15					
Tecumseh	17	5	22	4	6	2	31	155	3	1	1	159	4	2	2	8	151	17					
Lincoln	19	30	77	26	20	1	135	1211	27	7	14	1259	18	9	1	27	1232	19					
Washington	21	5	4	7	4	1	16	130	7	5	1	143	3	4	1	8	135	21					
Pawnee	23	6	11	4	4	1	25	122	5	2	1	130	4	3	1	7	123	23					
St. Johns	25	32	99	33	24	14	179	1305	34	1	4	1345	10	9	14	33	1312	25					
Beatrice	26	14	50	9	17	14	108	350	11	9	1	371	10	16	14	40	331	26					
Jordan	27	5	11	3	2	1	11	86	4	1	1	91	2	3	1	5	86	27					
Hope	29	10	2	5	2	1	22	40	1	1	1	41	1	1	1	4	29	29					
Blue River	30	6	5	6	1	3	14	99	8	1	1	107	2	4	3	9	98	30					
Tekamah	31	6	4	6	4	1	6	174	5	2	1	181	1	7	1	8	173	31					
Platte Valley	32	15	47	16	20	1	40	353	10	1	1	364	2	2	1	4	360	32					
Ashlar	33	43	48	38	21	2	58	679	32	1	1	712	6	2	1	8	704	33					
Acacia	34	10	14	11	6	1	25	117	10	1	1	128	2	4	1	6	122	34					
Fairbury	35	11	34	16	10	1	36	243	13	2	2	260	6	3	1	10	250	35					
Lone Tree	36	12	6	13	8	1	20	243	12	1	1	256	2	4	1	6	250	36					
Crete	37	11	17	7	5	3	27	172	10	4	1	187	2	3	3	8	179	37					
Oliver	38	24	20	21	7	1	32	158	19	2	1	179	3	1	1	4	175	38					
Papillion	39	6	14	7	4	1	18	95	6	1	1	101	3	1	1	4	97	39					
Humboldt	40	2	11	5	2	1	10	99	5	1	1	104	1	1	1	2	102	40					
Northern Light	41	1	5	5	3	1	21	98	5	1	1	104	1	1	1	2	102	41					
Juniata	42	3	12	2	1	1	23	48	3	2	1	53	2	1	1	3	50	42					
Hebron	43	4	15	1	4	2	34	108	3	3	1	111	2	2	1	4	107	43					
Harvard	44	6	9	6	1	1	9	84	8	1	1	93	5	1	1	6	87	44					
Rob Morris	46	21	42	19	14	1	54	370	21	2	2	395	13	11	1	24	371	46					
Fairmont	48	1	14	1	1	1	30	87	1	1	1	88	1	1	1	1	87	48					
Evening Star	49	7	8	5	1	1	14	134	5	1	1	139	2	1	1	3	136	49					
Hastings	50	17	48	13	13	1	37	526	13	12	1	552	7	12	1	20	532	50					
Fidelity	51	9	17	9	3	1	29	166	10	1	1	178	5	5	1	10	168	51					

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									By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension			By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss
Hiram.....	52	6	10	6	7	23	82	5	5	5	5	87	1	1	1	2	85	52			
Charity.....	53	5	17	4	8	32	148	5	5	5	5	153	4	2	2	6	147	53			
Lancaster.....	54	21	82	16	14	106	944	26	3	5	978	12	6	1	19	959	54				
Mosaic.....	55	13	33	12	8	43	289	9	2	1	301	3	3	3	6	295	55				
York.....	56	14	8	14	4	20	324	12	9	1	346	5	10	5	15	331	56				
Mt. Moriah.....	57	1	18	2	6	15	106	1	1	1	106	1	1	6	6	100	57				
Lebanon.....	58	21	2	5	23	245	2	1	1	249	9	2	2	11	238	58					
Wahoo.....	59	9	9	10	6	17	218	9	3	1	230	8	2	2	10	220	59				
Melrose.....	60	3	9	4	3	11	88	5	1	1	94	1	1	2	2	92	60				
Thistle.....	61	8	10	9	6	2	20	161	7	1	169	2	1	2	5	164	61				
Keystone.....	62	2	7	1	3	1	10	73	1	1	74	1	3	1	5	69	62				
Riverton.....	63	1	6	1	11	56	1	1	1	57	1	1	1	1	56	63					
Blue Valley.....	64	2	4	1	2	14	87	1	3	1	91	1	1	2	89	64					
Osceola.....	65	8	9	5	4	1	19	129	5	1	134	5	4	1	10	124	65				
Edgar.....	67	1	5	1	2	4	131	1	1	1	132	5	2	7	7	125	67				
Aurora.....	68	2	18	3	6	40	189	4	2	3	198	3	3	3	6	192	68				
Sterling.....	70	2	16	4	2	5	17	90	3	1	93	2	5	5	7	86	70				
Trowel.....	71	3	15	6	7	3	25	121	5	1	127	1	3	3	4	123	71				
Hooper.....	72	11	4	10	106	2	2	110	2	2	110	1	4	4	4	106	72				
Friend.....	73	1	6	2	3	9	110	2	1	1	114	5	1	5	5	109	73				
Alexandria.....	74	3	5	3	1	7	59	5	1	1	64	1	3	1	5	59	74				
Frank Welch.....	75	12	17	11	6	3	37	292	13	3	2	310	4	6	3	13	297	75			
Joppa.....	76	8	7	7	4	11	55	6	1	1	63	1	1	1	1	62	76				
Nelson.....	77	8	3	4	2	21	97	6	1	1	104	1	1	2	4	100	77				
Albion.....	78	10	17	9	5	17	125	9	1	1	135	2	1	3	3	132	78				
Geneva.....	79	2	12	2	4	2	26	204	3	2	209	6	5	2	13	196	79				
Composite.....	81	4	6	3	4	3	20	62	3	1	66	1	3	3	4	62	81				
St. Paul.....	82	12	18	13	6	31	199	12	3	2	216	7	1	1	8	208	82				
Corinthian.....	83	7	2	2	9	71	1	1	1	72	1	1	1	1	71	83					
Fairfield.....	84	2	15	3	1	1	24	94	3	1	98	5	1	1	7	91	84				
Tyre.....	85	4	14	5	3	21	47	3	1	2	53	1	1	2	2	51	85				
Doniphan.....	86	1	7	1	4	16	48	2	1	1	50	1	1	1	1	49	86				
Ionic.....	87	11	23	7	5	16	111	6	1	1	117	1	1	1	1	116	87				
Star.....	88	4	11	3	2	10	86	3	1	1	89	1	1	1	1	89	88				
Cedar River.....	89	2	9	7	2	1	26	118	12	3	1	134	3	5	1	9	125	89			
Elk Creek.....	90	1	6	1	1	2	13	52	2	1	54	2	2	2	4	50	90				
Oakland.....	91	5	9	2	4	4	131	2	1	1	133	1	2	2	3	130	91				
Hubbell.....	92	2	9	2	3	8	31	1	1	1	31	1	1	1	1	30	92				
Beaver City.....	93	4	11	3	3	5	32	131	4	2	1	138	1	5	6	132	93				
Bennett.....	94	6	7	7	2	4	17	71	7	1	1	80	1	4	5	75	94				

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									By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes
Garfield	95	2	9	3	2	1	28	84	3	1	...	88	2	1	1	...	4	84	95	
Utica	96	6	8	4	2	1	5	96	4	2	...	102	1	...	1	...	2	100	96	
Euclid	97	3	9	2	1	...	14	103	2	1	...	106	...	2	...	...	2	104	97
Republican	98	...	8	...	4	...	7	72	1	1	...	74	2	1	...	...	3	71	98
Shelton	99	1	18	1	2	...	10	80	...	1	...	81	1	...	...	...	1	80	99
Creighton	100	5	17	4	5	4	28	104	4	...	1	109	2	1	4	...	7	102	100	
Ponca	101	5	11	2	3	2	21	78	2	1	...	81	3	...	2	...	5	76	101	
Waterloo	102	3	11	3	2	3	20	107	1	1	...	109	1	1	3	...	5	104	102	
Ord	103	11	16	9	4	...	40	115	10	3	...	128	3	...	...	...	3	125	103
Wymore	104	12	13	19	9	2	37	167	22	1	...	190	3	5	2	1	11	179	104	
Stella	105	5	6	3	2	...	9	73	2	1	...	76	1	1	...	...	2	74	105
Porter	106	5	7	4	4	2	11	76	3	1	...	80	2	1	2	...	5	75	106	
Table Rock	108	6	1	6	4	2	12	78	3	3	...	84	1	1	2	1	5	79	108	
Pomegranate	110	10	5	11	4	...	10	169	11	2	...	182	...	6	...	...	6	176	110
DeWitt	111	8	17	6	4	...	28	81	6	...	...	87	...	1	...	...	1	86	111
Springfield	112	5	17	6	6	2	20	103	3	1	2	109	...	2	...	...	2	107	112
Globe	113	11	11	10	3	...	13	69	8	2	...	79	...	...	...	...	...	79	113
Wisner	114	6	10	6	4	1	16	110	4	...	1	115	2	3	1	...	6	109	114	
Harlan	116	3	8	4	5	...	15	92	5	...	...	97	...	2	...	...	2	95	116
Hardy	117	3	6	2	...	...	8	60	2	...	...	62	...	...	...	...	...	62	117
Doric	118	1	7	1	1	...	10	51	1	...	...	52	1	...	...	...	1	51	118
North Bend	119	...	4	1	2	2	9	121	1	...	...	122	1	2	2	...	5	117	119
Wayne	120	6	17	4	4	...	11	187	4	3	...	194	...	5	...	...	5	189	120
Superior	121	6	12	8	4	1	21	183	10	2	...	195	2	4	1	...	7	188	121	
Auburn	124	10	8	11	...	...	16	129	11	4	...	144	7	2	1	...	10	134	124
Mt. Nebo	125	5	11	6	5	2	36	89	5	1	4	99	2	1	2	...	5	94	125	
Stromsburg	126	7	4	7	5	2	12	118	3	3	...	124	2	...	2	...	4	120	126	
Minden	127	3	8	4	6	...	15	91	4	...	...	95	...	2	...	1	3	92	127
Guide Rock	128	2	7	2	...	...	4	42	2	...	...	44	1	1	...	...	2	42	128
Blue Hill	129	6	7	5	...	...	23	74	5	1	...	80	2	1	...	...	3	77	129
Tuscan	130	1	3	1	1	...	2	73	2	...	...	75	...	2	...	...	2	73	130
Scribner	132	2	7	1	4	...	6	74	...	...	...	74	1	...	...	...	1	73	132
Elm Creek	133	5	10	5	2	...	13	57	6	...	...	63	...	1	...	...	1	62	133
Solar	134	7	6	8	...	...	12	71	8	...	1	80	...	2	...	...	2	78	134
McCook	135	1	26	2	...	5	44	245	6	2	...	253	3	5	5	...	13	240	135	
Long Pine	136	4	10	2	3	1	16	90	1	...	2	93	3	2	1	...	6	87	136	
Upright	137	6	9	6	...	...	5	72	6	1	...	79	1	1	...	...	2	77	137
Rawl	138	4	2	4	...	1	18	91	4	3	1	99	1	2	1	...	4	95	138	
Clay Center	139	3	3	4	3	4	15	82	3	...	1	86	3	...	4	...	7	79	139	
Western	140	3	3	4	2	2	16	67	3	1	1	72	2	...	2	70	140	

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									By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes			Total Loss
Crescent.....	143	7	10	6	3	9	97	6	1	1	103	1	2	3	3	103	143			
Kenesaw.....	144	4	12	3	3	14	87	4	1	1	93	1	2	3	9	90	144			
Bancroft.....	145	3	21	1	4	4	27	80	1	1	83	4	1	4	9	74	145			
Jachin.....	146	5	15	5	7	1	40	162	2	1	167	5	5	1	11	156	146			
Siloam.....	147	2	9	3	3	1	14	42	2	2	44	1	1	2	2	42	147			
Emmet Crawford.	148	10	21	10	8	19	197	8	2	2	207	4	1	4	4	203	148			
Jewel.....	149	1	2	1	1	1	10	43	1	1	44	1	1	1	1	43	149			
Cambridge.....	150	3	7	4	2	8	100	4	1	1	105	1	3	4	4	101	150			
Square.....	151	2	14	3	4	2	18	76	5	2	81	4	2	2	8	73	151			
Parallel.....	152	2	11	1	6	26	50	1	2	2	53	1	1	2	2	51	152			
Evergreen.....	153	1	2	1	4	17	70	1	1	1	72	1	1	2	2	70	153			
Lily.....	154	4	5	4	4	9	83	3	2	2	88	2	1	2	2	86	154			
Hartington.....	155	3	18	6	3	4	20	95	7	1	103	1	2	4	7	96	155			
Pythagoras.....	156	4	21	1	7	13	72	2	1	1	75	2	1	2	2	73	156			
Valley.....	157	2	9	2	1	1	15	80	2	2	84	2	1	1	4	80	157			
Samaritan.....	158	8	15	7	9	1	20	237	8	3	248	2	3	1	6	242	158			
Ogalalla.....	159	7	26	4	10	14	134	4	2	2	140	3	3	3	6	134	159			
Zeredatha.....	160	4	3	3	2	15	47	2	1	1	50	4	1	4	4	46	160			
Mt. Zion.....	161	1	5	1	1	9	79	1	1	1	80	1	1	1	1	80	161			
Trestle Board.....	162	3	3	3	1	5	93	3	3	3	96	1	2	3	3	93	162			
Unity.....	163	11	10	11	4	8	87	9	2	2	98	2	1	3	3	95	163			
Atkinson.....	164	1	9	1	1	8	63	1	2	1	67	2	1	3	3	64	164			
Barneston.....	165	6	1	1	2	11	55	5	1	1	55	1	2	1	1	52	165			
Mystic Tie.....	166	5	6	5	1	8	69	6	1	1	75	1	1	1	1	75	166			
Elwood.....	167	4	5	5	2	12	69	5	1	1	75	1	1	1	1	74	167			
Curtis.....	168	6	8	8	3	1	13	109	10	2	121	3	4	1	8	113	168			
Amity.....	169	5	15	3	4	4	8	83	5	1	89	1	4	4	5	84	169			
Mason City.....	170	1	5	1	7	1	12	84	1	1	85	1	1	1	2	83	170			
Merna.....	171	3	19	3	2	9	24	115	3	1	120	1	9	10	110	171				
Grafton.....	172	3	12	3	2	5	15	64	1	1	66	3	5	8	58	172				
Robert Burns.....	173	5	12	4	2	13	49	4	1	1	53	1	1	2	2	51	173			
Culbertson.....	174	5	6	5	1	10	50	7	1	1	58	1	1	1	1	57	174			
Temple.....	175	2	9	3	5	6	21	70	4	1	74	1	1	6	8	66	175			
Gladstone.....	176	3	10	5	1	15	133	5	1	1	138	1	1	1	1	137	176			
Hay Springs.....	177	3	4	3	1	1	7	89	3	1	92	1	2	1	4	88	177			
Prudence.....	179	11	2	1	2	20	83	4	3	1	91	4	4	2	10	81	179			
Justice.....	180	4	9	5	13	14	114	2	1	1	117	3	1	3	3	114	180			
Faith.....	181	8	20	6	12	47	157	2	1	1	161	2	1	3	3	158	181			
Incense.....	182	9	1	3	12	12	51	1	1	1	53	1	1	1	1	53	182			
Alliance.....	183	11	47	15	14	23	50	339	14	1	357	9	5	23	37	320	183			

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Bee Hive.....	184	29	18	30	9	6	34	515	35	1			551	6	6	6		18	533	184	
Boaz.....	185	3	7	4	4	1	11	83	3				86	1	1	1		3	83	185	
Israel.....	187	4	3	4			24	61	2				63	2				2	61	187	
Meridian.....	188	8	8	10	6		10	125	9	2			136	4	2			6	130	188	
Granite.....	189	1	8	4	3	1	18	94	5	2			101	1	2	1		4	97	189	
Amethyst.....	190	4	10	3	2		1	68	2				70	2	1			3	67	190	
Crystal.....	191	6	14	6	5	1	9	94	5	1	1		101	2	2	1		5	96	191	
Minnekadusa.....	192	4	18	3	4	1	23	143	5	1	3		152	8	1	1		10	142	192	
Signet.....	193	4	14	2	4		7	94	3				97						97	193	
Highland.....	194	3	6	3	3		9	54	3				57	1				1	56	194	
Arcana.....	195	2	11	3	3		10	128	3				131	2		1		3	128	195	
Level.....	196	2	3	2	2		7	36					36	2	1			3	33	196	
Morning Star.....	197	3	5	3	4		7	78	1				79	3				3	76	197	
Purity.....	198		14	1	3	1	10	91	3				94	3	1	1	1	6	88	198	
Gavel.....	199	3	2	4		1	6	50	4	1			55	1	1	1		3	52	199	
Blazing Star.....	200	8	6	6	1		7	118	6	1			125	2				2	123	200	
Scotts Bluff.....	201	5	22	1		10	28	99	3	2	1		105	1	1	10		12	93	201	
Golden Sheaf.....	202	4	20	3	4		21	135	4		1		140	3	1			4	136	202	
Roman Eagle.....	203	2	19	3	4	4	32	65	2	1	2		70	3	3	4		10	60	203	
Plainview.....	204	6	6	3	4	2	9	115	1	1			117	4	1	2		7	110	204	
Golden Fleece.....	205	10	6	11	5		5	94	9	4			107	1	3			4	103	205	
Napthali.....	206	4	4	8	1	5	14	83	10		1		94	3	2	5		10	84	206	
Parian.....	207	3	8	3		2	7	96	3	2	1		102		1	2		3	99	207	
Gauge.....	208	1	11	1	1	2	22	64	1				65	1	1	2		4	61	208	
Canopy.....	209	7	8	8	6		11	153	6				159	1	2			3	156	209	
East Lincoln.....	210	36	30	42	12	6	51	636	45	6	1		688	8	5	6		19	669	210	
Cement.....	211	4	4	2	2		5	95	3		1		99	1	1			2	97	211	
Compass & Square.....	212	6	12	4	3	3	21	79	3	3			85	2	2	3		7	78	212	
Plumbline.....	214	2	2	2	1	5	12	73	2		3		78	1		5		6	72	214	
Occidental.....	215	1	3	1	1	2	10	98	1				99		2	2		4	95	215	
Palisade.....	216		7		2	4	18	88					88	2	1	4		7	81	216	
Wauneta.....	217	3	4	3	1	1	18	52	4	1			57		1			1	56	217	
Bloomfield.....	218	8	16	12	5		17	133	8	2	1		144	3	2		1	6	138	218	
Relief.....	219	2	10	2			1	70	3	3			76	3				3	73	219	
Magnolia.....	220	2	5	2	1		8	98	1		1	1	101	2	1			3	98	220	
Wood Lake.....	221	5	7	2	3		3	72	2				74						74	221	
Landmark.....	222	3		4			6	126	5		1		132	4				4	128	222	
Eminence.....	223	5	6	4	5	1	3	68	3	1			72	1	1			3	69	223	
Silver Cord.....	224	2	9	5	3		10	108	4				112		3			3	109	224	
Cable.....	225	1	7	3	1		3	101	3				104		1			1	103	225	

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									By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion		Other Causes	Total Loss			
Grace	226	2	2	1	3	11	40							40		1						39	226
North Star	227	10	21	10	4	5	17	273	11	3				287	9		5				14	273	227
Bartley	228	1	1	2	1	2	7	71	1	1				73	1		2				3	70	228
Comet	229	6	6	7	4		11	78	6	1				85	1						1	84	229
Delta	230	2	13	2	2		4	71	2					73	2						2	71	230
Mt. Hermon	231	3	4	4	5		7	69	2	1				72	1						1	71	231
John S. Bowen	232	6	4	6	2	4	11	63	6		1			70	4	2	4				10	60	232
Gilead	233	7	22	2	5	3	10	51	2	4				57		1	3				4	53	233
Zion	234		10	1	4		7	122	1					123	3	4					7	116	234
Fraternity	235	3	7	1	1		10	56		3				59	1						1	58	235
Golden Rule	236	2	15	1	6		6	49						49								49	236
Cubit	237	2	1	2			7	74	3					77								77	237
Friendship	239	2	2	2	3		7	71	2					73								73	239
Pilot	240	4	3	3	4		13	100	2	1				103		2					2	101	240
George Armstrong	241	2	10	1	2			88	1					89	1	2					3	86	241
Tyrian	243		6		1	1	7	41						41		1	1				2	39	243
Sincerity	244		4		2		8	29			1			30	2	1					3	27	244
Hampton	245		12	1				85	1					86	1						1	85	245
Hawka	246	1	1	1	1		2	100	2					102		1					1	101	246
Corner-stone	247	1	18	1	1		19	73	1		1			75	3	1					4	71	247
Laurel	248	5	15	6	4		13	122	5	1				128	4						4	124	248
Gothenburg	249	4	6	3			1	112	4					116	2	2					4	112	249
George Washing'n	250	21	11	21	1	7	38	205	22	2	10			239		5	7				12	227	250
Wausa	251	2	7	3	3		5	72	4					76	2	2					4	72	251
Hildreth	252	3	5	4		1	8	63	5					68	5	1	1				7	61	252
Beemer	253		4				6	65						65	1						1	64	253
Bassett	254	3	7	5	2		10	68	4	1				73	1	1					2	71	254
Bradshaw	255	1	6	1	2		3	47	2					49	1	1					2	47	255
Hickman	256	11	5	10		1	2	55	10	1				66			1				1	65	256
Holbrook	257		5	2			3	74	3					77								77	257
Anselmo	258	2	13	4	7	2	6	115	3					118			2				2	116	258
Bee	259	3	3	2	1		6	32	2					34	1	1					2	32	259
Ornan	261	8	14	7	4		1	81	8					89	3	1					4	85	261
Endeavor	262	4	5	3	2		4	50	1	2				53	1						1	52	262
Mitchell	263	6	8	5		6	13	149	5	2				156	1	1	6				8	148	263
Franklin	264	2	3	3				90	5	1				96	3						3	93	264
Robert W. Furnas	265	5	19	4	3	6	9	182	2					184	2	2	6				10	174	265
Silver	266	3	7	5	1	1	3	57	4	1				62	1	1	1				3	59	266
James A. Tulleys	267	4	4	3			2	73	5	2	1			81		2					2	79	267
Geo. W. Lininger	268	3	5	6	3		1	300	6	7				313	5	3					8	305	268

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			No. Passed	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1925	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1925	No. April 1, 1924	By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	By Demission		By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes			
Riverside.....	269	6	3	1	2	56	3	59	2	1	3	56	269							
Huntley.....	270	3	3	4	6	36	6	36	2	2	2	34	270							
Oasis.....	271	11	1	5	5	110	3	114	6	1	7	107	271							
Lee P. Gillette.....	272	3	6	3	2	91	2	94	1	1	2	92	272							
Crofton.....	273	3	9	2	4	87	3	93	1	1	3	90	273							
Olive Branch.....	274	2	8	2	9	82	6	91	3	9	12	79	274							
Ramah.....	275	2	1	3	1	46	2	48	1	1	1	47	275							
Antelope.....	276	1	3	4	7	43	2	45	2	1	3	42	276							
Sioux.....	277	1	1	1	2	53	1	54	1	2	3	51	277							
Litchfield.....	278	6	1	1	2	72	1	73	2	2	4	69	278							
Wallace.....	279	3	8	1	1	47	1	48	2	2	2	46	279							
Swastika.....	280	3	7	3	1	74	4	79	2	1	3	76	280							
Florence.....	281	33	11	33	5	321	35	358	1	2	3	355	281							
Mullen.....	282	5	5	4	3	71	4	76	3	3	3	73	282							
Exeter.....	283	7	3	7	9	58	3	62	4	1	5	57	283							
Seneca.....	284	3	8	3	5	95	2	97	1	2	4	93	284							
Camp Clarke.....	285	6	17	6	6	131	5	138	3	2	3	135	285							
Oshkosh.....	286	8	11	11	4	90	12	102	1	1	102	286								
Union.....	287	2	4	2	1	62	2	64	1	1	2	62	287							
Omaha.....	288	25	20	26	7	600	25	630	6	3	9	621	288							
Lotus.....	289	14	12	15	1	140	17	159	1	2	3	156	289							
John J. Mercer.....	290	10	3	13	2	223	18	249	2	2	2	247	290							
Diamond.....	291	7	3	6	7	50	1	51	2	2	2	49	291							
Wolbach.....	292	1	1	1	1	73	1	73	2	2	2	71	292							
Monument.....	293	3	2	3	3	64	1	65	1	1	2	63	293							
Kimball.....	294	9	2	10	2	108	10	120	3	2	9	111	294							
Minatare.....	295	1	5	1	1	67	1	68	3	1	5	63	295							
Cowles.....	296	1	3	2	4	41	2	43	3	2	7	36	296							
Cotner.....	297	4	9	4	2	101	7	108	3	3	3	105	297							
Chester.....	298	1	1	1	1	39	2	41	1	1	2	39	298							
Sutherland.....	299	4	10	1	1	55	2	57	1	1	1	57	299							
Liberty.....	300	10	7	12	4	20	12	310	5	2	17	293	300							
Bayard.....	301	5	6	5	6	2	67	72	2	1	1	71	301							
Mizpah.....	302	61	22	55	22	5	451	51	5	2	7	502	302							
Right Angle.....	303	28	13	25	4	3	4	261	25	4	9	281	303							
Ruskin.....	304	7	1	8	6	1	5	33	5	1	2	36	304							
Newman Grove.....	305	10	6	7	1	1	1	47	9	2	3	55	305							
Golden Rod.....	306	4	1	4	1	1	1	44	5	1	1	48	306							
William E. Hill.....	307	1	1	1	1	1	1	54	1	1	2	53	307							
Perkins.....	308	2	3	3	1	1	1	42	4	1	1	45	308							

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Winnebago.	309	5	4	6	3	50	9	59	1	1	5
Victory.....	310	8	3	8	5	87	10	3	100	1	1	9
Polk.....	311	4	2	3	3	41	1	3	45	2	4
Oak Leaf...	312	1	1	3	1	35	2	37	1	1	3
Potter.....	313	3	1	4	2	59	2	1	62	1	6
Craftsmen...	314	12	3	11	1	46	14	5	65	6
Palmer.....	U. D.	5	2	3	1	2	2	6
Mid-West....	U. D.	16	6	10	10	10	10
Alpha.....	U. D.	7	2	5	5	5	10
Extinct.....	72	15
Totals..		1724	3472	1719	1138	379	4994	39585	1723	339	152	4	41803	645	481	379	8	3	1516	4028		

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

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

Brethren:

As the cycles of time roll with the processions of seasons with their unerring and undeviating current of changing events, among the many we are reminded that this is the place, this is the hour, and that this is the time for the present incumbent of the office of Grand Custodian to make his twenty-fifth annual report to this honorable body, as to whether he has been faithful to the trust reposed in him in the discharge of the duties of the office as defined in Section 8, Chapter II, of the law.

We must freely acknowledge that we have not done as well as we ought to have, or as well as we would have liked to have done. But we are not the conservator at all times of our own conditions, for many times they come to us as it were, already shaped in their own form, and the best we can do is to make use of them according to the time and conditions under which we may be laboring.

As the shades of twilight flit o'er the setting sun,
The Gloaming betokens the race is 'bout run,
And as we look back o'er the course we have gone,
We wonder and ponder, what good have we done?

We have nothing spectacular or unusual to present to you for your consideration as our duties are mostly of a routine nature so far as the letter is concerned, exacting in its rendition, only varying in the methods, rules, and regulations in which it is presented, which are governed by the changing conditions which arise from many and various causes.

Our work in the last year has been very largely done by a very wise and judicious order of the Grand Master, and which we believe will bring about practical results in the ultimate, along the lines of duty, harmony, and a better understanding and application of the law, which of itself would be a great and beneficial result to Masonry. And while it has increased the expenses of supplies, printing, postage, and a stenographer, it has decreased the transportation and maintenance of the Grand Custodian. For when the Grand Custodian is at home working in the office, there is no expense for transportation or maintenance, and on the whole, you will observe by the report of the Grand Custodian, on the expense account that it is less this year than heretofore.

ASSIGNMENTS OF REGULAR SCHOOLS.

You will observe that we have held more schools this year than were held last year. Assignments of schools are made from September 21st to March 21st or between the two equinoxes. The rules and regulations that we have been governed by and approved by Grand Masters assign two days, three sessions each day, to each regular school to be held by a Deputy Grand Custodian, the Grand Lodge paying the per diem and the lodge receiving the school paying the other expenses. You will observe that we have expended all of the appropriation for promulgation of the work through the office of the Deputy Custodians, and with the knowledge, consent, and approval of the

Grand Master have drawn funds from the Grand Custodian's appropriation in order that we might not exceed the appropriation as a whole for the promulgation of the work.

Basing our opinion on the formal statements of custodians covering three pages of each formal report held in every school, it was found there were many assignments this year that had we known the conditions, we could have saved the Grand Lodge and the lodge the expense of the school, for under the nineteen points on proficiency, many were marked substantially correct. The custodians do not always make their report in the same language. If they would say correct, substantially correct, and not correct, we might come to a more definite conclusion of the proficiency of the lodge in the letter of the work. There are a good many terms in this promulgation of the work and it takes quite a while to get used to all of the reports.

By an official order of the Grand Master, the Grand Custodian was formally directed to review and inspect each and every formal report of a school held by the deputy custodians and to take up all of the irregularities, discrepancies, and derelictions of duty and violations of law with the lodge from which the report was received through the office of the Grand Master, calling their attention to the statements as made in the report from the deputy custodians; this has made a volume of work as sometimes it takes two full large pages to cover all these discrepancies and derelictions. This proposition of the Grand Master is a wise and judicious one as it puts the Grand Custodian in direct touch with the conditions of the lodge and he calls their attention to it. The Grand Master is also in touch and tune, for the letter that goes to the lodge goes to the Grand Master, so he knows just exactly all the conditions and the corrections as made by the Grand Custodian. It is absolutely an imposition on the Grand Master to impose this on him, for while he may be in touch this year with the conditions of the lodges, next year he may be out of line. But the Grand Custodian is in constant touch with them and he calls their attention to the discrepancies, and he can report to the next Grand Master that this lodge has been cited on these matters before.

There is a field here which can obtain good results and from the letters that we have received from several lodges that have been written to us on the conditions as stated in the formal reports, I believe they will endeavor to raise the standard to a higher plane and make it more harmonious in the lodge. We would like for you to express yourselves in this matter as it means that the Grand Custodian will do more work in the office and less work on the road. We do not think that it will increase the expense, but rather decrease expenses all the way round.

It is a problem which I cannot solve as to how the Grand Custodian in making his formal assignments for schools is to know where there is a necessity for so doing, in order to render them the assistance that they should have in complying with the letter of the law. We can always be pretty sure of our bearings by formal report from a deputy custodian if he is a member of the proposed lodge, and also from a certified brother if he is keeping up with the work, but how are we to know where we have no custodian or a certified brother to give us the true facts in the case? Some lodges perhaps may think they have the correct work as required by the letter of the law, but when

you put them under a rigid test, they will find there are many, yes very many non-essentials and quite frequently essentials that are misleading in the rendition of the work. If you have any plan that you can suggest that will aid us in this matter, it will be thankfully received, for it will be a saving of money and many times the members do not attend the day sessions of the schools because they have other paramount duties that claim their time and attention, and Masonry does not demand it of them. Kindly give us such suggestions as you think will be proper in the premises.

There have been formal assignments made in the following lodges:

2, 4, 5, 10, 13, 14, 21, 27, 30, 31, 37, 38, 40, 51, 57, 63, 67, 70, 73, 78, 83, 85, 87, 93, 95, 98, 101, 102, 105, 112, 120, 124, 136, 138, 147, 149, 150, 152, 153, 155, 156, 157, 159, 161, 169, 173, 175, 177, 181, 184, 187, 188, 191, 192, 194, 196, 197, 199, 203, 208, 214, 216, 221, 222, 224, 226, 230, 232, 233, 235, 240, 195, 239, 244, 246, 248, 252, 254, 258, 265, 271, 273, 275, 278, 279, 280, 281, 284, 285, 286, 291, 293, 299, 301, 309 and 312.

These have all been perfected and completed and formal reports are on file with letters to each and every lodge as to any discrepancies there might be found in the report. All of which has passed through the office of the Grand Master.

CENTRAL SCHOOLS.

We have made no assignments for Central Schools this year for the reason that there has been but one call for one. Also past experience has taught us that the brethren take but very little interest in the essential part of the school, and the largest attendance is at the two last sessions after the school has closed. The social feature seems to be the principal center of attraction. Again where four Grand Lodge officers attend, which is the general rule and a banquet as an aftermath, it is too expensive a luxury for the ordinary lodge to indulge in, and the funds can be expended for far better results.

Another reason, we deemed it not wise or judicious to take the time or expend the appropriations of the custodians for any other purpose than that for which it was appropriated, that a part of the program of the central schools was what has been called the study side of Masonry. To-wit: An explanation in part of the rites and ceremonies of Masonry, its legends, traditions, and symbols. As I understand Section 8, Chapter II. of the law, our duties as defined by this section of the law, are purely the promulgation of the authorized work of this Grand Jurisdiction in every respect, and as long as we have lodges that cannot comply with the letter of the law, we, as custodians, should strictly observe, obey, and enforce the letter of the law in the spirit as well as the letter, even if only for an example of obedience to constituted authority.

We leave the educational side whose duty it is for the Committee on Masonic Education to deal with from their own standpoint of observation while we, as custodians rigidly adhere to the plain letter of the law, for there might be a wide difference of opinion as to what is a true Masonic education. But from my standpoint, Masonry is life, and how to live it in harmony with the Divine Law. See 1st Epistle of John, 2nd Chapter, 27th verse. It is as broad as the blue dome of heaven and as generous as the expansive bosom of Mother Earth, so do not expect to ask Uncle Bob to speak along any other line than the plain letter of the work, more from a business standpoint, than as a matter of personal choice.

PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATES TO INDIVIDUAL BRETHREN.

Brother W. Roland Thomas, Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska.
 Brother Ernest H. Thorpe, Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska.
 Brother Harry J. Cook, Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska.
 Brother William E. Linn, Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska.
 Brother Harry E. Koontz, Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska.
 Brother Arthur H. Anderson, Lodge No. 3, Omaha, Nebraska.
 Brother Otto G. Smersh, Lodge No. 3, Omaha, Nebraska.
 Brother Luke L. Wiles, Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.
 Brother Frank E. Underwood, Lodge No. 25, Omaha, Nebraska.
 Brother Albert F. Mueller, Lodge No. 25, Omaha, Nebraska.
 Brother Carl A. Fried, Lodge No. 25, Omaha, Nebraska.
 Brother Charles W. Reeve, Lodge No. 25, Omaha, Nebraska.
 Brother Gustave E. Gran, Lodge No. 25, Omaha, Nebraska.
 Brother Edward Herbst, Lodge No. 41, Stanton, Nebraska.
 Brother Harry L. F. Proffitt, Lodge No. 50, Hastings, Nebraska.
 Brother Harry E. Schemel, Lodge No. 72, Hooper, Nebraska.
 Brother Harold A. Howard, Lodge No. 72, Hooper, Nebraska.
 Brother William A. Lallman, Lodge No. 72, Hooper, Nebraska.
 Brother Herman H. Lallman, Lodge No. 72, Hooper, Nebraska.
 Brother Jans P. Christenson, Lodge No. 82, St. Paul, Nebraska.
 Brother Will E. Miller, Lodge No. 112, Springfield, Nebraska.
 Brother Frank C. Miller, Lodge No. 170, Mason City, Nebraska.
 Brother Francis R. Rodwell, Lodge No. 224, Ainsworth, Nebraska.
 Brother Bert Davies, Lodge No. 254, Bassett, Nebraska.
 Brother John S. Hedlund, Lodge No. 268, Omaha, Nebraska.
 Brother William Herbert Smails, Lodge No. 268, Omaha, Nebraska.
 Brother Henry F. Chapman, Lodge No. 302, Omaha, Nebraska.
 Brother William S. Purnell, Lodge No. 302, Omaha, Nebraska.
 Brother Charles C. Landeryou, Lodge No. 302, Omaha, Nebraska.
 Brother Willard S. McEachron, Lodge No. 302, Omaha, Nebraska.
 Brother George W. West, Lodge No. 302, Omaha, Nebraska.
 Brother Lewis L. Murphey, Lodge No. 303, Omaha, Nebraska.
 Brother Samuel J. Potter, Lodge No. 303, Omaha, Nebraska.
 Brother Judson L. Clark, Lodge No. 307, Otoe, Nebraska.
 Brother William C. Steffensmeyer, Lodge No. 314, Lincoln, Nebraska.

LIST OF NEW LODGES CERTIFIED TO FROM JUNE, 1924, TO JUNE, 1925:

Lodge No. 11, Omaha, Nebraska.
 Lodge No. 162, Brock, Nebraska.
 Lodge No. 184, Omaha, (South Side) Nebraska.
 Lodge No. 209, Elmwood, Nebraska.
 Lodge No. 210, East Lincoln, Nebraska.
 Lodge No. 268, Omaha, Nebraska.

LIST OF RE-CERTIFIED LODGES FROM JUNE, 1924, TO JUNE, 1925:

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska.
 Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.
 Lodge No. 50, Hastings, Nebraska.

Lodge No. 53, Red Cloud, Nebraska.
Lodge No. 54, Lincoln, Nebraska.
Lodge No. 55, Norfolk, Nebraska.
Lodge No. 59, Wahoo, Nebraska.
Lodge No. 72, Hooper, Nebraska.
Lodge No. 111, DeWitt, Nebraska.
Lodge No. 170, Mason City, Nebraska.
Lodge No. 176, Ansley, Nebraska.
Lodge No. 217, Wauneta, Nebraska.
Lodge No. 249, Gothenburg, Nebraska.
Lodge No. 302, Omaha, Nebraska.
Lodge No. 307, Otoe, Nebraska.
Lodge No. 314, Lincoln, Nebraska.

This proposition has been tried out since 1922. If all certified brethren would strictly comply in the spirit of their petition by assisting the officers of their lodges to become proficient in the work as the law requires, it would be quite a saving in the way of economy, as there is no necessity of assigning a school where the officers are substantially correct as required by the law. And unless there is some reason, or the Grand Master officially directs so and the present incumbent of the office of Grand Custodian has the duty to perform of assigning lodges their dates, there will be no assignments made this coming year to any lodge that has received a proficiency certificate since June, 1923. I am not the one to say only as under the immediate direction and control of the Grand Master. There may be some instances that would need the assignment of a school, but generally speaking, why? If lodges could be made to understand that a certified member of their lodge is willing to render them such assistance as will make them proficient, they would save much time as well as expense to both the lodge and the Grand Lodge. Summing up the matter into short meter, it is just what the law requires and if the Grand Master was to exercise his prerogative he could suspend the charter of any lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction who failed to comply with the letter of the law, which is very strict as to proficiency. "In every respect" is the language. I realize that my time is not long in this field of labor at the best and I do not know how to get the lodges to comply with the letter of the law. I am at the end of my cable-tow. I might, if the opportunity afforded itself, speak to the Committee on Jurisprudence on this subject. If they desire me to, I will be pleased to comply with their request, for the law is not complied with, has never been complied with, and what the future may present, I cannot tell.

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS.

We are pleased to inform you that the personnel and the number of Deputy Grand Custodians has not been changed in the last year. All have been assigned schools and as far as I know all have tried to do their duty. Without the co-operation of the officers in attendance, custodians are oftentimes very much handicapped and cannot hold the number of sessions that it requires to make an entire review of the work, for the work cannot be reviewed and corrected properly in much less time than the three sessions for two days, making six sessions in all. But this year has developed an

inclination of lodges to hold only three sessions for three evenings. Then that would make the custodian entitled to three days per diem. They would get only 7½ hours' instruction where there are only three sessions, while they would get 15 hours if they held six sessions. There is something wrong with our Grand Custodian or the Grand Lodge. In spite of all I try to do to practice economy and get practical results, I can't do it. If brethren will not come to the schools, then you are not going to get results by talking to vacant chairs and barren walls. This does not apply to all, but it ought not to apply to any when the Grand Lodge is spending money to aid them in understanding and applying the principles of Masonry.

There are some parts in the jurisdiction that it would be some advantage if some zealous brother would qualify himself for a proficiency certificate in order that he might be of some assistance to his lodge in getting them to come up to the full requirements of the law. But as it is a matter of free will and accord, we cannot coerce, nor compel anyone to become a certified brother unless he has the aspiration.

NEW LODGES.

In compliance with the formal order of the Grand Master, the Grand Custodian in person officially complied with Article XII. of the constitution in the matter of examining the proposed officers and the safety and suitability of the proposed lodge room, of four petitions for dispensation, namely Palmer, Merrick County; Hastings, Adams County; South Sioux City, Dakota County; and Grand Island, Hall County. All of the requirements being complied with, we cheerfully recommended that the prayer of the petitioners be granted by issuing dispensations. These are all very strong petitions and we cannot see why there can be any reason why the lodges instituted at these places should not thrive like a green bay tree. As you will notice, three of them are in virtually pretty good-sized towns, in fact some of them could be called cities, and I haven't any fear but that a lodge will thrive when they have as large a population as they have in Hastings, South Sioux City, and Grand Island.

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 63

In the matter of the amendment of Section 63 as perfected last year wherein it directs the Grand Custodian to take charge of the conferring of the degree of the Past Master or Master-elect, who are qualified for the same, immediately upon my return from the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary sent me a list of all those Masters-elect who were not present and received this official degree at the Grand Lodge. After which I took up the same with each one of these Masters-elect and cited him to inform the Grand Custodian when and where and by whom he expected to receive this degree and that the same must be conferred before installation and during the month of June, or it would cost them \$10.00 for a special dispensation. I do not seem to have got very far in this matter nor do I see how it will be possible in some cases to do so. I have certificates of all of those that received their degree as the Grand Lodge conferred in some other part of the jurisdiction and they are all filed in the Grand Secretary's office. That is about the only point that I believe has been made in this matter—that we have the record that these men have

received the degrees. This is a matter that has two sides to it. Many Masters-elect live a long distance from Omaha and the lodge makes no offer to pay the expense, and it is too much a sacrifice on some of them to pay it out of their own pockets. A suggestion—would it not be wise and better to all concerned that the Master-elect attend the Grand Lodge as the representative of his lodge entitling him to the mileage and per diem which would help him out on his expense account that is incurred by means of having to receive the degree of Past Master? He would get the benefit of all the business transactions in the Grand Lodge that are to come before it during the year, which would be a practical benefit to him in many cases in the administration of his own lodge. Think this matter over and take such action as you may deem wise in the premises. There are some Grand Jurisdictions that do not require this qualification. Iowa is one of them.

I do not care to put myself in print where I stand on this proposition, because I am but a very small part of this Grand Jurisdiction and will leave the matter entirely with you. We have several deputy custodians who are prepared and duly qualified to confer this degree in a suitable and impressive manner as authorized by the Grand Lodge. Further the deponent sayeth not because he knoweth not.

CANCELLATIONS.

By reason of the adverse conditions, inclement weather, impassible roads, and sickness of some of the officers, we had to cancel a good many of our formal dates, as it would have been impossible to have held a practical school under those adverse conditions from December 1st to February 1st. I do not think this Grand Lodge realizes how much it costs to promulgate the work. And may I kindly ask that you look into the matter and advise us of any plan that you think that we can maintain a higher proficiency and efficiency at a lower expense.

Lodges should not accept dates when the conditions are such that it makes it impossible for the officers to attend, and if the officers do not attend, there is no practical result obtained and the time, effort, and expense are simply wasted.

We are aware that it isn't always that we can shape the conditions on the dates of schools, but we have to take them and make the best of them as they come to us ready made. But we have to do our best to try to preserve the reputation of the Fraternity unsullied to the best of our ability.

PROSPECTIVE OF FUTURE ASSIGNMENTS.

Assignments of schools of instruction are issued from the office of the Grand Custodian on or about August 1st, dating no schools until after September 21st. Experience and the formal reports of the Grand Custodian show that many schools have been assigned when there was really no necessity of so doing, and the formal report of the Grand Custodian was such that the lodge was not in need of any school, being reported substantially correct, as that is all that is sufficient. Also there are many schools assigned and held from which we get no practical results, and it is simply a waste of time, talent, effort, and expense, for the reason that the officers do not attend the schools.

Therefore we get no results. When lodges receive a formal notice dating them for a school, it would be wise, proper, and prudent for them to bring the matter of the proposed school before the lodge and get an expression as to whether the conditions will be such that they will attend the school, especially the officers. If not, they should inform the Grand Custodian, who will hold the dates in abeyance until such a time as they can comply with all the requirements which if they do, they will get practical results. Again, we do not expect to assign any formal schools to any lodges that have been formally certified to since June, 1923, unless for some special reason for so doing to enable them to comply with the requirements of the law.

Unless the personnel of the official roster has been changed, there ought not to be any need of taking their time or putting them or the Grand Lodge to any expense for that is the purpose of certifying to lodges, to save the expense and to enable them to substantially comply with the letter of the law. Kindly keep this in mind. This does not say that you cannot have a school, but to date a school when there is no need of it is simply a waste of time and money. Where a school has been formally dated, and the conditions of the weather or the roads make it impossible to get a sufficient attendance to justify the effort put forth by the Grand Lodge, it will be cancelled by request, or if the Grand Custodian thinks best, he will hold it in abeyance.

There are many lodges in the state that do not seem to realize the requirements of the law, for they have never in 25 years been proficient as the law requires. Lodges oftentimes make a mistake by forcing men into office who are not qualified to discharge the duties that would necessarily be imposed upon them in assuming the office to which they have been elected or appointed. They may be loyal and true Masons, but they cannot, for certain reasons comply with it. Some cannot retain the letter of the work and others cannot render it in a suitable and impressive manner, yet they are good and true Masons just the same, so far as living up to their duties imposed upon them by their obligations is concerned. There is nothing gained by coercion, persuasion, or undue influence, for every Mason knows that whatever he may do in Masonry is all his own free will and accord both in writing as well as in statement. Therefore you should use good judgment and not impose something upon a brother that he cannot comply with, for in so doing, you place him in a position that he is compelled to violate his obligations both individual and official.

CONCLUSIONS WITH OBSERVATIONS ON THE WAY.

No doubt for many years some of you, perhaps fewer than I may suppose, have noted the observations on the way. The remark is based on fifty-three years a Mason, forty-three years in the Grand Lodge, and in my twenty-fifth year as Grand Custodian. We aim to give you the benefit of these many years' experience. Take it for what it is worth as it is a part of our report. We have aimed to make a plain, clear statement of our discharge of the duties as Grand Custodian in detail. We ought to have done better and we might have done worse. Conditions have much to do with any proposition. We have to accept them as they come already made for us, and utilize them the best we can and that is what I have tried to do under the immediate direction and control of the Grand Master.

First, there is no use to expect practical results from a school of instruction unless the officers are interested in complying with the letter of the law and their obligations. It is no small task to acquire in the secret vaults of memory all that there is in the work of Masonry. Much of the apathetic indifference is based on not knowing what Ancient Craft Masonry is. Few realize or will accept the statement that it is based on the Ancient Wisdom Religion. Life of itself, how to live it in accordance with Divine Law. We may have no supporters in this statement, but it matters not to us when principle is at stake whether we have many or few who accept it as the truth. Sincerity and truthfulness are more important than eloquence. It is the work inspired by a good motive rather than finished oratory. This secret, and it is one, cannot be communicated by one individual to another. It has to come through proper preparation, trial by probation, and progress along the line of reality of the truth. It has been said in Ancient times that Masons are truth-seekers and truth be their reward. I may say that I have touched the hem of the garment to a small degree to certify to this statement. And the realization of the power of the truth that is sharper than a two-edged sword—what it is to be a free man and a Freemason, the expectation of the true term. Know the truth and be free.

I wonder and I ponder why it is that many professed Masons expect so much from Masonry when they have no time and apparently take no interest in its affairs of promulgating its principles for the good of humanity. Yet they expect as much from Masonry when they think it can be of practical use to them as those who have made many and great sacrifices in the interest of this Ancient philosophy. Let them answer the question themselves.

Again, I cannot solve some of the propositions as set forth in the law so that we may say they are in harmony with each other as well as the law. I refer to Article XII. which provides that the petitioners for a lodge Under Dispensation must have a certificate or at least the three officers mentioned in the petition can confer the three degrees and accompanying lectures in a suitable and impressive manner. Then I turn to Section 8, Chapter II. of the law, by-laws for the government of lodges and the requirements are that they must have the work and lectures absolutely correct in every respect. Why should we expect more of those brethren who have not had an opportunity perhaps to acquire the work, than we do from the chartered lodge?

Again, we require the Master-elect to obligate himself officially and individually to stand to and abide by the law and that he will discharge the duties of his office to the best of his ability. How can a Master of a lodge discharge all the duties and responsibilities of that office when he cannot confer the degrees or give any of the lectures correctly, and leaves one of the most essential part of the work for some Past Master who never had the work and is not responsible for not having it at the present? The Grand Custodian is still of the opinion, although not supported by the Grand Lodge, that in addition to the qualifications as set forth in Section 63, the Master-elect must have been a Warden and received the degree of a Past Master before he can be regularly installed. How can a Master of a lodge give good and wholesome instruction to the neophyte when he himself does not know what it is to under-

stand in full this good and wholesome instruction as set forth in the letter demonstrated in the spirit of Masonry? Answer the question if you can.

I would not under any consideration do an injustice to any lodge or any individual, but I would surely, if it were my province, require the qualifications of a Master-elect to have a certificate of proficiency from a custodian that he can comply and will comply with Section 8, Chapter II. of the law, and I would give him one year before I would enforce that law. I do not mean this to impose upon anybody, but I, as well as you have been taught to preserve the reputation of the Fraternity unsullied, and if you can find anything more essential than the rendition of the work in a suitable and impressive manner, name it yourself. Either enforce the law or repeal it.

There are but very few, fewer than you would suppose, who know what Ancient Craft Masonry is. They may recite it letter correct, cross every "t" and dot every "i", but still are wandering in pavilions of darkness. After over half a century, I am firmly of the opinion that there is no man living, ever has lived, or ever will live, that can tell the origin of Ancient Craft Masonry. The nearest that I can come to it is the first verse of Genesis, namely "In the beginning." In many years of investigation in the secret doctrine and Ancient religions and the many legends and traditions and the lost art of reading symbolism, I have surely made up my mind that Ancient Craft Masonry is one and the same as the Ancient Wisdom Religion; namely, God, Nature, Man—the relations of one to the other and the harmony of the whole.

It does not make any difference to me what your opinion may be of my opinion, for I am one of but very few that claims to be a free man. I do not believe in coercion, persuasion, or undue influence. Let every man think for himself and act accordingly—then if he is not free, it is his own fault.

As I firmly believe that gratitude is the most fragrant flower that blooms in the soul of men, I wish here to express my sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude to Grand Master Dickson. His words were kind, his burden was light, and his yoke was easy, and Uncle Bob will always hold him in the highest respect of friendship of esteem as a Real Grand Master.

Fraternally thine,

ROBERT E. FRENCH,
Grand Custodian.

CREDIT.

May 9, 1924, Balance in Peters National Bank, Omaha, Nebraska....	\$ 46.65
June 7, 1924, Grand Lodge Appropriation.....	600.00

\$646.65

DEBIT.

Transportation.....	\$ 44.23
Maintenance.....	30.16
Printing and Supply Account.....	35.65
Telegrams.....	2.16
Telephone.....	28.35
Taxi.....	3.98

Postage.....	\$ 25.07
Stenographer.....	45.50
Savage.....	33.58
Schall.....	10.00
Bolen.....	20.00
Andrews.....	10.00
Belville.....	5.00
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	\$293.68
Balance in Peters National Bank, Omaha, Not drawn.....	\$ 52.97
Balance in hands of Grand Lodge not deposited.....	300.00
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	\$646.65

It is hereby certified by Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, that the above amounts as severally shown, were expended for and in the service of the Grand Lodge under the immediate direction and control of the Grand Master, and are substantially correct to the best of my knowledge and ability.

ROBERT E. FRENCH,
Grand Custodian.

I SHALL NOT PASS THIS WAY AGAIN.

I shall not pass this way again,
 The thought is filled with sorrow,
 The good that I should do today,
 I may not do tomorrow.
 If I this moment should withhold
 The help I should be giving,
 Some soul may die and I will lose
 The greatest joy of living.

Only the present hour is mine,
 I may not have another
 In which to speak a kindly word,
 Or help a fallen Brother.
 The path of life leads straight ahead,
 We can retrace it never.
 The daily record that we make
 Will stand unchanged forever.

To cheer and comfort other souls
 And make the pathway brighter,
 To lift the load from other hearts
 And make their burdens lighter.
 This is the work we have to do
 It must not be neglected,
 That we improve each passing hour,
 Is of us all expected.

I shall not pass this way again,
 Oh, then with high endeavor,
 May I my life and service give
 To Him who reigns forever.
 Then will the failures of the past
 No longer bring me sadness
 And His approving smile will fill
 My soul with joy and gladness.
 —Unknown.

With earnest desire and sincere wishes for the Craft of the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska and the perpetuation and prosperity and progress of the principles of Ancient Craft Masonry that brings all within touch and tune with the allness of the one and the only one, and the oneness of the one with the all, I am

Fraternally thine,

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, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska:

The following report for the year ending May 20th, 1925, is fraternally submitted by the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home:

Securities on hand last report..... \$118,800.00

Purchased or renewed during the year:

No. 298, William S. Sandoe, renewal.....	\$ 5,000.00
No. 299, August Pehrson.....	6,500.00
No. 300, Lyman C. DeWitt.....	5,000.00
Certificate of Deposit, No. 1387, First Trust Co., Omaha.....	1,500.00
Certificate of Deposit, No. 1424, First Trust Co., Omaha.....	1,000.00
Certificate of Deposit, No. 4070, Peters Trust Co., Omaha.....	4,000.00
Certificate of Deposit, No. 1440, First Trust Co., Omaha.....	1,000.00
Certificate of Deposit, No. 1449, First Trust Co., Omaha.....	4,200.00
Certificate of Deposit, No. 4137, Peters Trust Co., Omaha.....	2,000.00
Certificate of Deposit, No. 4193, Peters Trust Co., Omaha.....	7,000.00

Total..... \$156,000.00

Securities renewed or paid off:

No. 298, William S. Sandoe, renewal.....	\$5,000.00
No. 267, Ernest J. Smith, part.....	1,000.00
No. 286, Stephen E. Dreesen.....	4,200.00
Certificate of Deposit, No. 1310, First Trust Co.....	3,000.00
Certificate of Deposit, No. 1387, First Trust Co.....	1,500.00
Certificate of Deposit, No. 3904, Peters Trust Co.....	5,000.00
Certificate of Deposit, No. 4070, Peters Trust Co.....	4,000.00
Certificate of Deposit, No. 4137, Peters Trust Co.....	2,000.00
Certificate of Deposit, No. 1449, First Trust Co.....	4,200.00
Certificate of Deposit, No. 1424, First Trust Co.....	1,000.00
	30,900.00

\$125,100.00

The loan of \$5,000.00, on which the interest has not been paid, has been foreclosed and a stay of procedure taken. I do not think there will be any loss to the fund. One interest payment due April 1st, 1925 has not been paid. Loan No. 278 in the sum of \$5,000.00 was paid off after the report was made up and the books closed for the year. A Certificate of Deposit has been taken for the principal, until a new loan can be purchased, and the amount received

for interest has been credited with the cash, which will increase the amount on hand. It will also reduce the loans shown to be on hand and increase the certificates of deposit.

LIST OF SECURITIES ON HAND.

Mortgages owned by the Orphans Educational Fund, May 20th, 1925:

No.	Borrower	Property located in	Amount
241,	First Liberty Loan Bonds		\$ 5,000.00
268,	Kayl	80 acres, Dixon County	3,600.00
269,	Smith	70 acres, Dakota County	4,000.00
270,	Wilcox	120 acres, Thurston County	5,000.00
271,	Cornish	80 acres, Burt County	4,000.00
275,	Summers	93 $\frac{3}{4}$ 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
287,	Lux	162.19 acres, Dodge County	4,000.00
288,	Hoeck	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
298,	Sandoe	320 acres, Boyd County	5,000.00
299,	Pehrson	160 acres, Cedar County	6,500.00
300,	DeWitt	80 acres, Douglas County	5,000.00
	Certificate of Deposit, No. 1440, First Trust Co., Omaha		1,000.00
	Certificate of Deposit, No. 4193, Peters Trust Co., Omaha		7,000.00
	Cash in the Omaha National Bank, Omaha		577.92
Total assets May 20th, 1925			\$125,677.92
Total assets May 20th, 1924			119,475.75
Net increase for the year			\$ 6,202.17

CASH.

On hand in Omaha National Bank, last report	\$ 675.75
Interest on Government bonds	212.50
Interest on mortgages and daily balances	6,232.93
Securities paid off	25,900.00
Accrued interest on mortgages purchased	\$ 243.26
Mortgages purchased	11,500.00

Certificates of deposit purchased.....	\$ 20,700.00
Cash in the Omaha National Bank, Omaha.....	577.92
	\$33,021.18
	\$ 33,021.18

The rate of interest on new mortgages purchased is the same as last year, the highest rate obtainable being 5½%.

FRANCIS E. WHITE,
*Secretary, Board of Trustees, the Ne-
braska Masonic Home.*

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME IN CHARGE OF THE WAR RELIEF FUND.

June 17th, 1924, transferred from the Grand Lodge General Fund...	\$1,251.76
Interest on Government bonds.....	1,275.00
Interest on daily balances, bank.....	28.12
	\$2,554.88
July 5th, 1924—Paid for relief member Capitol Lodge No. 3.....	\$ 500.00
May 20th, 1925—Balance in Peters National Bank.....	2,054.88
	\$2,554.88

INVENTORY.

Government bonds.....	\$29,681.61
Cash in Peters National Bank.....	2,054.88
	\$31,736.49

TRIAL BALANCE, MAY 20TH, 1925.

Government bonds.....	\$29,681.61
Cash, Peters National Bank.....	2,054.88
Inventory.....	31,736.49
	\$31,736.49
	\$31,736.49

WAR RELIEF FUND GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Bond numbers— 34505, par value.....	\$10,000.00
34506, par value.....	10,000.00
36810, par value.....	5,000.00
425880, par value.....	1,000.00
425881, par value.....	1,000.00
425882, par value.....	1,000.00
425883, par value.....	1,000.00
351566, par value.....	500.00
1606668, par value.....	100.00
1606669, par value.....	100.00
1649540, par value.....	100.00

1649541, par value.....	\$ 100.00
1649542, par value.....	100.00
Par value.....	\$30,000.00
\$30,000.00 par value Government bonds cost \$29,681.61.	

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

REPORT OF EXAMINATION.

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

Year Ended May 20, 1925.

Auditing Committee, Omaha, Nebraska, May 28, 1925.
Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with instructions, we have made an audit and examination of the books and records of the Grand Secretary, Omaha, Nebraska, for the year ended May 20, 1925, and herewith submit our report thereon.

Attached to and forming part of the report are the following statements, which reflect the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, Orphans Educational Fund, and the War Relief Fund on May 20, 1925:

- Exhibit A—Resources and Liabilities, May 20, 1925.
- Schedule A-1—Surplus Analysis, Year Ended May 20, 1925.
- Schedule A-2—Building Fund, Year Ended May 20, 1925.
- Exhibit B—Resources and Liabilities, Orphans Educational Fund, May 20, 1925.
- Schedule B-1—Surplus Analysis, Orphans Educational Fund, Year Ended May 20, 1925.
- Exhibit C—Receipts and Disbursements, Orphans Educational Fund, Year Ended May 20, 1925.
- Exhibit D—Resources and Liabilities, War Relief Fund, May 20, 1925.
- Schedule D-1—Surplus Analysis, War Relief Fund, Year Ended May 20, 1925.
- Exhibit E—Receipts and Disbursements, War Relief Fund, Year Ended May 20, 1925.

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 vouchered.

The securities listed were 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 \$221,844.35 to \$330,896.65.

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 audit.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. GILCHRIST CO.,
Certified Public Accountant.

Exhibit A:

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

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

May 20th, 1925.

RESOURCES.

Cash.....		\$ 31,623.58
Liberty Bonds:		
In General Fund.....	\$ 22,156.95	
In Building Fund.....	35,598.79	
		<u>57,755.74</u>
Stocks:		
O. E. S. Home.....	\$ 1,000.00	
Masonic Home.....	151,600.00	
		<u>152,600.00</u>
Supplies.....		988.65
Real Estate and Buildings:		
Childrens Home, Fremont.....		122,000.00
Fixtures:		
Furniture and Fixtures.....	\$ 4,503.82	
Grand Lodge Jewels.....	233.00	
Monell Library.....	2,281.04	
Grand Lodge Library.....	1,553.68	
Geo. W. Lininger Collection.....	89.65	
		<u>8,661.19</u>
		<u>\$373,629.16</u>

LIABILITIES.

Funds and Reserves:		
General Relief Fund.....	\$ 6,799.75	
Building Fund.....	35,932.76	
		<u>\$ 42,732.51</u>
Inventory (Surplus).....		330,896.65
		<u>\$373,629.16</u>

Schedule A-1:

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

SURPLUS ANALYSIS.

Year Ended May 20th, 1925.

Surplus, May 20, 1924.....	\$221,844.35
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Add:

Interest:

On Bank Balance.....	\$731.69	
On Liberty Bonds.....	463.06	
		\$ 1,194.75
Dues.....		79,170.00
Initiation Fees.....		8,620.00
Charter Fees.....		150.00
Special Dispensations.....		250.00
Exemptions.....		51.25
Penalties.....		35.97
Service Association Refund.....		639.79
Refund of Grand Master's Expense.....		34.89
		90,146.65
		<u>\$311,991.00</u>

Deduct:

Addition to Building Fund.....	19,792.50
Payments to Nebraska Masonic Home.....	29,688.75
Supplies Issued Free.....	9.90
General Relief.....	6,799.75
Exemptions from Dues.....	82.00
Salaries.....	10,875.00
Refund to Lodge No. 185.....	5.00
Promulgation of the Work.....	999.60
Postage.....	315.00
Printing and Stationery.....	443.59
Janitor.....	65.00
Telephone.....	53.70
Expenses of Grand Custodian.....	300.00
Payroll for 1924.....	4,814.86
Office Rent.....	1,000.00
Insurance.....	32.50
1924 Proceedings.....	1,245.30
Expense of Special Committees.....	3,261.50
Special Train to Plattsmouth.....	345.28
Relief Association of Omaha.....	200.00
Relief Association of U. S. and Canada.....	395.86
Miscellaneous Expense.....	369.26
	81,094.35
	<u>\$230,896.65</u>

Add:

Nebraska Masonic Home—1000 Shares.....	\$100,000.00
Surplus, May 20, 1925.....	\$330,896.65

Schedule A-2:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.:

Omaha, Nebraska.

BUILDING FUND.

Year Ended May 20th, 1925.

Balance, May 20th, 1924.....	\$ 99,745.78
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Add:

Interest on Liberty Bonds.....	\$ 4,035.91
Profit on Bonds Sold.....	1,084.07
Credit from Dues.....	19,792.50
Credit from Initiations—1,355 at \$5.00 each... ..	6,775.00
Credit from Initiations— 364 at \$10.00 each... ..	3,640.00
Credit from Affiliations.....	860.00
From Mosaic Lodge No. 55.....	20.00

 36,207.48

 135,953.26

Deduct:

Exemptions.....	20.50
Cash Paid on Infirmary Building.....	100,000.00

 100,020.50

Balance, May 20, 1925.....	\$ 35,932.76
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Exhibit B:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.:

Omaha, Nebraska.

ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

Year Ended May 20th, 1925.

RESOURCES.

Cash (See Exhibit C).....	\$ 577.92
Certificates of Deposit.....	8,000.00
Real Estate Mortgages Receivable.....	112,100.00
Liberty Bonds.....	5,000.00

 \$125,677.92

LIABILITIES.

Inventory (Surplus).....\$125,677.92

Schedule B-1:

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

ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

SURPLUS ANALYSIS.

Year Ended May 20, 1925.

Surplus, May 20, 1924.....\$119,475.75

Add:

Interest Received..... 6,202.17

Surplus, May 20, 1925.....\$125,677.92

Exhibit C:

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

ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Year Ended May 20th, 1925.

Cash on Hand, May 20, 1924..... \$ 675.75

Add Receipts:

Interest on Liberty Bonds.....\$ 212.50
Interest on Mortgages & Certificates of Deposit. 6,232.93
Mortgages Paid..... 5,200.00
Certificates of Deposit Paid..... 20,700.00

32,345.43

33,021.18

Disbursements:

Accrued Interest..... 243.26
Mortgages Purchased..... 11,500.00
Certificates of Deposit Purchased..... 20,700.00

32,443.26

Cash Balance, May 20, 1925 (See Exhibit B)..... \$ 577.92

Exhibit D:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.:

Omaha, Nebraska.

WAR RELIEF FUND.

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

Year Ended May 20, 1925.

RESOURCES.

Cash (See Exhibit E).....	\$ 2,054.88
Liberty Bonds.....	29,681.61

 \$ 31,736.49

LIABILITIES.

Inventory (Surplus).....	\$ 31,736.49
Schedule D-1:	

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.:

Omaha, Nebraska.

WAR RELIEF FUND.

SURPLUS ANALYSIS.

Year Ended May 20th, 1925.

Surplus Transferred from General Fund, July 7, 1924	\$ 30,935.65
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Add:

Interest on Bank Balance.....	\$ 28.12
Interest on Liberty Bonds.....	1,275.00

 1,303.12

 32,238.77

Deduct:

Interest Accrued.....	2.28
Relief Paid to Member of Capitol Lodge.....	500.00

 502.28

Surplus, May 20, 1925.....	\$ 31,736.49
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Exhibit E:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.:

Omaha, Nebraska.

WAR RELIEF FUND.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Year Ended May 20th, 1925.

Cash Transferred from General Fund, July 7, 1924..	\$ 1,251.76
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Add Receipts:

Interest Received.....	\$ 1,303.12
	2,554.88

Disbursements:

Relief Paid.....	500.00
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Cash Balance, May 20, 1925 (See Exhibit D).....\$ 2,054.88

The following committees were announced by M. W. Robert R. Dickson, Grand Master, and entered on the discharge of their duties:

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

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

Bonding Secretaries and Treasurers: Brothers Harvey W. Hess, 43; Elza A. McGlasson, 268; C. Ray Macy, 26.

Charters and Dispensations: Brothers Alfred G. Hunt, 33; Joseph B. Klotz, 283; John E. Turner, 209.

Childrens Homes: Brothers O. Edwin Mickey, 65; Charles B. Nicodemus, 15; Millard M. Robertson, 3; Burlingame Walker, 119.

Codification of the Law: Brothers Ralph O. Canaday, 285; Lester R. Slonecker, 302; Tracy F. Tyler, 126.

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

Credentials: Brothers Benjamin F. Thomas, 1; Hubert F. Favinger, 50; Arthur B. Carpenter, 55; Marion E. Shipley, 72.

Doings of Grand Officers: Brothers George H. Thummel, 33; Dayton R. Mounts, 136.

Finance: Brothers John R. Tapster, 119; Harry G. Browne, 25; C. Ray Macy, 26; Lester L. Dawson, 54; Frank A. Barger, 75.

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

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

George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association: Brothers George C. Mason, 300; Henry H. Andrews, 207.

Grand Custodian's Library: Brothers Charles E. Burnham, 166; John B. Lichtenwallner, 272.

Grand Lodge Office: Brothers Henry F. Chapman, 302; Howard E. Bradstreet, 261; Joseph H. Randolph, 184.

Grievances: Brothers Archie M. Smith, 203; Albert J. Wood, 158; Elbert G. Laing, 183; Benjamin F. Eyre, 1.

Jurisprudence: M. W. Brothers Charles A. Chappell, Lewis E. Smith, Joseph B. Fradenburg, John J. Tooley, Andrew H. Viele, Samuel S. Whiting, James R. Cain, Jr., Harry A. Cheney, Charles E. Burnham, Robert E. Evans, Henry H. Wilson, John A. Ehrhardt, Samuel P. Davidson, Robert E. French, and George H. Thummel.

Masonic Education: Brothers Charles M. Shepherd, 54; Ralph O. Canaday, 285; N. Dwight Ford, 148; Edwin H. Gerhart, 305.

Pay-Roll: Brothers Frank L. Haycock, 207; Leonard D. Densmore, 104; Jacob P. Serr, 212.

Promotion of the World's Peace: Brothers Henry H. Wilson, 19; Samuel P. Davidson, 17.

Relief and Care of Orphans: Brothers O. Edwin Mickey, 65; John A. Ehrhardt, 41; Robert E. Evans, 5; Charles E. Burnham, 166; Benjamin F. Pitman, 158.

Returns: Brothers John B. Lichtenwallner, 272; Joe I. Crain, 210; Carl L. Holland, 31; Luke L. Wiles, 6; Leroy A. Burgess, 95.

Unfinished Business: Brothers Cecil E. Wadlow, 19; Stewart M. Gilliland, 101; George A. Wright, 248.

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

The following report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers was presented by Past Grand Master George H. Thummel, and 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 respectfully report and recommend that the Address of M. W. Robert R. Dickson, Grand Master, under its designated heads, be referred as follows:

To the Grand Lodge:

The Report of the Joint Committee on Childrens Home at Fremont.
Masonic Education.

To the Committee on Grievances:

All matters relating to discipline.

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

All decisions; also recommendations Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7.

To the Committee on Codification of the Law:

Recommendation No. 8.

That the recommendation of the Grand Master as to the proviso added to Section 66-A, when approved, be codified by the committee.

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

All matters relating to Lodges under Dispensation.

Your committee note with great appreciation and approval the elimination in the address of the Grand Master of so many unimportant details as to his visitations, ceremonials, etc.

Brethren:

Your committee, on reading the earnest address of your Grand Master, have been keenly impressed by the elevated tone of service and devotion to duty and a sincere desire to lead the Craft to higher planes of usefulness and of citizenship, which are noted in every line thereof.

It is clearly apparent that the duties of our Grand Master are yearly becoming more and more onerous and burdensome and means must be devised to lessen his labors and to relieve him of much of the detail work that he now has to perform, and that he must have more time and opportunity to broaden and extend his work and usefulness among Masons as Grand Master and Leader.

The constructive, intelligent thought of the Craft must early find a solution to this ever increasing problem.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

That the Report of the Grand Secretary be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Finance:

All matters relating to finances.

To the Board of Visitors of the Grand Lodge of the Nebraska Masonic Home:

All matters relating to the Masonic Home.

That all other recommendations be approved.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

Your committee have perused with great interest the report of your Grand Custodian; it is full of meat and should be read by every Mason in this jurisdiction. The problems which he presents for the consideration of the Grand Lodge are worthy of consideration.

Your Grand Custodian working in harmony with the Grand Master, can work out the solution of the problems that come to him better than the Grand Lodge can with so little time to go into detail. Therefore, these matters must be left to their intelligent consideration and judgment.

We approve the action of the Grand Master in directing that the Grand Custodian remain at home and supervise and superintend his work from that central station, and we are firmly convinced that the Grand Custodian can render far better service by so doing than he can by going out and working among the lodges.

In regard to the strict observance of the law relating to proficiency of Masters, etc., we feel that the Grand Custodian is working this out very satisfactorily and it is now apparent to all of us that as the years go by, greater proficiency is being acquired by the brethren and the lodges.

Judging the future by the past, we are of the opinion that in a few years there will be very few lodges in our jurisdiction without a corps of officers and members competent to confer the degrees in a proper and impressive manner.

When we consider the conditions of twenty-five years ago and compare them with the present conditions, brought about largely by the competent, efficient, and persistent work of your Grand Custodian, we should not be impatient because there are a few lodges that elect officers, and especially Masters, who are incompetent and cannot conform to the law as to proficiency. "A little leaven will leaven the whole lump," and there is little reason for any lodge

in this jurisdiction electing incompetent officers when the services of the Deputy Grand Custodians are so available and they are ever ready and willing to give instructions to those who desire them.

The Grand Master called for the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead and after singing two stanzas of "Solemn Strikes the Funeral Chime," it was presented by V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, as follows:

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:

We come always to these memorial hours, with mingled emotions, of sadness, of rejoicing, and of heart searching.

"Sadness" because of the vacant chairs, over which memory broods in fond recollection of the beloved comrades, who have gone through the western gates a while before us, and whose inspiring presence so enriched our fellowship of love.

"Rejoicing" over the qualities of faithfulness, tenderness, and heroism so displayed in their noble lives; these exalted elements of character set forth in their rugged living, we see more plainly since our separation; today this revelation of their rare graces of heart and mind is still further deepened as we assemble in this inner circle so highly prized by them.

We recognize more clearly now that each of their lives has in it something of human greatness and something of the divine, and that these varied splendors of character set together for our consideration, form a composite of wondrous symmetry not only worthy of recognition, but worthy of the determination to profit from the example set by these departed brethren.

And we shall pay them no higher eulogy than comes from the quickening in our own lives of those too frequently slumbering, or unappreciated elements that so distinguished them.

We are "thankful" too, for the remembrance of words of cheer which passed between us as we journeyed on together; words of heartening and mutual encouragement, interchanged while yet they lived; and "thankful" for the appreciation we read in their faces, alight with love's response.

"They are not dead who live
In hearts they leave behind;
In those whom they have loved
They live a life again,
And shall live through the years
Eternal life, and grow
Each day more beautiful,
As time declares their good,
Forgets the rest, and proves
Their immortality."

Then, alas, we find reason for deep regret because of words unsaid, the withheld expression of that song in our hearts stirred by what we beheld of noble service, and surpassing sacrifice, on the part of these brethren beloved; we recall now the hesitating steps, the looks of weariness; and come to swift

determination here, that, for all the future, we will more adequately express to our fellow travellers the sympathy and cheer from the depths of our hearts.

"If thou dost bid thy friend farewell,
But for one night though that farewell may be,
Press thou his hand in thine,
How canst thou tell how far from thee
Fate or caprice may lead his steps ere that to-morrow comes?
Many have been known to turn the corner of a street,
And days have grown to months,
And months to lagging years,
Ere they have looked in loving eyes again.

Parting, at best, is underlaid
With tears and pain,
Therefore, lest sudden death should come between,
Or time, or distance, clasp with pressure firm the hand of him who goeth
forth,
Unseen, fate goeth too,
Yea, find thou always time to say some earnest word
Between the idle talk, lest, with thee henceforth,
Night and day, regret should walk."

It is said that we are growing more stoical, unconsciously stifling the finer voices of utterance, to the deprivation of our fellowmen. The honor and the interest of all the world demands the ready voicing now, of altruistic warmth; so we bring for our consideration a brave old motto—"Say It Now!"

"Say It Now"—to the servant of the public, suffering under frequent abuse and longing for more kindly judgment. The answer will always be nobler service.

"Say It Now"—To the writer, the teacher, the dreamer, and a generation will receive new inspirations for its thought.

"Say It Now"—in the home circle; the leaden feet will grow light, the lips of weary women will give forth song, and wandering, wondering childhood will give back swift response.

"Say It Now"—for we vision often, two old folks walking in sweet communion on a far off shore, and a longing comes over us for that oncoming day, when we shall find them there, and crowding from our hearts and lips will come the unsaid words of love's expression.

"Say It Now"—among the comrades of our fraternal love,—they too are weary often while.

There are vast stores of unfountainized comfort down in the hearts of men, crowding against hindering restraints, and asking swift liberation that they may answer the call of thirsty folks weary and spent on the heavy road.

There are sweet strains of music, melodious, entrancing, for which the choirs of a world are waiting, needed now, to fill out the harmonies which are to quicken and steady the marching hosts of every land.

There are in every life, waiting the hour of service, gracious motherhoods, of comforting tenderness; splendid fatherhoods, of rugged strength and guidance. We are all enriched by the giving and impoverished when we withhold.

"SAY IT NOW!"

Thy words of counsel grant to "youth" whose dreams and hopes of life,
Are urging forth to brave and far adventures lofty quest.
Once from thy cheering lips departed, thy heart moved utterance,
Shall inspiration's message bear, till time shall be no more.

Give joyous voice to faith, where "manhood" breasts life's stubborn way;
Break thou the alabaster box, on toil worn, halting feet;
And in some perilous tomorrow, the "inasmuch" of God
Shall be His recognition, and thy troubled hearts support.

Speak forth thy comfort, friend, where "age" meets stern and hard defeat:
Or from the page of record turns in disappointment's hour.
Thy lilt of song will echo back of victory complete,
Where heaven's arches ring in welcome to a coming king.

With deep emotion we record the names of the fellow travellers who have separated themselves from us during the year, while we extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved wherever dispersed.

We sorely miss that one of our brethren, who for so long has faithfully guarded the portal of entrance to this Grand Lodge, Brother Alexander E. Porter. Hundreds of people will sincerely mourn the loss of one who was a friend indeed; a helpful, unselfish friend; quiet, unobtrusive, genial, generous; a lover of God, and so a lover of men.

We join in kindly recognition too, of a notable Masonic character of our neighboring state of Iowa, who was this past year transferred to the Lodge on High. Newton R. Parvin, long Grand Secretary of that jurisdiction, left on record a Masonic history of rare merit, of surpassing service, and of unchanging faithfulness. A great company of our folks are gone from us this year; their names are written here on the fading page, but their memories are forever set in the deeps of our heart.

R. W. Albert Leslie Reese	Junior Grand Warden, Alabama.
M. W. James Andrew Bilbro	Past Grand Master, Alabama.
M. W. George Murray	Past Grand Master, Alberta.
M. W. James S. Reamey	Past Grand Master, Arkansas.
M. W. Richard Henderson Taylor	Past Grand Master, Arkansas.
M. W. George W. Roe	Past Grand Master, Colorado.
M. W. John Henry Swartwout	Past Grand Master, Connecticut.
R. W. Henry Robinson	Grand Treasurer Emeritus, Florida.
R. W. Bedford Langford Patterson	Grand Marshal, Georgia.
M. W. Daniel G. Fitzgerrell	Past Grand Master, Illinois.
R. W. Henry E. Hamilton	Past Senior Grand Warden, Illinois.
M. W. William Ridley	Past Grand Master, Indiana.
R. W. Newton R. Parvin	Grand Secretary, Iowa.
M. W. Watson Miller Lamb	Past Grand Master, Kansas.
M. W. Edward Winslow Wellington	Past Grand Master, Kansas.
M. W. Joseph Sinai	Past Grand Master, Louisiana.
M. W. Alonzo Thomas Stebbins	Past Grand Master, Minnesota.
M. W. Henry Rockwood Denny	Past Grand Master, Minnesota.
M. W. Charles H. Blum	Past Grand Master, Mississippi.
M. W. William F. Kuhn	Past Grand Master, Missouri.
M. W. Robert F. Stevenson	Past Grand Master, Missouri.
Rt. Rev. George C. Hunting	Grand Chaplain, Nevada.
M. W. John Hay	Past Grand Master, Nova Scotia.
R. W. Jacob Henry Bromwell	Grand Secretary, Ohio.
M. W. Edwin Lewis Lybarger	Past Grand Master, Ohio.

M. W. Allen Andrews	Past Grand Master, Ohio.
M. W. Walter T. Williamson	Past Grand Master, Oregon.
M. W. James Lewis	Past Grand Master, South Dakota.
M. W. Robert H. McCaughey	Past Grand Master, South Dakota.
M. W. Frank A. Brown	Past Grand Master, South Dakota.
M. W. David F. Johnson	Past Grand Master, Texas.
M. W. John Love Terrell	Past Grand Master, Texas.
M. W. Thomas Newman Davis	Past Grand Master, Virginia.
M. W. Ralph Clapp McAllaster	Past Grand Master, Washington.
M. W. Frank Burt	Past Grand Master, West Virginia.
M. W. John W. Arbuckle	Past Grand Master, West Virginia.
R. W. John Morgan Collins	Grand Secretary, West Virginia.
M. W. George W. Atkinson	Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary, West Virginia.
M. W. Edward F. Stahle	Past Grand Master, Wyoming.
Wor. John W. Morgareidge	Grand Tyler, Wyoming.

The report was adopted on motion of V. W. Brother Shepherd.

Grand Master Dickson made an announcement in regard to the trip to Fremont, to be taken in the afternoon, and also concerning the meeting of the Grand Lodge in the evening, and W. Brother Lester L. Slonecker, 302, also made an announcement in regard to luncheon and the trip.

At fifteen minutes after twelve o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until eight o'clock P. M., June 9th, 1925.

LUNCHEON TENDERED BY THE OMAHA LODGES AND VISIT TO THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN AT FREMONT.

After the Grand Lodge had called off at fifteen minutes after twelve o'clock P. M., Tuesday, June 9th, 1925, W. Brother Benjamin F. Eyre, Master of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, and chairman of the Committee on Reception, of the lodges located in Omaha, invited the members of the Grand Lodge and their guests to luncheon in the banquet hall in the Masonic Temple. Fully five hundred were present at the luncheon, and several of the brethren from the lodges in Omaha and others, assisted in the service. The luncheon consisted of a variety of the best the market affords in the way of viands, and was deliciously prepared and well served.

The committee in charge had made suitable arrangements for the trip to Fremont, over one hundred automobiles being ready; no trouble was experienced in finding places for the members. It was a perfect June day; the temperature was just right, and the ride of an hour and a half on a paved road

running between beautiful farm lands, with evidences of prosperity everywhere, was greatly enjoyed by all.

On arriving at Fremont a warm and cordial welcome was extended to the visitors by the many members of Fremont Lodge No. 15, A. F. & A. M., and the management of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. The following is a partial list of those who were present and did much to make the visit a complete success:

Mrs. Cassie Redfield, Worthy Grand Matron; Mr. James C. Robinson, Worthy Grand Patron; Miss Rose M. Owens, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Anna V. Peterson, Grand Conductress; Mrs. Stella Thorson, Associate Grand Conductress; and Mrs. Daisy Johnson, Grand Lectress; also Mrs. Lou A. Conklin, and Mrs. Hattie M. Scott, Past Worthy Grand Matrons; Mr. Clendenen W. Mitchell and Mr. O. Edwin Mickey, Past Worthy Grand Patrons (the last named being President of the O. E. S. Home Board); all of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska.

Miss Pearl E. Albertson, Past Worthy Grand Matron, and Secretary of the O. E. S. Home Board; Mrs. Ellen C. Smith, Matron of the Girls Home; Mrs. Sarah V. Perkins, Matron of the Boys Home; and Mrs. Elena M. Brown, Matron of the Childrens Home; Mrs. Edith Rogers, Worthy Matron and Matthew A. Priestley, Worthy Patron, and members of Arbor Vitae Chapter No. 92 of Fremont. Also David H. Ohlmutz, Master, and many members of Fremont Lodge No. 15.

The grounds of the Home for Children looked very attractive, and showed care and attention, as well as being inviting surroundings for growing children.

Refreshments were served at the three cottages on the Home grounds, and about two hours were spent in visiting them; full information was given in regard to the children, their care and training, and the visitors found much to commend and nothing to criticize.

The members of the Grand Lodge left Fremont with the general feeling that the afternoon had been well spent and that the Childrens Homes and their management were a credit to the Masonic Fraternity and to the Order of the Eastern Star in Nebraska.

On the return trip many cars stopped at the James G. Megeath Masonic Home for Children, in Omaha, where a bountiful dinner was served to all of the visiting brethren, and a pleasant visit enjoyed with the boys who are living there. This is a pleasant place, and the boys were well looked after by Brother James A. Noble, Superintendent, of Omaha Lodge No. 288.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Tuesday, June 9th, 1925.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, officers and members being present as at the preceding session. Grand Master Robert R. Dickson, presiding.

M. W. Brother Dickson introduced W. Brother Matthew A. Hall, 268, to the brethren, and he delivered the following:

ORATION.

ACCORDING TO LAW.

At the threshold of our theme, we propound the question: What is law? Every adult will vouchsafe an answer to that question, because every adult has heard it discussed more or less and referred to in one form or another at various times during his progress through life; and moreover, has during some period in his career, by his own or his friends' conduct, likely been forcibly reminded, by results, of that intangible but all powerful something which regulates the doings of society and the actions of men.

The answer will be more or less vague and hazy, depending upon the mentality of the individual and his education and his experience. But speaking generally, the answer will likely be right so far as it goes, because what the law means is not difficult of understanding, for it is a body of rules prescribed by a duly constituted authority for our government in our daily life. So much for the question, "What is law?"

But what is *the* law applicable to a given situation? Ay, there's the rub. For it must be acknowledged in all frankness that not always is the rule of conduct so expressed that there may be only one interpretation and thus be no room for discussion or argument as to what is meant. So, frequently, men, being fallible, differ as to meaning and construction; hence the necessity for having experts, not to confuse and confound as is claimed by the ill-informed, but to elucidate and make clear so that "He who runs may read," and thus be measurably certain that if he follows the expert's advice and counsel, he will not be a law violator and an undesirable member of the community, but will be classed among those who are termed "good citizens"—law abiding and God fearing.

Now for us who are members of this beneficial and sterling organization, the question, "What is the Masonic law?" is not heard, for the tenets and precepts of the Order are so clearly stated and announced, from the time one starts on his unknown and therefore for him, uncharted path, to the time when he stands forth in his manhood, a true and tried follower of that worthy and heroic member of his profession who remained loyal and true to his obligation to his fellows and to his Craft at the expense of his promising career just opening before him—nay, even at the expense of his heart's blood,—that those tenets and precepts which constitute Masonic law, have only one meaning and one interpretation for us all, be we officers in command or only privates in the great army whose operations in one way or another, extend to the uttermost parts of the earth.

It has been the custom, it *is* the custom, as a rule, in these annual addresses, to set forth those tenets and precepts in varying words and artistic language; to dress them in many hued garments of divers and sundry styles; to parade them before us in numerous and manifold situations;—all for the purpose of re-emphasizing their great and unimpeachable verity and their vast and measureless importance to us as living exponents of the doctrines and dogmas of our Brotherhood.

But I am not going to follow the beaten path to-night, for I am firmly convinced that the path is too lengthy and prolonged and requires too much time in traveling, for us to undertake the journey over and by that path in the time I have allocated to myself out of the precious minutes spent by you in your deliberations during your annual convocation.

I am going to take you with me, therefore, through a short cut to our objective; and the distance traversed and the time consumed will only permit us to pluck a few, a very few, of the more vigorous flowers which bloom in the Masonic Garden, and which disseminate such ever enduring and ever comforting fragrance for the delectation of those breathing the circumambient air, and whose capacity for enjoying sweet scented and life giving odors has not been weakened nor destroyed by vicious cocci which are always in evidence; and which, if not constantly fought, will develop and grow and speedily destroy the finer and more delicate perceptive faculties granted by nature.

And it is my earnest and zealous hope that this evening as we gather the perfumed buds and inhale their grateful aroma, an indelible impression may be made upon our sensibilities, whereby at all times and in all places each of us can readily and truthfully say "It is good to be a Mason."

Who of us has not in times past felt a grievance at those in authority because of their exercise of the powers vested in them by enforcing what we deemed to be an unjust rule or regulation of conduct? Poor and erring mortals that we were and are, we pitted our youthful and thus undeveloped judgment against the matured wisdom of the ages—the wisdom that has withstood the attacks of centuries both within and without, and has been vindicated times without number during the centuries behind us. And in the conflict we always came out second best, because we omitted consideration of the fundamental fact of all government, that the law or the rule is and was made for the masses, for the greatest number, and not for the individual, nor even for a group of individuals. It is a hard lesson to learn—that of obedience; but woe betide the man or woman who, secure in the pride of his or her own fervid convictions, deliberately flaunts and acts upon them in the face of constituted authority, when those convictions and actions are in direct opposition to the decrees of duly empowered sovereignty. Such a man or woman must ultimately feel the heavy hand of fate, for "Though the mills of God grind slowly, yet they grind exceeding small."

Let us then render homage to Caesar, and give our obedience unstintingly and without hesitation to the edicts of the Fraternity which inculcates only and always those principles which make for the upbuilding and stabilization of character upon which the Christian religion is founded.

Let us obey without cavil or criticism as did those heroes of the Light Brigade whose unhesitating advance at the command of authority into the "Valley of Death" has been perpetuated for all time by the stirring words of Tennyson:

"Their's not to make reply,
Their's not to reason why,
Their's but to do and die.

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Noble Six Hundred."

Let us obey that we may exemplify in our lives and our conduct the teachings of the Master, and thus by our deportment and demeanor afford to others an exemplar in right thinking and right living; that we may be to those around and about us and whom we influence, as a beacon light is to the mariner who plows his way amidst the rocks and through the turbulent waters in the darkness; an indicator and a suggestion of the right course to be followed if the destined goal shall be reached in safety.

But obedience is more than mere lip service, more than mere compliance with and submission to the ordinances and rules and regulations which we recognize for our direction and guidance as we jostle each other in the race through life. Obedience includes a toleration of the foibles and the frailties and the imperfections of our fellows, for all are prone to deviate from the straight and narrow path, and to wander into the byways which today, while forbidden, are made attractive and alluring as never before to the wayfarer. Did this propensity to err and go astray not exist in the human heart, then indeed would we have the Millennium with us now, and there would be no occasion and no need for tenets and precepts and rules and regulations.

And toleration in turn implies charity and patience and magnanimity, and that liberal mindedness which can overlook the weaknesses and infirmities of the human kind, and see only the better and godlike characteristics and attributes. How much more preferable, how much more satisfactory, how much more gratifying is it to visualize the sun behind the fog, knowing that it will soon reappear and will again radiate warmth and health and happiness over the earth, than it is to see only the dark and ominous clouds hanging low, betokening the approaching storm. Optimism rises infinitely higher in the scale of our estimation than does its antithesis—pessimism. When it comes to choosing between the two there is no room for argument—it is Hobson's choice. The optimist gets a smile and a happy greeting and a warm invitation to come again, while the man of blue outlook and dour visage, the pessimist, is met with a frown and is sidestepped at any and every opportunity.

And let us be neither afraid nor ashamed to express in the most glowing terms our hearty and grateful appreciation of efforts put forth by others in the right direction. Let us give all such a hearty handclasp and a Godspeed on their way, for thereby will we not only bring happiness and joy to their hearts, and an increased and enthusiastic determination to put forth greater efforts for good, but we will in consequence of our act warm the cockles of our own hearts, and will as a result, step a little higher and carry our burden a little more lightly as we trudge along life's pathway which at best is heavy footed enough.

May I suggest that too often we overlook and forget the little amenities which help smooth the rough pathway and help brighten the passing hours, and which ease the weighty loads imposed upon mankind. Too often do we neglect to pat our friend on the back and say to him what a good fellow he is and what a helper of men he is in his endeavors to fulfill his allotted mission here below, and that by reason thereof he shall, when he obeys the last summons, merit the epitaph upon a rough board at the head of a lonely grave in the mountain passes of the west: "He did his level best,—angels could do no more."

The object lesson afforded by Thomas A. Edison's friends and neighbors and admirers by the thousand just a few days ago is well worth heeding. They erected a bronze tablet to commemorate his inventive genius, and thus heralded to the world the fact that the Wizard of Menlo Park is honored and sung while he is still in the flesh, and is capable of enjoying the happiness that comes from the commendation of others.

"When you hear of good in people—tell it.
When you hear a tale of evil—quell it.
Let the goodness have the light,
Put the evil out of sight,
Make the world we live in bright
Like to heaven above."

Permit me here to quote what you may have heard before but which is well worth repeating—that is, the creed of an unknown man, a man who evidently during his lifetime felt the need of the sympathetic tenderness which should be expressed in vivid, loving words by us one to the other before it be too late if we would observe the injunction laid upon us by the Matchless One in the perfect and peerless Sermon on the Mount: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." This is the Unknown's Creed:

"Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them, and while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier by them. The kind things you mean to say when they are gone, say before they go. The flowers you mean to send for their coffins, send to brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them. If my friends have alabaster boxes laid away, full of fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection which they intend to break over my dead body, I would rather they would bring them out in my weary and troubled hours, and open them, that I may be cheered by them while I need them. I would rather have a plain coffin without flowers, a funeral without eulogy, than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy. Let us learn to anoint our friends beforehand for their burial. Post-mortem kindness does not cheer the burdened spirit. Flowers on the coffin cast no fragrance backward over the weary way."

Or, to put it in more rhythmic language, for the thought is worthy of iteration,

"If with pleasure you are viewing any work a man is doing,
If you like him or you love him, tell him now;
Don't withhold your approbation 'til the parson makes oration
As he lies with snowy lilies o'er his brow;
For no matter how you shout it, he won't really care about it;
He won't know how many tear drops you have shed;
If you think some praise is due him, now's the time to slip it to him,
FOR HE CANNOT READ HIS TOMBSTONE WHEN HE'S DEAD.

"More than fame and more than money is the comment
 kind and sunny;
 And the hearty, warm approval of a friend;
 For it gives to life a savor and it makes you stronger, braver,
 And it gives you heart and spirit to the end;
 If he earns your praise, bestow it; if you like him, let him know it;
 Let the words of true encouragement be said;
 Do not wait till life is over and he's underneath the clover,
 For HE CANNOT READ HIS TOMBSTONE WHEN HE'S DEAD."

The measure of a man's Masonic duty is, however, not full to overflowing unless it contain that spirit of sacrifice which is willing to forego wants and desires in order that others may be made happy and contented; which acts upon the aphorism that it is more blessed to give than to receive; and which is always and under all circumstances more concerned with duty and loyalty and the rights and needs of others than it is with its own selfish ends and purposes. Can you conceive of a more dastardly and contemptible individual than is he who perpetually and continually at whatever cost to his fellow men, seeks to gratify his own base and despicable cravings? Such an one is not a Mason, cannot be a Mason in spirit and in truth, and should never be permitted entrance within the portals of the Fraternity. For him is only scorn and contumely, the ostracism that inevitably follows discourtesy and selfishness—those opposites of that heaven born consideration for one's fellows which has its best expression in the smaller and minor things which go so far to make the sum of human life.

John Maynard was a pilot on board a vessel plying between Detroit and Buffalo on Lake Erie one summer Sunday afternoon. The boat was crowded with pleasure seekers. Of a sudden fire broke out in the forward part of the vessel, and when efforts to suppress were found to be futile, the ship's course was steered for shore with the flames leaping around and about John Maynard who remained steadfast at the wheel. Nearer and nearer that cargo of human beings approached the shore, but faster and faster burnt the fire until it had consumed the wheelhouse. The Captain through the din and uproar called out "John Maynard, can you hold out five minutes longer?" and the answer came back feebly through the flames and smoke "By God's help I will." His hair was scorched from his scalp; one hand was disabled and hung listless at his side; his eyes were blurred and dim and almost sightless; but his jaws were set and he stood at his post of duty firm as a rock. He beached the ship and every man, woman and child on board saving and excepting John Maynard, was rescued. As his weakened and palsied hand gave the last turn to the wheel, his body lurched overboard, and John Maynard's spirit took its flight to its Maker. Brave John Maynard! Noble John Maynard! Your sacrificial act is worthy to be recorded on the imperishable tablets of the ages, and affords to mankind an example of heroism seldom equaled.

If John Maynard was not a Mason by ritual, he was a Mason at heart, for he practiced to his death one of the cardinal and noblest precepts of the Craft.

Constancy and faithfulness to a trust always beget admiration and respect in the mind of the beholder. We are admonished to put our hand to the plow and not look back, to function with all our mind and heart, to perform our duty with a single mindedness which knows nothing but the doing of the allotted task in the proper manner, so that whatsoever is dependent upon that task being well done shall not suffer.

For we are all interdependent like the cogs in a wheel of a machine—one deficient or weakened cog may throw the whole machine out of commission and thereby cause incalculable loss and trouble and expense. So the performance of our duty when we see and know it, is of paramount importance not only to ourselves but to others, and how far the detrimental effects of failure on our part may extend, no one can say or foresee.

We respect him who "hews to the mark." We love and eulogize him who in so doing makes the supreme sacrifice; for the world has always paid homage to loyal devotion, without regard to the moving cause thereof. May we in our daily life emulate the constancy and faithfulness possessed by the Admiral's young son who would not desert his post of duty on the burning warship without permission during the Battle of the Nile:

"The flames roll'd on—he would not go
Without his father's word;
That father, faint in death below,
His voice no longer heard.

He call'd aloud:—"Say, Father, say,
If yet my task is done?"
He knew not that the chieftain lay
Unconscious of his son.

"Speak, Father!" once again he cried
'If I may yet be gone?'
And but the booming shot replied,
And fast the flames roll'd on.

Upon his brow he felt their breath,
And in his waving hair,
And look'd from that lone post of death
In still, yet brave despair;

And shouted but once more aloud
'My Father! must I stay?'
While o'er him fast, through sail and shroud,
The wreathing fires made way.

They wrapt the ship in splendor wild,
They caught the flag on high,
And stream'd above the gallant child
Like banners in the sky.

There came a burst of thunder sound—
The boy—oh! where was he?
Ask of the winds that far around
With fragments strew'd the sea

With mast, and helm, and pennon fair,
That well had borne their part!
But the noblest thing that perish'd there
Was that young faithful heart."

And let us never forget the devotion and loyalty of that other heroic soul who in his fealty to his Emperor, awaiting the outcome of the battle nearby, would not stay to have his wounds dressed after the Siege of Ratisbon, lest by loss of time the honor of conveying news of the victory should be snatched from him:

"Out 'twixt the battery smoke there flew
 A rider, bound on bound
 Full-galloping; nor bridle drew
 Until he reach'd the mound.

Then off there flung, in smiling joy,
 And held himself erect,
 Just by his horse's mane, a boy:
 You hardly could suspect—
 (So tight he kept his lips compressed,
 Scarce any blood came through,)
 You look'd twice ere you saw his breast
 Was all but shot in two.

'Well,' cried he, 'Emperor, by God's grace
 We've got you Ratisbon!
 The marshal's in the market-place,
 And you'll be there anon,
 To see your flag-bird flap his vans
 Where I, to heart's desire,
 Perch'd him.' The chief's eye flash'd; his plans
 Soar'd up again like fire.

The chief's eye flash'd; but presently
 Soften'd itself, as sheathes
 A film the mother eagle's eye
 When her bruised eaglet breathes.
 'You're wounded!' 'Nay,' his soldier's pride
 Touched to the quick, he said:
 'I'm kill'd sire!' And his chief beside,
 Smiling, the boy fell dead."

Every school boy and girl knows the story of Robert the Bruce of Scotland, who, after repeated and disastrous defeats, was ready to give up the contest for the Scottish throne and yield to his enemies, but had renewed courage and incentive instilled into his heart by the success of the spider in reaching his goal after very numerous attempts resulting in failure. "If at first you don't succeed, try again." That was a favorite copy book heading written by the teacher for the benefit and instruction of our grandparents when they were boys and girls. But the precept is just as fitting and appropriate, and carries with it just as sound import today as then. We all know that repeated efforts which fail of results bring lassitude of spirit, a discouragement which depresses us to the lowest depths, a languor which takes from us the incentive to any renewed effort, and which lassitude and discouragement and languor, if not conquered in time, will inevitably result in our failure, because if each victory will help us some other to win, then each defeat will in turn weaken our resisting power, until finally if we submissively yield, we shall be limp and inert as the proverbial rag, and will be good for nothing either to ourselves or to our fellow men.

But the Master Mason who succumbs to the attacks which are certain as death itself, who submits without question to demands which he knows are unjust and unconscionable, who passively and timidly surrenders where he should assert his manhood and stand up for the right as his Maker has given him to see the right, has not visualized the truth and the light in all their pre-

eminent and pristine glory, and has failed to grasp and comprehend the principles underlying and supporting the Edifice raised with such loving care the world around.

"Lord, give me the strength of the pioneer
And the faith of his hardy soul;
Provide me with courage to persevere:
Make me fight till I reach my goal.

Let weaklings indulge in a sheltered life
Where they curse when their luck goes bad;
But fit me for battle with storm and strife:
Give me brawn like my fathers had.

I want to be known as a man who wins,
As a fellow with nerve and pluck
Who finishes everything he begins;
And as one who can whip his luck."

The author of those lines entitled, "Make me a Man," had sensed the air of battle from afar and knew what he must be and do to acquit himself creditably in the contest before him; hence his prayer for those manly virtues, faith, courage and perseverance. Faith—that belief in the justice of one's cause which steels the muscles and sets the jaws and fires the heart with a determination to win; courage—that intrepidity which knows no fear, and is dauntless even before overwhelming odds; perseverance—that steadfast resolution to continue until the goal be reached, or until one's life be lost in the attempt.

"The test of a man is the fight he makes,
The grit that he daily shows,
The way he stands on his feet and takes
Fate's numerous bumps and blows.
A coward can smile when there's naught to fear,
When nothing his progress bars,
But it takes a man to stand up and cheer
While some other fellow stars.

It isn't the victory after all,
But the fight that a brother makes—
The man who, driven against the wall,
Still stands erect and takes
The blows of fate with his head held high,
Bleeding and bruised and pale,
Is the man who'll win in the by and by,
For he isn't afraid to fail.

It's the bumps you get and the jolts you get
And the shocks that your courage stands,
The hours of sorrow and vain regret,
The prize that escapes your hands
That test your mettle and prove your worth,
It isn't the blows you deal,
But the blows you take on the good old earth
That show if your stuff is real."

It is recorded that a young man went to Socrates, the Greek philosopher, and asked how he might gain knowledge. Socrates, instead of giving the young man a weighty talk, lead him to the door and said "Follow me." Walking to a pool of water the seeker of knowledge was astonished to see the

aged philosopher wade in up to his waist, but obedient, he followed. Then Socrates, grasping the young man by the arm and head, held him under water until the youth was nearly drowned, when he was dragged to shore and was asked, "My boy, what did you desire most when I held you under the water?" "Air," was the reply. "Then go your way" said Socrates, "and remember that when you desire knowledge as much as you desired air when you were under water, you will get it."

One of the most predominant and portentous evils of the day is the lack of that longing for knowledge and learning among so many of our boys and girls, which attitude leads to evasion and to indolence and to idleness; and idle hands you know "Are the Devil's willing instruments."

It is your task and mine to combat to the extent of our limited strength, this supineness, this slothfulness, this tendency to evade effort, and to obtain vicariously that which can only be gotten by continuous and steady and prolonged exertion on the part of the individual himself.

James B. Duke, who, it is said, acquired a fortune of one hundred millions in the tobacco business, made the statement, "I have succeeded in business, not because I have more natural ability than many people who have not succeeded, but because I have applied myself harder and stuck to it longer. I know plenty of people who have failed to succeed in anything who have more brains than I have, but they lacked application and determination. * * * I worked from early morning to late at night. * * * Any young man with common intelligence can succeed if he is willing to apply himself."

The quintessence of that statement deliberately made by a man materially successful, is in the two words, "application" and "determination." To win we must dedicate ourselves to industry, with a fixed and immutable resolution to achieve the desired result; and while engaged in our work we must not be swayed from our undertaking by the insidious influences from without, nor must we become weary at the loom but must continue to weave the warp and woof until the finished product is presented for the inspection of mankind, and our work is done.

"The time of day I do not tell
As some do, by the clock;
Nor by the distant chiming bell
Set on some steeple rock;
But by the progress that I see
In what I have to do;
It's either *done* o'clock to me,
Or it's only *half-past* through."

But that work when done must result in an article of lasting quality as contradistinguished from the ephemeral thing—that which is only for the present and not for the future, only transitory and not permanent. And just here may it not be pertinent to suggest that occasionally some of the brothers overlook the solid truths contained in the doctrines and dogmas, and see only the dressing which serves to make those truths impressive and to give to them a lasting lodging place in the memory? In other words, is there not in some quarters a tendency to sip the froth and waste the substance, to accept the "fuss and feathers" as constituting the important thing embodied in the lesson, and to ignore completely the structure of permanent and lasting material?

Let us have a care lest in our zeal for splurge and show we neglect the fundamental principles which constitute the rock on which only can an abiding and enduring superstructure be erected.

You have now in your hearts answered the question, "What is the Law?" You have no doubt on the subject, for doubt there cannot be, nor uncertainty nor hesitation—it is the Golden Rule. That Rule which from the time of the Galilean has been preached from the housetops, has sunk into the hearts of men, and has swayed them from the paths of wrong into the paths of righteousness as has no other canon of conduct.

May we steadfastly and under all circumstances comply with its admonition, may we ever observe it in all earnestness and in all sincerity and fidelity, may we carry it constantly with us from the moment of our conscious awakening to thought and energy unto the instant of dissolution when all things transitory pass away from us and we enter into the shining light of Eternity. May we measure up to the Masonic standard which is the Christian standard, that each of us may take his place in line with him who was visualized by the poet Bryant when he penned those transcendent words in "Thanatopsis":

"So live, that when thy summons comes to join
Th' innumerable caravan which moves
To that mysterious realm, when each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night
Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

On motion of M. W. Samuel P. Davidson, Past Grand Master, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were tendered to the Grand Orator for his splendid address, and he was requested to furnish a copy for publication in the proceedings.

The Grand Master stated that the time had arrived for considering the report of the joint committee appointed by himself to represent the Grand Lodge, to confer with a like committee of the Order of the Eastern Star, appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron, and asked Past Grand Master George H. Thummel to make the report. The report was as follows:

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE CHILDRENS HOMES AT FREMONT.

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

The following is the report of the joint committee, appointed by the Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, and the Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of Eastern Star in Nebraska, to consider matters connected with the Childrens Home at Fremont, and will be presented for consideration at the meeting of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S., to be held in Omaha, May 12th, 1925, and of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., to be held in Omaha, June 9th, 1925:

To the Most Worshipful Robert R. Dickson, Grand Master, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, and Mrs. Lou A. Conklin, Worthy Grand Matron, O. E. S. of Nebraska:

The committees appointed by you to consider the status and make recommendations regarding the management and control of the Home for Children at Fremont, met in joint session in the Masonic Temple in Omaha on February 23rd, at which session Mr. O. E. Mickey presided. Before submitting the results of this meeting, we think it well to make a brief preliminary statement which will explain, in part, the conclusions reached.

The real estate on which this Home is located consists of a tract of fifty-six acres. Originally forty acres were purchased—twenty acres by the Grand Lodge and twenty acres by the Grand Chapter. Subsequently the other sixteen acres were purchased by the Grand Lodge.

A portion of the improvements on this tract is located on the twenty acres belonging to the Grand Lodge, a portion upon the twenty acres belonging to the Eastern Star, and a third set of buildings is located on both these tracts. Towards the cost of the erection of these improvements the Grand Lodge has contributed approximately \$110,000.00, and the Order of the Eastern Star \$33,000.00. The cottages have been furnished very largely, if not altogether, by the Grand Chapter and its subordinates and affiliated bodies, or members of the Order. The Grand Lodge has purchased and placed upon this tract for the benefit of the Home, cows and other livestock, tools and equipment, over which Committees of the Grand Lodge retain, more or less definitely, possession and control.

Subject to the conditions above outlined, the Home is being conducted by the Nebraska Eastern Star Home, a corporation with capital stock, the control of which is vested in neither the Grand Lodge nor the Grand Chapter.

Admission of children to the Home is under the control of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans of the Grand Lodge.

It is apparent from the complex situation arising from the various and independent organizations dividing the responsibility of owning and managing the Childrens Home, that differences of opinion may at any time arise that will jeopardize the best interests of those for whom the Home is instituted. It is a matter of congratulation that nothing of this kind has occurred up to the present, and credit for this must be given those who have had charge of the several Departments of this work since the Home was organized. Nevertheless, your Committees believe that it is to the best interests of all concerned that the possibility of disagreements should be eliminated and that a more economical management will doubtless result from the unified control by a responsible Board, accountable only to the two organizations owning the property, to-wit: The Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. The immediate necessity for a change in the present plan of operations which resulted in the appointment of our Committees, seems to have resulted from the fact that the work now devolving upon some of those in charge of this institution has so increased as to have made it impossible for the work to continue under the present system.

Except as to the matter of admission to the Home, therefore, your committees recommend that the entire management and control of this Home be assumed by the two organizations owning this property, and that a joint board of Managers be created, through which such control and management shall be exercised. We recommend that the matter of admission to the Home be continued under the supervision and control of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, of the Grand Lodge, as to children claiming Masonic relationships, and to a similar committee of the Grand Chapter as to children seeking admission into the Home without Masonic relationships but because of their affiliations with the Order of the Eastern Star. Our reason for this recommendation is that these Committees are in a better position to make the necessary investigations and pass upon the applications, by reason of their familiarity with questions of this character, than would be the Board of Managers whose duties will be of an entirely different character. Your Committees are further of the opinion that the legal title to the land upon which this Home is situated should be so vested as to emphasize the unified interest of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter in this enterprise, and so that, moreover, in the most improbable event of a dissolution of either of the Grand Bodies, no complications will arise to affect the permanency of the Home.

It is the opinion of your Committees that the expense of conducting the Home and caring for the children, should be equally divided between the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter. It is recognized, however, that the financial resources of the Grand Chapter may not permit it to assume one-half of the expense of future additions to the cottages and other permanent improvements as the number of children entitled to admission to the Home shall increase.

In view of the fact that this is a Home jointly owned and conducted by the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter, your Committees believe that the name of the Home should reflect the joint ownership.

Your Committees are pleased to report that all conclusions and recommendations herein set out were reached without any serious differences of opinion, and represent the unanimous views of the six members constituting the two Committees appointed.

For the reasons and in view of the facts and circumstances hereinabove described, your Committees recommend:

1. That the legal title of the entire fifty-six acres above referred to be vested in the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, and the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska, as joint tenants and not as tenants in common, by the interchange of appropriate deeds of conveyance.

2. That the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter assume the possession and control and management of the Home, and exercise the same through a Board of Managers consisting of six members appointed by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and six members appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter; that each of said officers appoint two members to serve for one year, two members to serve for two years, and two members to serve for three years, and thereafter annually appoint two members for a term of three years; that the said Board of Managers select its own officers and organize its own committees, and upon its organization, assume the possession of all properties situated at said Home, and if it be deemed necessary or desirable, that the

Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter, through its appropriate officers, be authorized to convey to the other an undivided one-half interest in all personal property pertaining to the said Home, so that all financial statements and accounts of the said Board of Managers may assume that all properties are the joint possession of the two Grand Bodies, irrespective of the present ownership; that the Board of Managers adopt rules for its own government and that of its employees, as soon as practicable after its organization, and submit the same to the Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron for their approval, and such rules and regulations go into force and effect only after receiving the approval of the Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron. Said rules shall provide that on or before March 1st annually a full and detailed report embodying a complete financial report and the number of children cared for, the dates of admission and dismissal of each child, and the per capita expense of caring for the children in the Home, shall be made and printed in such numbers, and be so distributed as the Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron shall from time to time determine; and said rules shall further provide that any information with relation to the said Home requested by the Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron or the Grand Secretaries, shall be promptly furnished. Any and all amendments to said rules shall go into effect only after receiving the approval in writing of the Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron.

3. That the duty and responsibility of passing on applications to the Home of all children claiming Masonic relationships be continued in the Committee of the Grand Lodge on Relief and Care of Orphans; a like duty and responsibility of passing upon applications based solely upon affiliations with or relationship to the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, be vested in a corresponding Committee of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; and that the Board of Managers be required to accept children recommended by said Committee so far as the capacity of the cottages at the Home will permit.

4. That the name of the Home shall be "The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children," and such name be used in all publications of these Grand Bodies and their Board of Managers, and wherever else the name of such Home may be used.

5. That the expense involved in the conduct of the Home and the upkeep of the buildings and other properties belonging thereto, be shared equally by the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter; that in arriving at such expense, donations and contributions to the Home or to the Board of Managers for the benefit of the Home be not considered; that at their meetings in 1925, the Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge appropriate for the benefit of the Home sums estimated to be sufficient for the current year, the same to be available as required upon written order of the President and Secretary elected by said Board of Managers, and that as soon as is feasible, the affairs of the Board of Managers be so arranged that requisitions upon the Grand Bodies may be made quarterly, and that the Board of Managers report to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge the date and amount of all sums received from the Grand Chapter, and to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter the date and amount of all sums received from the Grand Lodge; that all recommendations

for additional cottages or other capital investments shall be submitted in writing by the Board of Managers and the Committees on Relief and Care of Orphans, with detailed explanations for such recommendations to the Worthy Grand Matron and to the Grand Master sixty days before the convening of the first Grand Body to meet thereafter, so that joint recommendations thereon to the respective Grand Bodies may be submitted in the discretion of the Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron, said recommendations to include the respective share each Grand Body shall assume in the expense involved.

In making the foregoing recommendations, which involve the substitution of a Board of Managers directly appointed by and accountable to the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, for the corporation, to-wit: The Nebraska Eastern Star Home, now in charge of a portion of the work pertaining to the management of the Home, we wish to express our conviction that such corporation has carried on the work faithfully and as well as the rather complicated system with which they have been compelled to cope, has permitted. It is our understanding that gifts and bequests have been made to such corporation for the benefit of the Home, some of these bequests having been received and others known to be contained in wills, the makers of which are still with us. Your Committees have not had the time nor opportunity to go into this situation in detail. It is important that nothing be done, so far as the future status of such corporation is concerned, that will militate against the interest of the Home and the children under its care. We assume that the stockholders of such corporation having the same interest at heart as have the members of these Committees and the members of the Grand Bodies to which we are reporting will take such action in the premises in the future as will conserve all the benefits, present and prospective, to the Childrens Home at Fremont, that the gifts and bequests, actual or tentative, above referred to, will suggest. However that may be, it is not within the power or prerogative of either of these Committees or the Grand Bodies, to control the future action of the stockholders of such corporation.

It goes without saying that should the plan above recommended be adopted, bequests for the benefit of the Home in the future should be made to the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, or the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED):

CARRIE M. SPELLMAN, *Chairman.*
 HARRIET E. WILLETTS,
 HATTIE M. SCOTT.

GEO. H. THUMMEL,
 FRANK H. WOODLAND,
 FRANK C. PATTON.

Approved:

O. E. MICKEY, *Chairman.*

Past Grand Master Thummel submitted the following report, and it was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That the report of the Joint Committee on the Fremont Home, dated March 30th, 1925, be approved, and ratified by this Grand Lodge.

That the proper officers of the Grand Lodge be directed to execute all deeds and necessary papers for the purpose of fully carrying out the provisions of said report as embodied therein; except that each of the Grand Bodies convey to the other so that each will be joint owners in the land of the other.

That the Grand Master be directed to do all acts and things necessary to fully carry out the obligations on the part of the Grand Lodge as embodied in said Report, and also to appoint the Managers on the part of the Grand Lodge as mentioned in said Report.

That the Managers, soon as appointed, at once enter upon the discharge of their duties and in conjunction with the Managers named by the Order of the Eastern Star, organize and assume control of the management of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

That all funds appropriated by the Grand Lodge for the support of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, be paid out on orders signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, which orders are to be based on orders signed by the President and Secretary of the Managers of the said, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home; and that the Committee on Codification of the Law be instructed to make our law to conform herewith.

Brother Bruce E. Robinson, 286, moved and it was carried unanimously that the delegates of lodges outside of Omaha give a unanimous vote of thanks to the lodges in Omaha for the luncheon served to them at noon, and for the trip to Fremont; also to Fremont Lodge No. 15, of Fremont, the officers of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, and the James G. Megeath Masonic Home for Children in Omaha, for the entertainment furnished in the afternoon.

At ten minutes after nine o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock A. M., Wednesday, June 10th, 1925.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, June 10th, 1925.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at nine o'clock A. M., Wednesday, by M. W. Robert R. Dickson, Grand Master, officers and members being present as at the previous session.

W. Brother David C. Hilton, 19, presented the following report of the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts, and moved its adoption and that the recommendations therein contained be approved; the motion prevailed:

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 has operated during the past year practically without expense to the Grand Lodge.

A gift of \$2,500.00 is to be paid in cash to the Grand Lodge October 1st, 1925, under the terms of the Special Gift Agreement Contract of the Board.

The work of developing representatives of the Board in each lodge is progressing. The institutions at Plattsmouth and at Fremont are being requested to submit estimates of costs for the permanent endowment of units in these institutions as a basis on which this Board may propose gifts for definite perpetual Masonic charity. Such a unit may consist of an endowed physical unit such as a bed in the Infirmary, a room in the Home, a cottage, a library, or a nursing foundation, etc. It may also consist of a personal endowment as a fund for the support, or the education of an orphan, or the support and care of a resident of the Home.

The work of the Board is hampered by the membership of the Board being too widely scattered, and for the need of a Secretary who can devote more time to correspondence, visitation, and personal solicitation.

The work of the Board is in its infancy. There can be no reasonable doubt that the work of the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts consistently developed will in the future be one of the great achievements of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska. To lay a foundation for placing the purposes and methods of the Board officially before the Craft in detail it is recommended that the Rules and By-Laws of the Board, when approved by the Grand Master, be published in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Adequately to provide for the widows, orphans, and unfortunate brethren is only the beginning, not the end, of Masonic charity. Organized Masonic educational work in a broad sense is as yet undeveloped in this Grand Jurisdiction. We have barely scratched the surface of a great field of Masonic charity and education.

Brother Hilton also presented the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

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.

V. W. Brother Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, and chairman of the Committee on Masonic Education, presented the following report, and moved its adoption, which was done:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION.

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

There has ceased to be any question as to the need of the activities we are now carrying on under the heading of "Masonic Education." All Grand Jurisdictions are now engaged in some work of this character; to doubt the value of this movement would be akin to doubting the value of the training of American citizens,—either those who come to us by migration, or from the fireside of our own homes.

The large number of comparatively inactive brethren, with the great host of newly made Masons challenge our faithful consideration; we are prone to forget the early impressions made upon our own lives, as we entered the precincts of the lodge rooms, as seekers after truth, and it is well for us to recall again the eagerness, the solemnity, which rested upon us as we passed through those sublime ceremonies, the determinations for faithfulness which came to us as we knelt at the altar, or received the Master's charge.

We may weary of the repetition of the ritual but the application of its teaching to the duties we owe to our God, to our country, to our neighbors, to ourselves, has always opened a field of entrancing interest, in which the symbolism of Masonry will live anew, through the vitalizing atmosphere of practical brotherhood. How best to perfect this application will always interest every Mason.

We suggest that a most valuable field for beginning is to be found in the study of the deliberation and activities of our own Grand Lodge; we shall gain there a more exalted appreciation of the relations we sustain to some of the greatest and kindest movements of the age. We will read with deep interest of the activities of Masonry for the promotion of world peace. And as we review the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence we shall receive a revelation of the far reaching bonds which hold us in the circle of the globe; and in a vital international fellowship which ministers to the defeat of selfishness, and the enlargement of charity, and chivalry.

A careful consideration of the reports of those who direct the affairs of our home institutions, with the personal visitation of the Homes, will warm our hearts and widen our sympathies.

We need to encourage also the study of Masonic literature. The establishment of libraries; the introduction of reading courses, and the full utilization of those already available.

MASONIC HISTORY. With our great increase in numerical strength, have come the concomitants of power and responsibility, and as we see how Masonry is inextricably bound up in the richest history of modern civilization, we turn eagerly, at all events wisely, to note the relationship our Fathers bore to the perplexing problems of the past; the reading of that record will be fruitful of lasting results, as it stirs to activity the unused power of American Masonry. We shall learn that we cannot be true to their memory, nor true to ourselves if we do not stand against any encroachment by destroying elements, upon the institutions by them founded, and passed down to us an inheritance for our unwavering defense.

OUR OWN BEGINNINGS. Your committee met at Hastings on August 26th, and organized by electing Charles M. Shepherd, Chairman, Ambrose C. Epperson, Secretary, and Edwin H. Gerhart, Treasurer. To Ralph O. Canaday was delegated a field direction for the southwest. Our correspondence with the secretaries and chairmen of Committees on Masonic Education in other jurisdictions has indicated the high regard in which such work is held, and has aided materially in the formation and prosecution of plans for Nebraska. We have been strengthened also in our faith as to the value of "Masonic Education" by the reports which have come from the lodges bearing evidence of the excellent results attendant upon the activities of the year now closing.

While these results are not all we could desire yet we feel that we have made a substantial beginning in the work.

Our speakers have given generously of their time and talents; their addresses have been worthy the occasions; and have borne evidence of much study and devotion to the interests involved.

TROWEL MEETINGS. A large number of Trowel Meetings have been held under the simple plan prepared by the committee, and we are all assured that they have resulted in an increased devotion and a *strengthening* of the bonds of fellowship.

The anniversary of George Washington's birthday was more generally observed than ever before.

We with our brethren over the nations have given a larger recognition than in the past, to what we have termed "The by-products of Masonry" and much interest has been stimulated in the study of educational needs, our relation to other world agencies; the far reach of brotherhood, and the exaltation of chivalry and service.

Through the generosity of other Grand Jurisdictions, and toil and research at home, we have been privileged to place before many of the lodges that wonderful accumulation of Masonic History, "Masonry and the Development of the American Commonwealth." This has been increasingly in demand as the brethren have come to recognize its value.

We have now in preparation the second great historical lecture, "The call to the Colors" or "The Spirit of '76," being the illustrated story of Masonry's part in the Revolutionary War. This study will be available in the early autumn.

Besides meetings held by the lodges under our direction, our chairman has conducted sixty meetings, with seventy-eight addresses, and the attendance of large delegations from ninety-two lodges.

Considerable literature has been distributed on "George Washington the Man and the Mason," "Americanism," "The Constitution of the United States," and "Masonry and the Flag."

We want to thank the brethren over the state for their uniform interest, fine helpfulness, and patience.

The following report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was made by R. W. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, and was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternally reports and recommends:

We have received during the year some correspondence in the way of circular letters from Grand Lodges that have not been formerly recognized by our Grand Lodge. The ones that we deem advisable to take any action on at the present time, came from the York Grand Lodge of Mexico and from the Grand Orient of Argentine.

From the York Grand Lodge of Mexico we received a request for recognition and exchange of representatives. With the request came a copy of the Constitution and Regulations, Historical Notes on Masonry in the Republic of Mexico, and a copy of the proceedings of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico for 1924. We have carefully examined the pamphlets referred to, and are satisfied that the York Grand Lodge of Mexico was regularly organized; that its Constitution and Regulations conform to the Landmarks of Ancient Craft Masonry, and that it is a sovereign Grand Body, not under the control of any other body of so-called higher degrees. We therefore offer the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, hereby extend fraternal greetings, and accord full and fraternal recognition to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska be requested to arrange with the M. W. Grand Master of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, for an exchange of representatives.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, That we tender to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, its Grand Officers and members, an abundance of good wishes for future success and prosperity.

We have received from the Grand Orient of Ancient Free and Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry of the Argentine Republic, a request for recognition and an exchange of representatives. We have given this request careful consideration, and we are not prepared at this time to recommend to the Grand Lodge that it grant the recognition and provide for an exchange of representatives.

From the information before us, we are not satisfied that the Grand Orient of Ancient Free and Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry of the Argentine Republic is a separate organization from the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. We can not fully determine from the information before us, what the following means as to relations between Ancient Craft Masonry and the Scottish Rite:

"This 'Grand Orient' is the only supreme Masonic Body in the Symbolic Degrees for this Republic, forming part of the Universal All Scottish Rite System for this country."

If this means that Ancient Craft Masonry is a part of the Scottish Rite system of the Argentine Republic, we could not recommend that it be recognized, or an exchange of representatives be arranged for. We have written for some information, and until it is received, we recommend that no further action be taken.

The report of the progress of the work being done on the Memorial Temple of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association was made by W. George C. Mason, 300, who gave a copy of the minutes of the meeting held in Alexandria, Virginia, February 22d, 1925, to the representative of each lodge in attendance.

He also reported that the work of the committee had been suspended during the past year, except such as information as it had at hand to give out to the various lodges in this jurisdiction. Brother Mason asked for and received the consent of Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Robert R. Dickson, to the following:

"That the chairman of the Memorial Committee be allowed to add to his committee the Master of each lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, and that they be instructed to collect the \$1.00 and remit to the Chairman as paid in."

The Grand Master then said that if there was no objection he would authorize such additions to the committee. There being no objection the Grand Master so ordered. The Grand Master further said that he would take it up in his own lodge as he having paid his quota wanted that every other brother should do his part. Brother Mason said he hoped the Masters would have the amount turned in to the Chairman by the first of the year.

Following Brother Mason's report, W. Brothers Jack Matthews, 54, and Henry H. Andrews, 207, also spoke on the same subject.

The report of the Committee on Grand Custodian's Library was called for and M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, made a short address, stating that he was giving the library to the Grand Lodge "without money and without price." He stated that his gift was not at the solicitation of any committee; that it was in his heart before the committee was appointed. He added that the Grand Lodge of Iowa had offered to build a crypt for it, if presented to them, but that he had replied that he wished it to be for Nebraska Masons, but not as a circulating library as many of the books were too valuable for circulation.

W. Brother John B. Lichtenwallner, 272, made the following report and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND CUSTODIAN'S
LIBRARY.

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

We, your committee, to whom was referred the matter of the disposition of the Masonic Library of Grand Custodian Robert E. French, have had the same under consideration as well as having consulted with the donor as to his wishes and desires, and beg to report that we find that prior to our appointment the matter had in reality been disposed of by the bequeathment of the library to the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, without any remuneration whatever. Taking into consideration our own knowledge of the value of the storehouse of Masonic lore, facts, and history, that many of these volumes are out of print, others being purchased by subscription under a limited edition and could not be replaced, and acting upon the expressed wish of our good brother, the donor, we recommend that the library never be allowed to become circulating or taken out of the archives of the Grand Lodge; that suitable cases be provided for its reception and care as the bequeathment is of the books only; and that the same be for the use of all brethren who seek information under rules to be adopted.

The value of this library can not be estimated, and care should be taken to preserve it.

We ask that the committee be continued, that the disposition of manuscripts and poems be made in a way agreeable and satisfactory to "Uncle Bob."

The following report was made for the Committee on Returns by the chairman, W. Brother John B. Lichtenwallner, 272, and on motion 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 total membership of 40,287, a net gain of

702. This is the smallest gain our Grand Jurisdiction has made in the past ten years. The gain last year was 943, and the year before that, 1,262. The largest gain was in 1921, when an increase of 3,841 was made. The returns show that 1,723 Master Masons degrees were conferred the past year, compared with 1,864 the year before. Our high peak was in 1921-1922, when there were 3,279 raisings. The reason for our apparent lessening of activities in the conferring of degrees is doubtless due to existing economic conditions and possibly also because of increased fees and higher dues in most lodges in recent years.

Your committee wish to call attention to an important fact disclosed by the returns: the very large increase in the amount of delinquent dues in many of the lodges, amounting this year to \$29,012.00, an increase of more than one hundred and ten per cent. during the past five years. There are twenty-five lodges that report no delinquent dues. A Roll of Honor should be created for these lodges and an emulation of their example be encouraged and urged in all lodges. There are doubtless instances where the prompt payment of dues is impossible, but for the most part we believe it a matter of neglect on the part of the members, and that their attention is not properly and persistently called to their delinquency by the secretaries of the lodges. In the larger lodges where monthly bulletins are issued, attention is repeatedly called to the payment of dues. In smaller communities where the proverbial "dun" is still not at all popular, secretaries hesitate possibly in asking members to pay dues repeatedly. We believe that an urgent and timely request from our Grand Master to the secretaries to render statements and collect dues would have the desired effect and prevent a condition that menaces the best interests of Masonry in our state.

Your committee finds from some of the returns that there is a misunderstanding in some lodges as to the date and basis of membership from which our Grand Lodge assesses dues each year. March 31st is the end of the Masonic year in this Grand Jurisdiction. The amount of dues owing our Grand Lodge from each subordinate lodge March 31st, 1925, was based on the membership reported by the lodges *March 31st, 1924*. So that when a few lodges at some date in April, 1924, suspended a number of their members for non-payment of dues, thereby expecting to avoid paying Grand Lodge dues on those members for the current year 1924-25, they were mistaken, because their names were on the lists March 31st, 1924 in good standing. This is our law, and our Grand Secretary has no option in construing it in any other way, even though it may seem a little unfair to some lodges.

The correspondence of our Grand Secretary with lodges with reference to incorrect and incomplete returns has this year been larger than during any previous year. Some corrections had to be made in more than two-thirds of the returns. Several hundred letters have been interchanged to correct these mistakes. In one instance eight letters were written by our Grand Secretary to one lodge before correct information could be obtained. Among the numerous data omitted we will mention only a few: 28 raisings, 15 demissions, 20 deaths, 17 suspensions, 11 affiliations from out of the state applicants, etc.

The duplicate card index system in our Grand Secretary's office has time and again proven its worth to our Grand Lodge. First there is an alphabetical index, not only of the more than 40,000 Masons in the state, but also of every person who has ever been reported as having petitioned for the degrees in the state, from the beginning of our Grand Lodge. The second card index is for each of the lodges, noting its membership, date of initiation, passing, and raising, and also showing other data as to demissions, deaths, etc. There are more than 200,000 cards in these files, and any one desiring information of any individual Mason in the state as to his Masonic status and history, can obtain the same by a moment's reference to these card indexes. We can all realize therefore the importance of keeping these indexes in the most accurate way possible. Your committee believe that the degree of perfection and accuracy of this work is due to the excellent service of Miss Bertha White, who has been an assistant in the Grand Secretary's office continuously for the past twenty years, and has had complete oversight of the card indexes. Her work is to be highly commended.

After carefully going over the voluminous correspondence of our Grand Secretary, your committee is of the opinion that fully 95% of all discrepancies would easily be avoided in the annual return from the lodges, if typewritten alphabetical lists of members were sent in at stated intervals. In some Grand Bodies this is compulsory. It should be in ours. The month of April is the "rush" month in the office of our Grand Secretary, when statistical tables must be gotten out and other matters prepared for the session of our Grand Lodge in June. Under our present custom, hundreds of discrepancies in membership lists can only be ascertained from lodge returns in the busy month of April, and then necessitate a tremendous amount of additional work in making corrections in statistical tabulations. This would be easily avoided if rosters of memberships were sent to the Grand Secretary's office, earlier in the year, not later than January 1st.

Our Grand Lodge law provides a penalty of one cent per member per day for failure to send in the returns on or before April 10th. The following lodges are this year subject to penalties for delinquencies:

No. of Lodge	Date Returns Received	No. of Members	Penalty
111.....	April 22d.....	81.....	\$ 9.72
157.....	April 20th.....	80.....	8.00
160.....	April 23d.....	47.....	6.11
231.....	May 1st.....	69.....	13.80
247.....	April 14th.....	73.....	2.92
291.....	April 24th.....	50.....	7.00
292.....	April 20th.....	73.....	7.30
298.....	April 16th.....	39.....	2.34
301.....	April 13th.....	67.....	2.01
Total.....			\$59.20

W. Brother Benjamin F. Thomas, 1, presented the report of the Committee on Credentials, and it was adopted subject to corrections during the session. As finally adopted, the report was as follows:

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. 4, 13, 68, 128, 145, 152, 177, 193, 200, 216, 218, 232, 263, 264, 266, 270, 275, 280 and 295.

The following were present:

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. Robert R. Dickson.....	Grand Master.
R. W. John Wright.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Edwin D. Crites.....	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Albert R. Davis.....	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. Matthew A. Hall.....	Grand Orator.
M. W. Robert E. French.....	Grand Custodian.
W. Frank H. Woodland.....	Grand Marshal.
W. Ira C. Freet.....	Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Orville A. Andrews.....	Grand Junior Deacon.
W. John W. Disbrow, 11.....	<i>as</i> Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Masters: M. W. Brothers George H. Thummel, Robert E. French, Samuel P. Davidson, John A. Ehrhardt, Henry H. Wilson, Robert E. Evans, Charles E. Burnham, Harry A. Cheney, James R. Cain, Jr., Samuel S. Whiting, Andrew H. Viele, John J. Tooley, Joseph B. Fradenburg, Lewis E. Smith, and Charles A. Chappell.

Deputy Grand Custodians: W. Brothers Ensign J. Rix, Robert B. 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. Birkofer, Alfred G. Hunt, George A. Stevens, and Stanley P. Bostwick. Also Emeritus Deputy Grand Custodians: Brothers 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; Harry A. Cheney, Egypt; Francis E. White, England; Frank H. Woodland, Georgia; George H. Thummel, Illinois; Ira C. Freet, Ireland; John Wright, Manitoba; Lewis E. Smith,

Michigan; Lamont L. Stephens, Mississippi; Samuel S. Whiting, Missouri; Charles S. McGill, Montana; Frank L. Haycock, Nevada; Albert R. Davis, New York; Henry H. Andrews, North Dakota; Henry H. Wilson, Nova Scotia; John J. Tooley, Oregon; Charles E. Burnham, Prince Edward Island; Charles M. Shepherd, Puerto Rico; Edwin D. Crites, Quebec; Robert B. Walker, Queensland; John R. Tapster, Rhode Island; Claude L. Talbot, Saskatchewan; 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	Benjamin F. Eyre.	Jonathan A. Frye.	Herman E. Reimers
Western Star	" 2		Harry Rasmussen.	*Henry W. Carson
Capitol.	" 3	*Lute M. Savage.	*Lute M. Savage.	*Lute M. Savage
Nemaha Valley.	" 4			
Omadi.	" 5	*Walter E. Miller.		
Plattsmouth.	" 6	Luke L. Wiles.	Oliver C. Hudson.	Willis R. Holmes
Falls City.	" 9	*T. Porter Bennett.		
Solomon.	" 10	Milton R. Cady.		
Covert.	" 11	Arthur G. Brown.		William M. Nielsen
Orient.	" 13			
Peru.	" 14	Eli B. Vance.	Ellis E. Good.	*Spencer W. Hacker
Fremont.	" 15	*Lawrence M. Nichols.	John E. Long.	*John E. Long
Tecumseh.	" 17	Thomas J. Buckley.	Eldon B. Vanlaningham	
Lincoln.	" 19	Cecil E. Wadlow.	Charles E. Reilly.	*Charles E. Reilly
Washington.	" 21	Albae H. Nelson.	Ernest A. Schmidt.	*Albae H. Nelson
Pawnee.	" 23		Edward H. Williams.	
Saint Johns.	" 25	Harry G. Browne.	*C. Blake Erb.	Jacob L. Kaley
Beatrice.	" 26	C. Ray Macy.		
Jordan.	" 27		Alexander R. Krause.	*Alexander R. Krause
Hope.	" 29	*Samuel C. Lawrence.		
Blue River.	" 30	*John H. Jarrett.	John H. Jarrett.	
Tekamah.	" 31	Carl L. Holland.	Orville Chatt.	
Platte Valley.	" 32		Edward W. Cross.	
Ashlar.	" 33	*Jesse D. Whitmore.	William D. McPatry.	
Acacia.	" 34	Charles L. Jones.		
Fairbury.	" 35	*Arthur J. Denney.	*Maurice D. Read.	Benjamin O. Weisel
Lone Tree.	" 36	Verner C. Riggs.	Walter R. Raecke.	
Crete.	" 37	*Claude R. Davenport.	James A. Bromwell.	
Oliver.	" 38		James P. Crouse.	Roy M. White
Papillion.	" 39		Layton E. Bossard.	
Humboldt.	" 40		Roland M. Bash.	
Northern Light.	" 41	Edward Herbst.		*John F. Poucher
Juniata.	" 42	*Carl J. Ground.	Carl J. Ground.	
Hebron.	" 43	Harvey W. Hess.	Walter F. Powell.	Clarence E. Stauber
Harvard.	" 44		Lewis A. Robertson.	
Rob Morris.	" 46			Roy T. Cummings
Fairmont.	" 48	*Charles J. Watson.	Martin H. Deffenbaugh	
Evening Star.	" 49	Conrad E. Pope.	Lester B. Shapland.	
Hastings.	" 50	Hubert F. Favinger.	Charles E. Sharpe.	*George N. R. Browne
Fidelity.	" 51	*Egbert R. Watson.		
Hiram.	" 52	Walter C. Bliss.	Vernon G. Wager.	
Charity.	" 53		Albert V. Ducker.	
Lancaster.	" 54	Lester L. Dawson.		George W. Pillers
Mosaic.	" 55	Arthur B. Carpenter.	William O. Eichelberger	*Arthur B. Carpenter
York.	" 56	*Charles Bisset.	Charles Bisset.	
Mount Moriah.	" 57			Roy Wiles
Lebanon.	" 58	*Charles Wurdeman.		
Wahoo.	" 59	*Nile O. Walther.	S. Martin Hult.	Charles J. Lehmkuhl
Melrose.	" 60		George W. Littrell.	
Thistle.	" 61		William H. Wisda.	James C. Smith
Keystone.	" 62		Arthur J. Peterson.	
Riverton.	" 63	*Vern C. Cady.		
Blue Valley.	" 64	Albertus N. Dodson, Jr.		Fred J. Aksamit

*Proxy.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Osceola	No. 65	*O. Edwin Mickey	*O. Edwin Mickey	
Edgar	67	*Charles H. Merrill	*Charles H. Merrill	Charles H. Merrill
Aurora	68			
Sterling	70		Donald A. Koehler	
Trowel	71	*Edward T. Best, Jr.	Edward T. Best, Jr.	
Hooper	72	Marion E. Shipley	Henry E. Schemmel	William A. Lallman
Friend	73		*Oliver L. Jewett	
Alexandria	74	*John T. Bright	*Benjamin L. Terry	
Frank Welch	75	Frank A. Barger		
Joppa	76		George W. Farrington	
Nelson	77	Arthur F. Ely		
Albion	78	Edward B. Papez	Lonnie E. Cummins	Roger I. Blatter
Geneva	79		Tyler Edgcombe	
Composite	81	William O. Larson	Frank G. Oesterreicher	
Saint Paul	82	Jens Peter Christensen	William T. Starkey	
Corinthian	83	*F. Ray Dilts		
Fairfield	84	Arthur H. Swanson	John J. Emrich	*John J. Emrich
Tyre	85	*Robert S. Rice	Robert S. Rice	
Doniphan	86	Alvie L. Johnson		
Ionic	87	*George L. Adams		
Star	88	*Edmon Morrow	Edmon Morrow	
Cedar River	89		August T. Hess	*Merrill B. Carman
Elk Creek	90	*Irvine E. Fredericks		
Oakland	91	Robert M. Packard	*Robert M. Packard	*Robert M. Packard
Hubbell	92	Harold M. Smith		*Earl D. Creswell
Beaver City	93		*Harry B. Hall	
Bennett	94	William M. Rasmussen	Clarence M. Harper	
Garfield	95	Leroy A. Burgess		
Utica	96		Robert R. Pollock	Alfred J. White
Euclid	97	*Everett B. Taylor	*Everett B. Taylor	*Chris Rasmussen
Republican	98	Dean Drummond	*James Muir	
Shelton	99			Ralph E. Soderstrom
Creighton	100			Charles C. Miller
Ponca	101	Stewart M. Gilliland		
Waterloo	102	Roy Hickson	*James C. Robinson	
Ord	103	*Mark Tolen	*Harold Allen	
Wymore	104	Leonard D. Densmore	Samuel R. Youds	*Samuel R. Youds
Stella	105	*Lyman G. Fankell	William P. Sultzbaugh	
Porter	106	*Lamont L. Stephens	Gus Lorentz	
Table Rock	108	*Lenneaus R. Trout	Lenneaus R. Trout	
Pomegranate	110	Earl Chamberlain		
DeWitt	111	Sylvester Shumard		
Springfield	112		Lester M. Ball	
Globe	113	*Henry Altschuler	Henry Altschuler	Wesley F. Wilkins
Wisner	114		Benjamin Griffith	
Harlan	116	Mark J. McKenzie		
Hardy	117	Jacob E. Hart		
Doric	118	George A. Mooberry		
North Bend	119	Clarence C. Sidner	Frank E. Lehmer	James E. Cherny
Wayne	120	Elwayne E. Fleetwood	Burrett W. Wright	Linn B. McClure
Superior	121	*Floyd A. Lyman	Lewis P. Gregory	*Lannis D. Davison
Auburn	124	Ernest R. Reynolds	Isaiah W. Irvin	Paul R. Lorange
Mount Nebo	125		Axel E. Johnson	
Stromsburg	126	Arthur M. Woodhead		*Tracy F. Tyler

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Minden.....No. 127	* <i>Seth F. Greene</i>
Guide Rock....." 128
Blue Hill....." 129	Edward L. Moore.....	.....	.....
Tuscan....." 130	.....	Allen W. Gubser.....	.....
Scribner....." 132	John Beaver.....	Guy L. Thompson.....	.....
Elm Creek....." 133	* <i>Ralph S. Buchtel</i>.....	.....	.....
Solar....." 134	August E. Nordgren.....	.....	.....
McCook....." 135	* <i>C. Leroy Gillette</i>	C. Leroy Gillette.....	.....
Long Pine....." 136	Dayton R. Mounts.....	Thomas J. Lawson.....	.....
Upright....." 137	* <i>John F. Cox</i>.....	.....	.....
Rawalt....." 138	Alfred H. Nissen.....	.....	.....
Clay Centre....." 139	August C. Krebs.....	S. Wayne Moger.....	.....
Western....." 140	.....	.....	L. Wayne Mead
Crescent....." 143	.....	Gilbert C. Hack.....	.....
Kenesaw....." 144	.....	Paul S. Groff.....	.....
Bancroft....." 145	.....	.....	.....
Jachin....." 146	William Eberspacher.....	* <i>Harry R. Belville</i>	* <i>William Eberspacher</i>
Siloam....." 147	* <i>Dennis A. Criss</i>	* <i>Dennis A. Criss</i>	Dennis A. Criss
Emmet Crawford....." 148	Walter L. Schnabel.....	* <i>Charles S. Tooley</i>	* <i>Clifford C. Johnson</i>
Jewel....." 149	* <i>Frank T. Dayton</i>	Frank T. Dayton.....	.....
Cambridge....." 150	.....	Ernest G. Moore.....	.....
Square....." 151	* <i>Bohumil J. Bukacek</i>	Bohumil J. Bukacek.....	Franklin L. Spradling
Parallel....." 152	.....	.....	.....
Evergreen....." 153	.....	.....	Emil H. Grunwald
Lily....." 154	.....	Floyd W. Row.....	.....
Hartington....." 155	Frank O. Robinson.....	.....	.....
Pythagoras....." 156	.....	Charles B. Peshek.....	.....
Valley....." 157	* <i>Cecil A. O'Dell</i>.....	.....	.....
Samaritan....." 158	Albert J. Wood.....	* <i>Clendenen W. Mitchell</i>	* <i>Eugene R. Phillips</i>
Ogalalla....." 159	* <i>Theodore F. Goold</i>.....	.....	.....
Zeredatha....." 160	.....	Sterling P. Hamm.....	.....
Mount Zion....." 161	.....	Webster Ray.....	.....
Trestle Board....." 162	* <i>Charles Payne</i>	Charles Payne.....	Clair C. Christy
Unity....." 163	.....	Watson Howard.....	.....
Atkinson....." 164	Carroll C. Raymer.....	.....	.....
Barneston....." 165	Elam H. Eckert.....	* <i>John A. Anderson</i>	* <i>George H. Hauer</i>
Mystic Tie....." 166	George W. Irving.....	.....	.....
Elwood....." 167	* <i>Andrew Dow</i>.....	.....	.....
Curtis....." 168	* <i>Ivan W. Hedge</i>.....	.....	.....
Amity....." 169	.....	Charles W. Brown.....	.....
Mason City....." 170	.....	Carl M. Anderson.....	.....
Merna....." 171	Adelbert J. Read.....	.....	.....
Grafton....." 172	* <i>Bert G. Frederick</i>.....	.....	.....
Robert Burns....." 173	George W. Meguire.....	.....	.....
Culbertson....." 174	* <i>Osborne P. Simon</i>	Carl H. Swanson.....	.....
Temple....." 175	Walter E. Erickson.....	* <i>Carl J. Saum</i>.....	.....
Gladstone....." 176	* <i>Harry E. Weekly</i>	Harry E. Weekly.....	* <i>N. Dwight Ford</i>
Hay Springs....." 177	.....	.....	.....
Prudence....." 179	* <i>Charles M. Warner</i>.....	.....	.....
Justice....." 180	* <i>Lee R. Balderson</i>	Lee R. Balderson.....	* <i>Lee R. Balderson</i>
Faith....." 181	Harvey W. Taylor.....	.....	.....
Incense....." 182	.....	Fred Wolter.....	.....
Alliance....." 183	Elbert G. Laing.....
Bee Hive....." 184	* <i>Albert L. Hunter</i>	Joseph H. Randolph.....	William G. Melchorsen

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Boaz.....	No. 185	Earl E. Laidig.....	
Israel.....	" 187	Charles E. Northway..	
Meridian.....	" 188	Clarence A. Lattin.....	
Granite.....	" 189	*William C. Ogilvie.....	
Amethyst.....	" 190	*Raleigh B. Joy.....	*Raleigh B. Joy
Crystal.....	" 191	*Mahone H. Todd.....	
Minnekadusa.....	" 192	*Joseph H. May.....	
Signet.....	" 193		
Highland.....	" 194	*Frank A. Sowers.....	Frank A. Sowers
Arcana.....	" 195	*Frank M. Hewitt.....	
Level.....	" 196	George J. Dold.....	
Morning Star.....	" 197	*Samuel A. Tobey.....	
Purity.....	" 198	Herman W. Dettman.....	
Gavel.....	" 199	*Thomas J. Perringer.....	
Blazing Star.....	" 200		
Scotts Bluff.....	" 201	William H. Heiss.....	
Golden Sheaf.....	" 202	*Marvin M. Bowles.....	
Roman Eagle.....	" 203	Archie M. Smith.....	
Plainview.....	" 204	Joseph E. Ruzicka.....	
Golden Fleece.....	" 205	Henry H. Grimmer.....	
Napthali.....	" 206	Robert L. Upson.....	
Parian.....	" 207		*Henry H. Andrews
Gauge.....	" 208	Walter N. Woody.....	
Canopy.....	" 209	John E. Turner.....	Edward M. Jumper.....
East Lincoln.....	" 210	Joe I. Crain.....	Ward E. Simpson.....
Cement.....	" 211		Ralph L. Keckler.....
Compass&Square.....	" 212	Beryl E. Irvin.....	*James P. Hendry.....
Plumbline.....	" 214	Joseph B. Steidley.....	Franklin L. Bald.....
Occidental.....	" 215	Robert C. Fleming.....	*Albert A. Scoville.....
Palisade.....	" 216		
Wauneta.....	" 217	*Fred R. Grimm.....	William M. Frasier.....
Bloomfield.....	" 218		
Relief.....	" 219	Roy B. Gould.....	
Magnolia.....	" 220	John W. Church.....	
Wood Lake.....	" 221	*Joseph P. Kreycik.....	
Landmark.....	" 222	*John H. Johnson.....	
Eminence.....	" 223		Fred A. Moffat.....
Silver Cord.....	" 224	John K. Cassel.....	
Cable.....	" 225	*John Finch.....	Henry H. Schloatman.....
Grace.....	" 226		Fred R. Laupp.....
North Star.....	" 227	*George L. Carter.....	Roy W. Deal.....
Bartley.....	" 228		Harley T. Cawthra.....
Comet.....	" 229		Roscoe E. Frasier.....
Delta.....	" 230	*John W. Currier.....	Raym'd W. Williamson
Mount Hermon.....	" 231	Lewis Richards.....	Theodore L. Schulte
John S. Bowen.....	" 232		
Gilead.....	" 233	*Charles J. Tomek.....	Charles J. Tomek.....
Zion.....	" 234		Charles E. Waite.....
Fraternity.....	" 235		Victor L. Siman.....
Golden Rule.....	" 236		Arthur H. Schmale.....
Cubit.....	" 237	Denver A. McPherson.....	Glenn E. Pomeroy.....
Friendship.....	" 239		Lloyd L. Ferguson.....
Pilot.....	" 240	*Ulysses G. Brink.....	Robert O. Jones.....
Geo. Armstrong.....	" 241	Jacob L. Friis.....	Ulysses G. Brink.....
			William B. Knight.....
			Charles M. Thompson.....

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Tyrian No 243	Eugene A. Follmer	*Robert D. Montgomery	John H. Meyer
Sincerity " 244	Howard Miller		
Hampton " 245		Andrew N. Christiansen	
Nehawka " 246	*Eugene A. Nutzman		
Corner-stone " 247	Alfred N. Lundstrom	David Buchanan	
Laurel " 248	George A. Wright	Clarence E. Marvin	
Gothenburg " 249		Bernard A. Norsworthy	
Geo. Washington " 250	*Robert McKinney		William J. Hinkle
Wausa " 251	*Alvin Erickson		
Hildreth " 252	*Walter G. Carpenter		
Beemer " 253	*Archie E. Cates	Archie E. Cates	
Bassett " 254	John Cousineau		
Bradshaw " 255	*Josiah Lichtenberger		
Hickman " 256	*Cyrus Black		
Holbrook " 257	*Charles G. Frazier		
Anselmo " 258	Joseph C. Kellenbarger		*Miles M. Kepler
Bee " 259	Frank W. Opocensky		
Ornan " 261	Howard E. Bradstreet		
Endeavor " 262	Joseph Reiter		
Mitchell " 263			
Franklin " 264			
Rob't W. Furnas " 265	Harry J. Wisner		
Silver " 266			
James A. Tulleys " 267		Jesse H. Laub	
Geo. W. Lininger " 268	Elza A. McGlasson	William H. Smails	*Charles A. Eyre
Riverside " 269	*Elmer Anderson		
Huntley " 270			
Oasis " 271	*Henry A. Gatewood		
Lee P. Gillette " 272	*Wilbur W. Anness		
Crofton " 273			Benjamin F. Haffner
Olive Branch " 274	*Alva L. Rousey	Alva L. Rousey	George F. McMullen
Ramah " 275			
Antelope " 276		Henry W. Campbell	
Sioux " 277		Vernard E. Marsteller	
Litchfield " 278		Seth H. Richmond	
Wallace " 279	†		
Swastika " 280			
Florence " 281	*Robert H. Sutton	*Robert H. Sutton	*Robert H. Sutton
Mullen " 282		John A. Burnett	Thomas L. McCully
Exeter " 283	Joseph B. Klotz		
Seneca " 284		Mastin J. Cox	
Camp Clarke " 285	*Ralph O. Canaday	Keith E. McGee	
Oshkosh " 286		Bruce E. Robinson	
Union " 287		William R. Powers	George E. Brandt
Omaha " 288		Richard C. Johnson	James A. Noble
Lotus " 289		Lambert J. Hlava	Wallace R. Ball
John J. Mercer " 290	*Earl W. Dean	Walter H. Justin	Samuel D. Jones
Diamond " 291		Chester A. Middleton	
Wolbach " 292	*Francis E. McCormick		
Monument " 293	Robert Stout		
Kimball " 294		Oscar A. Torgerson	
Minatare " 295			
Cowles " 296	*Stanley D. Long		
Cotner " 297		William D. Cave	

*Proxy. †Charter arrested.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Chester..... No. 298			William J. Crouse
Sutherland..... " 299	* <i>Elery A. Crosby</i>		
Liberty..... " 300	* <i>George C. Mason</i>	* <i>George C. Mason</i>	* <i>George C. Mason</i>
Bayard..... " 301	* <i>Yale H. Cavett</i>		
Mizpah..... " 302	Henry F. Chapman.....	D. Bradley Malkson..	William S. Purnell
Right Angle..... " 303	John A. Niemann.....	Louis L. Murphey....	Ralph A. Newell
Ruskin..... " 304	William H. Nelson.....	Elmer J. Wortman....	
Newman Grove..... " 305	Charles E. Barrett....	Frank Jensen.....	Arthur Still
Golden Rod..... " 306	* <i>Fred Lehmkuhl</i>	Fred Lehmkuhl	
William E. Hill..... " 307		Elmer DeKay.....	
Perkins..... " 308		Barney A. Dudden....	
Winnebago..... " 309	* <i>Jeremiah M. Reed</i>	Jeremiah M. Reed....	
Victory..... " 310		George W. Stroup....	
Polk..... " 311		Oscar F. Dahlin.....	
Oak Leaf..... " 312	* <i>William C. Boldt</i>	* <i>William C. Boldt</i>	William C. Boldt
Potter..... " 313		Niels S. Miller.....	
Craftsmen..... " 314		William S. Holmes....	

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W. Brother Orville A. Andrews, Grand Junior Deacon, advised the Grand Master that Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt was in waiting, and Grand Master Dickson ordered that he be admitted. Brother Ehrhardt, seated in a wheel chair, was admitted into the lodge room and taken to the altar, the representatives rising to their feet. Grand Master Dickson greeted and welcomed Past Grand Master Ehrhardt most cordially and heartily, and asked the brethren to join with him in giving him the Grand Honors, which was done. M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, said that fifty years ago he was Senior Warden when Brother Ehrhardt received the degrees, and he wanted to shake hands on this occasion.

Past Grand Master Henry H. Wilson, in presenting the report of the Committee on the Promotion of the World's Peace, made a few preliminary remarks as follows: "I do not want to encumber the record with a lengthy report, but a few preliminary remarks will enable you better to understand. We celebrate, in a few months, the seventh annual anniversary of Armistice Day. Every month brings forth new evidence that, if America had not participated in that struggle, the Western Allies would, in all human probability, have been defeated. From that day to this, America, although usually not participating in world affairs officially, yet, by its history and experience, has had a profound effect upon the world's course in

international matters; and today, although not officially represented in most of the world activities, America, unofficially is having a profound influence upon the peace of the world." The report of the committee, which, on motion was adopted, was as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION OF THE
WORLD'S PEACE.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee takes pleasure in bringing into our records three important events in the promotion of world peace:

First—On January 30th, 1922, there was organized at the Hague the Permanent Court of International Justice, the first judicial tribunal organized by mankind to exercise a world wide jurisdiction. This will, for all time, make January 30th a red letter day in the calendar of the human race. It is gratifying to Americans that the history and experience of our own country was a controlling influence in giving form to this great tribunal and that one of our own jurists, Elihu Root, took a leading part in removing the obstacles that had theretofore prevented its establishment. Forty-eight nations have already adhered to the court plan.

Second—On October 2nd, 1924, there was, at Geneva, opened for signature of the nations of the world a Protocol outlawing war. Heretofore, an aggressive war to enforce just demands has been regarded as lawful. Inasmuch as the world had developed no other means of enforcing just demands, either aggressive war for that purpose must be considered lawful or just demands could not be enforced at all.

The Geneva Protocol, for the first time in the history of the race, declares aggressive warfare to be unlawful, even when waged in a just cause.

It may be that this is, for the present, too drastic and too advanced to command general support, but it is significant as evidence that the best thought of the modern world is moving in that direction.

Third—On the 20th of December last, at Rome, the city that two thousand years ago ruled the world by force, there was appointed a commission to promote the codification of international law. Again our nation was complimented by including on this commission another eminent American jurist, George W. Wickersham, the distinguished Attorney General in the Taft administration.

When this code is completed there will be no attempt to force it on any nation; but all nations will be invited to voluntarily adopt it. With international law made definite and certain by codification, and, with the Permanent Court with world wide jurisdiction to construe and apply it, we shall have made a tremendous advance toward the judicial settlement of international disputes and hence toward the preservation of universal peace.

M. W. Robert R. Dickson, Grand Master, stated that the Grand Lodge having adopted the report of what is known as the Joint Report of the Committee on Childrens Homes, Fremont,

he was ready to make the appointments for the Grand Lodge, on the Board of Managers. These are as follows:

Brother Charles E. Burnham, 166, and O Edwin Mickey, 65, for the term of three years; Brothers Benjamin F. Pitman, 158, and Millard M. Robertson, 3, for the term of two years; and Brothers Frank C. Patton, 11, and Edwin C. Yont, 162, for the term of one year.

W. Brother Alfred G. Hunt, 33, submitted the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, and it was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

To the Grand Most Worshipful Lodge of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations to whom was referred the petitions for charters of

Palmer Lodge U. D., of Palmer,
Alpha Lodge U. D., of South Sioux City,
Mid-West Lodge U. D., of Hastings,

and the petition for the continuance of the dispensation of Grand Island Lodge U. D., of Grand Island, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined all records and papers submitted to us relative thereto. And we respectfully recommend that charters be granted by this Grand Lodge to the following:

Palmer Lodge No. 315, at Palmer, Nebraska.
Alpha Lodge No. 316, at South Sioux City, Nebraska.
Mid-West Lodge No. 317, at Hastings, Nebraska.

Owing to the fact that Grand Island Lodge U. D., at Grand Island, has not had time to comply with the law governing charters and dispensations, we recommend that a renewal or continuance of their dispensation be granted for the coming year.

In reference to the matter of a duplicate charter for Highland Lodge No. 194, of Cortland, Nebraska, whose charter was destroyed by fire, we recommend that a duplicate charter be granted, the charge for the same to be paid by Highland Lodge No. 194.

The proposed amendment to Section 209 of the law, as found on page 596 of the proceedings for 1924, was presented for consideration, it having been laid over at the last session, and after discussion it was moved by W. Brother Charles L. Jones, 34, that the amendment be indefinitely postponed. The motion carried.

The amendment to Article II. of the constitution, presented at the last annual communication, and providing for making Francis E. White Grand Secretary Emeritus, was brought up for consideration, and the amendment was adopted, after discussion.

The proposed amendment to Article XI., providing for the succession to the office of Grand Master, in the event of death, permanent absence from the state, or disability from any cause to perform the functions of his office, was brought up for consideration, and was adopted.

At this time Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt retired from the Grand Lodge, Grand Master Dickson giving him a cordial and fraternal good-bye and the brethren rising and singing, "God be with you till we meet again."

The Grand Master appointed the Deputy Grand Custodians to act as tellers, and election of officers resulted as follows:

Bro. John Wright, 19.....	Grand Master.
Bro. Edwin D. Crites, 158	Deputy Grand Master.
Bro. Albert R. Davis, 120.....	Grand Senior Warden.
Bro. Frank H. Woodland, 25	Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. Lewis E. Smith, 136.....	Grand Secretary.

Later in the session appointment was made of:

Bro. Charles M. Shepherd, 54	Grand Chaplain.
Bro. C. Frank Reavis, 9	Grand Orator.
Bro. Robert E. French, 46.....	Grand Custodian.
Bro. Ira C. Freet, 56	Grand Marshal.
Bro. Orville A. Andrews, 19	Grand Senior Deacon.
Bro. John R. Tapster, 119	Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro. John W. Disbrow, 11.....	Grand Tyler.

Brothers Ralph O. Canaday, 285; Lester R. Slonecker, 302; Tracy F. Tyler, 126; Committee on Codification of the Law.

Brothers Lewis E. Smith, 136; John A. Ehrhardt, 41; Frank L. Haycock, 207; Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Brothers Charles M. Shepherd, 54; Mark J. Lipman, 254; Harry Rasmussen, 2; Committee on Fraternal Dead.

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

Brothers Henry H. Wilson, 19; John R. Webster, 3; Samuel P. Davidson, 17; Committee on Promotion of the World's Peace.

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

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

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

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

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 Luther M. Kuhns, 3 (5 years); John R. Webster, 3 (4 years); Samuel S. Whiting, 54 (3 years); Frank Wilcox, 1 (2 years); Lewis E. Smith, 136 (1 year); Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts.

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

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Wednesday, June 10th, 1925.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at two o'clock P. M., by M. W. Robert R. Dickson, Grand Master, with officers and members present as at the preceding session.

W. Brother O. Edwin Mickey, 65, Chairman of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, presented the following report, first explaining the expenditure of a large sum of money for the care of one brother:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF AND CARE OF ORPHANS.

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

This has been a busy year for your Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans. Applications for relief have been more numerous than any time since the committee was first organized. Not only have there been many applications but their consideration has taken an unusual amount of time, travel, and investigation. Close to 3,500 letters have been written from the office of the chairman in the matter of relief and of the children at Fremont.

It has been hard at times to judge as to the necessity and worthiness of the various applicants and a few of them have been discouraged and during the year two cases to whom we have been giving assistance have been discontinued because we found that relief was not necessary. But, having been called to our attention, we have endeavored to see that no worthy Mason, his widow or orphan should suffer. In granting assistance we have endeavored to arrange that the recipients should endeavor to help themselves, and it has been the policy of the committee to keep families intact and where the mother was able to maintain a home and care for her children we have arranged that this be done. Many widows are showing courage and ability far beyond our expectations in caring for and raising their children and I wish to pay them the tribute that is due to them for their devotion and sacrifices.

The 1924 report of the children in the Homes at Fremont showed that there were 41 children under our care. Since that time 12 children have been admitted and 18 have been discharged or have returned to their parents, leaving 35 children who are now under our care in the Homes at Fremont. Since taking up the work of caring for our orphans in the Homes we have admitted 114 children, of whom 5 were taken care of at Plattsmouth before the Eastern Star assumed a part of their care and keep, leaving 107 children who have been taken care of by the Eastern Star with our assistance.

I have not had time to get in shape an intended report of our work in the care of the children. At some later date I hope to be able to do this and also compile a short history of the Orphans Educational Fund, and also the many facts in connection with our relief work outside of the Homes as can be gleaned from the proceedings of our Grand Lodge.

One of the duties of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans is to visit the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and report to this Grand Lodge, as to conditions existing there. For many years it has been the custom of the committee to meet at Plattsmouth on the Sunday preceding Grand Lodge and the committee spent last Sunday visiting the residents at the Home and conversing with them, inspecting the entire building, from garret to basement, inspecting the kitchen, refrigerators, and food supplies, and we found everything in the best of condition. The residents of the Home are happy and satisfied and all express their appreciation of the comforts and care that they are receiving.

The help at the Home seem to be efficient and capable and Superintendent William F. Evers has conducted the affairs of the management of the Home in a very efficient and capable manner, and through his courteous and affable manner has kept the residents of the Home satisfied and contented. His ability in doing repair work has saved us many dollars and we owe him our sincere thanks and this committee voices this sentiment on behalf of the Masons of Nebraska. We also express our appreciation of the services of Mrs. Lawton, the Matron.

We also visited the Infirmary which will be completed in a short time, and we believe that this building has been erected at a much smaller cost than could be expected, taking into consideration its size and construction. We wish to compliment the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home and the committee in charge upon their able and efficient handling of the matter of the building of the Infirmary. We believe the arrangement to be ideal for the purpose intended and that this addition to the Home property will fill a long felt want, in the care of our unfortunate brother Masons and their families.

We wish to approve of the beautifying of the grounds as has been started by the Trustees and their arrangement of the boulevard which has been named for one of the honored Trustees of the Home.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, 1924, Grand Lodge.....	\$10,864.76
Grand Lodge appropriation, 1924.....	6,676.20
From War Relief Fund, for member of Capitol Lodge No. 3, as reported paid in 1924 proceedings.....	250.00

Blue River Lodge No. 30, for care of member.....	\$ 20.00
Mosaic Lodge No. 55, returned by member to whom paid.....	87.50
Ionic Lodge No. 87, repaid rent advanced by committee.....	25.00
Curtis Lodge No. 168, expenses for wife of member.....	63.50
Interest on daily balances, Custer State Bank, Broken Bow.....	218.84
Interest on daily balances, Norfolk National Bank, Norfolk.....	196.45
Total.....	\$18,402.25

EXPENDITURES.

Two children of deceased member of Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4, Brownville.....	\$ 50.00
World War Veteran, member of Capitol Lodge No. 3, wife and child.....	200.00
Widow and two children, Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln.....	90.00
Widow of member of Pawnee Lodge No. 23, Pawnee City.....	120.00
Member of Blue River Lodge No. 30, Milford.....	110.00
Widow of member of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, North Platte, and four children.....	120.00
Member of Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, Central City.....	180.00
Daughter of deceased member of Oliver Lodge No. 38, Seward (Ordered paid by Grand Master).....	70.00
Member of Hastings Lodge No. 50, Hastings.....	185.00
Member of Mosaic Lodge No. 55, Norfolk.....	200.00
Member of Lebanon Lodge No. 58, Columbus.....	225.00
Daughter of deceased member of Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Wahoo....	67.10
Member of Trowel Lodge No. 71, Neligh.....	125.30
Widow of member of Ionic Lodge No. 87, Niobrara, and four children.....	180.25
Widow of member of Beaver City Lodge No. 93, Beaver City.....	325.00
Two children of deceased member of Euclid Lodge No. 97, Weeping Water.....	72.25
Member of Wymore Lodge No. 104, Wymore.....	90.00
Member of Wymore Lodge No. 104, Wymore.....	90.00
Widow of member of Hardy Lodge No. 117, Hardy, and four children.....	100.00
Two children of deceased member of Cambridge Lodge No. 150, Cambridge.....	50.00
Widow of member of Atkinson Lodge No. 164, Atkinson, and four children.....	360.00
Wife of member of Curtis Lodge No. 168, Curtis (repaid).....	63.50
Member of Culbertson Lodge No. 174, Culbertson.....	135.00
Railroad fare, three children of deceased member of Prudence Lodge No 179, Beaver Crossing, Wood Lake to Fremont.....	19.36
Widow of member of Faith Lodge No. 181, Crawford, and child.....	90.00
One-half care of widow of member of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, Omaha, (Nebraska Masonic Home pays half).....	175.00
Widow of member of Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, Valentine.....	50.00
Widow of member of Signet Lodge No. 193, Leigh.....	160.00

Widow of member of Arcana Lodge No. 195, Gordon, and four children.....	\$ 230.00
Member of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln, wife, and four children.....	225.00
Widow of member of Cubit Lodge No. 237, Douglas, and five children.....	200.00
Member of Holbrook Lodge No. 257, Holbrook.....	120.00
Member of Minatare Lodge No. 295, Minatare, in Fitzsimmons Hospital, Denver.....	280.00
Care of member of Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln, and part funeral expenses.....	242.50
Part funeral expenses to Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln, for a member.....	124.88
Nurse hire and hospital expenses, etc., for a member of Northern Light Lodge No. 41, Stanton.....	1,772.35
One-half care and funeral expenses of a sister of a member of Covert Lodge No. 11, (the Nebraska Masonic Home paid half).....	210.00
Medicine, etc., Childrens Homes, for 1923-1924.....	190.78
Food, clothing, medicine, hospital, etc., for Childrens Homes, May 1st, 1924, to May 1st, 1925.....	4,100.00
Total.....	\$11,398.27
Balance on hand June 1st, 1925.....	7,003.98
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	\$18,402.25
Bank balance, Custer State Bank, Broken Bow, shows \$3,703.08 checks No. 96, \$45.00; No. 114, \$6.00; No. 115, \$11.75; No.117, \$70.00 outstanding. Total \$132.75, showing true balance,	
Custer State Bank, Broken Bow.....	\$ 3,570.33
Balance Norfolk National Bank, Norfolk.....	3,433.65
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	\$ 7,003.98

The report as read was adopted, and Brother Mickey asked the wishes of the Grand Lodge in regard to continuing a large amount in the way of the relief to a brother, the expense being for nurse hire. On motion of Brother Charles E. Reilly, 19, amended by Past Grand Master George H. Thummel, the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans was instructed to do whatever is necessary in their judgment for the welfare and support of this brother as long as he is permitted to remain with us.

The following report of the Committee on Childrens Home was read by the chairman, W. Brother O. Edwin Mickey, 65, and was adopted as read:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHILDRENS HOME.

To the Grand Lodge:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand as report Grand Lodge 1924.....	\$ 451.09
Appropriation of Grand Lodge at 1924 session.....	5,000.00
June 13th, 1924, calf sold.....	18.36
Sept. 27th, return premium insurance.....	32.39
Oct. 7th, two calves sold.....	32.04
Oct. 17th, loss paid damaged by wind.....	38.11
Oct. 31st, loss paid damaged by wind.....	14.23
Dec. 26th, twenty-one hogs sold.....	218.78
March 14th, 1925, return premium insurance.....	13.15
April 3rd, machinery sold.....	13.50
May 6th, calf sold.....	14.88
Total.....	<u>\$5,846.53</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Feed and seed.....	\$ 526.84
Extra labor.....	351.55
Rent of house May, June, July, August and part of September rented for children, 1923.....	215.00
Improvements (gravel for driveway).....	183.99
Betterments.....	352.34
Repairs and replacements.....	602.98
Supplies and maintenance.....	386.02
Light and power.....	46.76
Insurance.....	231.50
Telephone, express and freight.....	71.11
Live stock purchased.....	75.00
Machinery purchased.....	274.54
Superintendent's salary.....	1,200.00
Miscellaneous.....	151.00
Total expenditures.....	<u>\$4,669.13</u>
Balance on hand June 1st, 1925.....	1,177.40
Total.....	<u>\$5,846.53</u>

INVENTORY OF LIVE STOCK AND MACHINERY ON HAND JUNE
1st, 1925,

1 Team horses.....	\$200.00	\$ 200.00
11 Milch cows, at \$75.....	825.00	
1 Bull (3 year old).....	200.00	
1 Bull (1 year old).....	75.00	1,100.00
3 Brood Sows (2 years old) at \$30.....	90.00	
1 Boar (3 years old).....	25.00	

11 Spring Pigs at \$10.....	\$110.00	\$ 225.00
100 Hens at \$0.80.....	80.00	
300 Chicks at \$0.20.....	60.00	140.00

MACHINERY AND TOOLS.

1 Road Grader.....	\$190.00	
1 Corn Planter.....	75.00	
1 Cultivator.....	45.00	
1 Go Devil.....	40.00	
1 Manure Spreader.....	120.00	
1 Mower.....	50.00	
1 Disc.....	15.00	
1 Harrow.....	10.00	
1 Rake.....	40.00	
1 Comb. Engine Concrete Mixer and Saw.....	125.00	
1 Ford Truck.....	200.00	
2 Wagons.....	60.00	
1 Cream Separator.....	20.00	
1 Scales.....	10.00	
2 Incubators.....	20.00	
2 Brooders.....	10.00	
Wire fencing.....	25.00	
Harness.....	30.00	
Small tools.....	50.00	
1 Hay Sweep.....	25.00	
		—————\$1,160.00
Total.....		\$2,825.00

Brother Mickey stated that the report of the Joint Committee on Childrens Homes having been adopted by the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, that organization had made an appropriation of \$15,000.00 to carry on the work. He offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas: The Grand Chapter, O. E. S., has appropriated the necessary amount up to \$15,000.00 for the support and maintenance of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children,

I move that this Grand Lodge appropriate the necessary amount up to \$15,000.00 for the support of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, and that this be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion the Committee on Pay-roll was instructed to make up the pay-roll for three days' attendance.

The report of the Committee on Grievances was presented by W. 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 petitioner be denied, and that the expelled brother be not restored to membership.

2. We have carefully considered the appeal of a member of Minden Lodge No. 127, from a verdict of guilty and a sentence of expulsion, and we recommend that the findings of guilt and the sentence of expulsion of the lodge be affirmed.

3. We have carefully considered the appeal of a complaining member of Capitol Lodge No. 3 from a verdict of not guilty, and we recommend that the verdict of not guilty be set aside, and that the appeal of the complaining member be sustained, and the accused member be expelled.

4a. We have carefully considered the appeal of the officers of Wallace Lodge No. 279 from a verdict of not guilty and we recommend that the verdict of not guilty be set aside and that the appeal be sustained and that the accused brother be expelled.

4b. We further recommend that the charter of Wallace Lodge No. 279 be returned to said lodge on December 1st, 1925, by the Grand Master.

The report was read section by section, and each section was adopted after a detailed explanation of each case by the chairman, after which the report was adopted as a whole. The Grand Master then thanked the Chairman and the members of the committee for the splendid work done.

The report of the advisory Committee on Applications for Reinstatement was made by W. Bernard N. Robertson, 3, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
REINSTATEMENTS.

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

We, the Committee on Applications for Reinstatement, report as follows:

As usual there have been many applications for reinstatement referred to the committee and we have endeavored to use all means at our command to arrive at the facts in each case and deal fairly with the suspended brother and with the Grand Lodge.

Acting upon the recommendation of the committee as contained in its report at the last session of the Grand Lodge, the Most Worshipful Grand Master prepared for use a new form of application for reinstatement. This form has proven to be quite satisfactory, and has rendered the work of the committee considerably less than under the old form.

W. Brother Harvey W. Hess, 43, submitted the following report, and moved its adoption:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BONDING SECRETARIES
AND TREASURERS.

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

We, your Committee on Bonding Secretaries and Treasurers beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend, after consulting with Brother Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary-elect, that the bond of the Grand Secretary be fixed at \$10,000.00, the premium to be paid by the Grand Lodge.

We further recommend that the Grand Lodge require all Secretaries and Treasurers of all subordinate lodges to be bonded by a corporate surety bond in amounts sufficient to cover their needs; that a blanket bond for all local secretaries and treasurers be secured by the Grand Lodge and that the Grand Lodge assess and collect from each subordinate lodge the proportionate amount of the premium for the coverage desired by each local lodge.

That the Grand Secretary be required to communicate with each subordinate lodge as soon as possible and ascertain the amounts of coverage desired by each lodge, and that he then secure a blanket bond covering all Secretaries and Treasurers when the needs of the local lodges have been reported to him; and that hereafter annually such needs be ascertained and a bond secured by the Grand Secretary.

We further recommend that the Committee on Codification of the Law be directed to prepare the law to cover these recommendations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The question was raised by Past Grand Master Harry A. Cheney as to whether money deposited under the Guaranty law, in a state bank, time deposit, would come under the law, and the Grand Master ruled that that being a legal question he would not settle it at this time. He thereupon put the question as to whether the report of the committee should be adopted, and the motion carried. Inquiry was made as to whether the bond would be procured immediately, one brother stating that the lodge of which he is a member had already secured bonds for its secretary and treasurer for the coming year, and the Grand Master advised that the matter should be taken up with the Grand Secretary, and some arrangements made whereby it would be satisfactorily adjusted.

Past Grand Master Charles A. Chappell read the following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:

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:

Decision No. 1. Paragraphs 1 and 2. In view of the circumstances and evidence surrounding the cases which called forth this decision, we approve the same, but recommend the rules as to eligibility for admission to the Nebraska Masonic Home be adhered to in the administration of relief by the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans in the future, keeping in mind, however, the broad principles of Masonic charity in application, and the decisions of the committee shall be final and enforceable as to lodges affected.

Decision No. 2. We recommend that Decision No. 2 be approved.

Decision No. 3. We recommend that Decision No. 3 be not approved, but recommend change in the rules of admission to the Nebraska Masonic Home to cover such cases.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend the following with reference to the recommendations made by the Grand Master:

No. 1. We recommend that No. 1 be disapproved.

No. 2. We recommend that No. 2 be approved.

No. 3. We recommend that No. 3 be approved.

No. 4. We recommend that No. 4 be approved.

No. 7. We recommend that No. 7 be approved, and that the following amendment be made to Section 99 of the law, and that said amendment be a part of said section and following Section 99, (new paragraph), page 615, proceedings of 1924, and adding thereto the following:

Section 99 (new paragraph), page 615, proceedings of 1924. Leave paragraph as at present, and add thereto the following:

"Provided, the Grand Master is hereby vested with power to remit the penalty, or any portion of the penalty, provided by this section, upon a clear showing by the lodge that in receiving the petition and subsequent action thereunder the lodge made diligent investigation and acted in good faith throughout, and without any knowledge or any reason to believe it did not have jurisdiction; and the Grand Master is empowered to make such investigation as he deems necessary to a correct determination of the question.

No. 9. We recommend that No. 9 be not approved.

No. 10. We recommend that No. 10 be approved.

The report of the committee was considered section by section and the report as to the Grand Master's three decisions was adopted. The report of the committee in regard to Recommendation No. 1 was not adopted, and the Grand Master's recommendation No. 1 and the proposed amendment to Section 210, to be known as Section 210-A was thereupon adopted, unanimous consent having been asked for and granted to consider it. Discussion was had in regard to Recommendation No. 2, and the report of the committee thereon, Past Grand Master Charles A. Chappell, Brothers Merrill B. Carman, 89,

and Lamont L. Stephens, 106, and Grand Custodian Robert E. French speaking on the subject, and the report of the committee approving the recommendation was adopted.

The report of the committee on Recommendation No. 3 was adopted, after remarks had been made on the subject. The report of the committee on Recommendations Nos. 4 and 7 was adopted; (recommendations Nos. 5, 6, and 8, were not referred to the committee). The report in regard to Recommendation No. 9 was not approved; that on Recommendation No. 10 was adopted.

Past Grand Master Charles A. Chappell, chairman, moved that the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, in its entirety, as acted on and amended by the Grand Lodge be adopted; the motion was seconded and carried.

R. W. Francis E. White, 6, presented the following proposed amendment to the law, as recommended by the Grand Master (No. 5), it being signed by five brethren; under the law it lies over for consideration at the next annual communication.

Strike out on line 10, Section 9, Chapter III., the following:

"The committee numbered (1) above shall consist of all the Past Grand Masters in attendance, with the junior as chairman," and insert—

"The Committee on Jurisprudence shall consist of seven Past Grand Masters, members of some lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, four of them to be appointed by the Grand Master, at the time, or within ten days after his installation, and the other three members shall be the three Past Grand Masters, who have most recently served as Grand Master, with the retiring Grand Master as chairman. The Grand Master shall fill any vacancies that may occur. In filling the vacancies, the Grand Master shall do so by keeping on the committee those whose terms have recently expired."

Strike out all of Sections 11 and 12, Jurisprudence, and Codification of the Law, and insert after Section 12, the word "Repealed."

Enact the following as Section 11:

Section 11—Jurisprudence.—The Committee on Jurisprudence shall be a standing committee. To this committee, the Grand Master may, at any time present for its consideration any question of Masonic law or custom. Such question when submitted shall be sent to the chairman, and by him to all of the members of the committee, asking them for their opinion. When these have been returned, they shall be submitted to the Grand Master. The information shall in no way bind the Grand Master, but shall be advisory only. Copies of all decisions made by the Grand Master shall be sent to the Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, as soon after they are made as can conveniently be done. All recommendations shall also be sent to the chairman of the committee in ample time to be considered by the committee before the meeting of the Grand Lodge. On receiving copies of decisions or recommenda-

tions, the chairman of the committee shall send copies to each member of the committee, and ascertain from them their approval, rejection, or modification thereof. If a majority of the committee approve any decision or recommendation, the chairman of the committee shall prepare and present to the Grand Lodge at its next annual communication, amendments to the law making the necessary changes, specified by section and paragraphed, and repealing all portions of the law in conflict therewith. The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence shall always be considered as a special order to be brought up on the morning of the second day's session. When the report of the committee is brought up for consideration, the objections of five members shall prevent consideration of any change in any section or paragraph. When objection is made by five members to any portion of the report that amends the law, said part of the law objected to will lie over for consideration at the next annual communication.

The committee shall codify all amendments to the law that have been adopted by the Grand Lodge, forming them under the proper headings in chapters, sections, and paragraphs, and shall repeal all laws in conflict therewith.

All expenses of the committee for postage, stationery, and stenographic services shall be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge. All bills shall be approved by the chairman of the committee and sent to the Grand Master. If they meet with his approval, he shall direct the Grand Secretary to draw an order therefor.

Brother Luther M. Kuhns, 3, Chairman of the Committee on Admission, of the Nebraska Masonic Home, asked the Grand Lodge to approve the following rule governing admission to the Home: "The widowed mother of a Master Mason may be admitted to the Home, even though her husband was not a Mason." Motion was made that the rule be adopted, and it was carried.

The following report of the Committee on Consolidation of Masonic Charities was presented by the chairman, M. W. Charles A. Chappell; and some amendments being suggested by W. W. Brother Lester R. Slonecker, 302, the consideration of the report was postponed until the following day:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSOLIDATION OF MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Grand Lodge:

We, your Committee on Consolidation of Masonic Charities, beg leave to report as follows:

Under the action of the Grand Lodge at its last annual communication, as shown on pages 568 and 599, proceedings of 1924, your committee was directed to bring the attention of the other Grand Bodies to the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge, as shown on page 568, and to recommend a change in the law to conform to said resolution.

Your committee has been informed that one other Grand Body declined to take favorable action in keeping with said resolution, and your committee has serious doubts as to whether or not it is charged with further responsibility on this matter. However, your committee realizes the great importance of this subject, and believes that Masonic charities should not in any way be competitive with each other and should not be under divided or uncertain authority and responsibility. We further believe that lodges should not be privileged to establish Masonic charitable institutions, or any other continuous charitable work without the authority and the sanction of the Grand Lodge.

Your committee believes this Grand Lodge should, either at this or some future annual communication, enact legislation along this line, and therefore suggests for the consideration of this Grand Lodge the enactment of the following, which shall be designated as a new paragraph in the law, and not to be considered as amendatory to any existing law, to-wit:

"No lodge, nor lodges, shall establish a Masonic charitable institution, or undertake a continuing Masonic charitable work, or become obligated for continuing contributions to charitable purposes, nor use the word 'Masonic' nor other term indicating Masonic activity regarding any such institution or work which has not been established or approved by the Grand Lodge, without first having obtained the authority of the Grand Lodge so to do; provided, this shall not be construed as in any way relating to contributions by lodges located in Douglas County to the James G. Megeath Masonic Home for Children, in Omaha, and this provision shall never in any way be construed as this Grand Lodge assuming any responsibility in any way for the said James G. Megeath Masonic Home for Children."

W. Brother Frank L. Haycock, 207, stated that the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and moved that it be received and published in the proceedings. The motion carried.

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

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Thursday, June 11th, 1925.

M. W. Robert R. Dickson, Grand Master, called the Grand Lodge to order at the appointed hour, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

For the purpose of placing before the Committee on Codification of the Law the recommendation of the Grand Master numbered 9, W. Brother George C. Mason, 300, moved that the recommendation be approved and referred to the committee for codification, and the motion was adopted.

W. Brother O. Edwin Mickey, 65, submitted the following as a substitute for Section 16 of the law, and asked for unani-

mous consent to consider it; consent was granted, and the law was amended:

Repeal Section 16 of the law, and enact in lieu thereof the following:

"The Committee on Joint Board of Managers of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children shall consist of six members to be appointed by the Grand Master, 2 for 1 year, 2 for 2 years, and 2 for 3 years, and 2 for 3 years each year thereafter. Said committee in conjunction with six members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Nebraska, shall have the control and management of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, Nebraska. They shall select their own officers and organize their own committees. They shall adopt rules for their government, and of their employees, and of the children in the Home, and submit the same to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, and to the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Nebraska, which rules shall not go into effect until approved by the Grand Master, and the Worthy Grand Matron, and any amendments to said rules shall go into effect only after receiving the approval of the Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron. That on or before March 1st of each year, they shall make a full and detailed report to the two Grand Bodies, embodying a complete financial report and the number of children cared for, the dates of admission and dismissal of each child, and the per capita expense of caring for the children in the Home, which report shall be presented annually to the two Grand Bodies, and printed in such numbers and be so distributed as the Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron shall from time to time determine. That the duty and responsibility of passing on applications to the Home of all children claiming Masonic relationship, shall be continued in the Committee of the Grand Lodge on Relief and Care of Orphans; a like duty and responsibility of passing upon applications with relationship to the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, shall be vested in a corresponding Committee of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; and the Board of Managers shall be required to accept children recommended by said Committees, so far as the capacity of the cottages at the Home will permit.

That the name of the Home shall be The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, and such name be used in all publications of these Grand Bodies and their Board of Managers, and wherever else the name of such Home may be used. That the expense involved in the conduct of the Homes and the upkeep of the buildings, shall be shared equally by the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter; that in arriving at such expense, donations or contributions to the Home or to the Board of Managers for the benefit of the Home be not considered; that at their meetings in 1925, the Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge appropriate for the benefit of the Home, sums estimated to be sufficient for the current year, the same to be available as required upon written order of the President and Secretary elected by said Board of Managers, and the affairs of the Board of Managers shall be so arranged that requisitions upon the Grand Bodies may be made quarterly, and that the Board of Managers report to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge the date and amount of all sums received from the Grand Chapter, and to the Grand Secretary of the

Grand Chapter the date and amount of all sums received from the Grand Lodge; that all recommendations for additional cottages or other capital investments shall be submitted in writing by the Board of Managers and the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, with detailed explanations for such recommendations to the Worthy Grand Matron and to the Grand Master sixty days before the convening of the first Grand Body to meet thereafter, so that joint recommendations thereon to the respective Grand Bodies may be submitted in the discretion of the Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron, said recommendations to include the respective share each Grand Body shall assume in the expense involved."

W. Brother Mickey also asked for unanimous consent to consider an amendment to Section 9 of the law, by striking therefrom in line 10, the words "Childrens Homes," and inserting in lieu thereof, "The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children." Consent was granted and the amendment was adopted.

W. Ralph O. Canaday, 285, read the following report of the Committee on Codification of the Law:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW.

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

Your Committee on Codification of the Law respectfully submits the following report:

(1)

Grand Master's recommendation No. 1.

Amend Section 210 of the law, edition of 1922, by creating a section known as 210-A, to read as follows:

Section 210-A—The record of a brother's suspension for non-payment of dues can not be changed, vacated, or annulled by the lodge suspending him, after the brother's death. But when the action of the lodge was illegal, the sentence of suspension may be declared null and void by the Grand Master, provided, that if the so-called suspension occurred more than one year prior to the decease of said brother, and no attempt has been made by himself or his relations for restoration to good standing in that length of time, he shall be deemed to have had full knowledge thereof, and to have concurred therein, and the action of the lodge shall not be changed, but shall be final.

Amend Section 210-A by changing its number to 210-B.

(2)

Grand Master's recommendation No. 2.

Amend the first paragraph of Section 81, found on page 614, proceedings of 1924, by striking out the following words:

"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 the fee."

And inserting in lieu thereof in said paragraph, the following:

"Provided, that this shall not apply to any Master Mason holding a demit and being in good standing at the time he presents his petition for affiliation. By the phrase 'good standing' is meant 'one who has not been unaffiliated for more than one year, or who has made application, been rejected, and renewed his application as often as once in each six months,'" so that said Section 81, as amended, in its entirety, will read as follows:

Section 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 therein during the year covered by said returns. Provided, that this shall not apply to any Master Mason holding a demit and being in good standing at the time he presents his petition for affiliation. By the phrase "good standing" is meant, one who has not been unaffiliated for more than one year, or who has made application, been rejected, and renewed his application as often as once in each six months.

The additional funds for each initiation and affiliation fee, 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 tenth of April.

(3)

Grand Master's recommendation No. 3.

Repeal Section 77 of the law as amended, Grand Lodge proceedings of 1924, page 614, and enact in lieu thereof the new Section No. 77, to read as follows:

Section 77—(New Paragraph.) Pall-bearers who are not Master Masons should not have a place in the part of the procession formed by the lodge of Freemasons. None but Master Masons should be in line between the Tyler and the Master.

(4)

Grand Master's recommendation No. 4.

Amend Section 119-A of the law as found on page 616, proceedings of 1924, to read as follows:

Section 119-A—A ballot should be spread for only one candidate and not for several collectively. The ballot can not be divided and but one ballot-box can be used in voting on a petition. The ballot shall not be spread on a petition for initiation until the questionnaire provided by the Grand Lodge for petitioners for the mysteries of Freemasonry has been filled out in full, signed and returned, and if not done within four months, the petitioner shall be declared rejected without ballot.

(5)

Grand Master's recommendation No. 7.

That Section 99 of the law as found on page 615 of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1924, be amended by adding thereto the following:

"Provided the Grand Master is hereby vested with power to remit the penalty or any portion of the penalty provided by the section, upon a clear showing by the lodge that in receiving the petition and subsequent action thereunder, the lodge made diligent investigation and acted in good faith throughout, and without any knowledge or any reason to believe it did not have jurisdiction, and the Grand Master is empowered to make such investigation as he deems necessary to a correct determination of the question."

(6)

Grand Master's recommendation No. 9.

Amend Section 107 of the law, edition of 1922, by adding the following to be known as Section 107-A:

Section 107-A—After petitions for initiation or affiliation have been referred to committees of the lodge, notice in writing of the name, address, and occupation of all said petitioners shall be given to all members of said lodge, resident within the state of Nebraska.

Amend Section 123 of the law, edition of 1922, to read as follows:

Section 123—An objection communicated to the Master or to the lodge by a Master Mason belonging to said lodge and in good standing, against the initiation of a candidate or the admission of a brother, prior to the ballot upon the petition or application, must be respected, and when objection is so made, either verbally or otherwise, the Master shall declare the candidate rejected without ballot, and the fact should be recorded. When such objection is made, however, after the ballot is spread and found to be clear, the Master shall demand the reasons for the objection and the facts on which it is based, and if, in his judgment, the objection is not valid, he shall refer the matter, including the names of the candidate and objector, to the Grand Master, who shall, with or without further investigation conducted, personally or by a Master Mason deputized therefor, determine whether or not such objection is valid, and he shall communicate his decision to the Master.

Whenever an objection is made prior to the ballot, or an objection, found valid as herein before provided, is made to initiation or advancement, after such ballot, a new petition must be presented before the lodge can act further upon the matter, and such new petition must be referred, balloted upon, and in all things take the course of an original petition, but such new petition may be presented to the lodge at any time after the objection is removed. In all such cases of objection, the lodge holds jurisdiction over the candidate the same as though he had been rejected by ballot. When objection is made prior to the ballot, the objector need not give his reasons, and no demand shall be made upon him therefor, nor in any case is he bound to prefer charges. Except as hereinbefore provided, his identity shall not be disclosed until the Master's retirement from office, and then it shall be disclosed to the incoming Master only, except in case of the Master's removal from the jurisdiction, and shall then be disclosed only to the ranking warden.

(7)

Referred to the committee by the unanimous consent of the Grand Lodge from the report of the Committee on Bonding Secretaries and Treasurers.

Amend Section 7, lines 23-27, page 20, of the law, edition of 1922, to read as follows:

"He shall give a surety bond for the faithful discharge of his duties, in the sum of \$10,000.00 to be provided by an approved guaranty company, and the premium paid by the Grand Lodge. Said coverage may be included in a blanket bond, also covering secretaries and treasurers of subordinate lodges.

(7-A)

Amend the law by enacting a new paragraph to be known as Section 59-A as follows:

Sec. 59-A—All secretaries and treasurers of subordinate lodges shall be bonded by a surety bond of an approved corporate surety bonding company, in amounts sufficient to cover their respective needs. Each lodge shall determine the amount of coverage required by it, and said amounts shall be certified to the Grand Secretary, annually, and he shall obtain a blanket bond covering all of said amounts, together with the bond required of the Grand Secretary. The cost of said blanket bond shall be pro rated among, and collected from the several lodges according to the amount of the coverage required by said lodges.

(8)

Grand Master's recommendation No. 8.

Enact a new paragraph to be known as Section 47-A, as follows:

Sec. 47-A—No person shall be elected or appointed to any office who has not complied with Section 66 of the law.

(8-A)

Amend Section 138 of the law by inserting after the word "books" in the seventh line in page 62, the following:

"and has complied with Section 66 of the law."

(8-B)

Amend Section 66 of the law by adding thereto the following:

"Provided, that in exceptional cases, for good cause shown, the Grand Master may waive the provisions of this section."

(9)

Repeal Section 16 of the law, and enact in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 16. The Committee on Joint Board of Managers of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children shall consist of six members to be appointed by the Grand Master, 2 for 1 year, 2 for 2 years, and 2 for 3 years, and 2 for 3 years each year thereafter. Said committee in conjunction with six members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Nebraska, shall have the control and management of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, Nebraska. They shall select their own officers and organize their own committees. They shall adopt rules for their government, and of their employees, and of the children in the Home, and submit the same to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, and to the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Nebraska, which rules shall not go into effect until approved by the Grand Master, and the Worthy Grand Matron, and any amendments to said rules shall go into effect only after receiving the approval of the Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron.

That on or before March 1st of each year, they shall make a full and detailed report to the two Grand Bodies, embodying a complete financial report and the number of children cared for, the dates of admission and dismissal of each child, and the per capita expense of caring for the children in the Home, which report shall be presented annually to the two Grand Bodies, and printed in such numbers and be so distributed as the Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron shall from time to time determine.

That the duty and responsibility of passing on applications to the Home of all children claiming Masonic relationship, shall be continued in the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans of the Grand Lodge; a like duty and responsibility of passing upon applications with relationship to the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, shall be vested in a corresponding committee of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; and the Board of Managers shall be required to accept children recommended by said committees, so far as the capacity of the cottages at the Home will permit.

That the name of the Home shall be The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, and such name shall be used in all publications of these Grand Bodies and their Board of Managers, and wherever else the name of such Home may be used. That the expense involved in the conduct of the Home and the upkeep of the buildings, shall be shared equally by the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter; that in arriving at such expense, donations or contributions to the Home or the Board of Managers for the benefit of the Home be not considered; that at their meetings in 1925, the Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge appropriate for the benefit of the Home, sums estimated to be sufficient for the current year, the same to be available as required upon written order of the President and Secretary elected by said Board of Managers, and the

affairs of the Board of Managers shall be so arranged that requisitions upon the Grand Bodies may be made quarterly, and that the Board of Managers report to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge the date and amount of all sums received from the Grand Chapter, and to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter the date and amount of all sums received from the Grand Lodge.

That all recommendations for additional cottages or other capital investments shall be submitted in writing by the Board of Managers and the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, with detailed explanations for such recommendations to the Worthy Grand Matron and to the Grand Master sixty days before the convening of the first Grand Body to meet thereafter, so that joint recommendations thereon to the respective Grand Bodies may be submitted in the discretion of the Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron, said recommendations to include the respective share each Grand Body shall assume in the expense involved.

(9-A)

Amend Section 9 of the law, by striking therefrom in line 10, the words: "Childrens Homes," and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
"The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children."

The report was considered section by section, and Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 7-A, 8, 8-A, 8-B, 9, and 9-A, were adopted, and the law was amended as reported by the committee, unanimous consent having been asked for and granted where this was necessary. In regard to Section 6, Past Grand Master George H. Thummel moved that consideration of the Grand Master's Recommendation No. 9 be postponed until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and it was so ordered. The entire report of the committee was thereupon adopted, except that Section 6 lies over for consideration until 1926.

W. Brother Carl L. Holland, 31, in support of the recommendation of the Committee on Returns, offered the following amendment to the law, signed by five brethren, and moved that consideration thereof be postponed until the next annual communication; the motion prevailed:

Enact Section 57-A, of the law as follows:

Sec. 57-A.—The Secretary shall make a complete roster of the membership of the lodge on December 15th, setting out the names of all brethren in good standing; also those elected, initiated, passed, raised, affiliated, suspended, expelled, reinstated, rejected, and deceased, with the dates of the same, and forward the same to the Grand Secretary not later than January 1st of each year.

The pay-roll, amounting to \$4,877.02, was presented by W. Brother Frank L. Haycock, 207, and was ordered paid.

W. C. Blake Erb, 25, offered the following resolution, and after some remarks on the subject it was adopted:

In consideration of twenty-six years of faithful service to this Grand Lodge and to the membership of this Grand Jurisdiction in general and in an endeavor to, in a small way, indicate to R. W. Brother Francis E. White, our appreciation of this unusual record of service,

I move, That in addition to the title of Grand Secretary Emeritus, which this Grand Lodge has conferred upon him that there be added to that office an annual salary of twelve hundred dollars.

The retiring Grand Secretary expressed his deep appreciation for the kindness and consideration shown him, and for the sustaining assistance given him by the Craft in general throughout the jurisdiction. He added that he did not expect to lose his interest in Freemasonry, nor to falter in his duty of helping it in any way possible. Past Grand Masters Thummel and French each made a few remarks on the retirement of R. W. Brother Francis E. White.

Brother Jonathan A. Frye, 1, offered the following resolution, signed by seven brethren, which under the law must be submitted to the lodges for their approval or rejection:

I move to amend Article II. of the Constitution by inserting in the seventh line and immediately preceding the word "Master" the words "Past Masters," so that said article, when amended, will read as follows:

"The Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Secretary, Francis E. White, 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 Past Masters who are members of chartered lodges in this jurisdiction, and 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."

R. W. Brother Francis E. White, 6, stated that in view of the fact that he was about to retire as Grand Secretary, and that there was a large amount of money and property on hand, it would be advisable for the Grand Master to appoint a committee of three to see that this was properly turned over. He therefore moved that a committee of three be appointed to take over and receive from the outgoing Grand Secretary, all of the property, money, and bonds of every kind and description, and to receipt to said outgoing Grand Secretary therefor. The Deputy Grand Master asked whether this was to include an auditing, and the Grand Secretary stated that it did not, the books of the Grand

Secretary having been audited as of May 20th, 1925. The motion carried.

W. John R. Tapster, 119, submitted the following report and moved its adoption; the motion carried:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

We, your Committee on Finance, respectfully submit for your consideration the following report and recommendations:

As has been customary the last few years, the Grand Secretary has had an audit made of his books and records by a certified public accountant, and the result of his findings is printed in full in the report of the Grand Lodge Officers, and agrees with the findings of your committee. This audit is a valuable aid to the committee, 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, and we recommend a careful reading of the same.

The following is a brief summary of the Grand Lodge funds:

Balance on hand June 5th, 1924.....	\$ 44,261.63
Income during the year.....	107,297.52
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Making a total of.....	\$151,559.15
Disbursements.....	119,935.57
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Leaving a balance of.....	\$ 31,623.58

The Grand Custodian's accounts have been checked and found correct. It is the opinion of this committee that under the present method of conducting the affairs of the Grand Custodian's office, a more important and satisfactory work is being accomplished with less expense, and we recommend a continuation of this policy.

The accounts of the Grand Chaplain have been examined and found correct, as were the accounts of the Committee on Masonic Education.

We have examined the accounts of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, and found them correct, as well as the accounts of the Committee on Childrens Homes.

We recommend that the fee of \$10.00 for special dispensation from Bassett Lodge No. 254, to elect officers out of time, be returned.

We recommend that the fee of \$10.00 from Anselmo Lodge No. 258, for special dispensation to elect a Master, be returned. Both of these were cases over which the lodge had no control.

We also recommend that the initiation fee of \$5.00 paid to the Grand Lodge by Delta Lodge No. 230, be refunded, this fee having been paid on a brother who was afterwards found to be Master Mason of another jurisdiction.

We recommend the following appropriations for the year ending June, 1926, or as much thereof as may be necessary:

Pay-roll.....	\$ 5,000.00
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.....	6,799.75
Printing Grand Officers' reports, proceedings, etc.....	1,400.00
Purchasing supplies for sale and issue.....	2,500.00
Grand Lodge office, rent, heat, and light to June 30th, 1926.....	1,000.00
Incidental expenses.....	300.00
Expenses Grand Chaplain.....	150.00
Furnishings, Grand Secretary's office.....	400.00
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
Grand Custodian's salary.....	1,800.00
Grand Custodian's expense.....	600.00
Expenses Deputy Grand Custodians.....	1,000.00
Grand Tyler, session of 1925.....	15.00
Organist, session of 1925.....	10.00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	200.00
For the support of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, to equal the amount appropriated by the Grand Chapter O. E. S.....	15,000.00
Membership in the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.....	210.00
Library, purchasing and binding.....	100.00
Fire insurance, books and supplies.....	40.00
Grand Lodge office, janitor.....	100.00
Grand Lodge office, telephone.....	85.00
Postage, telegrams, telephone calls, and expressage.....	500.00
Stationery.....	120.00
Blanks.....	350.00
For expenses of Grand Officers attending Grand Lodge functions, under the supervision of the Grand Master.....	600.00
Masonic Relief and Employment Bureau.....	300.00
Grand Secretary's surety bond and blanket bond for subordinate Secretaries and Treasurers.....	250.00
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 expenses of Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.....	1,500.00
Committee on Masonic Education.....	1,500.00
For the purpose of preparing the Grand Lodge proceedings for 1925 by retiring Grand Secretary, and clerical help.....	300.00
For salary of the Grand Secretary Emeritus.....	1,200.00

The report of the Committee on Consolidation of Masonic Charities was brought up for consideration, and Past Grand Master Charles A. Chappell stated that the committee had found the information previously received, that one other Grand Body had declined to take action, was in error, and the record of the other Grand Body referred to shows that by proper action the committee was continued until such time as the Grand Lodge took action in the matter. Brother Chappell stated that in view of the understanding of the committee that the other Grand Body had declined to participate further in the matter, no conference of the committees of the three Grand Bodies was had. The chairman therefore moved that the report of the committee lie over for consideration until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge; that the committee be continued, and that in the meantime the right of the Omaha lodges to contribute to the James G. Megeath Masonic Home for Children be not interfered with. The motion prevailed.

W. Brother Carl L. Holland, 31, offered the following resolution which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee of five on Masonic Education, who shall arrange for lectures for lodges, and the purchase of supplies. The sum of \$1,500.00 is hereby appropriated to be expended under direction of the committee.

Brother Joseph H. Randolph, 184, read the following report, and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICE.

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

We, your committee, beg leave to report that the office of the Grand Secretary is in need of a new adding machine, and we recommend that a new nine-column adding machine be purchased, and that the Committee on Finance make the proper appropriation.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business as presented by W. George A. Wright, 248, was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

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

Your Committee on Unfinished Business begs leave to report that we have examined the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1924, and have checked the deliberations of this session, and find that there is no unfinished business claiming the attention of the Grand Lodge.

On behalf of the Lincoln lodges and those outside of Omaha, W. . Brother George C. Mason, 300, moved that a vote of thanks be given the Omaha bodies for all courtesies extended during the Grand Lodge communication of 1925. The motion carried unanimously.

Past Grand Master Charles E. Burnham, assisted by Past Grand Master Samuel S. Whiting, acting as Grand Marshal, installed all of the Grand Officers for the ensuing year. In returning the Grand Master's jewel, M. . W. . Robert R. Dickson spoke as follows: "Brethren, I have tried to be the Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska the past year. I sincerely hope that I am leaving you all as friends, and that I have done nothing in any manner that will reflect unfavorably upon the Craft. I received the badge unsullied, and I am returning it, I trust, in the same condition."

M. . W. . Brother George H. Thummel, the oldest Past Grand Master, addressed M. . W. . Brother Robert R. Dickson, the youngest Past Grand Master, as follows:

Brother Dickson, your year of service has ended, but your service to the Grand Lodge can never end until this mortal shall have put on immortality.

In welcoming you to the ranks of our Past Grand Masters, I do it, knowing and believing that you will be of great service, not only to the Past Grand Masters, but to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. I have watched your coming in and your going out with great interest during the past year, and I will say to you, and to the brethren, that you made a good Grand Master, one of the very best this Grand Jurisdiction has ever had, and I know that in the years to come you will grow in the love and esteem of all.

Most Worshipful Brother Dickson, years ago, when I was but a boy, I was Grand Master. I had no conception whatsoever of the duties of the office. I was the first Grand Master who ever laid a corner-stone in this jurisdiction. When I laid the corner-stone of the old Temple in Omaha, north of the post office, I never had seen a corner-stone laid. We dedicated that building at the next session of the Grand Lodge. It was my lot and my part to dedicate that building. That was the first dedicatory service I ever performed. We had little to do in those days, but what we did have to do, we did as well as we could. It is through the functions of the labor and the work of the hands of the officers of this Grand Jurisdiction that this Grand Lodge has grown to its present proportion.

Soon after I was made Grand Master, M. . W. . Brother Harry P. Deuel, Past Grand Master, presented me with a jewel; that has been my proud possession all of the years since. The sands of life are running, and I want to give my jewel to Grand Master Dickson. I prefer to give it to you during my life rather than have it left with my family after I am gone."

Brother Thummel then presented the jewel to Past Grand Master Dickson whose emotion in accepting it was too great to permit him to speak.

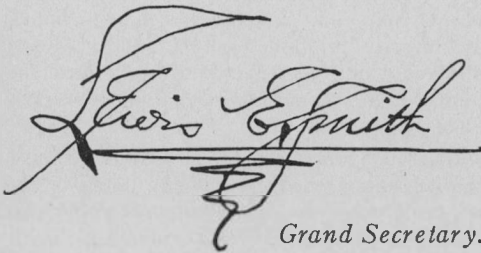
Past Grand Master Burnham, installing officer, made a short speech in comment on the touching scene, and spoke of the successful business session just ended. He added that he thought all would remember the scene just taken place between the oldest and the youngest Past Grand Masters and the brethren signified their approval.

M. W. Joseph B. Fradenburg, Past Grand Master, offered the following resolution which was seconded and carried unanimously with a rising vote:

I move that in appreciation of the earnest, sincere, and efficient service of M. W. Brother Robert R. Dickson, during his term as Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, this Grand Lodge hereby give expression of its appreciation and hereby thank Brother Dickson for his service throughout the year, and for the courteous manner in which he presided over the deliberations of this annual communication of our Grand Lodge.

At half past twelve o'clock P. M., no further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, peace and harmony prevailing.

JOHN WRIGHT,
Grand Master.



Lewis Esquith
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.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

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.

1925—815.

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 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.

1925—816.

AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW.

Section 7, lines 23-27, page 20, of the law, edition of 1922.

He shall give a surety bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in the sum of \$10,000.00, to be provided by an approved guaranty company, and the premium paid by the Grand Lodge. Said coverage may be included in a blanket bond, also covering secretaries and treasurers of subordinate lodges.

1925—832.

Section 9 of the law, strike therefrom in line 10, the words: "Childrens Homes," and insert in lieu thereof the following:

The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

1925—834.

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.—The Committee on Joint Board of Managers of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children shall consist of six members to be appointed by the Grand Master, 2 for 1 year, 2 for 2 years, and 2 for 3 years, and 2 for 3 years each year thereafter. Said committee in conjunction with six members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Nebraska, shall have the control and management of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, Nebraska. They shall select their own officers and organize their own committees. They shall adopt rules for their government, and of their employees, and of the children in the Home, and submit the same to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. O. & A. M. of Nebraska, and to the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Nebraska, which rules shall not go into effect until approved by the Grand Master, and the Worthy Grand Matron, and any amendments to said rules shall go into effect only after receiving the approval of the Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron.

That on or before March 1st of each year, they shall make a full and detailed report to the two Grand Bodies embodying a complete financial report and the number of children cared for, the dates of admission and dismissal of each child, and the per capita expense of caring for the children in the Home, which report shall be presented annually to the two Grand Bodies, and printed in such numbers and be so distributed as the Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron shall from time to time determine.

That the duty and responsibility of passing on applications to the Home of all children claiming Masonic relationship, shall be continued in the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans of the Grand Lodge; a like duty and responsibility of passing upon applications with relationship to the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, shall be vested in a corresponding committee of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; and the Board of Managers shall be required to accept children recommended by said committees, so far as the capacity of the cottages at the Home will permit.

That the name of the Home shall be The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, and such name shall be used in all publications of these Grand Bodies and their Board of Managers, and wherever else the name of such Home may be used. That the expense involved in the conduct of the Home and the upkeep of the buildings, shall be shared equally by the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter; that in arriving at such expense, donations or contributions to the Home or the Board of Managers for the benefit of the Home be not considered; that at their meetings in 1925, the Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge appropriate for the benefit of the Home, sums estimated to be sufficient for the current year, the same to be available as required upon written order of the President and Secretary elected by said Board of Managers, and the affairs of the Board of Managers shall be so arranged that requisitions upon the Grand Bodies may be made quarterly, and that the Board of Managers report to the

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge the date and amount of all sums received from the Grand Chapter, and to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter the date and amount of all sums received from the Grand Lodge.

That all recommendations for additional cottages or other capital investments shall be submitted in writing by the Board of Managers and the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, with detailed explanations for such recommendations to the Worthy Grand Matron and to the Grand Master sixty days before the convening of the first Grand Body to meet thereafter, so that joint recommendations thereon to the respective Grand Bodies may be submitted in the discretion of the Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron, said recommendations to include the respective share each Grand Body shall assume in the expense involved.

1925—833.

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.—**INVESTIGATIONS 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. 47-A.—No person shall be elected or appointed to any office who has not complied with Section 66 of the law.

1925—833.

Sec. 59-A.—All secretaries and treasurers of subordinate lodges shall be bonded by a surety bond of an approved corporate surety bonding company, in amounts sufficient to cover their respective needs. Each lodge shall determine the amount of coverage requested by it, and said amounts shall be certified to the Grand Secretary, annually, and he shall obtain a blanket bond covering all of said amounts, together with the bond required of the Grand Secretary. The cost of said blanket bond shall be pro rated among, and collected from the several lodges according to the amount of the coverage required by said lodges.

1925—832.

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.

Provided, that in exceptional cases, for good cause shown, the Grand Master may waive the provisions of this section.

1925—833.

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.

Section 77.—(New paragraph).—Pall-bearers who are not Master Masons should not have a place in the part of the procession formed by the lodge of Freemasons. None but Master Masons should be in line between the Tyler and the Master.

1925—831.

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 this shall not apply to any Master Mason holding a demit and being in good standing at the time he presents his petition for affiliation. By the phrase "good standing" is meant, one who has not been unaffiliated for more than one year, or who has made application, been rejected, and renewed his application as often as once in each six months.

The additional funds for each initiation and affiliation fee, 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 tenth of April.

1923—369. 1924—603. 1925—830.

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.

Provided the Grand Master is hereby vested with power to remit the penalty or any portion of the penalty provided by the section, upon a clear showing by the lodge that in receiving the petition and subsequent action thereunder, the lodge made diligent investigation and acted in good faith throughout, and without any knowledge or any reason to believe it did not have jurisdiction, and the Grand Master is empowered to make such investigation as he deems necessary to a correct determination of the question.

1925—831.

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 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 can not be divided and but one ballot box can be used in voting on a petition. The ballot shall not be spread on a petition for initiation 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. 1925—831.

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. 138.—**HOW OBTAINED.**—Any brother desiring a demit must apply therefor in writing, stating that it is wanted for the purpose of enabling him to join another lodge of Freemasons, and said brother need not state with what lodge he intends to affiliate.

Such petition must be received and read at a regular meeting of the lodge, and if, after opportunity is given, no charges are preferred against the petitioner, and if the brother is clear on the books, and has complied with Section 66 of the law, the Master shall order that a demit be issued, and the Secretary shall make a record of such action. A demit may issue to any Entered Apprentice

Mason or Fellow Craft Mason who shall have permanently removed from the jurisdiction of the lodge in which he received the degree or degrees, if an application for such demit shall be made within two years after the degrees of an Entered Apprentice Mason, or of a Fellow Craft Mason, as the case may be, shall have been received, provided no charges are pending against him or objections filed to his advancement.

1925—833.

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 Mason's 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 ap-

pointed 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.

Sec. 210-A.—The record of a brother's suspension for non-payment of dues can not be changed, vacated, or annulled by the lodge suspending him, after the brother's death. But when the action of the lodge was illegal, the sentence of suspension may be declared null and void by the Grand Master, provided, that if the so-called suspension occurred more than one year prior to the decease of said brother, and no attempt has been made by himself or his relations for restoration to good standing in that length of time, he shall be deemed to have had full knowledge thereof, and to have concurred therein, and the action of the lodge shall not be changed, but shall be final.

1925—830.

Amend Section 210-A by changing its number to 210-B.

1925—830.

BOARD OF MASONIC SERVICE ANNUITIES AND GIFTS.
RULES OF THE BOARD.

RULE I: TITLE OF THE BOARD.—This Board shall be known as the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

RULE II: DEFINITION OF THE BOARD.—This Board may function only as an instrumentality of the Corporation, the Corporation being the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

RULE III: AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD.—This Board is authorized by the Corporation, the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, to do that which is recommended in the Report of the Committee on Annuity Plan, June 8, 1921, and printed in Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1921, pp. 603-604, and June 6, 1923, pp. 337 and 338, to-wit:

1: To organize itself subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

2: To solicit and receive bequests, devises, residuary estates and other gifts for this Grand Lodge and for educational, charitable or other institutions or activities operated by it, or in connection with it.

3: To conduct the affairs relative to special gift agreements and annuity service bonds to be issued thereunder.

4: To make a report in writing at the regular communication of the Grand Lodge year by year.

5: To take, hold, and convey title to funds and property in the name of the Corporation, the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, and to disburse funds without a specific appropriation by the Grand Lodge.

RULE IV: LIMITATIONS OF THE BOARD:

1: This Board shall have full control of its affairs subject to the approval of the Corporation, the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, or of the Grand Master in vacation.

2: This Board may not own money, securities or other property.

3: This Board may receive, hold, exchange, transfer, buy, sell or pay out only in the name of the Corporation, the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, and only in accordance with methods approved by the Grand Master.

RULE V: AMENDMENTS OF THE RULES.—The Rules and By-Laws governing this Board may be amended by a three-fifths vote of the entire membership of the Board; the amendments to be voted on having been submitted in writing and read aloud by the Secretary at a meeting at least thirty days prior to the one at which the vote is taken and the purpose of the meeting, as regards voting on the proposed amendments, having been stated in the call.

BY-LAWS.

BY-LAW 1: MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD.—The members of the Board shall be appointed as directed in the Report of the Committee on Annuity Plan, June 8, 1921, and printed in Grand Lodge Proceedings 1921, pp. 603-604.

BY-LAW 2: MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.—The annual meeting of this Board shall be called at its place of business, the Grand Secretary's Office, Masonic Temple, Omaha, Nebraska, by the Chairman of the Board, within thirty days following Grand Lodge, for the purpose of electing officers and for

other purposes. Other meetings of this Board shall be called by the Chairman from time to time, as occasion may require, or by order of the Grand Master.

BY-LAW 3: QUORUM OF THE BOARD.—A majority of all the members of this Board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, but two members may meet to adjourn a meeting of this Board to a certain date by filing written notice thereof with the Secretary.

BY-LAW 4: OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.—The Officers of this Board shall be a President, a Secretary, a Financial Secretary, a Trust Officer, an Associate Trust Officer and two Disbursing Officers.

The President and the Secretary shall serve for one year immediately following election. The Financial Secretary shall be the Grand Secretary of the Corporation, the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, and shall serve during his term of office as Grand Secretary. The Disbursing Officers of this Board shall be those of the Grand Lodge, i. e., the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, and shall serve during their terms of office as such Grand Officers. The Trust Officer shall serve as such for the remainder of his term as a member of this Board immediately following election. The Associate Trust Officer shall be the Financial Secretary of the Board. All Officers of the Board shall serve as herein set forth and until their successors are elected and qualified.

BY-LAW 5: DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

(a) The President shall call meetings of this Board and preside. In the absence of the President, his duties devolve upon the Senior Member of this Board in length of service. The President, as Chief Executive of the Board, shall give the official legal sanction of this Board by his signature to all official papers of this Board, including among others, contracts, receipts and vouchers.

(b) The Secretary shall keep the Minutes of the Board Meeting, do the correspondence required, write the Annual Grand Lodge report, and do such other things as rightfully fall upon a Secretary to do.

(c) The Financial Secretary shall receive all moneys, properties and securities, validating receipts therefor by his counter signature, cover the same into the Treasury of the Corporation, the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, keep a just and accurate account thereof, and hold them, subject to the action of this Board, segregated and separately accounted from all other funds of the Corporation, the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

He shall pay out only on warrants drawn by the Grand Master and tested by the Financial Secretary, after they have been approved and certified by the signature of the President as just and lawful claims against the Board.

He shall purchase and pay for all securities that have been regularly approved by the Trust Officer. They must be purchased and paid for in the same form and manner as any other funds of the Corporation, the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

He shall prepare vouchers for the payment of annuities, have them signed by the President and validated by the counter signatures of the Disbursing Officers, and remit them, when due, as payment to those who should receive them from the Board, as per Special Gift Agreement Contracts in force and in conformity with the Rules of this Board and the terms of the Contract.

(d) The Trust Officer shall always have on hand a list of acceptable and available securities approved by him for purchase out of any funds in the hands of the Financial Secretary that may be used for investment or for re-investment. He shall endeavor to maintain a minimum basic net earning of five per cent per annum on all investments, the security being ample.

(e) The Associate Trust Officer (The Financial Secretary) shall assist the Trust Officer in the performance of his duties and, in case of necessity and with the consent of the Grand Master, act for him.

(f) The Disbursing Officers (The Grand Master and the Grand Secretary) shall draw all orders on any and all funds after they have been approved by the Board through the signature of its President. They shall serve during their terms of office as such Grand Officers.

BY-LAW 6: DEPOSITORY OF THE BOARD.—The Trust Officer and the Associate Trust Officer, with the advice and consent of the Grand Master, shall designate the Depository of Funds of the Corporation, the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, that are subject to the action of this Board, and make their designation in writing with the Secretary, who shall incorporate it into the Minutes of the Board.

BY-LAW 7: THE FISCAL YEAR OF THE BOARD.—The fiscal year of the Board shall begin January 1 and end December 31 each and every year.

BY-LAW 8: THE AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS.—The accounts of this Board shall be audited at the close of each fiscal year by a commercial auditor employed for this purpose.

BY-LAW 9: THE BONDING OF FISCAL OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.—All officers handling funds of the Corporation, the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, that are subject to the action of this Board, shall be furnished ample and satisfactory bonds.

BY-LAW 10: CALCULATION OF ANNUITIES.—The amount of annuity payments to be made to donor under Special Gift Agreement Contracts shall be calculated by the earning power of the gift of record, and five per centum per annum simple interest shall be the accepted basic rate of interest earnings of gifts.

BY-LAW 11: ANNUITIES:

(a) Fixed annuity for life shall be an annual amount calculated on the net annual earning power of the gift at the rate of four and one-half per centum per annum simple interest, if the donor is under fifty years of age; at the rate of five and one-half per centum per annum simple interest, if the donor is fifty years of age and under sixty years of age; at the rate of six and one-half per centum per annum simple interest, if the donor is sixty years and under seventy years of age; at the rate of seven and one-half per centum per annum simple interest if the donor is seventy years of age or over.

(b) Graduated annuities for life shall be an annual amount calculated on the net annual earning power of the gift at the rate of four per centum per annum simple interest, if the donor is under fifty years of age; at the rate of five per centum per annum simple interest, if the donor is fifty years of age and under sixty years of age; at the rate of six per centum per annum simple interest, if the donor is sixty years of age and under sixty-five years of age; at the rate of six and one-half per centum simple interest, if the donor is sixty-

five years of age and under seventy years of age; at the rate of seven per centum per annum simple interest if the donor is seventy years of age and under seventy-five years of age; at the rate of seven and one-half per centum per annum simple interest if the donor is seventy-five years of age and under eighty years; at the rate of eight per centum per annum simple interest, if the donor is eighty years of age and as long as he shall live thereafter. The annuitant shall receive the benefit of larger annuity with advancing age based on above calculation as long as he shall live and no longer.

BY-LAW 12: REIMBURSEMENT OF THE CORPORATION, THE GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA.—After annuity payments shall have ceased on a gift under a Special Gift Agreement Contract, the income from such gift shall be used to reimburse the Corporation, the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, for what it may have paid the annuitant above what the gift earned before the gift or the income from said gift shall be used for the purpose specified in the contract.

BY-LAW 13: LEGAL FORM:

(a) The form for Bequest shall be as follows:

3. BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath unto the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, incorporated under the Laws of the State of Nebraska, the sum of ----- Dollars to be set apart as a permanent fund and the earnings to be devoted to public charities, such as educational, eleemosynary and similar enterprises regularly supported by Grand Lodge funds, or to be devoted to the endowment fund of (insert here the name of a charitable or educational institution), regularly supported by Grand Lodge funds, and to be known as the (insert name) Endowment Fund.

(b) The form for Devise shall be as follows:

4. DEVISE.

I give and devise unto the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons Nebraska, incorporated under the laws of the State of Nebraska, all that certain (here insert description if convenient) with the appurtenances in fee simple, for the use, benefit and behoof of said Grand Lodge forever.

(c) The form for Residuary Estate shall be as follows:

5. RESIDUARY CLAUSE.

All the rest, residue and remainder of my real and personal estate, which without this clause would go by intestacy for any reason or on whatever ground it may be, I devise and bequeath unto the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, incorporated under the Laws of the State of Nebraska.

(d) The form for Special Gift Agreement Application and contract, Single Life Fixed Annuity shall be as follows:

6. SPECIAL GIFT AGREEMENT FORMS.

A.—SPECIAL GIFT AGREEMENT APPLICATION.

SINGLE LIFE—FIXED ANNUITY.

Date-----

To-----, Secretary of the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of

Nebraska, -----, Nebraska.

I, -----, desiring of my own free will and accord, to make a donation in the sum of ----- Dollars, this sum to be paid in cash or in the following named securities:

----- valued at -----
----- valued at -----
----- valued at -----

hereby make application for a Special Gift Agreement.

I was born on the ----- day of -----, in the year ----- I understand that under this Special Gift Agreement as a condition subsequent which I may make in this application to my offer of this absolute gift is, that I may ask an annual reservation of return payable in semi-annual payments on this gift during my life, the return to cease with the last semi-annual payment thereof preceding my death, or until I may revoke such reservation in writing, the amounts and dates of payment, being:

----- Dollars on the last day of ----- and thereafter an annual sum of ----- Dollars payable in semi-annual payments as follows:

----- Dollars on the first day of -----, -----, and ----- Dollars on the first day of -----, -----, and each year the same under the above terms unless the same may be revoked in writing as above provided for in this application.

Yours truly,

Full name ----- (Donor)

Mail Address -----

The above gift accepted this ----- day of -----, 19-----

Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts.

By ----- (Position)

The condition subsequent on the above absolute gift is revoked and annulled by the above donor this ----- day of -----, 19-----

Witness ----- (Donor)

SPECIAL GIFT AGREEMENT CONTRACT.

SINGLE LIFE—FIXED ANNUITY.

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this ----- day of ----- in the year ----- BETWEEN ----- of ----- in the County of -----, and State of -----, of the first part, and the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, of the second part,

WITNESSETH: The said -----

desiring to make a donation of ----- Dollars to the said Grand Lodge hereby pays this sum to it in cash or in the following named securities:

----- valued at -----
----- valued at -----
----- valued at -----

and the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of said Grand Lodge receives this sum as an absolute gift (subject only to the agreement on the part of the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of said Grand Lodge, hereinafter expressed).

AND, in consideration thereof, the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of said Grand Lodge hereby agrees that, as long as the said ----- shall live, and no longer, or unless the donor ----- may revoke this reservation to said gift in writing before that time, it will pay to ----- the sum of -----

Dollars on the last day of -----, and thereafter an annual sum of ----- Dollars payable in semi-annual payments as follows:

----- Dollars on the first day of -----, and ----- Dollars at the expiration of each six months thereafter, but said payment to said donor, -----, as above provided does not give said donor ----- any interest whatsoever in the principal sum, but is merely a condition subsequent to said gift which is otherwise absolute and completed in every way. Such payments shall be made at the office of the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of said Grand Lodge, in the city of -----, Nebraska upon reasonable demand, or at the option of the said ----- they shall be remitted to h ----- by the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of said Grand Lodge in any ordinary way as instructed, and within ----- days after instructions received from -----

THE CONTRACT. This contract is issued upon the application of said -----, party of the first part, a copy of which application is made a part hereof, and is accepted by the said Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of the said Grand Lodge, party of the second part, upon the express conditions:

1. That said Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of said Grand Lodge, party of the second part, shall be furnished at every reservation payment with satisfactory evidence that said -----, party of the first part, is living.

2. That said -----, party of the first part, agrees that after reservation payments have ceased, the income from said gift of ----- Dollars, shall be used to reimburse the said Grand Lodge for what it has paid above what the gift has earned from ----- until the decease of said donor, and thereafter the income shall be used for the purpose specified in this contract, and as follows:

This agreement, and the application therefor, a copy of which is endorsed hereon or attached hereto, constitute the entire contract between the parties. All statements made by the applicant shall in the absence of fraud be deemed representations and not warranties, and no such statement shall avoid this contract or be used in defense of a claim thereunder, unless contained in the written application therefor, and a copy of such application is endorsed hereon, or attached hereto, when issued.

Executed this ----- day of -----, 19-----, at the Office of the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of the Grand Lodge herein mentioned at -----, Nebraska.

Witness: -----
Party of the first part. Party of the first part.

Witness: -----
Party of the second part. Party of the second part.

B. SPECIAL GIFT AGREEMENT APPLICATION.
SINGLE LIFE—GRADUATED ANNUITY.

Date -----

To ----- Secretary of the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, -----, Nebraska.

I, -----, desiring of my own free will and accord, to make a donation in the sum of ----- Dollars, this sum to be paid in cash or in the following named securities:

----- valued at -----
----- valued at -----
----- valued at -----

hereby make application for a special gift agreement.

I was born on the ----- day of -----, in the year ----- I understand that under this Special Gift Agreement as a condition subsequent which I may make in this application to my offer of this absolute gift is, that I may ask an annual reservation of return payable in semi-annual payments on this gift during my life, the return to cease with the last semi-annual payment thereof preceding my death, or until I may revoke such reservation in writing, the amounts and dates of payment being ----- Dollars on the last day of -----, -----, and thereafter an annual sum of ----- Dollars payable in semi-annual payments as follows:

----- Dollars on the first day of -----, and ----- Dollars on the first day of -----, and each year the same until and including -----, -----, and no longer, and thereafter an annual sum of ----- Dollars payable in semi-annual payments as follows:

----- Dollars on the first day of -----, and ----- Dollars on the first day of -----, and each year the same until and including -----, -----, and no longer, and thereafter an annual sum of ----- Dollars payable in semi-annual payments as follows:

----- Dollars on the first day of -----, -----,
 and ----- Dollars on the first day of -----, -----,
 and each year the same until and including -----, -----,
 and no longer, and thereafter an annual sum of ----- Dollars
 payable in semi-annual payments as follows:

----- Dollars on the first day of -----, -----,
 and ----- Dollars on the first day of -----, -----,
 and each year the same until and including -----, -----,
 and no longer, and thereafter an annual sum of ----- Dollars
 payable in semi-annual payments as follows:

----- Dollars on the first day of -----, -----,
 and ----- Dollars on the first day of -----, -----,
 and each year the same until and including -----, -----,
 and no longer, and thereafter an annual sum of ----- Dollars
 payable in semi-annual payments as follows:

----- Dollars on the first day of -----, -----,
 and ----- Dollars on the first day of -----, -----,
 and each year the same until and including -----, -----,
 and no longer, and thereafter an annual sum of ----- Dollars
 payable in semi-annual payments as follows:

----- Dollars on the first day of -----, -----,
 and ----- Dollars on the first day of -----, -----,
 and each year the same, this and all reservation of return herein specified, under
 the above terms unless the same may be revoked in writing as above provided in this
 application.

Yours truly,
 Full name -----
 (Donor).

Mail Address -----

The above gift accepted this ----- day of -----, 19-----

Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts.

By -----

 (Position).

 The condition subsequent on the above absolute gift is revoked and annulled
 by the above donor this ----- day of -----, 19-----

Witness -----
 (Donor).

**B. SPECIAL GIFT AGREEMENT CONTRACT.
 SINGLE LIFE—GRADUATED ANNUITY.**

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this ----- day of -----
 in the year ----- between ----- of -----
 in the County of -----, and State of -----,
 of the first part, and the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of the
 Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, of the second part.

WITNESSETH: The said _____, desiring to make a donation of _____ dollars to the said Grand Lodge hereby pays this sum to it in cash or in the following named securities:

_____ valued at _____
_____ valued at _____
_____ valued at _____

and the Board of Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts of said Grand Lodge receives this sum as an absolute gift (subject only to the agreement on the part of the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of said Grand Lodge, hereinafter expressed).

AND, in consideration thereof, the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of said Grand Lodge hereby agrees that, as long as the said _____, shall live, and no longer, or unless the donor _____ may revoke this reservation to said gift in writing before that time, it will pay to

_____ the sum of _____ Dollars on the last day of _____, and thereafter an annual sum of _____ Dollars payable in semi-annual payments as follows:

_____ Dollars on the first day of _____, and _____ Dollars on the first day of _____, and each year the same until and including _____, and no longer, and thereafter an annual sum of _____ Dollars payable in semi-annual payments as follows:

_____ Dollars on the first day of _____, and _____ Dollars on the first day of _____, and each year the same until and including _____, and no longer, and thereafter an annual sum of _____ Dollars payable in semi-annual payments as follows:

_____ Dollars on the first day of _____, and _____ Dollars on the first day of _____, and each year the same until and including _____, and no longer, and thereafter an annual sum of _____ Dollars payable in semi-annual payments as follows:

_____ Dollars on the first day of _____, and _____ Dollars on the first day of _____, and each year the same until and including _____, and no longer, and thereafter an annual sum of _____ Dollars payable in semi-annual payments as follows:

_____ Dollars on the first day of _____, and _____ Dollars on the first day of _____, and each year the same until and including _____, and no longer, and thereafter an annual sum of _____ Dollars payable in semi-annual payments as follows:

_____ Dollars on the first day of _____, and _____ Dollars on the first day of _____, and each year the same until and including _____, and no longer, and thereafter an annual sum of _____ Dollars payable in semi-annual payments as follows:

----- Dollars on the first day of -----,
 and ----- Dollars on the first day of -----,
 and each year the same thereafter, but said payments to said donor, -----
 as above provided do not give said donor ----- any
 interest whatsoever in the principal sum, but is merely a condition subsequent to
 said gift, which is otherwise absolute and completed in every way.

Such payments shall be made at the office of the Board of Masonic Service
 Annuities and Gifts of said Grand Lodge in the city of -----,
 Nebraska, upon reasonable demand, or at the option of the said -----
 they shall be remitted to h----- by the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and
 Gifts of said Grand Lodge, in any ordinary way as instructed, and within -----
 days after instructions received from -----.

THE CONTRACT. This contract is issued upon the application of said
 ----- party of the first part, a copy of
 which application is made a part hereof, and is accepted by the said Board of
 Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of the Grand Lodge, party of the second part,
 upon the express conditions:

1. That said Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of said Grand
 Lodge, party of the second part, shall be furnished at every reservation payment
 with satisfactory evidence that said -----
 party of the first part, is living.

2. That said -----, party of the first part,
 agrees that after reservation payments have ceased, the income from said gift of
 ----- Dollars shall be used to reimburse the said Grand Lodge for
 whatever it has paid the donor above what the gift has earned from -----
 until the decease of said donor, and thereafter the income shall be used for the
 purpose specified in this contract, and as follows:

 This agreement and the application therefor, a copy of which is endorsed here-
 on or attached hereto, constitute the entire contract between the parties. All state-
 ments made by the applicant shall in the absence of fraud, be deemed representations
 and not warranties and no such statement shall avoid this contract or be used in
 defense of a claim thereunder, unless contained in the written application therefore,
 and a copy of such application is endorsed hereon, or attached hereto, when issued.

Executed this ----- day of -----, 19-----,
 at the office of the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of the Grand
 Lodge herein mentioned at -----.

Witness -----
 Signature party of first part. Party of the first part.

Witness -----
 Signature party of second part. Party of the second part.

C. SPECIAL GIFT AGREEMENT APPLICATION.
 SURVIVORSHIP—FIXED ANNUITY.

Date -----

To -----, Secretary of the Board of
 Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of
 Nebraska, -----, Nebraska.

I, _____, desiring of my own free will and accord, to make a donation in the sum of _____ Dollars, this sum to be paid in cash or in the following named securities:

_____ valued at _____
_____ valued at _____
_____ valued at _____

hereby make application for a Special Gift Agreement covering my life, (name number 1 below) and the life of my designated survivor (name number 2, below).

Name No. 1 _____ Date of birth _____
(Full name)

Address _____
Name No. 2 _____ Date of birth _____
(Full Name)

Address _____
Relationship _____
Name of Father of Name No. 2 _____
(Full name)

Name of Mother of Name No. 2 _____
(Full name)

I understand that under this Special Gift Agreement as a condition subsequent which I may make in this application to my offer of this absolute gift is, that I may ask an annual reservation of return payable in semi-annual payments on this gift during my life and the life of the above designated survivor (Name No. 2) after my death, the return to cease with the last semi-annual payment thereof preceding my death should I be the survivor, otherwise preceding the death of my above designated survivor (Name No. 2), or until I may revoke such reservation in writing, the amounts and dates of payment being:

_____ Dollars on the last day of _____,
and thereafter an annual sum of _____ Dollars payable in semi-annual payments as follows:

_____ Dollars on the first day of _____,
and _____ Dollars on the first day of _____,
and each year the same under the above terms unless the same may be revoked in writing as above provided for in this application.

Yours truly,

Witness _____ Full name: _____
(Donor).

Mail Address: _____

The above gift accepted this _____ day of _____, 19____

Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts.

By: _____
(Position).

_____ The condition subsequent on the above absolute gift is revoked and annulled by

the above donor this _____ day of _____, 19____

Witness: _____

(Donor).

SPECIAL GIFT AGREEMENT CONTRACT.

SURVIVORSHIP—FIXED ANNUITY.

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this _____ day of _____

in the year _____ BETWEEN _____

of _____ in the County of _____

and State of _____ of the first part, and the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, of the second part,

WITNESSETH: The said _____, desiring to make a donation of _____ Dollars to the said Grand Lodge hereby pays this sum to it, in cash or in the following named securities:

_____ valued at _____

_____ valued at _____

_____ valued at _____

and the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of said Grand Lodge receives this sum as an absolute gift (subject only to the agreement on the part of the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of said Grand Lodge, hereinafter expressed).

AND, in consideration thereof, The Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of the Grand Lodge hereby agrees that, as long as the said _____ shall live, and after his death as long as _____ his designated survivor, shall live, and no longer, or unless the donor, _____, may revoke this reservation to said gift in writing before that time, it will pay to said _____ and after his death to the above mentioned _____ if _____ is still living, the sum of _____

Dollars on the last day of _____, _____, and thereafter an annual sum of _____ Dollars payable in semi-annual payments as follows:

_____ Dollars on the first day of _____,

and _____ Dollars at the expiration of each six months thereafter, but said payment to said donor, _____ as above provided,

does not give said donor _____ any interest whatsoever in the principal sum, but is merely a condition subsequent to said gift, which is otherwise absolute and completed in every way.

Such payments shall be made at the office of the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of said Grand Lodge in the city of _____, Nebraska, upon reasonable demand, or at the option of the said _____ they shall be remitted to h____ by the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of said Grand Lodge, in any ordinary way as instructed, and within _____ days after instructions received from _____.

THE CONTRACT. This contract is issued upon the application of said _____, party of the first part, a copy of which application is made a part hereof, and is accepted by the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of the said Grand Lodge, party of the second part upon the express conditions:

1. That said Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of said Grand Lodge, party of the second part, shall be furnished at every reservation payment with satisfactory evidence that said....., party of the first part is living.

2. That said....., party of the first part, agrees that after reservation payments have ceased, the income from said gift of.....Dollars, shall be used to reimburse the said Grand Lodge for what it has paid above what the gift has earned from.....until the cessation of reservation payments, and thereafter the income shall be used for the purpose specified in this contract, and as follows:

This agreement, and the application therefor, a copy of which is endorsed hereon or attached hereto constitute the entire contract between the parties. All statements made by the applicant shall in the absence of fraud be deemed representations and not warranties, and no such statement shall avoid this contract or be used in defense of a claim thereunder, unless contained in the written application therefor, and a copy of such application is endorsed hereon, or attached hereto, when issued.

Executed this.....day of....., 19... at the office of the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of the Grand Lodge herein mentioned at.....

Witness:.....
Party of the first part. Party of the first part.
Witness:.....
Party of the second part. Party of the second part.

D. SPECIAL GIFT AGREEMENT APPLICATION.
SURVIVORSHIP—GRADUATED ANNUITY.

Date.....

To....., Secretary of the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska,, Nebraska.

I,....., desiring of my own free will and accord, to make a donation in the sum of.....Dollars, this sum to be paid in cash or in the following named securities:

.....valued at.....
.....valued at.....
.....valued at.....

hereby make application for a Special Gift Agreement, covering my life (Name No. 1, below), and the life of my designated survivor (Name No. 2, below).

Name No. 1.....Date of birth.....
(Full name)

Address.....

Name No. 2.....Date of birth.....
(Full name)

Address.....

Relationship.....

Name of Father of Name No. 2.....
(Full name)

Name of Mother of Name No. 2.....
(Full name)

I understand that under this Special Gift Agreement as a condition subsequent which I may make in this application to my offer of this absolute gift is, that I may ask an annual reservation of return payable in semi-annual payments on this gift during my life, and the life of the above designated survivor (Name No. 2) after my death, the return to cease with the last semi-annual payment thereof preceding my death should I be the survivor, otherwise preceding the death of my above designated survivor (Name No. 2), or until I may revoke such reservation in writing, the amounts and dates of payment being:

..... Dollars on the last day of.....,
and thereafter an annual sum of..... Dollars payable in semi-annual payments as follows:

..... Dollars on the first day of.....,
and..... Dollars on the first day of.....,
and each year the same until and including.....,
and no longer, and thereafter an annual sum of..... Dollars payable in semi-annual payments as follows:

..... Dollars on the first day of.....,
and..... Dollars on the first day of.....,
and each year the same until and including.....,
and no longer, and thereafter an annual sum of..... Dollars payable in semi-annual payments as follows:

..... Dollars on the first day of.....,
and..... Dollars on the first day of.....,
and each year the same until and including.....,
and no longer, and thereafter an annual sum of..... Dollars payable in semi-annual payments as follows:

..... Dollars on the first day of.....,
and..... Dollars on the first day of.....,
and each year the same until and including.....,
and no longer, and thereafter an annual sum of..... Dollars payable in semi-annual payments as follows:

..... Dollars on the first day of.....,
and..... Dollars on the first day of.....,
and each year the same until and including.....,
and no longer, and thereafter an annual sum of..... Dollars payable in semi-annual payments as follows:

..... Dollars on the first day of.....,
and..... Dollars on the first day of.....,
and each year the same until and including.....,
and no longer, and thereafter an annual sum of..... Dollars payable in semi-annual payments as follows:

..... Dollars on the first day of.....,

and _____ Dollars on the first day of _____, _____,
and each year the same, this and all reservation of return herein specified under
the above terms unless the same may be revoked in writing as above provided for
in this application.

Yours truly,
Full name _____
(Donor).

Mail Address _____
The above gift accepted this _____ day of _____, 19____
Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts.
By: _____
(Position).

The condition subsequent on the above absolute gift is revoked and annulled by
the above donor this _____ day of _____, 19____.
Witness: _____
(Donor).

SPECIAL GIFT AGREEMENT CONTRACT.
SURVIVORSHIP—GRADUATED ANNUITY.

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this _____ day of _____
in the year _____ between _____ of _____
in the County of _____, and State of _____,
of the first part, and the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of the Grand
Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, of the second part,

WITNESSETH: The said _____, desiring to
make a donation of _____ Dollars to the said Grand Lodge hereby
pays this sum to it in cash or in the following named securities:
_____ valued at _____
_____ valued at _____
_____ valued at _____

and the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of said Grand Lodge
receives this sum as an absolute gift (subject only to the agreement on the part of the
Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of said Grand Lodge, hereinafter
expressed).

AND, in consideration thereof, the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and
Gifts of the Grand Lodge hereby agrees, that as long as the said _____
shall live, and after his death as long as _____
his designated survivor, shall live, and no longer, or unless the donor _____
may revoke this reservation to said gift in writing before that time, it will pay to
_____ and after his death to the above mentioned
_____, if _____ is still
living, the sum of _____ Dollars on the last day of _____,
and thereafter an annual sum of _____ Dollars payable in semi-annual
payments as follows:

_____ Dollars on the first day of _____,
and _____ Dollars on the first day of _____,

and each year the same until and including _____,
and no longer, and thereafter an annual sum of _____ Dollars payable
in semi-annual payments as follows:

_____ Dollars on the first day of _____,
and _____ Dollars on the first day of _____,
and each year the same until and including _____,
and no longer, and thereafter an annual sum of _____ Dollars payable
in semi-annual payments as follows:

_____ Dollars on the first day of _____,
and _____ Dollars on the first day of _____,
and each year the same until and including _____,
and no longer, and thereafter an annual sum of _____ Dollars payable
in semi-annual payments as follows:

_____ Dollars on the first day of _____,
and _____ Dollars on the first day of _____,
and each year the same until and including _____,
and no longer, and thereafter an annual sum of _____ Dollars payable
in semi-annual payments as follows:

_____ Dollars on the first day of _____,
and _____ Dollars on the first day of _____,
and each year the same until and including _____,
and no longer, and thereafter an annual sum of _____ Dollars payable
in semi-annual payments as follows:

_____ Dollars on the first day of _____,
and _____ Dollars on the first day of _____,
and each year the same until and including _____,
and no longer, and thereafter an annual sum of _____ Dollars payable
in semi-annual payments as follows:

_____ Dollars on the first day of _____,
and _____ Dollars on the first day of _____,
and each year the same thereafter, but said payments to said donor,
as above provided do not give said donor _____ any
interest whatsoever in the principal sum, but is merely a condition subsequent to
said gift, which is otherwise absolute and completed in every way.

Such payments shall be made at the office of the Board of Masonic Service
Annuities and Gifts of said Grand Lodge in the city of _____,
Nebraska, upon reasonable demand, or at the option of the said _____
they shall be remitted to _____ by the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and
Gifts of said Grand Lodge, in any ordinary way as instructed, and within _____
days after instructions received from _____.

THE CONTRACT. This contract is issued upon the application of said
_____ party of the first part, a copy of which applica-
tion is made a part hereof, and is accepted by the said Board of Masonic Service
Annuities and Gifts of the Grand Lodge, party of the second part, upon the express
conditions:

1. That said Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of said Grand
Lodge, party of the second part, shall be furnished at every reservation payment

with satisfactory evidence that said....., party of the first part, is living.

2. That said....., party of the first part, agrees that after reservation payments have ceased, the income from said gift of.....Dollars shall be used to reimburse the said Grand Lodge for whatever it has paid the donor above what the gift has earned from..... until the decease of said donor, and thereafter the income shall be used for the purpose specified in this contract, and as follows:

This agreement and the application therefor, a copy of which is endorsed hereon or attached hereto, constitute the entire contract between the parties. All statements made by the applicant shall, in the absence of fraud, be deemed representations and not warranties, and no such statement shall avoid this contract or be used in defense of a claim thereunder, unless contained in the written application therefore, and a copy of such application is endorsed hereon, or attached hereto, when issued.

Executed this.....day of....., 19---, at the Office of the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts of the Grand Lodge herein mentioned at.....

Witness.....

Signature party of the first part.

Party of the first part.

Witness.....

Signature party of the second part.

Party of the second part.

BY-LAW 14: ANNUITY IN SURVIVORSHIP CONTRACTS.—The younger of the two annuitants mentioned in a Special Gift Agreement Application shall be the one on whose age the amount of annuity payments shall be based.

BY-LAW 15: A change in the amount of annuity payments in Graduated Annuities shall begin with the first annuity payment following the birthday of the annuitant in Single Life Contracts and of his designated survivor in Survivorship Contracts on which age is attained requiring a change in the amount of annuity payable according to contract.

Approved June 29th, 1925.

JOHN WRIGHT,
Grand Master

THIS PAGE IS INSCRIBED TO THE

Memory of

Alexander E. Porter

GRAND TYLER JUNE 10TH, A. L. : 5914

TO FEBRUARY 5TH, A. L. : 5925

Born July 12th, A. D. 1860, A. L. : 5860

Died February 5th, A. D. 1925, A. L. : 5925

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BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE

At Rest

NAME	LODGE	DATE OF DEATH
GEORGE A. WILCOX.....	Nebraska,	No. 1.. May 16, 1924
CHARLES L. MEYERS.....	Nebraska,	No. 1.. June 3, 1924
BEN. B. SPURRIER.....	Nebraska,	No. 1.. June 29, 1924
BERT V. HENSON.....	Nebraska,	No. 1.. July 3, 1924
GUSTAV C. KUENNE.....	Nebraska,	No. 1.. July 7, 1924
HENRY FALVEY.....	Nebraska,	No. 1.. Sept. 11, 1924
AUGUSTUS H. ROSE.....	Nebraska,	No. 1.. Sept. 11, 1924
CHARLES ALLEN.....	Nebraska,	No. 1.. Oct. 24, 1924
JOHN W. GRAHAM.....	Nebraska,	No. 1.. Oct. 31, 1924
CHARLES E. ROBERTS.....	Nebraska,	No. 1.. Jan. 4, 1925
GEORGE T. CATHRO.....	Nebraska,	No. 1.. Jan. 24, 1925
CHARLES S. HAYWARD.....	Nebraska,	No. 1.. Feb. 19, 1925
JOSIAH H. THOMAS.....	Nebraska,	No. 1.. Mar. 15, 1925
LAWRENCE C. HAMMACK.....	Nebraska,	No. 1.. Mar. 26, 1925
JACOB A. KOSER.....	Western Star,	No. 2.. July 6, 1924
FRANK L. HILLDEN.....	Western Star,	No. 2.. Oct. 1, 1924
EDWARD SHELDON.....	Western Star	No. 2.. Nov. 20, 1924
ERNEST A. HOPPS.....	Western Star,	No. 2.. Feb. 28, 1925
LORING E. GRIFFITH.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. April 19, 1924
ROY E. CARDWELL.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. April 21, 1924
HARLAN P. DEVALON.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. May 14, 1924
WENDLE P. COE.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. May 24, 1924
FRANK N. ANDERSON.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. June 15, 1924
ANDREW PETERSON.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. June 17, 1924
WILLIAM W. ROBERTS.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. June 29, 1924
WILLIAM J. CONNELL.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. Aug. 16, 1924
DORR D. HOXSIE.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. Aug. 21, 1924
OVAL P. SHRUM.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. Aug. 27, 1924
ARTHUR G. SCHREIBER.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. Sept. 6, 1924
EDWARD P. BERRYMAN.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. Dec. 10, 1924
FRANCIS M. POND.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. Dec. 31, 1924
ERVIE A. WESTRING.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. Jan. 15, 1925
THOMAS J. ANDERSON.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. Jan. 16, 1925
CLAYTON H. KNOUSE.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. Jan. 20, 1925
WILLIAM S. NORRIS.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. Feb. 11, 1925
ALEXANDER G. GIBSON.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. Feb. 16, 1925

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At Rest

NAME	LODGE	DATE OF DEATH
JAMES D. CREW.....	Capitol,	No. 3..Mar. 2, 1925
CHARLES A. COONS.....	Capitol,	No. 3..Mar. 31, 1925
WILLIAM H. CLAPP.....	Omadi,	No. 5..Dec. 10, 1924
WILLIAM TAYLOR.....	Omadi,	No. 5..Mar. 20, 1925
JAMES S. BURNS.....	Plattsmouth,	No. 6..May 10, 1910
RUSSELL HETHERINGTON.....	Plattsmouth,	No. 6..Jan. 28, 1922
ELI MANSPEAKER.....	Plattsmouth,	No. 6..May 14, 1923
ROBERT B. WINDHAM.....	Plattsmouth,	No. 6..Feb. 5, 1925
DAVID J. PITMAN.....	Plattsmouth,	No. 6..Feb. 13, 1925
CHARLES H. RICHARDS.....	Falls City,	No. 9..Mar. 2, 1925
ANTON MICHELSON.....	Solomon,	No. 10..June 8, 1924
BELLA G. FENNER.....	Solomon,	No. 10..June 28, 1924
WILHELM STEIN.....	Covert,	No. 11..April 29, 1924
IRVING ALLISON.....	Covert,	No. 11..May 11, 1924
JAMES T. NEELY.....	Covert,	No. 11..June 2, 1924
JOHN S. HORNE.....	Covert,	No. 11..Oct. 26, 1924
CARL L. F. SWANSON.....	Covert,	No. 11..Dec. 1, 1924
CYRIL E. FINLEY.....	Covert,	No. 11..Jan. 28, 1925
W. LINCOLN BYRNE.....	Covert,	No. 11..Mar. 10, 1925
JOHN G. WILLIS.....	Covert,	No. 11..Mar. 26, 1925
FRANK HANSON.....	Fremont,	No. 15..May 7, 1924
GEORGE J. CODDINGTON.....	Fremont,	No. 15..July 2, 1924
GLENN L. HENNINGSEN.....	Fremont,	No. 15..Sept. 10, 1924
LEWIS M. KEENE.....	Fremont,	No. 15..Feb. 23, 1925
PAUL E. NIX.....	Fremont,	No. 15..Mar. 12, 1925
EDWIN HOWARTH.....	Tecumseh,	No. 17..July 12, 1924
PIERCE S. JONES.....	Tecumseh,	No. 17..Sept. 16, 1924
ALBERT M. DAVIS.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Nov. 9, 1924
JESSE B. STRODE.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Nov. 10, 1924
JOHN H. MCCLAY.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Dec. 29, 1924
JOHN H. MAURITIUS.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Jan. 6, 1925
LOUIS STINE.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Jan. 11, 1925
JOHN B. WRIGHT.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Jan. 14, 1925
ALEXANDER E. PORTER.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Feb. 5, 1925
JESSE D. MOORE.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Feb. 11, 1925
EDGAR J. HEARN.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..

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CARY H. UTTERBACK.....	Washington,	No. 21..
WILLIAM R. CHEELEY.....	Washington,	No. 21..Nov. 3, 1924
WILLIAM M. MARTIN.....	Washington,	No. 21..Nov. 10, 1924
ALFRED HESTER.....	Washington,	No. 21..Mar. 12, 1925
JOSEPH B. BROOKS.....	Pawnee,	No. 23..June 4, 1924
JOSEPH H. PRESSON.....	Pawnee,	No. 23..June 11, 1924
GEORGE W. COLLINS.....	Pawnee,	No. 23..Mar. 9, 1925
FRANK SASSTROM.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..April 7, 1924
ROBLEY D. HARRIS.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..May 26, 1924
THOMAS C. BRUNNER.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..May 28, 1924
JOHN G. DENNIS.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..June 3, 1924
PAUL V. SANDOVAL.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..June 23, 1924
THOMAS BATTERTON.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Jan. 23, 1925
CHARLES S. HUNTINGTON.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Feb. 20, 1925
EVERETT BUCKINGHAM.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Feb. 27, 1925
HENRY COPLEY.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Mar. 28, 1925
ROBERT M. ALLEN.....	Beatrice,	No. 26..Jan. 4, 1914
CHARLES E. BAKER.....	Beatrice,	No. 26..Mar. 15, 1914
CHARLES G. EAKIN.....	Beatrice,	No. 26..May 9, 1914
DELINZO A. WALDEN.....	Beatrice,	No. 26..July 22, 1914
SAMUEL ECCLES.....	Beatrice,	No. 26..Mar. 13, 1915
WILLIAM C. MOORE.....	Beatrice,	No. 26.. 1915
WILLIAM W. MORRISON.....	Beatrice,	No. 26..
ANDREW S. PARRISH.....	Beatrice,	No. 26.. 1920
JOHN A. FORBES.....	Beatrice,	No. 26..Dec. 8, 1920
WILLIAM A. WOLFE.....	Beatrice,	No. 26..May 18, 1921
WILLIAM L. OZMAN.....	Beatrice,	No. 26..Jan. 13, 1924
GEORGE E. GRAY.....	Beatrice,	No. 26..May 12, 1924
JOHN B. FULTON.....	Beatrice,	No. 26..July 11, 1924
LEONARD W. COLBY.....	Beatrice,	No. 26..Nov. 15, 1924
OLIVER P. FULTON.....	Beatrice,	No. 26..Mar. 22, 1925
JULIUS WALLACE.....	Beatrice,	No. 26..Mar. 29, 1925
JAMES C. ELLIOTT.....	Jordan,	No. 27..May 6, 1924
AMANDUS KROUSE.....	Jordan,	No. 27..Sept. 18, 1924
CHRISTIAN W. ACKERMAN.....	Jordan,	No. 27..Oct. 16, 1924
LAURENCE F. PATHE.....	Blue River,	No. 30..April 4, 1924

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CHARLES MANGAN.....	Blue River,	No. 30..April 16, 1924
JOHN W. BLACKER.....	Blue River,	No. 30..Sept. 24, 1924
EDWIN R. BROWN.....	Blue River,	No. 30..Feb. 2, 1925
HIRAM V. B. GIBSON.....	Tekamah,	No. 31..
AUSTIN M. HOPEWELL.....	Tekamah,	No. 31..May 13, 1914
WILLIAM N. NESBIT.....	Tekamah,	No. 31..June 11, 1916
WILBUR M. WALLACE.....	Tekamah,	No. 31.. 1916
WALTER B. NEWTON.....	Tekamah,	No. 31..Jan. 26, 1920
ENOS B. ATKINSON.....	Tekamah,	No. 31..June 23, 1921
GILMAN P. BROOKINGS.....	Tekamah,	No. 31..Aug. 27, 1922
JESSE B. EDWARDS.....	Platte Valley,	No. 32..Oct. 5, 1924
FREDERICK PERRETT.....	Platte Valley,	No. 32..Dec. 31, 1924
GEORGE H. WELLS.....	Acacia,	No. 34..April 4, 1924
SYLVANUS C. WEBBER.....	Acacia,	No. 34..July 6, 1924
JAMES C. MCKENZIE.....	Acacia,	No. 34..Mar. 19, 1925
LESTER W. DICKENSON.....	Acacia,	No. 34..Mar. 23, 1925
JOHN E. RIDER.....	Fairbury,	No. 35..June 25, 1924
JAMES C. McCLAY.....	Fairbury,	No. 35..Oct. 1, 1924
HENRY T. BOWER.....	Fairbury,	No. 35..Jan. 2, 1925
FREDERICK G. WILSON.....	Lone Tree,	No. 36..July 22, 1924
JAMES VIEREGER.....	Lone Tree,	No. 36..Sept. 10, 1924
WILLIAM H. C. RICE.....	Lone Tree,	No. 36..Oct. 29, 1924
CHARLES A. STITZER.....	Lone Tree,	No. 36..Dec. 3, 1924
THEODORE HADEN.....	Crete,	No. 37..June 15, 1924
JESSE O. GOODWIN, SR.....	Crete,	No. 37..Nov. 12, 1924
LUCIUS H. DENISON.....	Crete,	No. 37..Dec. 29, 1924
JAMES M. DICKINSON.....	Oliver,	No. 38..Oct. 27, 1924
JOHN H. SMITH.....	Humboldt,	No. 40..Sept. 21, 1924
ALEXANDER J. KEARNEY.....	Northern Light,	No. 41..May 14, 1924
BEVERLY A. DEAN.....	Juniata,	No. 42..April 30, 1924
LINUS A. HIGGINS.....	Harvard,	No. 44..Sept. 11, 1924
FREDERICK U. SPINK.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..Mar. 30, 1917
MILTON R. SNODGRASS.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..July 13, 1919
WESTON H. HILL.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..Aug. 1921
JOHN W. HARSE.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..Oct. 4, 1923
RICHARD W. DONAVAN.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..May 1, 1924

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FRANK L. GRAMMER.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..May 12, 1924
WILLIAM H. BETTINGER.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..July 3, 1924
RUSSELL H. LINK.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..Sept. 8, 1924
GEORGE W. WHITEAKER.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..Oct. 5, 1924
SAMUEL J. FAIR.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..Oct. 24, 1924
THOMAS INKS.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..Dec. 8, 1924
SHERMAN F. ASHBY.....	Fairmont,	No. 48..Sept. 2, 1924
CHARLES H. DEITRICH.....	Hastings,	No. 50..April 10, 1924
FREDERICK A. KEUNNETH.....	Hastings,	No. 50..April 12, 1924
MARION TOWER.....	Hastings,	No. 50..April 17, 1924
DANIEL H. KLINE.....	Hastings,	No. 50..April 23, 1924
JOHN CAMPBELL.....	Hastings,	No. 50..May 2, 1924
JAMES FAWTHROP.....	Hastings,	No. 50..June 12, 1924
IRA J. BELNAP.....	Hastings,	No. 50..July 22, 1924
BURGESS CREETH.....	Hastings,	No. 50..July 28, 1924
JOHN C. HEDGE.....	Hastings,	No. 50..Jan. 16, 1925
WILLIAM H. MARSHALL.....	Hastings,	No. 50..Jan. 25, 1925
FRED J. BENEDICT.....	Hastings,	No. 50..Mar. 18, 1925
JASON J. DUMAS.....	Hastings,	No. 50..Mar. 24, 1925
WILLIAM DUNCAN.....	Fidelity,	No. 51..Dec. 2, 1914
ROY D. GRIFFIN.....	Fidelity,	No. 51..Dec. 9, 1918
SUMNER DARNELL.....	Fidelity,	No. 51..Feb. 1921
MATT MILLER.....	Fidelity,	No. 51..Aug. 28, 1923
THOMAS J. HINDS.....	Fidelity,	No. 51..May 26, 1924
FLOYD L. NEWCOM.....	Hiram,	No. 52..Dec. 31, 1924
GEORGE W. CLAUSON.....	Charity,	No. 53..Aug. 19, 1924
ANZIE M. STEEL.....	Charity,	No. 53..Nov. 22, 1924
ANDREW J. SAWYER.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Mar. 5, 1924
CHARLES SWARTZ.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Sept. 27, 1924
FRANK L. KNOTT.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Oct. 26, 1924
ALMER W. HOIG.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Feb. 19, 1925
FRED EMIL VOELKER.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Feb. 25, 1925
JASPER FARMER.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Mar. 20, 1925
ALEXANDER BEAR.....	Mosaic,	No. 55..April 2, 1924
WALTER J. EMAND.....	Mosaic,	No. 55..Oct. 29, 1924
JOHN C. SPELLMAN.....	Mosaic,	No. 55..Nov. 10, 1924

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ROSCO P. JONES.....	York,	No. 56..Oct. 12, 1922
JOHN W. PURINTON.....	York,	No. 56..Mar. 17, 1923
GEORGE W. POST.....	York,	No. 56..June 30, 1923
GEORGE S. COOK.....	York,	No. 56..Aug. 25, 1923
ADOLPH O. SMAHA.....	York,	No. 56..April 1924
JOHN BICKLEY.....	York,	No. 56..Aug. 14, 1924
LOTAN R. DEWOLF.....	York,	No. 56..Oct. 20, 1924
WILLIAM M. TAYLOR.....	York,	No. 56..Oct. 25, 1924
JAMES M. TUCKER.....	York,	No. 56..Dec. 31, 1924
WILLIAM H. DAVIS.....	York,	No. 56..Mar. 9, 1925
GUSTAVUS A. SCHROEDER.....	Lebanon,	No. 58..May 10, 1924
F. HOWARD WHALEY.....	Lebanon,	No. 58..Dec. 20, 1924
JOEL D. COOK.....	Wahoo,	No. 59..Mar. 1, 1925
JOHN N. PETERS.....	Wahoo,	No. 59..Mar. 3, 1925
GEORGE W. ZULAUF.....	Melrose,	No. 60..Sept. 6, 1924
FERDINAND ZIMMERER.....	Thistle,	No. 61..April 7, 1924
WILLIAM J. BALL.....	Keystone,	No. 62..April 8, 1914
GEORGE L. LEEVE.....	Keystone,	No. 62..Jan. 2, 1925
LEON J. BAKER.....	Keystone,	No. 62..Mar. 2, 1925
JOSEPH SHIMONEK.....	Blue Valley,	No. 64..Mar. 26, 1925
JOHN ROY GRIMES.....	Osceola,	No. 65..Nov. 11, 1918
JOSEPH K. WILLIAMS.....	Osceola,	No. 65..Oct. 7, 1924
MILTON A. MILLS, SR.....	Osceola,	No. 65..Jan. 20, 1925
JOEL BOWSER.....	Osceola,	No. 65..Mar. 16, 1925
HERBERT S. CRONKITE.....	Edgar,	No. 67..Aug. 29, 1924
BUTLER HART.....	Edgar,	No. 67..Nov. 1, 1924
WILLIAM L. WEEKLEY.....	Aurora,	No. 68..June 13, 1924
JOHN J. REINHART.....	Aurora,	No. 68..June 15, 1924
GEORGE STENSON.....	Aurora,	No. 68..Oct. 23, 1924
MARTIN W. GARBER.....	Alexandria,	No. 74..Jan. 13, 1925
CHARLES L. BAKER.....	Alexandria,	No. 74..Jan. 21, 1925
JAMES J. ROUSH.....	Alexandria,	No. 74..Mar. 30, 1925
WILLIAM F. BASSETT.....	Frank Welch,	No. 75..May 21, 1924
JACOB A. HARTMAN.....	Frank Welch,	No. 75..Sept. 9, 1924
LEWIS F. CLOSMAN.....	Frank Welch,	No. 75..Sept. 15, 1924
NELS J. ANDERSON.....	Frank Welch,	No. 75..Oct. 29, 1924

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JACOB H. MAHR.....	Frank Welch,	No. 75..Nov. 15, 1924
CHARLES A. HILL.....	Frank Welch,	No. 75..Mar. 18, 1925
HENRY S. CRANDELL.....	Nelson,	No. 77..June 1, 1924
JOSEPH H. SMITH.....	Albion,	No. 78..Feb. 7, 1925
J. LEWIS DAVIS.....	Geneva,	No. 79..Oct. 13, 1924
WILLIAM B. OCKERMAN.....	Geneva,	No. 79..Feb. 11, 1925
WASHINGTON I. CARSON.....	Geneva,	No. 79..Feb. 13, 1925
BENJAMIN F. BENEDICT.....	Geneva,	No. 79..Feb. 28, 1925
JAMES R. MCPHERREN.....	Geneva,	No. 79..Mar. 18, 1925
SOREN P. JENSEN.....	St. Paul,	No. 82..Jan. 20, 1925
JAMES E. BRODRICK.....	Fairfield,	No. 84..Oct. 7, 1924
DeWAYNE K. CALKINS.....	Tyre,	No. 85..July 18, 1924
JOHN GALLAGHER, SR.....	Doniphan,	No. 86..Aug. 3, 1924
CHARLES W. BROWN.....	Cedar River,	No. 89..June 13, 1916
GEORGE W. EDWARDS.....	Cedar River,	No. 89..April 5, 1917
MARTIN I. BROWER.....	Cedar River,	No. 89..June 1920
ARCHIBALD S. CAMPBELL.....	Cedar River,	No. 89..
SIMEON E. HUSE.....	Cedar River,	No. 89..
THOMAS H. PERRY.....	Elk Creek,	No. 90..Dec. 8, 1924
HERMAN BRAUER.....	Elk Creek,	No. 90..Mar. 21, 1925
OSCAR E. SWANSON.....	Oakland,	No. 91..June 18, 1924
ARTHUR B. PEDEN.....	Oakland,	No. 91..Feb. 16, 1925
WILLIAM H. CONKLIN.....	Hubbell,	No. 92..Dec. 3, 1924
WILLIAM H. STURTEVANT.....	Beaver City,	No. 93..June 3, 1917
LEWIS COALE.....	Bennett,	No. 94..Aug. 13, 1924
WILLIAM J. GRAY.....	Garfield,	No. 95..Mar. 25, 1925
HYMENUS ADAMS.....	Euclid,	No. 97..Mar. 1919
GEORGE W. BARTLE.....	Euclid,	No. 97..June 21, 1924
WILLIAM McFARLANE.....	Republican,	No. 98..Oct. 2, 1924
HENRY CLAY MORAN.....	Creighton,	No. 100..Mar. 7, 1925
LOUIS S. GOULD.....	Waterloo,	No. 102..Dec. 10, 1924
SIDNEY C. WHEELER.....	Wymore,	No. 104..April 23, 1919
JAMES C. METZLER.....	Wymore,	No. 104..Oct. 15, 1921
WILLIAM T. CROWDER.....	Wymore,	No. 104..Aug. 1923
JOHN H. REYNOLDS.....	Wymore,	No. 104..April 1, 1924
JOHN W. BROWN.....	Wymore,	No. 104..Sept. 18, 1924

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GEORGE WATKINS.....	Stella,	No. 105..Aug. 25, 1924
ALEXANDER L. BAILLIE.....	Porter,	No. 106..Nov. 14, 1924
WILLIAM B. BECK.....	Table Rock,	No. 108..Jan. 27, 1925
OSCAR W. LAUGHLIN.....	Pomegranate,	No. 110..April 20, 1924
JOHN N. MILLER.....	Pomegranate,	No. 110..May 6, 1924
JOSEPH C. BOWERS.....	Pomegranate,	No. 110..May 23, 1924
J. WILLARD WILSON.....	Pomegranate,	No. 110..Aug. 9, 1924
BYRON F. WHITNEY.....	Pomegranate,	No. 110..Dec. 21, 1924
HEZEKIAH BEDFORD.....	Pomegranate,	No. 110..Feb. 9, 1925
WILLIAM H. COBEL.....	DeWitt,	No. 111..Jan. 6, 1925
GEORGE W. MOONEY.....	Wisner,	No. 114..May 19, 1924
ELMER M. SNYDER.....	Wisner,	No. 114..July 20, 1924
RUSSELL H. MORSE.....	Wisner,	No. 114..Oct. 25, 1924
FRED MEAD.....	Harlan,	No. 116..Aug. 6, 1924
SAMUEL M. BAKER.....	Harlan,	No. 116..Sept. 15, 1924
FRED R. ACORN.....	North Bend,	No. 119..Nov. 6, 1924
JOSEPH E. NEWSOM.....	North Bend,	No. 119..Nov. 9, 1924
HOMER T. WILSON.....	Wayne,	No. 120..June 8, 1924
ALVIN T. WITTER.....	Wayne,	No. 120..Oct. 30, 1924
CHARLES A. BAGERT.....	Wayne,	No. 120..Dec. 9, 1924
HENRY LEY.....	Wayne,	No. 120..Dec. 13, 1924
WILLIAM B. HUGHES.....	Wayne,	No. 120..Dec. 25, 1924
MARCELLUS L. PIERCE.....	Superior,	No. 121..Sept. 4, 1924
HOMER C. HELMS.....	Superior,	No. 121..Jan. 6, 1925
ROBERT SUTHERLAND.....	Superior,	No. 121..Jan. 22, 1925
WALLACE W. KENDALL.....	Superior,	No. 121..Mar. 17, 1925
BENJAMIN F. REED.....	Auburn,	No. 124..Nov. 15, 1924
EDWARD M. BOYD.....	Auburn,	No. 124..Nov. 24, 1924
JOHN BOSS.....	Mt. Nebo,	No. 125..Mar. 6, 1925
JOHN A. SLATER.....	Minden,	No. 127..Jan. 4, 1925
NELS C. JENSEN.....	Minden,	No. 127..Feb. 1, 1925
EDWIN E. BURR.....	Guide Rock,	No. 128..Feb. 26, 1925
JOHN FRAZIER.....	Blue Hill,	No. 129..Aug. 22, 1924
LOUIS E. LUDDEN.....	Tuscan,	No. 130..Oct. 9, 1924
JOHN A. STEELE.....	Tuscan,	No. 130..Dec. 1, 1924
THEODORE C. ANDERSON.....	Elm Creek,	No. 133..June 9, 1924

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NELS B. DOLSON.....	Solar,	No. 134.. May 9, 1924
ALBERT M. JOHNSON.....	Solar,	No. 134.. June 4, 1924
WILLIAM F. EVERIST.....	McCook,	No. 135.. April 7, 1924
CHARLES E. MAGNER.....	McCook,	No. 135.. Aug. 20, 1924
WILLIAM F. JONES.....	McCook,	No. 135.. Aug. 23, 1924
IRVING W. SPAULDING.....	McCook,	No. 135.. Oct. 2, 1924
HOMER C. SHRINER.....	McCook,	No. 135.. Mar. 11, 1925
GEORGE A. SMITH, SR.....	Long Pine,	No. 136.. May 10, 1924
FRANK R. WILLIAMS.....	Long Pine,	No. 136.. July 10, 1924
SAMUEL K. COX.....	Upright,	No. 137.. Mar. 6, 1925
SAMUEL S. ROGERS.....	Rawalt,	No. 138.. July 19, 1924
NEAL A. PETTYGROVE.....	Rawalt,	No. 138.. Sept. 14, 1924
RUSSELL S. MCINTIRE.....	Kenesaw,	No. 144.. Nov. 14, 1924
GEORGE L. FISHER.....	Kenesaw,	No. 144.. Mar. 21, 1925
NILS JOHNSON.....	Bancroft,	No. 145.. April 23, 1924
CLAUDE D. ODEN.....	Jachin,	No. 146.. May 28, 1924
OSCAR F. ROBERTS.....	Jachin,	No. 146.. Sept. 29, 1924
HIRAM C. BARTLETT.....	Jachin,	No. 146.. Jan. 1, 1925
WILLIAM E. GAMEL.....	Jachin,	No. 146.. Feb. 11, 1925
WILFRED L. LEDOUX.....	Jachin,	No. 146..
MADS JOHNSON.....	Siloam,	No. 147.. July 22, 1924
ALPHA MORGAN.....	Emmet Crawford,	No. 148.. April 17, 1924
GEORGE WILLING.....	Emmet Crawford,	No. 148.. Aug. 31, 1924
JOSEPH C. TRUITT.....	Emmet Crawford,	No. 148.. Mar. 1, 1925
EDWARD F. MCCLURE.....	Emmet Crawford,	No. 148.. Mar. 4, 1925
SAMUEL CAST.....	Cambridge,	No. 150.. May 23, 1924
LEWIS F. CASE.....	Cambridge,	No. 150.. Sept. 3, 1924
ROBERT C. WOOD.....	Cambridge,	No. 150.. Oct. 1, 1924
ARTHUR W. HYATT.....	Square,	No. 151.. Oct. 19, 1924
CHARLES H. HURLBURT.....	Square,	No. 151.. Dec. 11, 1924
WILLIAM L. HARMON.....	Parallel,	No. 152.. July 30, 1924
CHARLES C. WILSON.....	Evergreen,	No. 153.. April 21, 1924
WILLARD D. GOULD.....	Hartington,	No. 155.. May 23, 1924
FRANCIS W. KEEGAN.....	Hartington,	No. 155.. Dec. 20, 1924
THOMAS A. WILBURN.....	Valley,	No. 157.. Dec. 3, 1924
ELIJAH M. GIBSON.....	Samaritan,	No. 158.. Sept. 14, 1924

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MAX LOEWENTHAL.....	Samaritan,	No. 158.. Jan. 13, 1925
GEORGE L. HORNER.....	Samaritan,	No. 158.. Feb. 20, 1925
JOHN B. TANNER.....	Ogalalla,	No. 159.. April 25, 1924
DAVID STAFFORD.....	Ogalalla,	No. 159.. Feb. 26, 1925
CHARLES PETERSON.....	Ogalalla,	No. 159.. Mar. 6, 1925
JOHN W. HORN.....	Trestle Board,	No. 162.. July 19, 1924
WILLARD A. DOOLITTLE.....	Trestle Board,	No. 162.. Oct. 28, 1924
FRED A. HARTSOAK.....	Unity,	No. 163.. Jan. 27, 1925
ALEXANDER T. HART.....	Atkinson,	No. 164.. Sept. 2, 1924
CHARLES T. COATE.....	Elwood,	No. 167.. Aug. 23, 1924
JOHN M. TURNER.....	Curtis,	No. 168..
THOMAS M. DEMPSEY.....	Curtis,	No. 168.. Dec. 12, 1924
ABEL E. THORNE.....	Curtis,	No. 168.. Jan. 7, 1925
HARRY V. KULL.....	Curtis,	No. 168.. Mar. 30, 1925
GEORGE A. CLARK.....	Mason City,	No. 170..
WALKER TAYLOR.....	Merna,	No. 171.. July 24, 1924
WILFRED CONNER.....	Robert Burns,	No. 173.. May 18, 1924
JAMES FERRIER.....	Culbertson,	No. 174.. Mar. 29, 1925
CHARLES P. KOZAK.....	Temple,	No. 175.. Jan. 1925
NORMAN H. JACOBS.....	Hay Springs,	No. 177.. May 12, 1924
ALBERT D. NEW.....	Hay Springs,	No. 177.. May 28, 1924
ZACHARIAH T. SNODGRASS.....	Prudence,	No. 179.. June 21, 1917
IRA L. DERMOND.....	Prudence,	No. 179.. April 24, 1918
WILLIAM R. PETTY.....	Prudence,	No. 179.. May 4, 1922
FRANCIS RITCHIE.....	Prudence,	No. 179.. June 3, 1922
CHARLES B. SMITH.....	Faith,	No. 181.. Mar. 31, 1925
THOMAS L. BRIGGS.....	Alliance,	No. 183.. June 11, 1924
JOHN R. JOHNSON.....	Alliance,	No. 183.. July 28, 1924
WILLIAM K. MILLER.....	Alliance,	No. 183.. Dec. 27, 1924
HARRY L. ORMSBY.....	Alliance,	No. 183.. Jan. 10, 1925
WILLIAM A. MILLER.....	Alliance,	No. 183.. Mar. 12, 1925
CHARLES F. MAHL.....	Bee Hive,	No. 184.. April 1, 1924
VERNON H. MANN.....	Bee Hive,	No. 184.. April 3, 1924
JAMES A. HALL.....	Bee Hive,	No. 184.. July 22, 1924
CHARLES G. ROOT.....	Bee Hive,	No. 184.. Nov. 28, 1924
PETER M. CAMPBELL.....	Bee Hive,	No. 184.. Mar. 11, 1925

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JOHN D. CLANCY.....	Bee Hive,	No. 184.. Mar. 17, 1925
WILLIAM T. HENTON.....	Boaz,	No. 185.. May 27, 1923
LEROY W. BENEDICT.....	Meridian,	No. 188.. June 3, 1924
ORLANDO J. BLEEKMAN.....	Meridian,	No. 188.. Dec. 23, 1924
ALBERT WATENPAUGH.....	Granite,	No. 189.. Nov. 1923
WALTER L. FOX.....	Granite,	No. 189.. June 8, 1924
WESLEY F. CAMPBELL.....	Amethyst,	No. 190.. Dec. 25, 1924
GEORGE F. MEAD.....	Crystal,	No. 191.. May 6, 1924
LEWIS M. THAYER.....	Crystal,	No. 191.. July 13, 1924
JOSEPH HOBSON.....	Minnekadusa,	No. 192.. Jan. 11, 1925
JOHNSON W. BLISS.....	Level,	No. 196.. Sept. 5, 1924
DWIGHT M. WILEY.....	Purity,	No. 198.. Dec. 9, 1924
DANIEL M. SMITH.....	Gavel,	No. 199.. May 16, 1924
HARRY E. STILTS.....	Scotts Bluff,	No. 201.. Nov. 15, 1924
WILLIAM E. REESE.....	Golden Sheaf,	No. 202.. Dec. 30, 1924
RUFUS W. REYNOLDS.....	Roman Eagle,	No. 203.. July 24, 1906
ALBERT R. RASTEDE.....	Roman Eagle,	No. 203.. July 24, 1924
BURT GRIGGS.....	Roman Eagle,	No. 203.. Feb. 11, 1925
BENJAMIN F. HICKS.....	Plainview,	No. 204.. July 14, 1924
JAMES W. HARRIS.....	Golden Fleece,	No. 205.. July 29, 1924
EDWIN A. PHELPS, SR.....	Golden Fleece,	No. 205.. Aug. 14, 1924
RUSSELL B. WILLIAMS.....	Golden Fleece,	No. 205.. Sept. 25, 1924
GUY O. TAYLOR.....	Napthali,	No. 206.. Sept. 11, 1915
W. JOHN SUTTON.....	Napthali,	No. 206.. July 24, 1924
EBENEZER B. NEEDHAM.....	Parian,	No. 207.. May 19, 1924
JAMES B. AUSTIN.....	Gauge,	No. 208.. Mar. 8, 1925
JAMES W. GARDNER.....	Canopy,	No. 209..
ALBERT NEWHALL.....	Canopy,	No. 209.. Dec. 17, 1924
WILLIAM G. HARRIGER.....	East Lincoln,	No. 210.. May 22, 1924
JOSEPH A. ECKLES.....	East Lincoln,	No. 210.. July 5, 1924
D. EUGENE BUTCHER.....	East Lincoln,	No. 210.. Aug. 21, 1924
FRANK F. SPEIER.....	East Lincoln,	No. 210.. Aug. 26, 1924
DOUGLAS N. STEPHENS.....	East Lincoln,	No. 210.. Mar. 21, 1925
HENRY L. BARRICK.....	Cement,	No. 211.. June 7, 1924
FRANK D. BROWN.....	Compass & Square,	No. 212.. Aug. 15, 1924
JOHN H. MILLHOUSE.....	Compass & Square,	No. 212.. Oct. 26, 1924

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THOMAS MURPHY.....	Occidental,	No. 215.. May 10, 1924
THOMAS DENHAM.....	Occidental,	No. 215.. Dec. 2, 1924
JAMES W. MURPHY.....	Palisade,	No. 216.. Mar. 27, 1925
EDWARD S. BAGLEY.....	Bloomfield,	No. 218.. July 16, 1924
EVAN M. OWENS.....	Bloomfield,	No. 218.. Aug. 3, 1924
JOHN L. DAVIS.....	Magnolia,	No. 220.. Feb. 12, 1925
JURGURTHA S. WAINWRIGHT.....	Eminence,	No. 223.. Sept. 10, 1924
CHARLES H. MARSDEN.....	Silver Cord,	No. 224.. Aug. 17, 1924
JOHN A. CAMPBELL.....	Silver Cord,	No. 224.. Dec. 27, 1924
CHARLES F. HOWE.....	Silver Cord,	No. 224.. Mar. 29, 1925
ELMER W. REED.....	Cable,	No. 225.. Nov. 8, 1924
VIRGINIUS A. MARSTELLER.....	Grace,	No. 226.. Aug. 16, 1924
CHARLES M. WEED.....	John S. Bowen,	No. 232.. June 14, 1924
EDWARD F. CUSHMAN.....	John S. Bowen,	No. 232.. Nov. 5, 1924
ROBERT V. WILSON.....	Gilead,	No. 233.. Aug. 18, 1924
ALBERT E. SHELDON.....	Zion,	No. 234.. April 20, 1924
FRED E. BURGESS.....	Zion,	No. 234.. Sept. 10, 1924
GEORGE G. JOHNSON.....	Zion,	No. 234.. Nov. 23, 1924
KARL F. GROSS.....	Zion,	No. 234.. Jan. 16, 1925
FRANK B. RHODA.....	Pilot,	No. 240.. May 25, 1924
CHARLES W. ORR.....	Pilot,	No. 240.. Nov. 30, 1924
G. HIRAM CLARK.....	George Armstrong,	No. 241.. May 20, 1924
A. JAMES CLARK.....	George Armstrong,	No. 241.. May 27, 1924
JOHN Q. JOHNSTON.....	Tyrian,	No. 243.. April 19, 1924
FRED G. VOLK.....	Sincerity,	No. 244.. Jan. 28, 1925
GEORGE W. SHRADER.....	Nehawka,	No. 246.. Mar. 22, 1925
HENRY D. BRUEGMAN.....	Corner-stone,	No. 247.. Sept. 5, 1924
ARTHUR L. STRAHLE.....	Gothenburg,	No. 249.. Oct. 11, 1924
JOHN S. LEWIS.....	Gothenburg,	No. 249.. Feb. 13, 1925
EARL E. KNOPSNIDER.....	George Washington,	No. 250.. July 15, 1924
JOHN HAYNES.....	George Washington,	No. 250.. Nov. 13, 1924
DAVID FAWCETT.....	George Washington,	No. 250.. Dec. 2, 1924
VACKAF F. HOFMANN.....	George Washington,	No. 250.. Feb. 21, 1925
WILLIAM S. ISRAEL.....	George Washington,	No. 250.. Mar. 15, 1925
NELS JOHNSON.....	Wausa,	No. 251.. April 11, 1924
FRANK C. GENUNG.....	Wausa,	No. 251.. July 27, 1924

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JOHN BRUNK.....	Hildreth,	No. 252..
JOHN C. RUPERT.....	Bassett,	No. 254.. Feb. 21, 1925
JAMES M. HAMILTON.....	Bradshaw,	No. 255.. June 29, 1921
WILLIAM B. THORPE.....	Bee,	No. 259.. Dec. 30, 1924
GUY W. CHAPMAN.....	Ornan,	No. 261.. June 26, 1924
WILLIAM BARNES.....	Mitchell,	No. 263.. Jan. 14, 1925
JOHN W. BLY.....	Robert W. Furnas,	No. 265.. May 31, 1924
PAUL F. BRYAN.....	Robert W. Furnas,	No. 265.. Mar. 1, 1925
CHARLES WOOSTER, JR.....	Silver,	No. 266.. Feb. 20, 1925
GEORGE E. BACON.....	James A. Tulleys,	No. 267.. July 5, 1924
DUDLEY L. PEAKER.....	James A. Tulleys,	No. 267.. Feb. 3, 1925
CHARLES W. SEARS.....	George W. Lininger,	No. 268.. May 7, 1924
ANDREW KIEWIT.....	George W. Lininger,	No. 268.. May 15, 1924
WILLIAM D. GIFFEN.....	George W. Lininger,	No. 268.. Nov. 26, 1924
ORLANDO FITZSIMONS.....	Riverside,	No. 269.. Dec. 28, 1924
THOMAS E. MASSEY.....	Huntley,	No. 270.. Oct. 20, 1924
GEORGE K. BISHOP.....	Huntley,	No. 270.. Mar. 25, 1925
CARL D. STANNARD.....	Oasis,	No. 271.. May 31, 1924
WILLIAM G. MONEY.....	Lee P. Gillette,	No. 272.. Oct. 7, 1924
GEORGE M. BLY.....	Crofton,	No. 273.. Mar. 18, 1925
WILLIAM A. PETERSON.....	Antelope,	No. 276.. June 24, 1924
MADISON J. KNAPP.....	Litchfield,	No. 278.. Sept. 12, 1924
URIAH B. CRAVEN.....	Litchfield,	No. 278.. Oct. 26, 1924
PERRY TITTERTON.....	Wallace,	No. 279.. May 13, 1924
JAMES LIGHT.....	Wallace,	No. 279.. July 4, 1924
HARRY P. FRY.....	Florence,	No. 281.. Sept. 6, 1924
HARLEY G. COURSON.....	Florence,	No. 281.. Oct. 20, 1924
WILLIAM H. TAYLOR.....	Exeter,	No. 283.. Sept. 13, 1924
GEORGE W. EGGLESTON, JR.....	Union,	No. 287.. Mar. 26, 1925
GEORGE M. SOUTHMAYD.....	Omaha,	No. 288.. Aug. 4, 1924
CALVIN O. RIMMERMAN.....	Omaha,	No. 288.. Jan. 8, 1925
HENRY W. SMITH.....	Omaha,	No. 288.. Feb. 27, 1925
THOMAS E. GEARHART.....	Monument,	No. 293.. Mar. 14, 1925
HENRY G. SPEZE.....	Kimball,	No. 294.. Aug. 12, 1922
JERRY MANDRELL.....	Kimball,	No. 294.. Feb. 2, 1925
OTTO JURGENS, SR.....	Minatare,	No. 295.. Dec. 16, 1924

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REES B. THOMPSON.....	Cowles,	No. 296.. July 7, 1924
WILLIAM F. YEARICK.....	Cowles,	No. 296.. Dec. 29, 1924
WILLIAM W. CAMERON.....	Chester,	No. 298.. June 5, 1924
SIDNEY W. MAYNARD.....	Liberty,	No. 300.. Aug. 13, 1924
V. ORVILLE WOOLERY.....	Liberty,	No. 300.. Mar. 22, 1925
RALPH O. LATHROP.....	Bayard,	No. 301.. Mar. 15, 1925
JOEL E. GOODRICH.....	Mizpah,	No. 302.. May 5, 1924
RALPH G. GRAY.....	Mizpah,	No. 302.. May 25, 1924
ALVA G. HAUCHER.....	Newman Grove,	No. 305.. April 15, 1924
ISAAC L. CALLISON.....	Golden Rod,	No. 306.. June 9, 1924
WILLIAM E. WEEKLY.....	Victory,	No. 310.. Nov. 27, 1924
NEIL T. RAKESTRAW.....	Polk,	No. 311.. April 1, 1924
ROBERT F. SCOTT.....	Polk,	No. 311.. Mar. 31, 1925

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Lodges Reporting No Delinquent Dues for the Year 1924.

Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha.
Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island.
Papillion Lodge No. 39, Papillion.
Mount Moriah Lodge No. 57, Syracuse.
Lebanon Lodge No. 58, Columbus.
Saint Paul Lodge No. 82, Saint Paul.
Tyre Lodge No. 85, Blue Springs.
Garfield Lodge No. 95, O'Neill.
Creighton Lodge No. 100, Creighton.
Porter Lodge No. 106, Loup City.
North Bend Lodge No. 119, North Bend.
Kenesaw Lodge No. 144, Kenesaw.
Cambridge Lodge No. 150, Cambridge.
Amity Lodge No. 169, Rushville.
Justice Lodge No. 180, Benkelman.
Meridian Lodge No. 188, Cozad.
Gavel Lodge No. 199, Carleton.
Wauneta Lodge No. 217, Wauneta.
Sincerity Lodge No. 244, Battle Creek.
Beemer Lodge No. 253, Beemer.
Ramah Lodge No. 275, Elgin.
Ruskin Lodge No. 304, Ruskin.
Newman Grove Lodge No. 305, Newman Grove.
William E. Hill Lodge No. 307, Otoe.
Polk Lodge No. 311, Polk.

VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS

WHO HAVE ATTENDED GRAND LODGE 21 YEARS OR MORE.

Francis E. White, 53 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- 19-20-21-22-23-24-25.
Samuel P. Davidson, 43 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- 14-15-16-17-19-20-21-22-23-24-25.
George H. Thummel, 41 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- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25.
Robert E. French, 41 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- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25.
John A. Ehrhardt, 40 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- 17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25.
Robert E. Evans, 33 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- 24-25.
Henry H. Wilson, 30 Years.	1888-89-90-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04- 05-06-07-08-10-12-13-14-15-16-17-19-23-25.
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, 27 Years.	1898-99-00-01-02-03-04-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14- 15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25.
Charles E. Burnham, 26 Years.	1900-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25.
Benjamin F. Pitman, 26 Years.	1900-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25.
Samuel S. Whiting, 25 Years.	1901-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16- 17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25.
Harry A. Cheney, 25 Years.	1897-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14- 15-16-17-18-19-22-23-24-25.
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., 24 Years.	1902-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17- 18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25.
Frank L. Haycock, 23 Years.	1892-93-94-95-96-97-99-00-04-06-07-14-15-16-17-18- 19-20-21-22-23-24-25.
Lewis E. Smith, 23 Years.	1901-02-04-05-06-07-08-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18- 19-20-21-22-23-24-25.
George C. Mason, 22 Years.	1902-03-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18- 19-20-21-22-24-25.

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 Aveune.....	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.....	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.

†Died, July 8th, 1925.

*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, Omaha.....	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
Robert R. Dickson, O'Neill.....	1924

*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 June 11th, 1925
Lewis E. Smith.....	June 11th, 1925, 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. Roskrug.....	Tucson.
Arkansas.....	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock.
British Columbia.....	William A. DeWolf-Smith.....	New Westminster.
California.....	John Whicher.....	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.....	George F. Bowden.....	Apartado Y, San Jose.
Cuba.....	Felix V. Aprevat Perez.....	Apertado 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.....	Charles C. Hunt.....	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 B. Davis.....	Portland.
Manitoba.....	James A. Ovas.....	Masonic Temple, Winnipeg.
Maryland.....	George Cook.....	Masonic Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Frederick W. Hamilton.....	Masonic Temple, Boston.
Mexico, (York Gr. Ldge)	C. L. Arnold.....	P. O. Box 1986, Mexico, D. F.
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.....	Lewis E. Smith.....	Masonic Temple, Omaha.
Nevada.....	Edward D. Vanderlieth.....	437 S. Center St., Reno.
New Brunswick.....	J. Twining Hartt.....	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 1144, Auckland.
North Carolina.....	William W. Willson.....	Raleigh.
North Dakota.....	Walter L. Stockwell.....	Fargo.
Nova Scotia.....	James C. Jones.....	Freemasons Hall, Halifax.
Ohio.....	Harry S. Johnson.....	224 Central Office Bldg., 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.....	Freemasons Hall, Adelaide.
South Carolina.....	O. Frank Hart.....	Columbia.
South Dakota.....	George A. Pettigrew.....	Sioux Falls.
Tasmania.....	William H. Strutt.....	117 Macquarie St., Hobart.
Tennessee.....	Stith M. Cain.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	William F. 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.....	George S. Laidley.....	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. 30, 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. Jeffers, 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.	Omaha	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, 25.	Omaha	Oct. 15, 1890
Manitoba	John Wright, 19.	Lincoln	Nov. 25, 1921
Maryland	Charles L. Fahnstock, 135.	Lincoln	March 8, 1911
Mexico	*Frank Wilcox, 1.	Omaha	Aug. 29, 1917
Michigan	Lewis E. Smith, 136.	Omaha	Aug. 17, 1904
Minnesota	George A. Beecher, 268.	Hastings	March 1, 1924
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 8, 1911
North Dakota	Henry H. Andrews, 207.	Callaway	June 27, 1913
Nova Scotia	Henry H. Wilson, 19.	Lincoln	Feb. 26, 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	Aug. 20, 1921
Quebec	Edwin D. Crites, 158.	Chadron	April 20, 1920
Queensland	Robert B. Walker, 170.	Mason City	April 4, 1923
Rhode Island	John R. Tapster, 119.	North Bend	April 6, 1925
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, 1923

*Recommended for appointment.

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

GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTM'T
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 McGrew.....	Washington, 3168 18th St. N. W.....	July 6, 1917
Egypt.....	Mahmoud Rasmi.....	Cario, 3 Sharia Zaghul.....	Nov. 3, 1924
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.....	Wentworth A. King-Harman.....	Newcastle.....	
		Ballymahon.....	Nov. 14, 1924
Kansas.....	William I. Stuart.....	Troy.....	Oct. 23, 1911
Louisiana.....	Adolph G. Ricks.....	New Orleans.....	Sept. 17, 1901
Maine.....			
Manitoba.....	Henry E. Bletcher.....	Winnipeg.....	June 11, 1913
Maryland.....	William F. Broenning.....	Baltimore.....	July 25, 1919
Mexico.....			
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.....	Edward Vreeland.....	New York City.....	June 18, 1925
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 Gullod.....	Halifax, 126 South St.....	July 16, 1902
Ohio.....	Horace A. Irvin.....	Dayton.....	Jan. 8, 1903
Oklahoma.....	Randall U. Livesay.....	Oklahoma City.....	July 31, 1916
Oregon.....	John K. Kollock.....	Portland, Corbett Bldg.....	April 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. Lannon, Jr.....	Tulahoma.....	Jan. 21, 1922
Texas.....	James D. Grenshaw.....	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.....	Sol 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.....	Sisterville.....	June 17, 1910
Wisconsin.....	Frank E. Noyes.....	Marinette.....	Dec. 23, 1904

NEBRASKA LODGES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

- Acacia, 34.
 Adams, U.:D.:, (extinct).
 Adoniram, 159.
 Ainsworth, U.:D.:, (131).ext.
 Albion, 78.
 Alexandria, 74.
 Allen, U.:D.:, (236).
 Alliance, 183.
 Alpha, 316.
 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.)
 Bromfield, U.:D.:, (223).
 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.
 Covert, 11.
 Cowles, 295.
 Crab Orchard, U.:D.:, (238).ext.
 Craftsmen, 314.
 Crawford, U.:D.:, (181).
 Creighton, 100.
 Crescent, 143.
 Crete, 37.
 Crofton, 273.
 Crystal, 191.
 Cubit, 237.
 Culbertson, 174.
 Cuming City, U.:D.:, (21).
 Curtis, 168.
 Custer, U.:D.:, (148).
 Dakota, (5).
 Danbury, U.:D.:, (185).
 Davenport, U.:D.:, (154).
 Decatur, 7, (extinct).
 Delta, 230.
 DeWitt, 111.
 Diamond, 291.
 Doniphan, 86.
 Doric, 118.
 Douglas, U.:D.:, (237).
 East Lincoln, 210.
 Edgar, 67.
 Elk Creek, 90.
 Elm Creek, 133.
 Elwood, 167.
 Eminence, 223.
 Emmet Crawford, 148.
 Endeavor, 262.
 Euclid, 97.
 Eureka, 16, (extinct).
 Evening Star, 49.
 Evergreen, 153.
 Ewing, U.:D.:, (156).
 Exeter, U.:D.:, (extinct).
 Exeter, 283.
 Fairbury, 35.
 Fairfield, 84.
 Fairmont, 48.
 Faith, 181.
 Falls City, 9.
 Fortitude, 69, (extinct).
 Fidelity, 51.
 Firth, U.:D.:, 66, (extinct).
 Florence, 281.
 Fortitude, 69, (extinct).
 Franklin, 264.
 Frank Welch, 75.
 Fraternity, 235.
 Fremont, 15.
 Friend, 73.
 Friendship, 239.
 Garfield, 95.
 Gauge, 208.
 Gavel, 199.
 Geneva, 79.
 Genoa, U.:D.:, (125).
 George Armstrong, 241.
 George Washington, 250.
 George W. Lininger, 268.
 Gibbon, (see 46).
 Gibbon, U.:D.:, (189).
 Giddings, (2).
 Gilead, 233.
 Gladstone, 176.
 Globe, 113.
 Golden Fleece, 205.
 Golden Rod, 306.
 Golden Rule, 236.
 Golden Sheaf, 202.
 Gothenburg, 249.
 Grace, 226.
 Grafton, 172.
 Granite, 189.
 Grant, U.:D.:, (34).
 Grant, U.:D.:, (186).
 Greenwood, U.:D.:, (163).
 Gresham, U.:D.:, (197).
 Guide Rock, 128.
 Hamilton, U.:D.:, (68).
 Hampton, 245.
 Hardy, 117.
 Harlan, 116.
 Harmony, U.:D.:, (extinct).
 Harmony, U.:D.:, (extinct).
 Hartington, 155.
 Harvard, 44.
 Hastings, 50.
 Hay Springs, 177.
 Hebron, 43.
 Hermon, U.:D.:, (231).
 Hesperia, 178, (extinct).
 Hickman, 256.
 Highland, 194.
 Hildreth, 252.
 Hillsdale, U.:D.:, (29).
 Hiram, 52.
 Holbrook, 257.
 Holdrege, U.:D.:, (146).
 Hooper, 72.
 Hope, 29.
 Hubbell, 92.
 Humboldt, 40.
 Huntley, 270.
 Hyannis, U.:D.:, (234).
 Idaho, U.:D.:, (extinct).
 Imperial, U.:D.:, (198).
 Incense, 182.
 Indianola, 123, (extinct).
 Ionic, 87.
 Israel, 187.
 Ithmar, 238, (extinct).
 Jachin, 146.
 James A. Tulleys, 267..
 Jasper, 122, (extinct).
 Jephtha, U.:D.:, (264).
 Jewel, 149.
 John J. Mercer, 290.
 John S. Brown, 232.
 Johnson, U.:D.:, 141, (ext.)
 Joppa, 76.
 Jordan, 27.
 Juniata, 42.
 Justice, 180.
 Kenesaw, 144.
 Keystone, 62.
 Kimball, 294.
 Lafayette, 24, (extinct).
 Lancaster, 54.
 Landmark, 222.
 Laurel, 248.
 Lebanon, 58.
 Lee P. Gillette, 272.

- Leigh, U.:D.:, (193).
 Level, 196.
 Liberty, U.:D.:, (152).
 Liberty, 300.
 Lily, 154.
 Lincoln, 19.
 Litchfield, 278.
 Livingstone, 66, (extinct).
 Lone Tree, 36.
 Long Pine, 136.
 Lotus, 289.
 Loup Fork, U.:D.:, 8, (ext.)
- Mackey, U.:D.:, (242).
 Macoy, 22, (extinct).
 Magic City, U.:D.:, (184).
 Magnolia, 220.
 Mason City, 170.
 McCook, 135.
 Melrose, 60.
 Meridian, 188.
 Merna, 171.
 Mid-West, 317.
 Miller, 213, (ext.)
 Minatare, 295.
 Minden, 127.
 Minnekadusa, 192.
 Mitchell, 263.
 Mizpah, 302.
 Monitor, U.:D.:, (extinct).
 Monument, 293.
 Morning Star, 197.
 Morrill, U.:D.:, (271).
 Mosaic, 55.
 Mount Hermon, 231.
 Mount Moriah, 57.
 Mount Nebo, 125.
 Mount Zion, 161.
 Mullen, 282.
 Mystic Tie, 166.
- Napthali, 206.
 Nebraska, 1.
 Nebraska City, 12, (ext.)
 Nehawka, 246.
 Nelson, 77.
 Nemaha Valley, 4.
 Newman Grove, 305.
 Norfolk, U.:D.:, (55).
 North Bend, 119.
 Northern Light, 41.
 North Loup, U.:D.:, (142, ext.)
 North Star, 227.
- Oakland, 91.
 Oak Leaf, 312.
 Oasis, 271.
 Occidental, 215.
 Odell, U.:D.:, 122, (extinct).
 Ogalalla, 159.
 Ohiowa, U.:D.:, (182).
 Olive Branch, 274.
 Oliver, 38.
 Omadi, 5.
 Omaha, 288.
 Ord, 103.
 Orient, 13.
 Orion, 242, (extinct).
 Ornan, 261.
 Oshkosh, 286.
 Overton, U.:D.:, (267).
 Oxford, U.:D.:, (138).
- Pacific, U.:D.:, (310).
 Palestine, U.:D.:, (extinct).
 Palisade, 216.
 Palmer, 315.
 Palmyra, 45, (extinct).
 Papillion, 39.
 Parallel, 152.
 Parian, 207.
 Pawnee, 23.
 Pawnee City, U.:D.:, (23).
 Perkins, 308.
 Peru, U.:D.:, (extinct)
 Peru, 14.
 Pilot, 240.
 Plainview, 204.
 Platte Valley, 32.
 Plattsmouth, 6.
 Plumb, 186, (extinct).
 Plumbline, 214.
 Polk, 311.
 Pomegranate, 110.
 Ponca, 101.
 Porter, 106.
 Potter, 313.
 Prudence, 179.
 Purity, 198.
 Pythagoras, 156.
- Ramah, 275.
 Rawalt, 138.
 Relief, 219.
 Republican, 98.
 Reynolds, U.:D.:, (160).
 Right Angle, 303.
 Rising, U.:D.:, (81).
 Rising Star, U.:D.:, 20, (ext.)
 Riverside, 269.
 Riverton, 63.
 Robert Burns, 173.
 Robert W. Furnas, 265.
 Rob Morris, 46.
 Rock Bluff, 20, (extinct).
 Rocky Mountain, 8, (transferred).
 Roman Eagle, 203.
 Ruskin, 304.
- Saint Johns, 25.
 Saint Paul, 82.
 Salem, 47, (extinct).
 Saline, U.:D.:, (73).
 Saline, U.:D.:, (101).
 Saline, U.:D.:, (118).
 Samaritan, 158.
 Samuel W. Hayes, U.:D.:, (287).
 Scotia, U.:D.:, (191).
 Scotts Bluff, 201.
 Scribner, 132.
 Seneca, 284.
 Seward, U.:D.:, (38).
 Shelby, U.:D.:, (161).
 Shelton, 99.
 Shickley, U.:D.:, 178, (ext.)
 Signet, 193.
 Siloam, 147.
 Silver, 266.
 Silver Cord, 224.
 Silver Creek, U.:D.:, (ext.)
 Sincerity, 244.
 Sioux, 277.
 Solar, 134.
- Solomon, 10.
 Springfield, 112.
 Square, 151.
 Square & Compass, 213, (ext.)
 Stanton, U.:D.:, (41).
 Star, 88.
 Steele City, 107, (extinct).
 Stella, 105.
 Sterling, 70.
 Stockville, U.:D.:, (196).
 Stromsburg, 126.
 Summit, 7, (transferred).
 Summit, 141, (extinct).
 Superior, 121.
 Sutherland, 299.
 Swastika, 280.
 Syracuse, U.:D.:, (57).
- Table Rock, 108.
 Talmage, U.:D.:, (162).
 Tecumseh, 17.
 Tekamah, 31.
 Temple, U.:D.:, (5).
 Temple, 175.
 Thistle, 61.
 Tobias, U.:D.:, (149).
 Trenton, U.:D.:, (extinct).
 Tristle Board, 162.
 Trilumular, U.:D.:, (210).
 Trowel, 71.
 Tuscan, 130.
 Tyre, 85.
 Tyrian, 243.
- Ulysses, U.:D.:, (187).
 Union, 287.
 Unity, 163.
 Upright, 137.
 Utica, 96.
- Valentine, U.:D.:, (113).
 Valley, 157.
 Valparaiso, U.:D.:, (151).
 Victory, 310.
- Waco, 80, (extinct).
 Wahoo, 59.
 Wallace, 279.
 Washington, 21.
 Waterloo, 102.
 Wauneta, 217.
 Wausa, 251.
 Wayne, 120.
 Weeping Water, U.:D.:, (97).
 Western, 140.
 Western Star, 2.
 Wilcox, U.:D.:, (226).
 William E. Hill, 307.
 Winnebago, 399.
 Winside, U.:D.:, (235).
 Winter Creek, U.:D.:, (265).
 Wisner, 114.
 Wolbach, 292.
 Wood Lake, 221.
 Wymore, 104.
 Wyoming, 28, (transferred).
- York, 56.
- Zeredatha, U.:D.:, (98).
 Zeredatha, 160.
 Zion, 234.

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- Adams, 214.
 Ainsworth, 224.
 Albion, 78.
 Alexandria, 74.
 Allen, 236.
 Alliance, 183.
 Alma, 116.
 Anselmo, 258.
 Ansley, 176.
 Arapahoe, 293.
 Arcadia, 208.
 Arlington, 52.
 Arnold, 225.
 Ashland, 110.
 Atkinson, 164.
 Auburn, 124.
 Aurora, 68.
 Bancroft, 145.
 Barneston, 165.
 Bartley, 228.
 Bassett, 254.
 Battle Creek, 244.
 Bayard, 301.
 Beatrice, 26.
 Beaver City, 93.
 Beaver Crossing, 179.
 Bee, 259.
 Beemer, 253.
 Belgrade, 269.
 Benkelman, 180.
 Bennett, 94.
 Benson, (Omaha), 290.
 Bertrand, 275.
 Bethany, 297.
 Blair, 21.
 Bloomfield, 218.
 Bloomington, 76.
 Blue Hill, 129.
 Blue Springs, 85.
 Bradshaw, 255.
 Bridgeport, 285.
 Brock, 162.
 Broken Bow, 148.
 Brownville, 4.
 Burchard, 137.
 Burwell, 200.
 Butte, 233.
 Callaway, 207.
 Cambridge, 150.
 Carleton, 199.
 Cedar Bluffs, 215.
 Cedar Rapids, 143.
 Central City, 36.
 Ceresco, 229.
 Chadron, 158.
 Chapman, 239.
 Chappell, 205.
 Chester, 298.
 Clarks, 134.
 Clay Center, 139.
 Coleridge, 219.
 Columbus, 58.
 Cook, 231.
 Cortland, 194.
 Cowles, 296.
 Cozad, 188.
 Craig, 241.
 Crawford, 181.
 Creighton, 100.
 Crete, 37.
 Crofton, 273.
 Culbertson, 174.
 Curtis, 168.
 Dakota City, 5.
 Danbury, 185.
 Davenport, 154.
 David City, 51.
 Decatur, 88.
 DeWitt, 111.
 Diller, 206.
 Doniphan, 86.
 Dorchester, 118.
 Douglas, 237.
 Dunbar, 272.
 Edgar, 67.
 Elgin, 276.
 Elk Creek, 90.
 Elm Creek, 133.
 Elmwood, 209.
 Elwood, 167.
 Emerson, 220.
 Ewing, 156.
 Exeter, 283.
 Fairbury, 35.
 Fairfield, 84.
 Fairmont, 48.
 Falls City, 9.
 Filley, 175.
 Florence, (Omaha), 281.
 Fort Calhoun, 10.
 Franklin, 264.
 Fremont, 15.
 Friend, 73.
 Fullerton, 89.
 Gandy, 190.
 Geneva, 79.
 Genoa, 125.
 Gothenburg, 249.
 Gordon, 195.
 Gering, 201.
 Gibbon, 189.
 Giltner, 223.
 Grafton, 172.
 Grand Island, 33.
 Grant, 308.
 Greenwood, 163.
 Gresham, 197.
 Guide Rock, 128.
 Hampton, 245.
 Hardy, 117.
 Harrison, 277.
 Hartington, 155.
 Harvard, 44.
 Hastings, 50, 317.
 Havelock, 250.
 Hay Springs, 177.
 Hebron, 43.
 Herman, 222.
 Hickman, 256.
 Hildreth, 252.
 Holbrook, 257.
 Holdrege, 146.
 Hooper, 72.
 Hubbell, 92.
 Hyannis, 234.
 Humboldt, 40.
 Huntley, 270.
 Imperial, 198.
 Indianola, 262.
 Juniata, 42.
 Kearney, 46.
 Kenesaw, 144.
 Kennard, 232.
 Kimball, 294.
 Laurel, 248.
 Leigh, 193.
 Lexington, 61.
 Liberty, 152.
 Lincoln, 19, 54, 210, 300, 314.
 Litchfield, 278.
 Lodgepole, 306.
 Long Pine, 136.
 Loup City, 106.
 Lynch, 312.
 Lyons, 240.
 Madison, 113.
 Mason City, 170.
 McCook, 135.
 Merna, 171.
 Milford, 30.
 Minatare, 295.
 Minden, 127.
 Mitchell, 263.
 Morrill, 271.
 Mullen, 282.
 Nebraska City, 2.
 Newman Grove, 305.
 Nehawka, 246.
 Neligh, 71.
 Nelson, 77.
 Nemaha City, 29.
 Niobrara, 87.
 Norfolk, 55.
 North Bend, 119.
 North Platte, 32.
 Oak, 243.
 Oakland, 91.
 Ogallala, 159.
 Ohioawa, 182.
 Omaha, 1, 3, 11, 25, 184, 268,
 281, 288, 290, 302, 303.
 O'Neill, 95.
 Ord, 103.
 Orleans, 60.
 Osceola, 65.
 Oshkosh, 286.
 Osmond, 247.
 Otoe, 207.
 Overton, 267.
 Oxford, 138.
 Palisade, 216.
 Palmer, 315.
 Palmyra, 287.
 Papillion, 39.
 Pawnee City, 23.
 Pender, 203.
 Peru, 14.
 Phillips, 62.
 Pierce, 153.
 Plainview, 204.
 Plattsmouth, 6.
 Polk, 311.
 Ponca, 101.
 Potter, 313.
 Randolph, 202.
 Ravenna, 289.
 Red Cloud, 53.
 Republican City, 98.
 Reynolds, 160.
 Rising City, 81.

- Riverton, 63.
 Royal, 291.
 Rulo, 13.
 Rushville, 169.
 Ruskin, 304.
- Saint Edward, 230.
 Saint Paul, 82.
 Sargent, 280.
 Schuyler, 34.
 Scotia, 191.
 Scottsbluff, 265.
 Scribner, 132.
 Seneca, 284.
 Seward, 38.
 Shelby, 161.
 Shelton, 99.
 Sidney, 75.
 Silver Creek, 266.
 South Side, (Omaha), 184.
 South Sioux City, 316.
 Spencer, 261.
 Springfield, 112.
 Stanton, 41.
 Stella, 105.
- Sterling, 70.
 Stockville, 196.
 Stratton, 173.
 Stromsburg, 126.
 Stuart, 147.
 Sumner, 212.
 Superior, 121.
 Surprise, 130.
 Sutherland, 299.
 Sutton, 49.
 Syracuse, 57.
- Table Rock, 108.
 Tecumseh, 17.
 Tekamah, 31.
 Tilden, 166.
 Tobias, 149.
- Ulysses, 187.
 University Place, 227.
 Utica, 96.
 Valentine, 192.
 Valley, 310.
 Valparaiso, 151.
- Wahoo, 59.
 Wakefield, 83.
 Wallace, 279.
 Walthill, 274.
 Waterloo, 102.
 Wauneta, 217.
 Wausa, 251.
 Wayne, 120.
 Weeping Water, 97.
 Western, 140.
 West Point, 27.
 Wilber, 64.
 Wilcox, 226.
 Wilsonville, 157.
 Winnebago, 309.
 Winside, 235.
 Wisner, 114.
 Wolbach, 292.
 Wood Lake, 221.
 Wood River, 211.
 Wymore, 104.
- York, 56.

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BY COUNTIES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

- Adams, 42, 50, 144, 317.
 Antelope, 71, 276, 291.
- Boone, 78, 143, 230.
 Box Butte, 183.
 Boyd, 233, 261, 312.
 Brown, 136, 224.
 Buffalo, 46, 99, 133, 189, 289.
 Burt, 31, 88, 91, 240, 241.
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Nebraska	No. 1	Omaha	Douglas	First Tuesday	Jonathan A. Frye	Frank Wilcox
Western Star,	" 2	Nebraska City	Otoe	Third Friday	Harry Rasmussen	Henry W. Garson
Capitol,	" 3	Omaha	Douglas	First Monday	John W. Welch	Lute M. Savage
Nemaha Valley,	" 4	Brownville	Nemaha	Wednesday on or before O	Ralph C. Dustin	Don A. Lawrence
5 Omadi,	" 5	Dakota City	Dakota	Saturday on or before O	Harry H. Adair	John H. Ream
Plattsmouth,	" 6	Plattsmouth	Cass	First Monday	Oliver C. Hudson	Leslie W. Niel
Falls City,	" 9	Falls City	Richardson	Second and fourth Mondays	Arthur F. Kottman	Thomas L. Garvey
Solomon,	" 10	Fort Calhoun	Washington	Tuesday on or before O	Milton R. Cady	
Covert,	" 11	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	William M. Nielsen	George R. Porter
10 Orient,	" 13	Rulo	Richardson	First and third Mondays	Homer D. Kirk	John C. Shepherd
Peru,	" 14	Peru	Nemaha	Second Monday	Ellis E. Good	John B. Lewis
Fremont,	" 15	Fremont	Dodge	First Tuesday	John E. Long	Matthew A. Priestley
Tecumseh,	" 17	Tecumseh	Johnson	First and third Wednesdays	Eldon B. Vanlanningham	Leo B. Heskett
Lincoln,	" 19	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Charles E. Reilly	John Wright
15 Washington,	" 21	Blair	Washington	Second Tuesday	Ernest A. Schmidt	Raymond C. Hitchman
Pawnee,	" 23	Pawnee City	Pawnee	First and third Tuesdays	Edward H. Williams	John H. Tracy
Saint Johns,	" 25	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Thomas F. Rhoey	Frank E. Underwood
Beatrice,	" 26	Beatrice	Gage	Second and fourth Mondays	Albert W. King	James B. High
Jordan,	" 27	West Point	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Alexander R. Krause	Peter Poellot
20 Hope,	" 29	Nemaha City	Nemaha	Friday on or before O	James C. Handley	William E. Seid
Blue River,	" 30	Milford	Seward	First Thursday	John H. Jarrett	Stanley A. Matzke
Tekamah,	" 31	Tekamah	Burt	First and third Wednesdays	Orville Chatt	William T. Poucher
Platte Valley,	" 32	North Platte	Lincoln	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Edward W. Cross	Abner J. Wessberg
Ashlar,	" 33	Grand Island	Hall	Second Thursday	William D. McPatry	Alfred U. Hannan
25 Acacia,	" 34	Schuyler	Colfax	First Tuesday	Charles B. Riggs	Harry B. Chronister
Fairbury	" 35	Fairbury	Jefferson	First and third Mondays	Benjamin O. Weisel	Charles A. Westling
Lone Tree,	" 36	Central City	Merrick	First and third Wednesdays	Walter R. Raecke	Thomas H. Line
Crete,	" 37	Crete	Saline	First Friday	James A. Bromwell	Charles W. Keal
Oliver,	" 38	Seward	Seward	First Friday	James P. Crouse	Thebert H. Ramsey
30 Papillion,	" 39	Papillion	Sarpy	First and third Saturdays	Layton E. Rossard	Fred R. Lamb
Humboldt,	" 40	Humboldt	Richardson	Second and fourth Thursdays	Roland M. Bash	J. Frank Snethen
Northern Light,	" 41	Stanton	Stanton	Wednesday on or before O	Edward Herbst	Frank S. Boals
Juniata,	" 42	Juniata	Adams	Monday on or before O	Carl M. Ground	Tim N. Cannon
Hebron,	" 43	Hebron	Thayer	First Thursday	Walter F. Powell	John R. Sutton
35 Harvard,	" 44	Harvard	Clay	First and third Tuesdays	Lewis A. Robertson	Griffith J. Thomas

Rob Morris,	No. 46	Kearney.....	Buffalo.....	First Wednesday.....	Roy T. Cummings.....	Raymond H. Haase
Fairmont,	" 48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	Second Wednesday.....	Martin H. Deffenbaugh..	Myron Gibson
Evening Star,	" 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Thursdays.	Lester B. Shapland.....	Arthur W. Burlingame
Hastings,	" 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	First Tuesday.....	Charles E. Sharpe.....	Walter A. Knicely
40 Fidelity,	" 51	David City.....	Butler.....	First Tuesday.....	Clark E. Beede.....	Eldon B. Johnson
Hiram,	" 52	Arlington.....	Washington.....	Thursday on or before○	Vernon G. Wager.....	Ernest Wager
Charity,	" 53	Red Cloud.....	Webster.....	First and third Fridays.....	Albert V. Ducker.....	Benjamin F. Perry
Lancaster,	" 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Friday.....	George W. Pillers.....	Victor Seymour
Mosaic,	" 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	First Tuesday.....	William O. Eichelberger..	Fred W. Muller
45 York,	" 56	York.....	York.....	Last Friday.....	Charles Bisset.....	John Muir
Mount Moriah,	" 57	Syracuse.....	Otoc.....	Thursday on or before○	Roy Wiles.....	William N. Hunter
Lebanon,	" 58	Columbus.....	Platte.....	Second Wednesday.....	Clarence N. McElfresh...	Carl H. Hoge
Wahoo,	" 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	First Wednesday.....	S. Martin Hult.....	Arthur M. Horan
Melrose,	" 60	Orleans.....	Harlan.....	Wednesday on or before○*	George Litrell.....	George Reynolds
50 Thistle,	" 61	Lexington.....	Dawson.....	Second Tuesday.....	William H. Wisda.....	Hanford D. Smith
Keystone	" 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton.....	Saturday on or before○	Arthur J. Peterson.....	Scott E. Heinzman
Riverton,	" 63	Riverton.....	Franklin.....	Monday on or before○	Ivan M. Pollard.....	Rolland C. Seltzer
Blue Valley,	" 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	Tuesday on or before○*	Fred J. Aksamit.....	Robert F. Richterik
Osceola,	" 65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	First and third Fridays.....	William O. Clark.....	Joel Hanson
55 Edgar,	" 67	Edgar.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Mondays	Charles F. M. Harbaugh..	Clair S. Voorhees
Aurora,	" 68	Aurora.....	Hamilton.....	First and third Tuesdays	Albert L. Johnson.....	George E. Funk
Sterling,	" 70	Sterling.....	Johnson.....	Tuesday on or before○	Donald A. Koehler.....	T. Glen Roberts
Trowel,	" 71	Neligh.....	Antelope.....	First and third Tuesdays	Edward T. Best.....	John W. Lamson
Hooper,	" 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	First Friday.....	Henry E. Schemmel.....	William M. Zellers
60 Friend,	" 73	Friend.....	Saline.....	First and third Thursdays	Chester A. Gallup.....	Malcolm L. McFarlane
Alexandria,	" 74	Alexandria.....	Thayer.....	Second and fourth Mondays	John T. Bright.....	Charles W. Beer
Frank Welch,	" 75	Sidney.....	Cheyenne.....	First Tuesday.....	Marius Christensen.....	Leslie Neubauer
Joppa,	" 76	Bloomington.....	Franklin.....	Friday on or before○	George Farrington.....	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○*	Tyler Edgecombe.....	Percy C. Bedford
Composite,	" 81	Rising City.....	Butler.....	Tuesday on or before○	William O. Larson.....	Fred R. Humphrey
Saint Paul,	" 82	Saint Paul.....	Howard.....	Third Thursday.....	William T. Starkey.....	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	John J. Emrich.....	Rolland H. Potter
Tyre,	" 85	Blue Springs.....	Gage.....	Tuesday on or before○	Robert S. Rice.....	James W. Marples
Doniphan,	" 86	Doniphan.....	Hall.....	First Friday†	Thomas T. McCleery.....	Richard M. Britt
Ionic,	" 87	Niobrara.....	Knox.....	Thursday on or before○	Claude Hargan.....	Everett T. Houston
Star,	" 88	Decatur.....	Burt.....	First Tuesday.....	Edmon Morrow.....	John G. Maryott
75 Cedar River,	" 89	Fullerton.....	Nance.....	First and third Mondays	August T. Hess.....	Wesley L. Dunten

*And two weeks thereafter.

†And June 24th each year.

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Elk Creek,	No. 90	Elk Creek	Johnson	First Thursday	Irvine E. Frederick	Frank A. Anderson
Oakland,	" 91	Oakland	Burt	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Robert M. Packard	Nevin W. Hopkins
Hubbell,	" 92	Hubbell	Thayer	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Earl D. Creswell	J. E. Conklin
Beaver City,	" 93	Beaver City	Furnas	Monday on or before O	Carl A. Modlin	Harry B. Hall
80 Bennett,	" 94	Bennett	Lancaster	Tuesday on or before O	Clarence Harper	Henry F. May
Garfield,	" 95	O'Neill	Holt	First and third Thursdays	David H. Clauson	Elmer Surber
Utica,	" 96	Utica	Seward	Wednesday on or before O	Robert R. Pollock	Fred H. Pieper
Euclid,	" 97	Weeping Water	Cass	First Monday	Marion U. Thomas	Oliver E. Power
Republican,	" 98	Republican City	Harlan	Wednesday on or before O	Frank Peterson	Leonard L. Johnson
85 Shelton,	" 99	Shelton	Buffalo	Friday on or before O	Ralph Soderstrom	Martin Slattery
Creighton,	" 100	Creighton	Knox	Tuesday on or before O	Charles C. Miller	Walter T. Philbrick
Ponca,	" 101	Ponca	Dixon	Thursday on or before O	Stewart M. Gilliland	Arthur H. Logan
Waterloo,	" 102	Waterloo	Douglas	First Tuesday	Roy Hickson	Charles C. Peabody
Ord,	" 103	Ord	Valley	Wednesday on or before O	Bert C. Boquet	Ernest C. James
90 Wymore,	" 104	Wymore	Gage	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Samuel R. Youds	J. Carl Glenn
Stella,	" 105	Stella	Richardson	First Thursday	William P. Sultzbaugh	Robert A. Tynan
Porter,	" 106	Loup City	Sherman	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Gus Lorentz	Lamont L. Stephens
Table Rock,	" 108	Table Rock	Pawnee	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Lenneaeus R. Trout	Edward L. Dorland
Pomegranate,	" 110	Ashland	Saunders	First Friday	J. Lloyd Wilson	Howard F. Anderson
95 DeWitt,	" 111	DeWitt	Saline	Monday on or before O	Sylvester Shumard	James M. Norton
Springfield,	" 112	Springfield	Sarpy	2nd Tuesday, 4th Saturday	Lester M. Ball	Clifford R. Caley
Globe,	" 113	Madison	Madison	First Tuesday	Wesley F. Wilkins	Preston S. Palmer
Wisner,	" 114	Wisner	Cuming	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Benjamin Griffith	Neil D. Saville
Harlan,	" 116	Alma	Harlan	First and third Fridays	Mark J. McKenzie	H. Jay Egelston
100 Hardy,	" 117	Hardy	Nuckolls	Thursday on or before O	Jacob E. Hart	James H. Fair
Doric,	" 118	Dorchester	Saline	Monday on or before O	William Freidell	W. Russell Freidell
North Bend,	" 119	North Bend	Dodge	Second Tuesday	Frank E. Lehmer	Charles A. Millar
Wayne,	" 120	Wayne	Wayne	Second and fourth Fridays	Burrett W. Wright	J. Murray Cherry
Superior,	" 121	Superior	Nuckolls	Wednesday on or before O	Lewis P. Gregory	William F. Gingrich
105 Auburn,	" 124	Auburn	Nemaha	Monday on or before O	Isaiah W. Irvin	Fred. G. Bosshammer
Mount Nebo,	" 125	Genoa	Nance	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Axel E. Johnson	William J. Kelley
Stromsburg,	" 126	Stromsburg	Polk	Second Tuesday	L. Vance Sharp	Carl T. Moline
Minden,	" 127	Minden	Kearney	Wednesday on or before O	Bert F. Darnell	John H. Etzelmiller
Guide Rock,	" 128	Guide Rock	Webster	Thursday on or before O	Ira A. Pace	John H. Cray
110 Blue Hill,	" 129	Blue Hill	Webster	Second and fourth Thursdays	Edward L. Moore	Frank E. Britton

Tuscan,	No. 130	Surprise.....	Butler.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Allen W. Gubser.....	Amasa S. Chapman
Scribner,	" 132	Scribner.....	Dodge.....	First Wednesday.....	Guy L. Thompson.....	Herman F. Meyer
Elm Creek	" 133	Elm Creek.....	Buffalo.....	First Tuesday.....	Allen Wright.....	Charles S. Hetrick
Solar,	" 134	Clarks.....	Merrick.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	August E. Nordgren.....	Charles E. Souser, Jr.
115 McCook,	" 135	McCook.....	Red Willow.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	C. LeRoy Gillette.....	Jesse S. Chambers
Long Pine,	" 136	Long Pine.....	Brown.....	Second Monday.....	Thomas J. Lawson.....	Walter E. Patterson
Upright,	" 137	Burchard.....	Pawnee.....	Wednesday on or before○*.....	John F. Cox.....	Ellsworth E. Hart
Rawalt,	" 138	Oxford.....	Furnas.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Alfred H. Nissen.....	William J. Nissen
Clay Centre,	" 139	Clay Center.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	S. Wayne Moger.....	Louis O. Ticnor
120 Western,	" 140	Western.....	Saline.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	Joel C. Mead.....	Frank H. Beer
Crescent,	" 143	Cedar Rapids.....	Boone.....	Third Wednesday.....	Gilbert C. Hack.....	James H. Watts
Kenesaw,	" 144	Kenesaw.....	Adams.....	Friday on or before○.....	Paul S. Croff.....	Niels Mikkelsen
Bancroft,	" 145	Bancroft.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	Edward F. Farley.....	Arthur A. Koepnick
Jachin,	" 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	Third Thursday.....	Omer R. Frey.....	Earl Barnette
125 Siloam,	" 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	Friday on or after○.....	Dennis A. Criss.....	Earl F. Margritz
Emmet Crawford,	" 148	Broken Bow.....	Custer.....	Third Wednesday.....	Ray S. Kuns.....	James W. Yockey
Jewel,	" 149	Tobias.....	Saline.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Frank T. Dayton.....	Charles W. Boggs
Cambridge,	" 150	Cambridge.....	Furnas.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Ernest G. Moore.....	Kenneth R. Newcomb
Square,	" 151	Valparaiso.....	Saunders.....	Second Tuesday.....	Bohumil J. Bukacek.....	William J. Butler
130 Parallel,	" 152	Liberty.....	Gage.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Gordon Smith.....	Edward A. Cox
Evergreen,	" 153	Pierce.....	Pierce.....	Second Tuesday.....	Denys J. Malone.....	Edward B. Fanske
Lily,	" 154	Davenport.....	Thayer.....	Friday on or before○.....	Floyd W. Row.....	Robert B. Walker
Hartington,	" 155	Hartington.....	Cedar.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Frank O. Robinson.....	Rudolph H. Jenny
Pythagoras,	" 156	Ewing.....	Holt.....	First Wednesday.....	Charles B. Peshek.....	Garry Benson
135 Valley,	" 157	Wilsonville.....	Furnas.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Adrea L. Wilburn.....	J. Edwin Loar
Samaritan,	" 158	Chadron.....	Dawes.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Clendenen W. Mitchell.....	L. Edgar Sprague
Ogalalla,	" 159	Ogallala.....	Keith.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Theodore F. Gould.....	Harry J. Antrim
Zeredatha,	" 160	Reynolds.....	Jefferson.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Sterling P. Hamm.....	George E. Warren
Mount Zion,	" 161	Shelby.....	Polk.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	Webster Ray.....	Richard T. Below
140 Trestle Board,	" 162	Brock.....	Nemaha.....	First Saturday.....	Charles Payne.....	Almon C. DePue
Unity,	" 163	Greenwood.....	Cass.....	Friday on or before○*.....	Watson Howard.....	Charles E. Calfee
Atkinson,	" 164	Atkinson.....	Holt.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	Carrol C. Raymer.....	Harry A. Snyder
Barneston,	" 165	Barneston.....	Gage.....	Tuesday on or before○*.....	Seth S. Ratliff.....	Alvin D. Spencer
Mystic Tie,	" 166	Tilden.....	Madison.....	Fourth Thursday.....	George W. Irving.....	Earl L. Jenkins
145 Elwood,	" 167	Elwood.....	Gosper.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	John L. Withers.....	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.....	Charles W. Brown.....	George Greer
Mason City,	" 170	Mason City.....	Custer.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Carl M. Anderson.....	Ralph F. McCloughan
Merna,	" 171	Merna.....	Custer.....	Saturday on or after○.....	Edwin J. Olson.....	Lester J. Corlett
150 Grafton,	" 172	Grafton.....	Fillmore.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	George A. Frederick.....	Walter A. Thomas

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Robert Burns,	No. 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Wade R. Martin.....	Bert G. Shillington
Culbertson,	" 174	Culbertson.....	Hitchcock.....	First and third Wednesdays.	Carl H. Swanson.....	Arvene C. Eisenhart
Temple,	" 175	Filley.....	Gage.....	First and third Tuesdays.	Lewis C. McClung.....	Adrian J. Edgar
Gladstone,	" 176	Ansley.....	Custer.....	Thursday on or after○	Harry E. Weekly.....	William Mackey
155 Hay Springs,	" 177	Hay Springs.....	Sheridan.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Gilbert J. McCreath.....	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○	Lee R. Balderson.....	George Hamburg
Faith,	" 181	Crawford.....	Dawes.....	First and third Thursdays.	Orville R. Ivins.....	William H. Pittam
Incense,	" 182	Obiowa.....	Fillmore.....	First and third Thursdays.	Fred Wolter.....	William H. Weiss
160 Alliance,	" 183	Alliance.....	Box Butte.....	Thursday on or before○	Roy C. Strong.....	James H. H. Hewett
Bee Hive,	" 184	Omaha†.....	Douglas.....	First Thursday.....	Joseph H. Randolph.....	William N. Paxton
Boaz,	" 185	Danbury.....	Red Willow.....	Wednesday on or before○	Earl E. Laidig.....	George B. Morgan
Israel,	" 187	Ulysses.....	Butler.....	Tuesday on or before○	James M. Stephens.....	Anson B. Andrew
Meridan,	" 188	Cozad.....	Dawson.....	Third Tuesday.....	Clarence A. Lattin.....	William M. Rumpeltes
165 Granite,	" 189	Gibbon.....	Buffalo.....	First Tuesday.....	David A. Trivelpiece.....	Ira A. Kirk
Amethyst,	" 190	Gandy.....	Logan.....	Second and fourth Saturdays.	Raleigh B. Joy.....	Henry A. Tunnell
Crystal,	" 191	Scotia.....	Greeley.....	Thursday on or before○	John V. Maddox.....	Theodore J. Stoetzl
Minnekadusa,	" 192	Valentine.....	Cherry.....	Third Tuesday.....	Roy E. Sfyert.....	Luke M. Bates
Signet,	" 193	Leigh.....	Colfax.....	Friday on or before○	Ernest M. Nelson.....	Oliver W. Fleming
170 Highland,	" 194	Cortland.....	Gage.....	First Monday.....	Frank T. Schowengerdt.....	Irvin H. Johnston
Arcana,	" 195	Gordon.....	Sheridan.....	First and third Mondays.	Engene Williams.....	Roy S. Ross
Level,	" 196	Stockville.....	Frontier.....	Saturday on or before○	George J. Dold.....	Charles R. Best
Morning Star,	" 197	Gresham.....	York.....	Friday on or before○	Sheridan B. Marsden.....	Samuel A. Tobey
Purity,	" 198	Imperial.....	Chase.....	Friday on or before○	Herman W. Dettman.....	Joseph F. McLair†
175 Gavel,	" 199	Carleton.....	Thayer.....	Tuesday on or before○	Thomas J. Peninger.....	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.	David J. Williams.....	William L. Goldsmith
Golden Sheaf,	" 202	Randolph.....	Cedar.....	Monday on or before○	Henry F. Hayward.....	Joseph Andrews
Roman Eagle,	" 203	Pender.....	Thurston.....	First Tuesday†	Archie M. Smith.....	Clyde K. Moseman
180 Plainview,	" 204	Plainview.....	Pierce.....	First Tuesday.....	Joseph E. Ruzicka.....	Andy Hansen
Golden Fleece,	" 205	Chappell.....	Deuel.....	Thursday on or before○	Henry H. Grimmitt.....	Arthur J. Bracken
Napthali,	" 206	Diller.....	Jefferson.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Robert L. Upson**.....	Harry K. Shutt
Parian,	" 207	Callaway.....	Custer.....	First and third Thursdays.	Dota F. Sherrel.....	Henry H. Andrews
Gauge,	" 208	Arcadia.....	Valley.....	Tuesday after○*	Walter N. Woody.....	Charles H. Downing
185 Canopy,	" 209	Elmwood.....	Cass.....	Saturday on or before○	Edward M. Jumper.....	John H. Rogge

†South Side Station.

*And two weeks thereafter.

‡And first and third Tuesdays from October 1st to April 1st.

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East Lincoln, Cement, Compass & Square, Plumbline, 190 Occidental,	No. 210 211 212 214 215	Lincoln Wood River Summer Adams Cedar Bluffs	Lancaster Hall Dawson Gage Saunders	First Thursday Thursday on or before Tuesday on or before Monday on or before Tuesday on or before	Ward E. Simpson Melvin L. Hodges Beryl E. Irvin Joseph B. Stiedley Leo H. Sholts	Lorenzen P. Ronne Edward B. Persson Jacob P. Serr John E. Killen Oscar M. Fenstermacher
Palisade, Wauneta, Bloomfield, Relief, 195 Magnolia,	" 216 217 218 219 220	Palisade Wauneta Bloomfield Coleridge Emerson	Hitchcock Chase Knox Cedar Dixon	Tuesday on or before First and third Thursdays First Tuesday Second Friday Wednesday on or before	Solomon H. Blum Fred R. Grimm Dale W. Reynolds Roy B. Gould John W. Church	Walter S. Tyler Orley E. McCallum Cornelius T. Heckt George R. Stone George H. Haase
Wood Lake, Landmark, Eminence, Silver Cord, 200 Cable,	" 221 222 223 224 225	Wood Lake Herman Giltner Ainsworth Arnold	Cherry Washington Hamilton Brown Custer	Fourth Saturday Tuesday on or before Second and fourth Tuesdays Second Tuesday First and third Saturdays	George F. Kreycik Lorentz C. Hanson Fred A. Moffat Francis B. Rodwell Henry H. Schloatman	Henry Lausen Harry L. Swan Perry O. Marvel George A. Farman, Jr. Lloyd S. Beltz
Grace, North Star, Bartley, Comet, 205 Delta,	" 226 227 228 229 230	Wilcox University Place Bartley Ceresco Saint Edward	Kearney Lancaster Red Willow Saunders Boone	Monday on or before* First Wednesday Wednesday on or before Thursday on or before* Second and fourth Tuesdays	Fred R. Laupp Roy W. Deal Harley T. Cawthra Roscoe E. Frazier Maxfield J. Wilson	Arthur E. Newton Leslie A. Thomas Daniel L. Mitchell Andrew B. Blomstrom Alfred Powell
Mount Hermon, John S. Bowen, Gilead, Zion, 210 Fraternity,	" 231 232 233 234 235	Cook Kennard Butte Hyannis Winside	Johnson Washington Boyd Grant Wayne	Tuesday on or before Third Thursday Second and fourth Mondays Wednesday on or before Fourth Wednesday	Lewis Richards Oliver W. Marshall Darley B. Raymer Charles E. Waite Victor L. Siman	Alfred H. Vanderberg Floyd McCann Stephen A. Richardson Robin W. Bonfield Irving F. Gaebler
Golden Rule, Cubit, Friendship, Pilot, 215 George Armstrong,	" 236 237 239 240 241	Allen Douglas Chapman Lyons Craig	Dixon Otoe Merrick Burt Burt	Tuesday on or before* Thursday on or before Second and fourth Fridays Third Friday First and third Tuesdays	Glenn E. Pomeroy Denver A. McPherson Robert O. Jones Ulysses G. Brink Charles M. Thompson	Vernon W. McDonald Nathaniel C. Newlin Samuel W. Calhoun John E. Buckley John T. Davis
Tyrian, Sincerity, Hampton, Nehawka, 220 Corner-stone,	" 243 244 245 246 247	Oak Battle Creek Hampton Nehawka Osmond	Nuckolls Madison Hamilton Cass Pierce	First and third Wednesdays Second Tuesday First and third Wednesdays Wednesday on or before Friday on or before	John L. Scroggin Howard Miller Andrew N. Christiansen Eugene A. Nutzman David Buchanan	Henry L. Meyer Frank E. Martin George E. Plotts Robert H. Chapman James Cizek
Laurel, Gothenburg, George Washington, Wausa, 225 Hildreth,	" 248 249 250 251 252	Laurel Gothenburg Havelock Wausa Hildreth	Cedar Dawson Lancaster Knox Franklin	Second and fourth Wednesdays Second Wednesday Second and fourth Thursdays First Thursday Second and fourth Wednesdays	Clarence E. Marvin Bernard A. Norsworthy William J. Hinkle Alvin Erickson Clifford M. Glenn	Joseph H. Artman Clifford T. Winters Frank B. Young William Berridge George M. Myers

*And two weeks thereafter.

ROLL OF EXISTING NEBRASKA LODGES, WITH LOCATIONS, DATES OF REGULAR MEETINGS, OFFICERS, ETC.—Continued.

LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	MASTER	SECRETARY
Beemer,	No. 253	Beemer	Cuming	First and fourth Wednesdays	Archie E. Cates	Ernest L. Fried
Bassett,	" 254	Bassett	Rock	Second Thursday	John Cousineau	Walter Mauch
Bradshaw,	" 255	Bradshaw	York	First and third Mondays	Josiah Lichtenberger	Emile C. Roggy
Hickman,	" 256	Hickman	Lancaster	Thursday on or before O	Jacob Vermaas	Cyrus Black
230 Holbrook,	" 257	Holbrook	Furnas	Second and fourth Fridays	Jacob C. VanCleave	Albert Phillipson
Anselmo,	" 258	Anselmo	Custer	Wednesday on or before O	Miles M. Kepler	Chalmers G. Empfield
Bee,	" 259	Bee	Seward	Thursday on or before O	Frank W. Opocensky	Ernest Sobotka
Ornan,	" 261	Spencer	Boyd	First, third and fifth Mondays	Per S. Person	William D. Spicknall
Endeavor	" 262	Indianola	Red Willow	Thursday on or before O	Arthur C. Crabtree	Archibald C. McNeil
235 Mitchell,	" 263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	Second Monday	Matthew G. Slemmons	Oliver P. Burrows
Franklin,	" 264	Franklin	Franklin	Second and fourth Mondays	Henry J. Walker	Harold B. Long
Robert W. Furnas,	" 265	Scotts Bluff	Scotts Bluff	Second and fourth Mondays	Lonnie R. Vickery	Charles O. Walters
Silver,	" 266	Silver Creek	Merrick	First Wednesday	Gifford E. Hutchison	Paul V. Hobert, acting
James A. Tulleys,	" 267	Overton	Dawson	Fourth Monday	Jesse H. Laub	Joseph R. Wilson
240 George W. Lininger,	" 268	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	William H. Smails	William McCormack
Riverside,	" 269	Belgrade	Nance	Friday before O*	Elmer Anderson	Fred H. VanWormer
Huntley,	" 270	Huntley	Harlan	Tuesday on or before O*	Marshall H. Richman	Elmer C. Combs
Oasis,	" 271	Morrill	Scotts Bluff	Thursday on or before O	Kent Lane	Edgar A. Roquet
Lee P. Gillette,	" 272	Dunbar	Otoe	Monday on or before O	Allan Walker	Wilber H. Harpster
245 Crofton,	" 273	Crofton	Knox	Thursday on or before O	Benjamin F. Haffner	Charles Ruden
Olive Branch,	" 274	Walthill	Thurston	Second Monday	Alva L. Rousey	Cressie J. Blanchard
Ramah,	" 275	Bertrand	Phelps	First Thursday	Earl F. Sherman	William J. Ehlers
Antelope,	" 276	Elgin	Antelope	First and third Tuesdays	Henry W. Campbell	Arthur E. Bergman
Sioux,	" 277	Harrison	Sioux	Second Monday	Vernard E. Marsteller	Wayne C. Unitt
250 Litchfield,	" 278	Litchfield	Sherman	Thursday on or before O	Seth H. Richmond	Harvey I. Lang
Wallace,	" 279	Wallace	Lincoln	Tuesday on or before O	**	**
Swastika,	" 280	Sargent	Custer	Second Tuesday	Freddie E. Replogle	Frank L. Hicks
Florence,	" 281	Omaha	Douglas	First Monday	Otto M. Boettger	Robert H. Sutton
Mullen,	" 282	Mullen	Hooker	Tuesday on or before O	John A. Burnett	Arthur G. Humphrey
255 Exeter,	" 283	Exeter	Fillmore	Second and fourth Fridays	Ira Drommond	Charles F. Tous
Seneca,	" 284	Seneca	Thomas	Wednesday on or before O	Mastin J. Cox	Edgar T. Lay
Camp Clarke,	" 285	Bridgeport	Morrill	First Tuesday	Keith E. McGee	Edward K. Milmine
Oshkosh,	" 286	Oshkosh	Garden	Wednesday on or after O	Bruce E. Robinson	Clyde H. Sudman
Union,	" 287	Palmyra	Otoe	Wednesday on or before O	William R. Powers	Albert T. Cassel
260 Omaha,	" 288	Omaha	Douglas	First Saturday	Richard C. Johnson	Edward L. Cain

†Florence Station.

**Charter arrested.

Lotus,	No. 289	Ravenna	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Lambert J. Hlava	Archie A. Meek
John J. Mercer,	" 290	Omaha	Douglas	First Tuesday	Walter H. Justin	Earl W. Dean
Diamond,	" 291	Royal	Antelope	First Monday	Chester A. Middleton	William E. Butler
Wolbach,	" 292	Wolbach	Greeley	First and third Wednesdays	Francis E. McCormick	Walter E. McIntyre
265 Monument,	" 293	Arapahoe	Furnas	Second and fourth Mondays	Roland F. Emmett	Clyde E. Toler
Kimball,	" 294	Kimball	Kimball	First Monday	Oscar A. Torgerson	Irving S. Walker
Minatare,	" 295	Minatare	Scotts Bluff	Second and fourth Fridays	Wayne L. Townsend	Fred W. Smith
Cowles,	" 296	Cowles	Webster	First and third Wednesdays	John E. Malick	Horace G. Morse
Cotner,	" 297	Cotner	Lancaster	First Friday	William D. Cave	Imon T. Hensley
270 Chester,	" 298	Chester	Thayer	First and third Mondays	William J. Crouse	Ernest F. Woodard
Sutherland,	" 299	Sutherland	Lincoln	First Wednesday	Vernice A. Kessler	Harold P. Wiig
Liberty,	" 300	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Thursday	Doc L. Redfern	Ralph S. Moseley
Bayard,	" 301	Bayard	Morrill	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Yale H. Cavett	Lawrence A. Fricke
Mizpah,	" 302	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	D. Bradley Malkson	Lemuel E. Fitch
275 Right Angle,	" 303	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Louis L. Murphey	Paul F. Griswold
Ruskin,	" 304	Ruskin	Nuckolls	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Elmer J. Wortman	Frank Hopkirk
Newman Grove,	" 305	Newman Grove	Madison	Second and fourth Mondays	Frank Jensen	Alexis R. Gustavson
Golden Rod,	" 306	Lodgepole	Cheyenne	Second Tuesday	Fred Lehmkuhl	William H. Goettsche
William E. Hill,	" 307	Otoe	Otoe	Third Tuesday	Elmer DeKay	Lewis Ganzel
280 Perkins,	" 308	Grant	Perkins	First Monday	Barney A. Dudden	Charles O. Bowley
Winnebago,	" 309	Winnebago	Thurston	First Thursday	Jeremiah M. Reed	Tracy Griffin
Victory,	" 310	Valley	Douglas	Second and fourth Tuesdays	William G. Stroup	Harry P. Cate
Polk,	" 311	Polk	Polk	First Friday	Oscar F. Dahlin	Joseph E. McDaniel
Oak Leaf,	" 312	Lynch	Boyd	Second Thursday	William C. Boldt	Clifford J. Hurlless
285 Potter,	" 313	Potter	Cheyenne	Second Tuesday	Nels S. Miller	Roy L. MacAdam
Craftsmen,	" 314	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	William S. Holmes	Elmer L. Farmer
Palmer,	" 315	Palmer	Merrick	Second and fourth Mondays	David E. Crites	Festus C. Sheldon
Alpha,	" 316	South Sioux City	Dakota	Fourth Thursday	Sidney T. Frum	Mell A. Schמיד
Mid-West,	" 317	Hastings	Adams	Second Friday	Arthur A. Smith	William J. Breckenridge

†Benson Station.



REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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

Owing to the illness of Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt during the past year, he was unable to write the report for 1924-1925. M. W. Brother Ehrhardt has written nine reports, and it is to be regretted that he could not continue the work in which he was so deeply interested. When it was made known that Brother Ehrhardt would be unable to do the work this year, W. Brother Frank L. Haycock, the third member of the committee, consented to write the report, and what follows is his first attempt in preparing the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

I take great pleasure in introducing Brother Haycock to the members of the Guild. He is one of those true and staunch members of the Fraternity in this jurisdiction, and has many years of service to his credit as a worker in Ancient Craft Masonry. He has filled too many positions to enumerate them, and has always measured up to a high standard of efficiency, and is greatly esteemed by his Masonic brethren. He has been my personal friend for more than thirty years. I ask his brother reviewers to deal kindly and firmly with him; remember that this is his first attempt. You may, however criticize, condemn, and commend as seemeth best. He will no doubt consider all you have to say in the same spirit as that in which you say it.

It is hoped that Brother Ehrhardt will be restored to health and strength, and that he will again be able to take up his work of reviewing the proceedings of other Grand Lodges, and we know that he has the sympathy of all who have become acquainted with him through his reviews and elsewhere, and that their best wishes will be his always.

With cordial greetings and good wishes for all writers of reviews, I am

Truly and fraternally,

FRANCIS E. WHITE,

Grand Secretary.

June 1st, 1925.

PERSONAL PREFACE.

It is with feelings of sorrow and regret that the conditions under which I am called upon to assume this task arise through the reluctance of my old friend and co-worker, Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt, to again attempt the work.

The nerveless grasp of working tools, the dimness of trestle-board lines, sooner or later command us one and all to desist from labor and enjoy a well earned rest.

I have been called from the ranks of the non-commissioned, as it were, to perform for this committee work heretofore intrusted to those of larger experience and better equipped. My aspirations to distinction are entirely appeased if I may deserve the title of "Brother" among three million Masons. I shall make no apology now or hereafter for the result of my efforts. If one gives the best of himself, it should preclude the necessity for defense of his work, however poor it may seem.

I therefore venture bravely on the well worn path of my illustrious predecessors, always hoping for inspiration through their precept and example.

FRANK L. HAYCOCK.

Callaway, Nebraska, February, 1925.

GENERAL.

Your reviewer finds that his work is greatly facilitated when he attempts to scan the activities of other jurisdictions in our neighbor, the Dominion of Canada. In their "Board of General Purposes" and "Committee on Condition of Masonry," matters of vital importance, real interest, and of marked contrast are segregated as under a spotlight.

There is a concensus of opinion to be traced the world over when one reads the thoughts of those who must be admitted to be the best minds of our Fraternity. It is that there should be cohesion, that knowledge should be disseminated, that *all to be* Masons should not rest in but *seeming* to be. It is manifested in admonitions to read the proceedings, to attend lodge, to partake in the "study" features, to treat Masonry as a real thing and not as a diversion only. Each may participate if he will, it is pointed out, in matters of law, of work, of benevolent activities, and in improvement of his own mind in education.

It is emphasized strongly that in these things the future and prosperity of Masonry rest, that the material from which administrative talent must some time be drawn is in the apprentice of today. The institution supplies the text and the working tools. We are asked by those of authority and experience to make use of them, and thus make good on our assertion we subscribed to when we stated in our application for the degrees that we were prompted by a desire to become serviceable to our fellow creatures and a desire for knowledge.

NOTE.

It is no more than is due to our Grand Chaplain, Brother Shepherd, to state that beautiful and sincere testimonials to his eloquence, in his eulogy pronounced at the Memoriam Service for Brother Wellman in 1923, are written in the annals of most of the Grand Lodges of the English-speaking world. Many reviewers quote the address at length.

ALABAMA.

Montgomery.

December 2d, 1924.

104th Annual Communication.

M. W. Duncan C. Carmichael, Grand Master.

M. W. Lawrence H. Lee, Nebraska's representative, is listed as Deputy Grand Master.

The session is largely occupied with consideration of newly proposed legislation on domestic jurisdiction and phases of the right of objection. There are apparent peculiarities, and we commend the perusal of the original record to those interested, for want of space in which to set them out.

Without intent to deprecate or criticize, we may be pardoned if we note a number of things wherein Alabama seems without the ordinary. We find that the lodge numbers run to 851, yet there are but 578 existing chartered lodges. The charters of four lodges have been forfeit during the year and there have been five consolidations. Ten lodges are delinquent in making returns, and fifty-two delinquent in Grand Lodge dues. Four hundred and thirty-three were represented at the annual communication.

It appears that representatives are paid no mileage or per diem by the Grand Lodge, although Grand Lodge officers, District Lecturers, and standing committees receive compensation, the basis of which, however, we can not determine, but it appears liberal in some cases.

From the fees for degrees it appears that the Grand Lodge receives \$3.00 for each *Fellow Craft*, which goes to the Masonic Home.

In 103 years Alabama has had but fifty Grand Masters, the incumbent generally holding the office for two years; and this applies approximately to the three offices next in rank. The system, if it is a system, is an economical use of energy and knowledge in our opinion, and worth copying.

The Masonic Home is a large and flourishing institution, well administered and well supported, also well patronized, as it shows a total of 18 men, 57 women, 155 boys, and 134 girls. Although the Home includes their own school, that feature and the burden is assumed by the county authorities—65 of the children attend the public high school.

The review for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Brother Fred Wall, chairman. He makes it brief, but uses the scissors freely. Nebraska, 1924, is disposed of with three quotations from Grand Master Chappell and little else. He tells his brethren that Lew Smith is our Grand Secretary. If he was writing *this* review he would know that our distinguished chairman still holds that job.

M. W. DUNCAN C. CARMICHAEL, Grand Master.

R. W. GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary.

ALBERTA.

Medicine Hat.

June 11th, 1924.

19th Annual Communication.

M. W. George Murray, Grand Master.

The Grand Master's time was largely occupied in visitations to lodges, one trip taking him into the north as far as the Great Slave lake. He reports having commissioned Brother Earl M. Bolen to represent Alberta in Nebraska.

Only one case of discipline occurred during the year.

Eight dispensations were granted to confer degrees in physical defect cases.

The Grand Lodge granted charters to three new lodges.

The reports of fifteen District Deputy Grand Masters thoroughly cover domestic affairs.

The Grand Secretary reports a gain in membership for the year of 279, making a total roster of 12,017. He speaks of the unqualified success and benefits derived from district meetings.

The Grand Librarian (M. W. Brother Stephen Y. Taylor) reports a list of desirable Masonic literature, and a complete catalogue of the Grand Lodge library is printed in the proceedings.

The report on fraternal correspondence is by F. S. Selwood, Past Grand Master. Several other past grand officers participate in the work of the review.

Nebraska, 1923, is taken care of by Past Grand Master H. C. Taylor. He expresses doubt as to the advisability of our questionnaire, as tending to make the committee slack in the performance of duty.

M. W. HORACE P. REID, Grand Master.

M. W. STEPHEN Y. TAYLOR, Grand Secretary.

ARIZONA.

Globe.

February 12th, 1924.

42nd Annual Communication.

The preliminaries appear in the following order:

First is the roll-call of officers, all present but the Grand Chaplain and Grand Organist. It is recorded that there are present also the representatives of thirty chartered lodges and a number of Past Masters entitled to seats. The official vacancies were filled by appointment pro tempore, the Grand Lodge opened, and the M. W. Grand Master, Sidney Sapp, announced the appointment of the Committee on Credentials. They recessed for fifteen minutes, called on again, and the Committee on Credentials reported present and entitled to seats the Grand officers, thirteen Past Grand Masters, one Past Junior Grand Warden, representatives of thirty chartered lodges, and fifty-five Past Masters.

The Grand Master's address is brief and concise and covers the usual subjects. He is inclined to be liberal in the matter of physical qualifications. No decisions were necessary.

With less than six thousand brethren on the rolls of lodges, the financial reports show a healthy and prosperous condition, with relief and educational features well taken care of. They have over \$205,000.00 of cash and bonds, mostly in Masonic Home funds.

Promulgation of the ritualistic work has been handled by the Grand Lecturer in correspondence with the reports from his few deputies. There is no record of remuneration, even for expense. An item of \$250.00 appears in the budget for the coming year as salary of Grand Lecturer. He recommends that no Master shall be installed unless qualified to confer the degrees.

W. Brother James R. Malott delivered the oration.

Their Tubercular Sanatorium at Oracle is granted an appropriation of \$4,426.00.

M. W. Brother Harry Arizona Drachman, Past Grand Master, is chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, but no review is published.

Regulation No. 10 seems to have kicked up a teapot tempest. It was finally resolved that it be *liberally* construed. It relates to eligibility of candidates, and is probably the "Banquo's Ghost" of "physical qualification." It savors of "passing the buck."

W. Brother Henry V. Anaya, No. 32, made a plea for recognition of a long list of Mexican Grand Lodges, which was referred to the Correspondence Committee. On their report and recommendation, recognition was extended to the last named and newly constituted, the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Pacific, composed of lodges within the states of Sonora and Sinaloa, and territory of Lower California.

The 1925 annual communication will be held at Phoenix.

Regulation No. 16 was adopted, providing that a petitioner shall promise not to apply to concordant bodies for degrees until he shall have been a Master Mason twelve months.

M. W. OTIS J. BAUGHN, Grand Master.

M. W. GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE, Grand Secretary.

Little Rock.

ARKANSAS.

November 18th, 1924.

83rd Annual Communication.

M. W. F. W. Harris, Grand Master.

Seven emergent communications have been held for corner-stone layings and one for the funeral of Past Grand Master Reamey.

433 of the 556 chartered lodges are represented at the annual. Brother Lewis C. Hall representing Nebraska reported present. Deceased Past Grand Masters were accorded the funeral honors.

Although many queries have been received by the Grand Master, most of them have been answered by citing the law without ruling or decision. Only three decisions are given. While the address of the Grand Master is commendable, it is occupied principally with domestic matters. He reports the affairs of the Orphans' Home at Batesville well administered. The family is forty-five boys and fifty-three girls.

The move to construct a building for children at the tuberculosis sanatorium at Booneville is well supported. The plans provide for accommodations for fifty-six patients and a cost of \$75,000.00

The Grand Secretary's report is short, consisting of routine and financial matters only. Receipts from all sources have been over sixty-two thousand dollars.

The Board of Finance submits report showing 211 thousand dollars in cash and securities on hand.

R. W. Brother P. C. Goodwin delivers the official oration. He takes "Love" as his subject and it is well worth reading. From the numerous fine passages we find it difficult to choose but will chance the following:

Think of the love of the poet as he puts forth his conception of nature's beauty in verse; of the love of the teacher for imparting knowledge to others and witnessing in them the gradual germination and growth of the thoughts he is planting; of the love of the actor for his art, the sailor for his ship, the architect for his constructions; of the sculptor as he strives to embody the peculiar characteristics of his subject in clay, bronze or marble.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Brother A. B. Little, chairman. In two pages he deals briefly with foreign relations, and on his recommendation recognition is denied Spain and granted Guatemala.

M. W. STORM O. WHALEY, Grand Master.

R. W. FAY HEMPSTEAD, Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Vancouver.

June 19th, 1924.

53rd Annual Communication.

M.:W.: Charles E. Tisdall, Grand Master.

He voices the almost universal sentiment in his address, "increase numerically, but not at the expense of quality"—Masons rather than members. But do we heed the admonition? He is concerned with the state of the ritual, no uniformity, no resultant action from previous recommendations. The three authorized forms are being multiplied by three or even four. With us we find our task is sufficient with but one form to contend with, although we are justly proud of our advances under the direction of our able and lovable Uncle Bob and his qualified assistants. Perhaps the vast expanse and sparse population of our sister jurisdiction is an extenuating feature; but the authority for more than one form is beyond our ken. We think the institution of District Deputy Grand Masters, as compared with Nebraska's system, is partly accountable for this strange condition, although in all other respects they seem to function admirably. A central, responsible head is absolutely necessary, and with us, it works.

The funds and property of the subordinate lodges amount to over half a million, and relief granted *by the lodges* equals approximately \$1.00 per capita per annum. It is a record to be proud of and hard to beat.

The reports of the district deputies are of domestic interest only. They act as the eyes of the Grand Master over an extensive territory, and their work proves their love for the institution. In passing, we may say that this same devotion is evident throughout—the representatives draw neither mileage nor per diem and Grand Lodge sessions are nevertheless well attended.

M.:W.: Brother Edgar B. Paul, Past Grand Master, is Nebraska's representative, and he is present at the annual.

General regulations are submitted and adopted on the funeral service. We fail to find mention of one feature that concerns us, viz: may or may not other than Master Masons act as pall-bearers?

Other than ordinary routine we fail to note matters of interest. That they pursue the even tenor of their way is a matter for congratulation, and even envy.

V.:W.: Brother William A. DeWolf-Smith writes the review as chairman of the committee. We admire his style, and without intending deprecation we must remark that much mild sarcasm and free comment is indulged in.

We take no exceptions to his remarks on Nebraska, 1923. We should perhaps explain that our amendment to Section 115 was phrased to conform to our present, "one election to the three degrees." Before that we had four weeks between *elections*. We may further explain that with us Past Masters are not members of the Grand Lodge, and the few that are retained in important committee capacity we deem it but right that they should have a voice even though our constitution does not grant them a vote.

M.:W.: STEPHEN JONES, Grand Master.

V.:W.: WILLIAM A. DEWOLF-SMITH, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

Los Angeles.

October 14th, 1924.

75th Annual Communication.

M. W. Arthur S. Crites, Grand Master.

Present were the Grand Officers, fifteen Past Grand Masters and representatives of 476 of the 484 chartered lodges, also delegates from twenty-one lodges, U. D. :

The Grand Master in the performance of his official duties has traveled 38,000 miles during the year, has constituted thirty-nine new lodges; and has participated in installations, corner-stones, dedications, and visitations galore. The Hawaiian Islands were included, where in one of his lodges he was received with a Chinese presiding as Master.

His chapter on "The Other Bodies" is a soft pedal denunciation of their practices and desirability in some cases.

The membership of one lodge is reported as only twelve. In another they boast of the "biggest Mason in the World," Brother John Assen, eight feet nine and one-quarter inches tall and weighing five hundred and sixteen pounds. The Grand Master "raised" him. We wonder if it took a derrick.

Contrary to what we observe as the general policy, the Grand Master permitted a lodge of twenty-four members to solicit contributions to rebuild a temple destroyed by fire. Over \$6,000.00 was realized from 203 lodges. Insurance is not mentioned.

It is apparent from the Grand Master's report that the year was one of industry on his part. His duties were many, and his devotion to the cause was sincere and untiring.

Relief and Masonic Home affairs are well supported and administered. The Decoto Home accommodates 106 men and 81 women. The Covina Home 59 boys and 69 girls. There is also extensive employment bureau work.

The Committee on General Policy and Purposes functions rather largely, and principally in an advisory and investigating capacity, for the Grand Lodge on proposed new legislation and recommendations.

Among the matters claiming their attention, and on which the Grand Lodge adopted their reports, are the following:

(1) To withdraw as a member of the Masonic Service Association. This complies with the recommendation of the Grand Master.

(2) In regard to "other bodies," doubts that drastic action that would destroy existing societies is advisable; but warns that a repetition of abuses will result finally in disciplinary action.

(3) For non-adoption of the resolution that all lodges within the jurisdiction shall have concurrent jurisdiction.

(4) Declares that the DeMolay is not nor can it become a part of Masonry, that any action directly permitting the lodges to sponsor, or that the Grand Lodge should sponsor, departs from the traditional policy of Masonry. The *individual* members may lend it their moral and personal support: but "no legislation on the subject be enacted at this time."

The recommendation of the committee on Ritual, for fifteen changes in the esoteric work, was adopted.

The Grand Lodge adopted the report of the jurisprudence committee approving all of the decisions of the Grand Master.

Legislation on petitions is adopted as follows: After a petition has been regularly received, it may be withdrawn if the petitioner removes from the jurisdiction of the lodge. If the report of any of the committee be unfavorable the candidate shall be declared rejected without ballot. In our opinion neither is wise.

Lodges are required to collect from members as dues not less than nine dollars annually.

Masonic educational work is carried on under an Educational Committee. \$7,500.00 is appropriated, \$4,000.00 of which is for the salary of an executive secretary.

The review on correspondence is written for the committee by Brother Jesse M. Whited. He terms it "topical." Without speaking as plainly as Sherman we would put an "r" in at least. As he maintains that it is for "home consumption" only, we let it alone. He is succeeded by J. Lewis Matthews, a Past Master of No. 334.

M. W. DAVID J. REESE, Grand Master.

R. W. JOHN WHICHER, Grand Secretary.

CANADA.

In the Province of Ontario.

Toronto

July 16th, 1924.

69th Annual Communication.

There were present the Grand Master, M. W. Brother William John Drope, M. A., on the Throne, the officers of the Grand Lodge, four Past Grand Masters, thirty-one District Deputy Grand Masters, the representatives of forty-one Grand Jurisdictions, among whom is listed R. W. Brother Henry T. Smith for Nebraska.

The address of welcome is by the mayor of the city.

Of the 538 working lodges, 472 are in attendance in the person of officers, Past Masters, or proxies. Thirteen of the subordinate lodges bear the name of "St. John's" and there are other duplications. Twelve veterans, for fifty years Masons, were presented.

The Grand Master's address is the usual resume of official activities, interspersed with but few admonitions or recommendations. It is apparent that their affairs run smoothly. He emphasizes the "imminent need" for homes for the aged, the widow, and the orphan. They contribute to six hundred beneficiaries to the extent of \$100,000.00 yearly other than the grants from constituent lodges.

The sum of \$1,000.00 was donated to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and \$1,000.00 to Japanese relief. Over \$400,000.00 of liquid assets are reported. A summary of receipts shows a total of \$124,268.00, other than interest on investments, and general expenses are \$37,225.00, other than for benevolence. It does not appear that representatives to Grand Lodge are paid mileage or per diem from Grand Lodge funds.

A large part of the printed proceedings is occupied with routine reports of the thirty-one District Deputy Grand Masters.

Warrants were ordered issued to four new lodges.

M.:W.:Brother William N. Ponton is chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence. The report covers sixty-two jurisdictions, the Nebraska review being compiled by R.:W.:Brother Henry T. Smith, our representative.

The report of a special committee on Home, Hospital and School was received and *adopted*. Paragraph No. 1 is:

That we do not consider it advisable or practicable to the present to entertain the proposal to build a hospital, home or school.

It further recommends the revision and extension of the present system of benevolence by (a) "make suitable and definite arrangements with such Institutions in different parts of the Province, as will adequately provide where necessary for Hospital or Aged cases"; (b) that by financial and personal direction and supervision, assistance be rendered in the education and maintenance of orphans. Six other corollary paragraphs are incorporated in the report.

The report of the "Board on the Condition of Masonry," by R.:W.:Brother Thomas Shanks, commands attention and respect. It is well worth reading. The contrast is sharply drawn between the "devoted few" and the "indifferent many." He expresses a tolerant doubt as to the desirability of the "remarkable trend" towards the "modern development" of the concordant and auxiliary bodies.

M.:W.:WILLIAM J. DROPE, Grand Master.

R.:W.:WILLIAM M. LOGAN, Grand Secretary.

COLORADO.

Denver.

September 16th, 1924.

64th Annual Communication.

Preceded by ten specials opened in ample form, principally for cornerstone layings. M.:W.:Brother Jesse C. Wiley, Grand Master, presiding. All grand officers, twenty-three Past Grand Masters, and full committee membership in attendance, also representatives from 129 of the 139 chartered lodges.

Calling of the roll of deceased Grand Masters, following the report of the Committee on Credentials, was the first in order. Then came the welcome of the Grand Master to the forty-six representatives of fellow Grand Lodges, their presence having been predetermined, ostensibly, by roll-call. The response was by M.:W.:Brother Chase Withrow, the senior Past Grand Master (1866).

The Grand Master's address, while not of great extent, is a comprehensive and concise report of numerous routine duties exercised, it would seem, with intelligence and ability.

All requests from other Grand Jurisdictions for conferring the Entered Apprentice degree through courtesy were refused, the established rule and their constitution being cited in justification.

He reports his attendance at the laying of the corner-stone of the George Washington Memorial at Alexandria, and prints his appeal for funds for the same.

Under the head of "Non-Masonic Organizations," he gives the Craft some plain talk as an outline for their conduct, quoting instances of flagrant openings for dissension.

Replying to communications and information received, he says: "The Masonic Fraternity will not willingly permit such non-Masonic organizations to attach themselves to the institution, particularly when such action leads to dissatisfaction, dissension and confusion in the Fraternity." And he emphasizes the axiom of "no divided allegiance."

The Grand Treasurer reports cash on hand \$32,000.00 and Bonds, Liberty, County, School District, and Municipal, \$38,000.00.

The Grand Secretary reports receipts of about \$30,000.00, and disbursements, other than bonds purchased, of \$27,000.00. One item of disbursement is \$4,469.00 Grand Lecturer, of which \$3,300.00 is salary. \$2,474.00 went to Masons' Benevolent Fund Association, and \$2,500.00 to Masonic Soldier's and Sailor's Welfare Committee. In the Benevolent Fund Association there are \$86,265.00 of liquid assets, mostly bonds, some real estate, and, in contrast to our own like investment, we note the entire absence of the farm mortgage. The fund disbursed \$5,000.00 for relief. The total receipts since 1902 show an item of \$8,709.00 as "bequests." The Soldier Masons' War Relief Fund shows disbursed for relief \$2,625.00. United States Government Bonds on hand, \$40,000.00, and cash, \$2,919.00.

The Committee on Necrology notes the death of our Past Grand Masters Warren, Hull, Morgan, and Gibbons.

The Grand Lecturer reports all of the 139 lodges as having been visited and examined. The 139 lodges average \$5.65 as annual dues of members, with a range of from \$2.00 to \$12.00. Fees for the degrees average \$67.50, ranging from \$50.00 to \$150.00. Twenty-seven lodges charge an affiliation fee averaging \$18.00.

The Committee on Building rejects the proposal to buy real estate and erect a temporary building for the use of the Grand Bodies, and its report is concurred in.

The George Washington Memorial Association Committee collects and remits \$8,775.00.

The Invisible Empire is dealt with at length in an able address by Brother C. Clyde Barker (No. 87, Denver). The discourse is in a spirit of tolerance, commendable in a Mason. We quote:

It is generally reported, whether correctly or not, that a majority of the Masons in Colorado belong to the organization, and likewise that a majority of its members are Masons. Therefore, if this is true, Masonic views must perforce pervade that organization.

And therefore I feel sure that the Masons who belong to that organization must feel as I do and that they would not for a moment permit it to be held out as a semi-Masonic institution. I am sure that a majority in both organizations have no thought of confusing the two nor the duties of each, and it behooves us as Masons, to draw a distinct line of demarcation between the two and to say to the world in unmistakable language, that they are not children of the same parentage.

He concludes: "and let us see to it that those symbolic implements are safeguarded by Masons and that the Masonic institution needs no extraneous assistance in performing those sacred duties."

A Financial Committee report was adopted refusing an appropriation of \$2,500.00 to the Colorado Tuberculosis Association.

Brother Stanley C. Warner (No. 117, Denver) presents the review of proceedings and Nebraska receives fraternal notice.

M. W. WILLIAM N. VAILE, Grand Master.

R. W. WILLIAM W. COOPER, Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

Hartford.

February 6th, 1924.

136th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Arthur M. Brown, Grand Master.

117 of the 119 lodges were represented, verified by roll-call on the forenoon of the second day. The usual fine for non-representation was imposed on those lodges failing to appear.

We note the presence of eleven Past Grand Masters and eight Past District Deputies as permanent members, and W. Brother Henry H. Brautigam, representing Nebraska. The Committee on Jurisprudence consists of two Past Grand Masters and one Worshipful Brother, appointed by the Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address is a complete and detailed review of the year, occupying sixty-five pages. Necrology is given ample space. Dispensations and decisions are noted, and the work of the district deputies reviewed.

The advantage of restricted territorial area is apparent in the number of official visits it was possible for him to make.

He speaks for continued support for the Masonic Service Association, and endorses the recommendation of his committee on the subject for enlarged activities.

In his recommendations he stands with our Brother Chappell in condemnation of lotteries as a flagrant violation of the law of the land.

We quote from his conclusion:

Now as we face the future may each one of us strive to build into the warp and woof of his character the great tenets and truths of Freemasonry, and be thus prepared to meet the tremendous problems now facing the civilized world, ever remembering that after all is said and done the question as to whether a nation shall flourish or decay, survive or perish, will be determined by the measure of the individual characters of its citizens.

The Grand Lodge reports a membership of 41,206, of which only 36,692 are subject to Grand Lodge dues; total receipts \$112,813.00, of which \$24,700 is from initiation and affiliation.

Recognition was extended the Grand Lodge of Guatemala.

Five lodges were fined \$5.00 each for failure to remit dues within the prescribed time.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved all decisions of the Grand Master.

The Committee on Grievances had no important matter to consider.

By a unanimous vote the resolution by the Finance Committee, providing for a per capita tax of \$2.50, was adopted. All but thirty-five cents of this goes to the Masonic Charity Foundation. Initiates and affiliates are also assessed \$10.00 for this same foundation.

For providing additional facilities for the Masonic Home, lodges were assessed by unanimous vote \$5.00 per capita on their membership, and delegated with power to assess it on their members.

We must mention that this communication was attended by a truly remarkable circumstance: the Grand Lodge was in session for only *six hours and twenty-five minutes* in the two days; but we bid you remember that the Committee on Jurisprudence is of but three members. We'll say that is "goin' some."

The review of Grand Lodges is by M. W. Brother George A. Kies, P. G. M., in 134 pages. Nebraska, 1923, receives fraternal mention, entirely complimentary.

We have purposely refrained from giving systematic statistics, owing to inability to group them on any particular date, and therefore of no value. Brother Kies, however, is more industrious, and submits tabulated statistics of fifty Grand Lodges, mostly from 1923 proceedings. It is commended to the seeker after figures.

M. W. WINTHROP BUCK, Grand Master.

M. W. GEORGE A. KIES, Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

Wilmington.

October 1st, 1924.

119th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Edward W. Cooch, Grand Master.

To those of our Fraternity who would have Past Masters permanent members of Grand Lodge we would call attention to the following recapitulation of attendance at this communication: Grand Officers, fourteen; Past Grand Officers, forty-six; Past Masters, 137; representatives (of twenty-one of the twenty-two existing lodges) forty.

Among the Grand Representatives we note the presence of Brother George J. Middleton for Nebraska.

The Grand Master's address is a report in topical form, concise and comprehensive. On Masonic Service Association he says:

To my mind it is perfectly clear that an Association such as this, is an imperative necessity if Masonry is to maintain its standing as the leading fraternity of the World. Delaware, the first to join the Federation of States, should be the last to leave the Federation of Masonry.

He recommends continuance of membership, which is adopted.

He is a booster for the DeMolay, and we quote the following:

The interest of this Grand Lodge comes from that general supervision which it is entitled to exercise over all things relating to Masonry. There is, however, no other connection between the Order and this Grand Lodge, nor is it in any way a Junior Masonic Order.

It would seem to us that a relation is a rather close connection. Even though they have been found on our door-step, we fail to see wherein we have adopted them.

A committee report (adopted) recommends that no step be taken to become a member of the International Masonic Association.

A Masonic Home is well supported and accommodates nineteen guests. It represents an investment of \$178,000.00.

The review of proceedings is by M. W. Brother Thomas J. Day, Past Grand Master, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. It is brief, strictly informative and devoid of comment. Nebraska, 1924, is given adequate space.

M. W. CHARLES D. BIRD, Grand Master.

R. W. JOHN F. ROBINSON, Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington.

December 17th, 1924.

114th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Charles F. Roberts, Grand Master.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters are recorded present, with representatives from all of the thirty-eight chartered lodges.

Brother John L. McGrew, representing Nebraska, is in attendance at the St. John's Day communication (December 27th).

Special and stated communications have been held during the year; the two stated meetings being brief sessions of one evening only. At a special in June the resignation of the Grand Secretary was tendered and accepted, and Past Grand Master J. Claude Keiper was appointed for the unexpired term and installed. Brother Johnston, who resigned, was retired with the title of Grand Secretary Emeritus with present compensation continuing for life. Brother Thomas H. Young, Grand Lecturer, was likewise retired with Emeritus rank and compensation continued.

Consideration of plans and means in connection with their proposed new Masonic Temple on Temple Heights is much in evidence. The cost will be upwards of \$2,000,000.00.

The "intelligent and efficient functioning" of the relief features including the Masonic and Eastern Star Home receive flattering commendation from the Grand Master.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence, the Grand Lodge of Roumania is formally recognized.

With almost unprecedented liberality the Grand Lodge complies with the request for a donation of \$1,000.00 to the building fund of a subordinate lodge, and cancels a \$1,000.00 indebtedness of another. It is noted, however, that the Grand Lodge has gained in assets during the year over \$58,000.00. We note also a \$250.00 testimonial to the Grand Secretary and a Christmas remembrance of \$250.00 to the Grand Chaplain.

The constitution is amended to require the age of the applicant to be at least 21 at the time his petition is *presented* to the lodge. This would not seem to prohibit the petition being *signed* before 21.

We are given a new aspect of the "right of objection" in the adoption of the following amendment:

After a candidate has been elected any member of the lodge may object to his initiation, and the fact of the objection, *with the name of the objector*, shall be noted on the minutes of the lodge, and if the objection be not withdrawn within six months from the time of taking the regular ballot upon the petition it shall have the same effect as if a black ball had been cast at that time; in such cases the fee shall be refunded by the lodge at the expiration of six months from the time of taking the ballot.

The italics are ours.

A former approved recommendation: "that the names of the brethren appointed on a petition for the degrees should be known only to the Master and Secretary of the lodge * * * that each member of the committee should be notified of his own appointment only" has been modified so that it is practically inoperative.

All Grand Lodge officers from Grand Master to Grand Tiler are *elected*.

The 1923 proceedings were not received in time to be included in our 1924 review; but we are moved to quote from them these words of wisdom: (Committee on Jurisprudence, page 19).

We believe that when a brother has received the three degrees of Masonry and there are no charges preferred, or about to be preferred, against him, he is entitled to have the certificate of good standing. There is no more reason, we think, for denying the certificate of good standing at that time to a brother who may not quite measure up to a prescribed standard of proficiency than there would be to deny it to a brother who, in after years, happens to fall below such standard.

The report on Correspondence is by Past Grand Master George W. Baird, chairman of the committee. Nebraska, 1924, is given two pages of essentials in pleasing conversational style.

He re-locates our Masonic Home at Plymouth and misspells the Grand Master's name. Why the Dickens won't these printers be careful. We are not called on to take up the cudgel for our predecessor on any difference of opinion. We are strong on tolerance anyway, and disposed to consider that the other fellow *may* be right.

M. W. ROE FULKERSON, Grand Master.

M. W. J. CLAUDE KEIPER, Grand Secretary.

ENGLAND.

1924.

M. W. His Royal Highness The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K. G., &c., &c., &c., &c., Grand Master.

Of the United Grand Lodge of England we have before us the minutes of the Annual Grand Festival, the 30th of April; and Quarterly Communications of 4th of June and 3d of September. The attendance to the extent of nearly one-third consists of Grand and Past Grand officers and distinguished visitors, Past Masters coming first numerically with Masters and Wardens last.

In the early part of the year the Grand Secretary has been on a voyage of service to the Craft taking him to Palestine and Egypt. His duties in part have included the consecration of lodges and the installing of a District Grand Master.

Numerous distinguished visitors have been received during the year, among whom is noted, M. W. Brother The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, C. M. G., Grand Master Mason of Scotland.

The following is noted concerning the administration of relief: No brother or widow can apply to the Board of Benevolence for relief unless the husband has subscribed (paid dues) for five years, with the limitation not to apply to cases of shipwreck, capture at sea, loss by fire, blindness, serious accident, or cancer.

Recognition is accorded to the Grand Lodges of United States of Venezuela, "Cuscatlan" of the State of El Salvador, and Guatemala.

The campaign for funds to build the Masonic Peace Memorial occupies much of the attention. The subscriptions are voluntary, lodges contributing being rewarded by the designation of "Hall Stone Lodges" and presentation of the "Hall Stone Lodge Medal."

The reappearance of the "chain prayer" practice is strongly condemned, with intimation of disciplinary measures if persisted in.

The outstanding item of interest to us of America is the report of Sir Alfred Robbins, Past Grand Warden and President of the Board of General Purposes, on his fraternal visit to the United States of America. The tour extended officially to ten of our Grand Jurisdictions having a Masonic population of more than a million and a quarter, and covered a period in America of two months and twenty-two days.

The report, occupying eight pages of the proceedings, is well worth reading by those interested. The interest lies in the attitude expressed and his observations on American Masonry, which enable us to see ourselves as others see us; and the worth of it is that it is the comment of a keen and intelligent observer, distinguished among the distinguished in his own country. The little criticism offered is tempered with apology for possible non-comprehension, and is offset with generous compliment in a sincere effort to give honor where honor is due. He takes exception to our literal deference to Anderson on constitution and to Preston on practice, and warns his brethren to be on the alert against the invasion of some of our extraneous pseudo-Masonic bodies for which they have no need. Our "great and growing exercise of benevolence" receives kind words of praise. The institution of District Deputy Grand Masters, which he terms the "American plan," is recommended for closer examination and possible adoption.

We quote the following as manifesting a realization of an inconsistency apparent on both sides of the Atlantic and the border, and in this connection we may observe that most of us at least deem the white lambskin apron sufficient regalia, with the addition of the official jewel for officialdom; and that some of us also are growing to believe that the display of "marks of Masonry" to the outside world is bad taste, as well as bad practice, and that the custom is declining:

It would be difficult to explain why the English Brother who is as scrupulous to conceal marks of his Masonry from the outside world as his American Brother is ready to display them, and who in his Masonic observances is as reticent of emotion as the American is ready with drama, should have in Craft Masonry a far more ornate display and difference of Clothing, whether in Grand Lodge or Private Lodge, than is used by the overwhelming body of Symbolic

or Blue Masons in the United States. This is a problem which affects us all; but there also are problems which directly touch American Lodges alone, as there are those which directly touch English Lodges alone. Concerning these, which, at the most, are non-essential in their basis, it is well that each body should exercise both toleration and patience, and not seek to impose its opinions, even by implication, the one on the other.

There is more we would like to quote, but lack of space forbids.

M.:W.:HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT and
STRATHEARN, K.G., &c., &c., &c., &c., Grand Master.

V.:W.:PHILIP COLVILLE SMITH, Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

Jacksonville.

April 21st, 1925.

96th Annual Communication.

M.:W.:Brother T. T. Todd, Grand Master.

The proceedings reach us too late for any extensive review to be prepared, and a casual perusal fails to reveal any startling features of interest. The date of the annual meeting has been changed from January to April, and it is proposed further to change it to March.

The resolution adopted in 1918, permitting visitation in French lodges is rescinded, and the edict of 1870, which severed fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France, is re-affirmed.

Owing to the severe illness of Past Grand Master Silas B. Wright, chairman of the committee, the correspondence report is very short, and a note informs us that this eminent and revered brother passed away on the day after the Grand Lodge closed, leaving temporarily, a vacant seat at the round table. Brother Ely P. Hubbell is recorded as his successor.

M.:W.:LAMAR G. CARTER, Grand Master.

R.:W.:WILBER P. WEBSTER Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

Macon.

October 30th, 1923.

137th Annual Communication.

The address of M.:W.:Brother Joe P. Bowdoin, Grand Master, occupies forty pages of the proceedings.

The Masonic Orphans Home he deals with at length, and speaks for the dependent children in a convincing and intelligent manner. Training for the one hundred and fifty children of the Home he announces as the most pressing problem. Along that line they have installed a print shop with modern equipment. This feature is financed by loans to be repaid in printing.

After an attempt to stem the hurry for the "higher degrees" by proposals looking to the requirements as to elapsed time and proficiency, originating in the concordant bodies, he reports correspondence. Some replies to the proposal are satisfactory; some are not. He concludes:

I therefore recommend that the General Welfare Committee now take action on the matter in no uncertain terms, and that they confer with the Committee on Jurisprudence, that such law may be proposed as will meet this condition.

The subject of physical defects brings out a plea for further amendment. The Grand Master has been compelled to prepare and require execution of two lengthy questionnaires to be submitted with requests for his decision. "Artificial means" is mixed up in it, and a resolution of November, 1922, is responsible.

A peculiar custom of theirs that seems worth noting, and perhaps considering, is that on the recommendation of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, the Grand Master may direct a trial in cases of discipline to be transferred to another lodge, amounting to a change of venue. Six cases of this procedure are cited during the year.

He speaks kind words for the Order of the Eastern Star and of DeMolay.

The Grand Master must have had a very busy year, and seems to have discharged his duties with fidelity.

The matter of Lebanon Lodge No. 655, was considered. This is a rather remarkable case. For proposed action by this lodge in the pardon case of W. L. Payne, the Grand Master, on March 5th, 1923, arrested their charter, suspending nearly nine hundred Masons, thus halting the proposed action. The resolutions offered in Grand Lodge recite that the action of the Grand Master was sound and commendable, and that the lodge has acquiesced in a spirit of obedience and humility in the discipline administered. This resolution contemplated restoring the lodge its charter when certain conditions of purging the lodge of those responsible were complied with. This resolution was not adopted, and the matter was disposed of, it seems, but temporarily and pending action by the next annual communication, by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the present Grand Master appoint a committee of five to select one hundred names from the roster of Lebanon Lodge to vote on each other and those remaining to be given a charter, (name to be selected by the one hundred or those remaining) and the property of Lebanon Lodge and that all the members in good standing be given Grand Lodge dimits.

On recommendation of the Grand Master and report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, adopted, new legislation is added to the code as follows:

By action of the Lodge called communications may be held without special dispensation for the purpose of conferring degrees upon the legal number of candidates already elected at regular communications for such degrees.

The following supplemental report of the Finance Committee is adopted:

After considering the recommendations handed to us by the Board of Custodians and in view of the financial condition of our treasury at this time, we recommend that the appropriation formerly made for maintenance of Grand Lecturer be discontinued and this office be abolished.

It appears that the Board of Custodians, consisting of a chairman and twelve associates from as many districts, are responsible for the esoteric work. It does not appear that they receive remuneration other than for expenses.

The "Fraternal Review" (we like the term) is by W. Brother Raymund Daniel, Grand Correspondent, who is also Junior Grand Deacon and Grand Historian. He uses 183 pages. His preamble echoes in condensed form much that the best minds give voice to. "The Period of Performance" is his text, and we commend it to our readers.

Nebraska, 1923, receives cordial and extensive mention.

M. W. JAMES D. HAMRICK, Grand Master.

R. W. FRANK F. BAKER, Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

Macon.

October 28th, 1924.

138th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother James D. Hamrick, Grand Master.

Among those answering roll-call was M. W. Brother James W. Taylor. Past Grand Master, ninety-one years old; his sixty-fifth consecutive annual attendance. W. Brother Wallace W. Bibb was present, representing Nebraska.

The Grand Master speaks highly of the management and success of the Masonic Home, and of the good work it accomplishes. The print shop in connection is successful as a business venture, besides furnishing a medium for education and training for the children.

Georgia employs a Director of Masonic Welfare at a salary of \$3,600.00. His duties are many, and the Grand Lodge is efficiently served.

Besides the many official duties devolving on the Grand Master, he organized himself into a collecting agency, and through his efforts eighty-one lodges from one to three years delinquent in dues to Grand Lodge were made to pay up in full.

Hard luck seems to have hit a number of lodges. The Grand Master had occasion to arrest the charters of seven of them, and six others were destroyed by fire, one only having insurance.

A move to designate a maximum number of members for lodges was defeated on the report of a special committee. It is evident that more, rather than fewer, members are desirable, as the Grand Lodge, on the report of the Committee on Charters, revoked the charters of the seven lodges arrested by the Grand Master and two more, by reason mostly of inability to function. Hereafter, thirty Master Masons will be required for either dispensation or charter.

An attempt was made by resolution to re-establish the office of Grand Lecturer with salary (abolished in 1923); but on recommendation of the Finance Committee it was voted down.

A resolution to require each Mason to contribute \$1.00 to a benevolent fund "*when he pays his annual dues,*" was on motion indefinitely postponed. While we do not agree with the sentiment expressed in voting this down, we must say that the resolution was badly worded, and its adoption would have made the collection cumbersome and indefinite. Why not increase the per capita tax on lodges and make it sure and easy? Although we can not determine that it becomes law, the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, adopted, recommends that the fee for initiation be increased \$5.00 to accrue to a benevolent fund. Massachusetts, too, has her troubles to make ends meet, and her Grand Master says in his plea for a per capita tax: "There are few things in life we prize more highly than our Masonry, and there are few things for which we pay so little." Is it too much to ask that the power to do good be put into willing hands? We hope to see Georgia in line, on a firmer financial standard, so that no one may criticize if they do spend \$560.00 for a Past Grand Master's jewel.

Again Brother Daniel, introducing his fraternal review, writes a thesis, this time on "The Involution of Freemasonry." It is not his best work, and

the propositions are not well supported. It attributes to Masonry a colorful ideal trimmed with pretty platitudes, and there is some confusion resulting from divided allegiance between the practical and the ideal.

We, however, feel close to him and perhaps take liberties, for although his name appears as Senior Grand Deacon, it does not yet require those many capitals before and after to which we hope he may soon be entitled.

Nebraska, 1924, he reviews in as admirable a manner as we could wish, with liberal quotations.

M. W. JAMES D. HAMRICK, Grand Master.

R. W. FRANK F. BAKER, Grand Secretary.

IDAHO.

Lewiston.

September 16th, 1924.

57th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Victor Peterson, Grand Master.

Grand Lodge called to labor. 73 of the 77 constituent lodges were represented. M. W. Brother Francis Jenkins, Nebraska's representative is reported present. M. W. Brother Robert C. McCroskey, Grand Master, R. W. Brother Morton Gregory, Deputy Grand Master, and R. W. Brother Horace W. Tyler, Grand Secretary, all of Washington, were present as visitors.

The Grand Lodge, according to custom, was opened on September 9th; but called off until the date above. This was done that they might, while assembled, proceed to Moscow, forty miles distant, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new Science Building at the University of Idaho. This ceremony was performed in the afternoon of September 17th.

The Grand Master's address reviews his participation in laying the corner-stone of the George Washington Memorial, advises of meeting with the Masonic Service Association, and disposes of the conference of Grand Masters with few remarks. He has had occasion to refuse several dispensations and requests, all refusals justified in our opinion. In accordance with recommendation, he appointed a committee to investigate the conduct of Masons attending Shrine ceremonials. He is called on for numerous decisions and is inclined to excuse the apparent necessity. He remarks: "It is not always easy to tell what the law is, as it has been often amended." Liberality is shown in minor departures from the law where no harm is done. On recommendations, the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence as adopted approves of four and disapproves of five.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a prosperous condition, with funds invested principally in Government bonds.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a prompt and able administration of the office, and he compliments the subordinate secretaries on their promptness with returns; no fines, no delinquents. He reports a gain in membership for the year of 364.

On foreign relations the Grand Lodge of Denmark is recognized and Czecho-Slovak laid over.

The Grand Lodge approves in full decisions on the sixteen cases submitted by the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

Brother John W. Shore succeeds R. W. Brother Knepper as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and writes his first annual report. His review of Nebraska is as complete as could be desired. Rev. Brother Shepherd's eulogy on our deceased Grand Master Wellman is quoted in part.
 M. W. FRANK KNOX, Grand Master.
 R. W. CURTIS F. PIKE, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

Chicago.

October 14th, 1924.

85th Annual Communication.

Held in Eighth Street Theatre, acoustic properties probably determining the choice. Nebraska "Board of General Purposes" take notice. The Grand Lodge before opening was entertained by music. Opening and prayer followed by presentation of the flag accompanied by song "America."

M. W. Brother Arthur E. Wood, Grand Master, addressed the brethren with his *report*. Aside from matters of minor official acts, it comprises twenty pages. He heartily congratulates the brethren "upon the peace and harmony which has reigned within our borders."

Emphasis is laid upon the fact, and the Worshipful Masters present are importuned to remember, that the trust reposed in them carries with it the responsibilities incident to the office. His participation in laying the cornerstone of the George Washington Memorial is given in interesting narrative.

He assures New York that Roumanian brethren of the three lodges at Bucharest in Roumania, sponsored by New York, will receive recognition in Illinois. Mention is made of entertaining Sir Alfred Robbins, Past Grand Warden and President of the Board of General Purposes of England, on April 30th.

Gambling, as evidenced in the form of raffle, in "organizations that predicate their membership on Masonry" is distinctly frowned upon, and there is more in an edict that he issues that is not subject to misconstruction.

The recent amendment to their law, requiring petitioners to be citizens of our country, he construes literally. He holds first papers are not sufficient. A new form of petition was adopted, made necessary by the citizenship requirement, and embodying questionnaire features.

In nine cases of discipline in their one thousand lodges, the action of the Grand Master was necessary, resulting in the removal of the Master in most cases.

On March seventh he made a ruling that petitions for dispensation for new lodges in Chicago must show a signed membership of 125 and have \$1,250.00 in hand.

He recommends that the conferring of degrees by courtesy between Grand Jurisdictions be confined to Fellow Craft and Master Mason.

Sixteen new lodges were constituted and eighteen dispensations for new lodges issued.

The Grand Treasurer shows cash in general fund of \$239,636.00, and in charity fund, \$142,601.00, and total liquid assets of \$757,884.00.

Brother Owen Scott, Grand Secretary, submits a comprehensive financial report of twenty pages.

An amendment to the law was adopted, making the mileage for attendance at Grand Lodge ten cents, per diem of representatives for each day's actual attendance \$5.00, committee members to receive \$7.00 per diem.

R. W. Brother Henry Horner delivered the annual oration.

They have sixty-five men and thirty-four women in their Masonic Home.

The Committee on Jurisprudence concurs without exception in acts and decisions of the Grand Master.

The state is divided into one hundred districts under supervision of as many District Deputy Grand Masters. They have five Grand Examiners and a list of Grand Lecturers to the number of about three hundred and sixty.

M. W. Brother Elmer E. Beach, P. G. M., makes his bow as reviewer, and gives Nebraska adequate space.

M. W. RICHARD C. DAVENPORT, Grand Master.

M. W. OWEN SCOTT, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

Indianapolis.

May 27th, 1924.

107th Annual Communication.

M. W. Charles A. Lippincott, Grand Master.

Representatives of 547 lodges present, M. W. Omar B. Smith, Past Grand Master, representing Nebraska.

The address of M. W. Brother Charles A. Lippincott fills about thirty-eight pages and contains much of interest to the Craft of Indiana, also to Freemasons generally. Among the subjects presented we note among others: The George Washington Memorial; The Masonic Service Association; The Masonic Relief Association; and the Indiana Masonic Home. We were deeply interested in what he said under Lawlessness, Masonry Misrepresented, and Application for Endorsement. Under Lawlessness, he admonished the brethren as to lodges harboring members guilty of unmasonic conduct by breaking the laws of the state and nation. Under Masonry Misrepresented he very properly resents the statement that Freemasonry has a representative at the Nation's Capitol; and on the subject of the Ku Klux Klan he says that it has caused trouble among the Fraternity in Indiana, and expresses the opinion that the effort to identify Masonry with the Klan has succeeded to such an extent that many Masons as well as others have been led to believe that Masonry is in some way affiliated with the Klan. While he does not question the right of any Mason to join the Klan or to refuse to join it, it is his judgment that his Grand Lodge should plainly declare that "the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana has absolutely no connection whatever with any non-Masonic organization of whatsoever character, directly or indirectly, and that it repudiates the actions of any organization and of any persons who assume to represent it without due warrant of authority." The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended and the Grand Lodge approved the Grand Master's attitude and action.

On Applications for Endorsement we fully approve what he says: "In my judgment it is not good policy for the Grand Lodge or for constituent lodges to give their endorsement to any movements or projects that are

not safely within the limits of the landmarks of Masonry." We fully agree with his statement that "once a Mason always a Mason" is not true, and he gives the best of reasons for saying why it is not.

The Grand Master made nine decisions, all of them in our judgment in accordance with good Masonic law, and they were all approved. He commends the Indiana Masonic Home for good work done, and issued a letter calling attention to the observance of the annual Masonic Home Day, June 24th, saying: "The best possible way to observe the day and to honor the Saint would be for each Lodge to make a generous gift equal to \$1.00 per capita of its membership, which would entitle it to be recorded on the Masonic Home Honor Roll. Thirty-six Lodges were on this roll in 1922. Will yours be on in 1923? \$1.00 a member will place it there, but better still it will make room for more orphans. It will aid in doing the most beautiful thing that Masons can do."

He reports on three lodges that had been put on probation. We believe that this is a good thing to do, as it gives a lodge an opportunity to improve its condition, and if it can not do so then it ought not to complain if its charter is arrested. Grand Master Lippincott seems to have had about the same number of problems to meet and the same number of Masonic duties to perform as most Grand Masters do, and his address shows that he rendered a full measure of efficient service to the Craft in Indiana.

The Committee on Jurisprudence agreed with what the Grand Master said and quoted from a statement of what the Grand Secretary said about "Once a Mason always a Mason." except that portion where he said that "a demitted Mason should not be more recognized than one who had been suspended or expelled." The committee quoted the general regulation on the subject of non-affiliated Masons and recommended "no change in the status of non-affiliated Brother Masons."

The report of the Grand Treasurer, R. W. Frank E. Gavin, shows a balance in all funds of \$226,269.03. The report of Grand Secretary William H. Swintz is full of information for the brethren, and if they read and study it they will have full knowledge of the financial and other affairs with which they should be familiar. A full and complete statement appears in the proceedings relating to the Indiana Masonic Home. The statement shows ample funds to properly care for all who need a home, and that those in charge of it give freely of their time and ability to manage it. Such generous donations of time and money are a great credit to the Freemasons of Indiana.

A petition for reinstatement from suspension for non-payment of dues was considered by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and they concluded their report by saying: "that this gentleman has remained under suspension for a period of more than 35 years without any effort to regain his standing in the Fraternity. We therefore recommend that his petition be not granted." The Grand Lodge concurred in the report. So do we.

The Committee on Correspondence recommended official recognition and the establishment of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Guatemala; the recommendation was adopted. Further time was asked for and granted to the committee to consider the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Argentina.

Past Grand Master Elmer F. Gay presents the report on correspondence. In it he gives Nebraska two full pages, and he reports in full on our memorial service for Grand Master Edward M. Wellman. He also quotes in full the resolution adopted by our Grand Lodge in regard to the Ku Klux Klan.

M. W. J. LEE DINWIDDIE, Grand Master.

R. W. WILLIAM H. SWINTZ, Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

Des Moines.

June 10th, 1924.

81st Annual Communication.

Like our worthy predecessor, we are embarrassed at the wealth of good things Iowa offers the reviewer. This Grand Jurisdiction stands high among us, and its greatness and quality are reflected on each and every page. It is worth the while of the earnest Mason to procure a copy and read it all.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother Milo J. Gabriel, was presented in appropriate manner. The Grand Master tendered the gavel to Brother D. C. Shafer, Chairman of the Local Committee, who presided during the preliminary exercises.

The address of welcome was given by Brother Ben Gibson, Attorney General of Iowa, and M. W. Brother Charles C. Clark, P. G. M., of Burlington, responded. The Masters of the nine Des Moines lodges were presented to the audience. Distinguished guests of associate Grand Bodies were introduced.

The Grand Lodge was opened on the Third Degree at ten-thirty o'clock A. M., the Grand Master presiding. A quorum was determined by roll call by the Grand Secretary under the direction of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master. Thirteen Past Grand Masters, eight Past Senior Grand Wardens, and eight Past Junior Grand Wardens were present as permanent members. Final report of the Committee on Credentials credited 498 of the 552 working lodges as in attendance.

The Grand Master's address takes thirty pages, replete with evidences of a masterly grasp of his duties. The falling off in growth from the peak attained under war conditions is considered of little moment beside consistent growth with concern for quality uppermost.

Three new lodges were constituted, and four dispensations for new lodges issued. Six new Masonic Temples were dedicated, the one at Davenport costing over a million dollars.

He admonishes the lodges as to the seriousness and importance of Masonic trials, and leans towards the adoption of trial by impartial commission.

He announces that the past year "has been free from any controversy regarding the policy or mandates of this Grand Lodge."

As to "courtesy work," he makes it plain that any steps towards making a charge for conferring degrees for foreign jurisdictions can be illy afforded, as they receive more than give, in proportion to 145 to 140.

The Grand Lodge participated in the laying of fourteen corner-stones.

The Grand Lodge schools under the direction of the Board of Custodians have registered a banner year.

We quote the last paragraph of his short and terse remarks on the Ku Klux Klan.

Personally, I cannot believe that it is necessary for any Mason in Iowa to go outside of the province of the Fraternity to function as a loyal American citizen. Freemasonry stands for these United States, first, last and always—its traditions, ideals and its future as determined by the Fathers of the Republic—and will resist any encroachment upon our rights and liberties. If each Mason exhausts every channel of useful citizenship that Masonry points out to him, he cannot but be a patriot and a man.

There follows a strong endorsement of the George Washington Memorial.

It is almost unnecessary to mention that Iowa is an impelling force behind the Masonic Service Association. It had its birth in Iowa.

His laudable praise for their Grand Lodge Library is not amiss. We all know its worth and honor the name of him who, now departed, contributed so largely to its success and efficiency.

The Masonic Educational Fund is enriched by a gift of a trust fund of \$100,000.00, the donor being Mrs. Lucille L. Blair, daughter of Brother Charles Linderman, deceased, of Clarinda.

He lists ten specific recommendations, one of which is for the expediting of the administrative features of the Grand Master's office, by adding a secretary to the staff.

Under recommendations for amendments to the code, he advises that the entire fees for the three degrees shall accompany the petition, and that ministers of the gospel may be admitted without fee by unanimous consent.

The Board of Custodians have caused to be issued during the year thirty-five District Lecturer's Certificates and thirty-two certificates of proficiency to brethren.

"Labor Omnia Vincit" is the opening greeting of Brother Newton R. Parvin in his last report to his Grand Lodge as Grand Secretary. It is particularly exemplified in the life of this great and good man. We, his brethren, who mourn his departure on his invisible journey, may well exclaim: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" His sterling worth to his Grand Jurisdiction lives on; his indefatigable devotion, his intelligent labors, and his upright steadfastness of purpose will ever redound in credit to this eminent jurisdiction. At this communication Brother Parvin was presented with a fifty-year membership certificate, having been raised in Iowa City Lodge No. 4 on May 26th, 1874, and been continuously a member until the time of his death, January 16th, 1925. We will hope that our Committee on Fraternal Dead extends his memory fitting tribute. His coat of arms as Librarian of the Grand Lodge carried the motto: "Vita Sine Litteris Mors Est." (Life without literature is dead.) He adhered to it in life.

A man's labors must pass like the sunrises and sunsets of the world. The next thing, not the last, must be his care.

The above quotation, in his twenty-third and last annual report, we may be pardoned if we designate his "swan song." No more fitting admonition could accompany his departure from his labors.

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time."

In deference to his memory we will omit further reference to his report.

The Grand Treasurer reports total receipts of \$149,679.00, and disbursements of \$151,119.00, of which approximately \$70,000.00 is for benevolence and \$81,000.00 for Grand Lodge administration and expense.

On proposal of the Committee on Jurisprudence, through recommendation of the Committee on Masonic Sanitarium, Chapter (new) XXXIX. of the Code was adopted:

Sec. 453. MASONIC SANITARIUM—ESTABLISHMENT.—The Grand Lodge of Masons of Iowa, A. F. O. & A. M. O. shall purchase real estate, erect, construct, equip and maintain a building or buildings to be known as a Masonic Sanitarium for the care of those Masons and their dependents who by reason of their necessities and infirmities, cannot be properly cared for by the Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund.

Two additional sections follow on procedure and administration. We congratulate our brethren across the river.

Their Grand Charity Fund has assets of \$347,418.00.

The proposed amendment to Sec. 125, providing for the fee for the three degrees to accompany the petition, although opposed by the Committee on Jurisprudence, was adopted.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances had for review twenty-eight cases, of which twenty-seven were expulsion cases. Their findings recite "that the proceedings were regular, that the accused had a fair trial, * * * that the action of the trial lodge in each of said causes in expelling the accused be affirmed." The report was adopted.

The 82nd annual communication will be held in Davenport.

Representatives are allowed seven cents per mile and three dollars per diem.

M. W. O. Brother Louis Block reviews the fraternal correspondence in 200 pages. Nebraska is mentioned at length. Our honored Grand Lodge officers are quoted freely.

He anticipates Brother White's retirement by many years, we hope, as he lists M. W. O. Brother Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary.

M. W. O. ERNEST R. MOORE, Grand Master.

_____, Grand Secretary.

R. W. O. CHARLES C. HUNT, Deputy Grand Secretary, appointed Grand Secretary.

IRELAND.

Dublin.

December 27th, 1924.

199th Year.

M. W. O. Brother, The Earl of Donoughmore, Grand Master.

We have only the *Annual Report* at the St. John's Day Communication, the opening pages being devoted to the address of the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Master not being present.

From the address we gather that the grim reaper has been unusually busy among their ranks, and several notable Masons have been cut down. The Senior Grand Warden has resigned, after holding that office for sixteen years. A new "Board of General Purposes" has come into being, with representation more in accord with an equitable distribution by Metropolitan District and Provincial Grand Lodges.

This year (1925) the Grand Lodge of Ireland will celebrate its bi-centenary. Two full centuries undisturbed and unshaken they claim as their record, and one which no other Grand Lodge in the world can sustain.

Seventeen new lodges have been constituted during the past year.

Subordinate to the Grand Lodge are thirteen Provincial Grand Lodges in Ireland, besides those of New Zealand and South Africa.

Seventy-four Grand Lodges of the world are on their accredited list. Eleven of the Grand Lodges of the United States of America do not appear.

R. W. HENRY C. SHELLARD, Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

Wichita.

February 25th, 1925.

69th Annual Communication.

M. W. Elmer F. Strain, Grand Master.

The attendance consists of the Grand Officers, twelve Past Grand Masters, fifty-seven District Deputy Grand Masters, forty-seven Grand Representatives (Nebraska's representative not recorded), 194 Past Masters, and representatives from 332 of the 438 lodges.

The Grand Master in fifteen pages writes, in our opinion, a model address, replete with essential thought and erudition.

In his chapter on "Standards" he has occasion to administer some forceful, though gentle admonition aimed at disruptions with apparent design, regrets that discord beyond the efforts of the faithful few to heal exists, and cites one case approaching insubordination in respect to the esoteric work.

In a breach of comity concerning Nebraska material, he graciously apologizes for the error by his lodge and notes that it was as graciously accepted by our Grand Master Dickson and the embarrassment relieved.

The law as to "Transfer of membership" between their own lodges is quoted in full. It is clear and concise. It has our approval except in the respect that when a certificate is presented with application for letters of dispensation for a new lodge, the brother's membership in the lodge granting the certificate ceases with the granting of the dispensation. It would seem that said membership should not cease until the new lodge was chartered.

In the matter of the quarrel with New Hampshire, if it may be termed such, the Grand Master remarks upon conciliatory measures extended and the like spirit of Masonic duty expressed in the reply and comments as follows:

Both Grand Jurisdictions stand upon the same Landmarks, and are subject to the law of comity. Both are equally responsible for the practical exemplification of Masonic principles. Having waived all technicalities and formalities to extend the fraternal hand, we can confidently believe it will be grasped in the common obligation to establish the "Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man."

Under "Social Affairs" and in connection with dancing in lodge buildings the Grand Master says:

The attitude of the general public, and many of our own people, upon this subject has changed. Certainly it is desirable to have our children and our families find all possible attraction to the Temple of good influences as against the unsupervised playground. It must therefore be apparent that the need of this rule no longer exists, and its repeal is recommended.

He deplors the "smoke screens" and reprehensible tactics apparent in lodge trials where the matter of guilt is conclusive, and recites that it is not in accord with the preservation of the reputation of the Fraternity unsullied, and says: "Our trial system is not suited to our present conditions and should be amended."

He quotes the Missouri law on the subject and recommends the desirability of collective balloting on candidates as a time saver.

He is not "strong" for a literal compliance with their present law on physical qualifications and we quote as a part of his plea:

Is it not true that our real qualifications are of the head and heart? That we build manhood and character not attempting to have a part in the architectural effort of the business world? That the vital designs are on the spiritual Trestle Board? * * * Are we not frightened at the thought of physical imperfection, and unmindful of the moral derelict? Are we fair to our Kansas manhood in the light of our neighbor's law?

Few decisions are reported and are all approved.

In commendation of the Grand Secretary and in justice to his other associates, he tritely remarks:

We cannot place him on a pedestal because he is human, and in Masonry all men who give their best are equal.

The report of the Grand Secretary seems a complete resume of routine affairs and is replete with interest and valuable information to the Craft in general. To use Brother Atkinson's (W. Va.) term we would pronounce him a "splendid official."

Report of Committee on Jurisprudence adopted provides for pro rata dues on the granting of a demit.

Two cases of appeal are cited in which the verdict of acquittal is set aside and case remanded for a new trial.

The report of a special committee adopted, includes the following:

We view with disfavor the promiscuous issuance of certificates of life memberships with exemption from dues. Lodges desiring to confer further honors on those who have passed through the chairs can readily find other and more suitable means for the purpose. A certificate of life membership, with exemption from dues, issued to all Past Masters, savors of financial reward, and we believe it is out of harmony with the honor and dignity of the office and does not convey the honor intended.

We concur. Every Mason should belong to some lodge and be able to prove it with an official receipt for dues, actually paid.

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Albert K. Wilson, who is chairman of the committee, writes the Report on Correspondence.

The report is prefaced with an article on the New Hampshire matter, further defending the position taken by Kansas.

Nebraska, 1924, receives cordial mention. To correct a misapprehension on the part of our fellow scribe, we may mention that the conferring of the Past Masters degree on Masters-elect is not new with us; the law as amended now merely provides that the convocation shall be under the direction of the Grand Custodian.

M. W. CHARLES A. LOUCKS, Grand Master.

R. W. ALBERT K. WILSON, Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

Louisville.

October 21st, 1924.

124th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Alpheus E. Orton, Grand Master.

Twenty-five Past Grand Masters present.

Kentucky has 613 lodges with a total membership of 72,603.

During the year the endowment fund of the Masonic Home has been enriched to the extent of an estate valued at approximately \$400,000.00, in a bequest of Brother Robert A. Tyler.

Kentucky stands pre-eminent on Masonic Home activity. She claims to have built the first in the United States. They shelter 473 guests, and the per capita cost is but \$195.00. Widows and orphans only are admitted.

The Grand Master heartily endorses the order of DeMolay and cites that the ritual is in keeping with Masonic principles. As a reviewer we note that there are those among our leaders who do not agree with him.

The Grand Secretary reports receipts of \$244,325.00 and disbursements of \$231,671.00, of which \$119,264.00 went to Masonic Home and \$18,739.00 for the purchase of bonds.

The Old Masons Home is another fine institution accommodating 66 persons at a per capita cost of \$384.00. A hospital is an additional feature.

Among the resolutions adopted are the following:

RESOLVED, That any man who obtains by purchase, or otherwise, intoxicating liquors or narcotic drugs from an illegal vendor of the same, or in violation of the laws of the United States of America, is hereby declared to be ineligible to be received into a Masonic lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; and any Kentucky lodge knowingly electing such a person, shall forfeit its charter.

RESOLVED, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky hereby declares it to be a Masonic offense for any Mason within its jurisdiction to purchase or possess intoxicating liquors, or narcotic drugs, except in accordance with the laws of the United States of America. Any and all Masons so offending, shall be proceeded against by his lodge.

Gambling in any form and for any purpose is likewise prohibited.

Queensland, Guatemala, and Panama are fraternally recognized and the request for recognition of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico postponed.

The educational trustees have spent over \$15,000.00 in assisting fifty-seven children in securing higher and vocational education.

On the matter of petitions, an amendment to the constitution was adopted as follows:

If, however, the petitioner shall have been rejected by another lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, a copy of the petition shall be forwarded to the lodge which last rejected him and be referred by it to a committee of three members for inquiry into the character and qualifications of the petitioner and the report of the committee shall be forwarded, under seal of the lodge, to the lodge petitioned. If said report is not made to the lodge making the request within ninety (90) days, said lodge making the request has full power and authority to proceed to act on the petition and elect or reject the applicant.

Uniformity of work is to be seriously considered at the next Grand Lodge communication, and a cypher ritual is mentioned. The resolution by the Committee on Work is to be submitted to the subordinate lodges in the meantime.

The review of proceedings is by William W. Clarke, Past Grand Master (1889). He uses 85 pages and quotes freely with but little comment. Nebraska, 1923, is adequately reviewed with compliments to Brother Chappell on his excellent and splendid address, and some exceptions taken to the decision whereby the Grand Lodge may regulate the disbursement of lodge funds.

M. W. HUGH M. GRUNDY, Grand Master.

R. W. FRED W. HARDWICK, Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

New Orleans.

February 2d, 1925.

114th Annual Communication.

M. W. Prentiss B. Carter, Grand Master.

Ten Past Grand Masters and fifty-seven Grand Representatives were in attendance, including Brother Adolph G. Ricks, Grand Treasurer, representing Nebraska.

The list of foreign Grand Lodges accorded recognition includes many with which we are not yet in fraternal intercourse.

The Grand Master, in his address, mentions the erection and near completion of the Orphan's Home near Alexandria, and remarks that Louisiana takes the step none too soon.

Fifty-six decisions by the Grand Master, with a few clarifications by the Committee on Masonic Law, are approved. One is that mixture of white and black blood constitutes ineligibility.

It appears that Louisiana has lodges working in the Scottish Rite and using language other than English. The Grand Master, by recommendation, seeks to prohibit the latter feature. The matter is referred to a committee of five Past Grand Masters to confer with the Scottish Rite lodges and report at the next annual.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary of Manitoba were distinguished visitors presented: both responded with splendid speeches.

Over half a million dollars appears in liquid assets in the "Widows and Indigent Masons Fund" and the "Masonic Temple Building Fund."

A resolution for one ballot to elect to the three degrees was lost.

On motion, the Grand Lodge expressed its approval of the DeMolay, and the lodges were authorized to sponsor the chapters of the order when occasion arose.

The Committee on Masonic Law disapproved the adoption of a resolution providing for defining as a Masonic offense the purchase or possession of intoxicants or narcotics, citing that it was the settled policy of Louisiana not to define Masonic offense, that infringement of the moral law or law of the land was sufficient cause for charges, without specific statutes. The resolution failed of adoption.

The proposed adoption of a questionnaire for applicants and committee was laid over, the lodges to be furnished with copies of the questionnaire for consideration in the meantime.

The review of foreign correspondence is by R. W. Brother John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary, and chairman of the committee. He remarks that:

"Everywhere, we find Masonry searching for new objectives and dedicating itself more and more to humanitarian purposes." And he predicts that the closed corporation idea is coming to an end.

Nebraska, 1924, is ably reviewed with generous quotations from Brothers Chappell, Webster, and Ehrhardt. We thank him for ignoring our friend Ehrhardt's error in designating that noted Roman, Seneca, as a Greek. As a matter of fact he was born in Spain of Roman parentage.

M. W. HANEY B. CONNER, Grand Master.

R. W. JOHN A. DAVILLA, Grand Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE.

Portland.

May 6th, 1924.

105th Annual Communication.

Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Brother Albert M. Spear, Grand Master. The Grand Officers, six Past Grand Masters, 266 delegates representing 190 of the 206 chartered lodges, thirty-three other permanent members, and forty-nine representatives of other Grand Lodges were reported present. R. W. Brother Charles W. Farrar is among the latter as Nebraska's representative. From the name we judge this brother to be a descendant of Henry Price, the father of American constituted Masonry.

The Grand Master's address is along general lines and reports official acts. His decisions and recommendations are few. He pleads for a larger per capita tax for Grand Lodge activities, which later in the session is adopted, gives a brief account of the George Washington Memorial ceremony, and concludes with an appeal to the 42,000 Masons of Maine to exert their potential force towards the large things that the present and the future offer.

The Grand Secretary's report is on the routine affairs of his office, presented in a concise manner. We quote from it as follows:

For the purpose of gaining definite information as to the value which has accrued to the lodges from membership by this Grand Lodge in the Masonic Service Association I sent a questionnaire to every Master in the state, asking him if in his opinion the Brethren of his lodge had been benefited by the publications received monthly. I have found that a very large proportion claim that their lodge has received no benefit whatever.

On the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the matter of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Italy is indefinitely postponed.

The Committee on Masonic Service Association reports at length and remarks that "The results obtained from our year's membership in the Association are proportionate to the efforts of the officers of the several lodges."

The constitution is amended to require fourteen days to elapse between degrees.

R. W. Brother David E. Moulton presented an obituary in memorium of M. W. Brother Edmund Buxton Mallet, Past Grand Master, who died September 17th, 1923, and it was ordered printed. Other deceased Past Grand officers are also honored.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows total invested funds of \$84,408.00 and cash on hand of \$5,637.00.

The condition of Masonry in the state is well set forth in the reports of the twenty-six District Deputy Grand Masters from as many districts.

In reviewing Maine, the thought "My country! 'tis of thee" is ever present. It is my native land, as brethren of No. 46 may remember. Familiar names dot the proceedings. Memories of boyhood days and of woods and waters arise in mental picture.

M. W. Brother Ashley A. Smith is author of the Report on Correspondence and chairman of the committee. He reviews fifty-eight Grand Lodges in 120 pages. Nebraska, 1923, is given two pages of intelligent comment. Brother Ehrhardt is highly complimented. We trust we may remain in fraternal cordiality.

M. W. DAVID E. MOULTON, Grand Master.

R. W. CHARLES B. DAVIS, Grand Secretary.

MANITOBA.

Winnipeg.

June 11th, 1924.

49th Annual Communication.

In attendance were M. W. Brother William J. Major, Grand Master, the Grand Officers, ten District Deputy Grand Masters, M. W. Brother Henry E. Bletcher representing Nebraska, other Grand representatives, and representatives from 90 of the 97 chartered lodges.

The Grand Master's address is comprehensive and complete in its scope, and is largely occupied with advice and admonition to the Craft on domestic matters.

Under the head of "spurious growths" he voices a warning, and a disparagement of one of our spectacular barnacles that shows signs of invading their precincts. He cites our own record, as an argument, in the following:

To those who read the report of our Committee on Foreign Correspondence and the published reports of Sister Jurisdictions, it will be abundantly clear that these creations have absolutely no kith or kin with Freemasonry. They constitute a danger to our Craft, which if not avoided at once, will eventually bring it into disrepute and disgrace and wholly destroy its purpose and mission.

He encourages the idea of lodges owning their own homes, with facilities for recreation and instruction; a truly laudable undertaking.

The financial report shows a prosperous condition, a goodly sum expended for relief, and adequate balances.

Dispensations for four new lodges were issued during the year and three lodges chartered.

Guatemala and Ecuador were recognized.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That it shall be deemed an act of Unmasonic Conduct for any member of any Lodge under the Grand Jurisdiction of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M., to use his membership in Freemasonry as a basis for securing admission into or membership of any Body or Society hereafter to be formed or established in this Grand Jurisdiction which requires Freemasonry as a basis for such membership.

This resolution shall not in any way be construed or implied as a recognition of any Body or Society requiring Freemasonry as a basis for membership and which may now be in existence in this Jurisdiction.

The report on foreign correspondence is prepared by R. W. Brother James S. MacEwing, Deputy Grand Master, assisted by R. W. Brother J. C. Walker Reid, Grand Junior Warden.

We take no exceptions; but rather receive with humility Brother MacEwing's intelligent criticisms on our (U.S.A.) appendant bodies. He also takes a whack at our questionnaire and our liberal attitude on physical qualifications.

He dons the purple, and R. W. Brother Reid takes his chair at the Round Table. Brother Reid reviews Nebraska briefly.

M. W. JAMES S. MACEWING, Grand Master.

M. W. JAMES A. OVAS, Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

Baltimore.

November 18th, 1924.

138th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Warren S. Seipp, Grand Master.

At the semi-annual in May the Grand Lodge had R. W. Brother Sir Alfred Robbins as their guest. Little business was transacted other than the reports of committees.

At the annual communication the Grand Master's address was short but concise. We quote from his conclusion:

Masters should be particularly careful to see that no member goes unscathed who violates the civil or moral law, nor who transgresses the laws of honor and manhood. Remember the dignity and high ideals of our fraternity. Be more concerned with teaching the brethren rather than raising a large number of candidates. Look well to the outer door, and do not overlook the fact that it should swing outward as well as inward, and should our good name be traduced, do not forget that the honor and good name of Masonry is in your keeping.

Instead of the usual District Deputy Grand Masters they have a board of 38 Grand Inspectors of as many districts.

The Grand Lecturer, Charles Herbert Burns, died in July. The three assistants submit the report. From it we quote the following:

M. S. A. Short Talk Bulletins. There are only a few lodges in the State where these bulletins are read regularly, and when it has been done they are usually read by the secretary. This, to us, seems ill-advised, as the average lodge hears more than enough of the average secretary's voice. If these bulletins are to be of any real benefit to the fraternity in Maryland, they must be read regularly before the lodges.

It is more and more evident that a forcing process is necessary to promulgate this form of Masonic education among an unreceptive majority of lodges and brethren.

The grievance committee have but few cases, and it is evident that the affairs of this jurisdiction run smoothly and harmoniously. Possibly the fact that they have no Committee on Jurisprudence has a lot to do with it.

The afternoon and evening sufficed for the consideration of matters coming before the communication.

Rev. Henry Branch, P. S. G. W. and Grand Chaplain, is chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence and writes the review. He uses but few quotations and the report is of an informatory nature in his own admirable English. Nebraska is not reviewed.

M. W. WARREN S. SEIPP, Grand Master.

R. W. GEORGE COOK, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston.

December 12th, 1923.

119th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Dudley H. Ferrell, Grand Master.

At the quarterly communication held March 14th, the Grand Master, in his short address, speaking of the promulgation of Masonic Service Association program, says:

And while it is true that results are not all that could be desired, yet no one will deny that the profit obtained has more than repaid for the effort made. If there are any who may be prone to pronounce the effort a failure, we would ask them to suspend judgment.

He recommends the formulation of a definite program and the choosing of a list of speakers upon whom the lodges may rely. We quote further:

Any other practice, as experience proves, is not only a waste of time in the sense that the Brethren are left uncertain as to the ultimate purpose of their pursuit, but it is also dangerous. In the absence of a definite course of study and for want of a list of accredited speakers, Lodges become the recipients of certain emphasized ideas which have no place in the Masonic Lodges of Massachusetts and are worse than valueless as factors in our Masonic education.

Arising out of their custom of "dual membership," an amendment was adopted providing that no brother may represent more than one lodge either as representative or proxy. An amendment was also adopted providing:

Five dollars shall likewise be contributed for each member reinstated or admitted by affiliation, unless such member shall have been initiated in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction subsequent to September 1, 1912, or shall produce a receipt showing that he has made a contribution of not less than five dollars to the said fund. (Charity).

As the committee remarks:

There appears to be no reason why a member reinstated, who has not previously made his contribution to the charitable funds of the Grand Lodge, should not be required to do so in the same manner as a member admitted by affiliation.

Relief activities are largely supported by voluntary contributions and bequests. A "rainy day fund" supplied by voluntary donations shows extensive supplementary strength to relief measures. They have never been fond of laying per capita taxes.

A Henry Price medal was presented to William F. Kuhn, Past Grand Master of Missouri (since deceased), at the quarterly meeting in June. This medal was struck in honor of him who was America's first Grand Master, and is awarded only for distinguished Masonic service.

On June 20th the Grand Lodge laid the corner-stone of the (William H.) Williams Memorial Addition to the Masonic Home at Charlton. This addition, comprising fifty rooms with accommodations for seventy-five additional residents, and a hospital annex of fifteen beds, is the result of a bequest made by a generous brother in his will. Massachusetts is indeed fortunate.

A special communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Alexandria, Virginia, November 1st, 1923, to participate in the corner-stone ceremony of the Washington Memorial. The record recites:

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, as the senior American Grand Lodge, occupied the position next the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

The annual communication was held on December 12th, at Boston with an apparent large representation.

The outstanding feature of the Grand Master's address is his recommendation that the Grand Lodge take under immediate consideration the question of a per capita tax. We quote:

With a per capita tax in operation, the appeals which are now made for voluntary contributions and which unexpected necessity might require at any time, would not be made. They would not be required. There are few things in life that we prize more highly than our Masonry, and there are few things for which we pay so little.

The summarized report of the Masonic Education and Charity Trust Fund shows liquid assets of \$1,408,549.00, and there is reported a bequest of \$250,000.00 received after closing the books.

Our distinguished brother, Roscoe Pound, is a member of the committee on "Recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges." We omit matters of foreign relations. They are quite extensive.

A large part of the 611 pages of the proceedings is occupied with the record of special communications. Many of these were to celebrate the anniversaries of old lodges. Three lodges observed their 50th Anniversary, two their 100th, and two their 125th. The record also carries rather complete historical data, of lodge and members, of these old lodges; and we strike many names connected with the colonial and revolutionary period.

M. W. DUDLEY H. FERRELL, Grand Master.

R. W. FREDERICK W. HAMILTON, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

Flint.

May 27th, 1924.

80th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Charles A. Durand, Grand Master.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were in attendance and the representatives of 462 of the 482 lodges.

In this, the fifth largest jurisdiction in the United States, matters of jurisprudence are handled by a committee of three only, all Past Grand Masters.

The Grand Master's address is of short introduction and long conclusion, in which the subordinate lodges are gently admonished on little, though important matters. He minimizes the importance of learning the Master Mason lecture, and after all why should we care. If any one is the loser, it is the one who chooses not to learn it.

He had one trying case of insubordination with the Grotto, they contemptuously ignoring his order prohibiting lottery features.

He is luke-warm on the Masonic Service Association, but hopes the members will consider the report of the committee with open minds. He echoes the opinion of many we have read, that the lack of benefit derived does not discredit the value of the goods furnished, but that the problem seems to be in their propagation and use. It is largely a question of "you can lead a horse to

water; but you can't make him drink.' There is evidence that the rank and file, who pay the bills, regard with indifference the attempt to thrust benefits upon them which some do not regard as a benefit.

The Grand Secretary reports receipts of \$112,162.00 and general expenses of \$36,000.00. Several Masonic Home and charity funds show liquid balances of about \$165,000.00. Six new lodges were constituted and dispensations issued for the forming of six others.

The Masonic Home family consists of 58 men and 32 women. The committee makes a strong plea for additions and appropriations to care for their orphans as well.

A regulation is adopted whereby in counties having twenty-five or more lodges a central record may be kept of rejections. An amendment to the constitution is reported and adopted, subject to confirmation by the constituent lodges, providing for forty districts supervised by as many district deputies.

The Committee on Appeals had plenty to do. In one case they restored to membership a brother who had been indefinitely suspended for failure to pay a note; a case of trying to make the lodge a collection agency. A sentence of expulsion was affirmed where a brother had invested the funds of the widow of a Mason in his own insolvent business. In the case of raffling at a Grotto bazaar, they were easy on the accused because he was a paid secretary. They reversed the lodge verdict and found him guilty; but placed the penalty at a reprimand. Not being a lawyer, we will not comment on the case as a whole; but we think the brother should have been punished more severely—and there were others.

The Grand Lodge adopts the opinion of the Committee on Jurisprudence that it is illegal and highly improper for a lodge to publish the names of petitioners or of those receiving degrees. That is only common sense.

On the report of the Committee on Finance, adopted, the Grand Lodge granted the Eastern Star Villa at Adrian \$1,000.00, and the Craftsman's Club at Ann Arbor \$500.00. We wonder what Virginia will say to them.

The Soldiers' Relief Fund, amounting to \$64,105.00, was transferred to the "Outside Relief Fund."

The Grand Lodge dues of one lodge were remitted on account of having lost their building by fire. To require the lodges to carry insurance would be better.

The special committee on Masonic Service Association made a very full and detailed report, and recommended that the Grand Lodge retain membership and appropriate fifteen cents per capita annually for three years. After a lengthy discussion a substitute motion prevailed:

That the Grand Master appoint a Committee of five to consider, carry on and report an educational program, they to serve without pay and that an appropriation of not to exceed \$2,000.00 be made to cover expenses.

It was then moved that Michigan withdraw from the Masonic Service Association, which motion carried. Shake hands, Michigan.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is submitted by R. W. Brother William H. Gallagher, Grand Chaplain. Seventy-two proceedings are reviewed in 716 pages. He says it is extravagantly long, but that he won't do it

again. For a beginner, he sets himself quite a pace. Commenting on British Columbia's action towards providing for the enlarged participation of a minister of religion in the burial service, he says this, to which we say Amen:

The enlarging of the work of a minister in connection with the burial of the dead is wise, if the aforesaid minister can read or deliver from memory the service more effectively than the W. M. or other brother of the lodge. There are ministers who ought to be blacksmiths; and blacksmiths who ought to be ministers.

His comments are mostly short admonitions and he quotes freely. Nebraska is given eight pages—all complimentary, especially to Uncle Bob. Lew Smith is also complimented in being designated as Grand Secretary. The last we heard, and that was today's mail, Frank White was still on the job.

M. W. BEN. J. HENDERSON, Grand Master.

M. W. LOU B. WINSOR, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

Saint Paul.

January 16th, 1924.

71st Annual Communication.

Fourteen occasional communications of the Grand Lodge are held during the year for constituting lodges, dedications, and corner-stones, and one for the funeral of M. W. Brother William B. Patton, Past Grand Master.

At the annual communication, the attendance shows M. W. Brother James M. McConnell, Grand Master, the Grand Lodge officers, seventeen Past Grand Masters, and representatives from 255 of the 292 chartered lodges.

The Committee on Jurisprudence consists of five Past Grand Masters, appointed by the Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address deals with the usual routine subjects and activities. He is lukewarm upon the subject of the Masonic Service Association in a logical way, although they continue their membership. His decisions are principally of domestic interest only. He holds that a deaf candidate is eligible if the deficiency is cared for by an artificial device.

He cites that dissemination of proper Masonic instruction is vested in the Grand Lodge, and that the doors should be guarded against the extraneous importunities of itinerant Masonic lecturers, and enlarges on it more fully in a circular letter to lodges.

He is of the opinion that it would not be conducive to harmony, but would accelerate a cleavage, to meddle in matters of public education.

He puts a strong shoulder to the wheel in the move for a modern Masonic Home, and says it is "the great overweening undertaking that challenges Minnesota Masons." The Committee on Masonic Home speaks of the work to further the project, and report knowledge of over \$50,000.00 being willed to the Home in the past year to eventually accrue to its benefit.

The activities of the Committee on Fraternal Work at Rochester is of nationwide interest. They employ a fraternal representative there at a \$2,500 salary, and place in his hands a revolving fund for loans to sojourners. The fund was turned over four times in the year with no losses. They function also in a myriad of helpful ways.

Fifty cents per capita, amounting to \$27,196.00 goes to their Masonic Home, and a further amount of \$5,000.00.

M. W. Brother Edmund A. Montgomery, Past Grand Master, writes the Foreign Correspondence and reviews sixty-six Grand Lodges. Nebraska receives fraternal mention. A whole page is devoted to M. W. Brother Chappell's message on "opportunity and responsibility of Masons." It must be better than even we ourselves realized.

M. W. JAMES D. MARKHAM, Grand Master.

R. W. JOHN FISHEL, Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

Vicksburg.

February 19th, 1924.

106th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Marsh Hainer, Grand Master.

There were present, the Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters, representatives of 349 of the 383 chartered lodges, Brother James F. Hill representing Nebraska, and other Grand representatives.

The opening is preceded by addresses of welcome and address by the Grand Matron of the O. E. S. and responses, all in eloquent southern style.

Thomas U. Sisson, Past Grand Master, has died during the year and to his memory is paid fitting tribute.

Supervision of activities and work is in the hands of thirty District Deputy Grand Lecturers, who make brief reports.

The finances show a prosperous condition with \$647,700.00 resources and no liabilities. Adequate per capita taxes are levied for the Masonic Home and general purposes.

The session is enlivened by a splendid address by Dr. William F. Kuhn, Past Grand Master of Missouri (now deceased). This grand brother had a wealth of general knowledge resulting from his extensive travels, and had the faculty of embellishing his talk with entertainment and anecdote. He said: "I notice you found this morning, if I heard aright, that if a man cannot kneel, he cannot become a Mason. What about the man with a wooden head that cannot think."

Most of the standing committees, including jurisprudence, consist of but three members.

531 of the 879 pages of the proceedings are occupied with complete data and personnel of the subordinate lodges.

Henry C. Yawn, Past Grand Master, submits an admirable report on foreign correspondence. An introduction presents a brief synopsis of outstanding questions, and from "physical qualifications" we quote:

The physical impairments occasioned by the conflict, especially since they resulted from the discharge of unselfish duty, intensified a sentiment that has been growing since speculative Masonry begun. Many argue that since the internal qualifications count, and since internal qualification finds its highest expression in the unselfish discharge of patriotic duty and sacrifice for others, that our Institution would be lacking in a just appreciation of heroic service rendered in the cause of humanity, were they to make the maim of the returned soldier a bar to membership in our Fraternity.

Nebraska, 1922 and 1923, are reviewed fully and fairly, although he reports \$8,784.00 raised by the Committee on Masonic Service Association. It should read "George Washington Memorial." He quite agrees with Past

Grand Master Lewis E. Smith that Masonic laws are made to be enforced, and wants to know if he could be induced to run for President.

Brother Shepherd comes in for high compliment with a page and a half of his Wellman eulogy quoted.

M.:W.:GEORGE D. RILEY, Grand Master.

R.:W.:EDWARD L. FAUCETTE, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

St. Louis.

October 21st, 1924.

104th Annual Communication.

Held in Scottish Rite Cathedral.

M.:W.:Brother Joseph S. McIntyre, Grand Master.

The Mayor, Brother Henry W. Kiel, welcomes the Grand Lodge to the city. The Deputy Grand Master responded.

The Grand Master uses thirty-six pages for his address. He regards it as neither an address nor report; but it is much of both. He recommends as a policy for conferring the "first degree" by courtesy that Missouri neither give nor take. He voices strength to the arm of the Masonic Service Association of Missouri, and recommends an appropriation of \$5,000.00 and an adequate salary for its secretary.

The occasion of the visit of R.:W.:Brother Sir Alfred Robbins, of England, constitutes the outstanding event of the year. Brother Robbins is Past Grand Warden and President of the Board of General Purposes of England's Grand Lodge. He was their guest for a week at a specific communication called for the purpose. The record of the visit is replete with pleasing oratory. The Grand Master's address for the occasion is printed in full. It concludes with the conferring upon the distinguished guest honorary membership in the Grand Lodge of Missouri. It is the fourth incident of the kind in Missouri's one hundred three years of history. General Lafayette and his son in 1825, and M.:W.:Brother Jonathan Nye, of Vermont, in 1842, being the recipients of that honor on the three preceding occasions. R.:W.:Brother Robbins, in his response, well proves his illustrious fame.

The Grand Master reports his attendance at the conference of Grand Masters, and disclaims for that body and for himself any trend towards a General Grand Lodge. He hopes the conference will be repeated annually.

He relates having visited Brother Joseph S. Halstead at Breckenridge, Missouri, who had attained the age of one hundred and six years, had been a Mason for eighty-two years, and was probably the oldest Mason in the world. He was frail in body, but alert in mind.

Twenty-five queries and his decisions in each case are listed. The decisions are terse and not subject to misconstruction. Many of the queries are of unimportance. He rules that one who had lost his left arm is eligible, if by the aid of artificial appliance he can perform the necessary ceremonies. He holds an election illegal because held at an unusual hour. Both approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence and adopted.

There is no reference to the Ku Klux Klan.

Missouri is enriched by a gift of a complete set of the publications of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge for its Dr. Wm. F. Kuhn Library. The donor is

M. W. Brother Marcus A. Loevy, Grand Master of the M. W. York Grand Lodge of Mexico. Brother Loevy was formerly a resident of St. Louis, and was raised in Occidental Lodge No. 163. It is not the first gift of this brother for this library. His previous recent donation moves the Grand Master to recommend a Library Commission, to report at the next session of the Grand Lodge with a definite plan for an adequate library. He remarks that they have been one hundred and four years without one.

M. W. Brother Frank R. Jesse, Grand Secretary, presents his report, wholly of official reports, tabulated information, and finance. The Masonic Home is assigned two-thirds of the per capita tax, \$163,844.00.

A resolution was adopted whereby Missouri withdraws from the Masonic Service Association of the United States. The resolution intimated that the action will be rescinded if representatives to attend the next meeting judge that the association "will return to its original purpose and get rid of those guilty of alleged extravagant management."

In a report on Service Record Memorial, steps are taken to gather the data from lodges and formulate plans for a permanent form of memorial.

St. Joseph's invitation to convene next with them in annual communication was accepted.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances is presented with sixteen cases for consideration. In seven of them the extreme penalty of expulsion is inflicted.

New amendments to the law, adopted on motion of the Committee on Jurisprudence, include \$2.10 per capita tax, of which \$1.50 is for Masonic Home, \$5.00 per diem and eight cents per mile for representatives to Grand Lodge, and extensive revision of the Trial Code.

474 subordinate lodges are represented at the session. 1,366 brethren are present, of whom 572 are Past Masters in that capacity only.

Amendment to the law is offered on transfer of membership by "Certificate of Good Standing," and providing when and how demit shall issue. It is laid over under the law.

Missouri does not require Grand Lodge dues from lodges for those whose dues have been remitted.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is by M. W. Brother Charles C. Woods, D.D., P. G. M. He feelingly refers to his fifteen years of labor on this committee, and extends full meed of praise to R. W. Brother Arthur Mather, Grand Chaplain, for his valuable assistance.

On generalities he remarks:

So far as our information justifies the statement it would seem that this institution, (The Masonic Service Association) is not yet assured of a permanent place in our Masonic World as was at one time anticipated.

His conclusion is that the Grand Jurisdictions who have recognized the Ku Klux Klan in any way repudiate all connection with it officially or socially, and some denounce it in very strong terms. He deplores the general lawlessness since the close of the war, and compares us unfavorably with other nations. Reflecting the voice from most other Grand Jurisdictions, he echoes a note of regret for the lack of respect and veneration for Ancient Craft Masonry so much its due, and with all possible respect affirms that there are no "higher degrees."

He writes a concise and illuminating review of 160 pages. Nebraska is omitted.

M. W. ORESTES MITCHELL, Grand Master.

R. W. FRANK R. JESSE, Grand Secretary.

MONTANA.

Billings.

August 15th, 1923.

59th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Claude J. McAllister, Grand Master, opened the Grand Lodge. There were present the Grand Officers, seventeen Past Grand Masters, 107 Past Masters, representatives of 123 of the 132 chartered lodges, and Grand Representatives of forty-two jurisdictions. Music, flowers, address of welcome, Grand Chaplain in address and prayer, and Grand Master in an address to the Flag, preceded business.

Seventy-two pages record the Grand Master's address. He pays a tribute to the departed President, paints a pretty picture in a preamble relating Van Dyke's story of *Artaban, the Median*, and points to its moral, writes a chapter on immortality, and in loving words presents obituaries of eight distinguished brethren, including three Past Grand Masters of Montana. We quote the following from his "A Glance Over the Field."

When I weigh and meditate upon the influence and power of nearly twenty thousand men standing as true soldiers of Truth, Justice, Liberty and Brotherly Love, I am confident that disregard for law and order will be checked; that our boys and girls will have an equal opportunity in the acquiring of an education; that religion will be supported; that benevolence and charity will be promoted and the peace and tranquillity of our people continue under the guiding hand of Almighty God.

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A closer walk with our brethren should be established whereby every constituent lodge in our Grand Jurisdiction may come in contact with the Grand Lodge through some agency versed in the esoteric work and the statutes of the Grand Body. To this authority should be ascribed the power of instruction in and interpretation of our work and assistance to the brethren. Such a plan would relieve the Grand Master of some responsibility and afford him an opportunity to devote a portion of his time to many other matters of vital importance to the Craft.

Under "Healthy Growth During the Year," he remarks:

Our brethren are awake and manifesting an active interest in all questions of vital importance to our Nation and State. They are standing as one man, four square, against the sinister influences that are endeavoring to undermine our government. They possess a vision of the mission of Masonry among men and its constructive policies. Attuned to the symbolism of the Fraternity they are building in Masonic education to the highest ideals that our Institution may be the greatest dynamic power for the upbuilding of civilization that the world has ever known.

He speaks in words of praise and pride on Montana's Masonic Home, and outlines future plans. The trustees of the Masonic Home report the year as one of the most successful in their history, and express gratitude for liberal consideration.

A special committee reported the following resolution, complying with the recommendation of the Grand Master, which was adopted on report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:

That it shall be declared to be a Masonic offense for any Master Mason raised in this jurisdiction to petition for the degrees of the Royal Arch Chapter or the Scottish Rite bodies until at least one year has elapsed from the date of his raising; that in addition such member must have passed the examination in the lecture of the Third Degree and attended at least twelve meetings of his lodge, unless excused by his lodge upon proper showing of good cause for failure to attend such number of meetings.

The Grand Lodge adopts a report of a special committee on Masonic Home building campaign, which includes:

Beginning with the 20th day of August, 1923, every petitioner for the degrees of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction shall, in addition to the fees for the degrees, pay to the lodge the sum of Ten Dollars, which said sum shall accompany the petition and shall be transmitted to the Grand Secretary with the next monthly report after the election of the applicant. Such sum shall be turned over to the Masonic Home of Montana, to be placed to the credit of a building fund and shall be used for such purpose only.

On resolution adopted, the following section of the Code was repealed:

Every brother who has been raised to the degree of Master Mason shall pass a satisfactory examination thereon in open lodge within six months after his raising, failing in which he shall be deemed suspended until he shall pass such examination, unless for good cause shown he be granted further time by the lodge.

Restrictions as to elapsed time and proficiency are placed on the advancement of newly made Masons by resolution adopted.

A resolution was adopted increasing the Grand Lodge dues to \$2.50, \$1.00 of which goes to support the Masonic Home. It takes the form of an amendment to the law.

The report of the Correspondence Committee adopted recognizes the Grand Lodges of Guatemala and of Ecuador, defers action on Argentine, and adopts rules for future guidance in the matter of recognition.

M. W. Brother H. S. Hepner, Past Grand Master, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented a review of one hundred pages, covering fifty-seven Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1922, is accorded fraternal mention. He quotes freely from the address of Grand Master Lewis E. Smith and from Past Grand Master Ehrhardt.

M. W. CHARLES S. BELL, Grand Master.

R. W. CORNELIUS HEDGES, JR., Grand Secretary.

MONTANA.

Great Falls.

August 20th, 1924.

60th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Charles S. Bell, Grand Master.

The Grand Master in his address shows evidence of being a "go getter" and a "straight shooter." In language that is not subject to misconstruction, he takes exception to wrong as he sees it. He tells those who would dispute the authority of the Grand Lodge to make laws for its betterment "where to get off at." Of the Masonic Service Association program he says that plans have fallen through in many respects, recommends that best efforts be used to place the educational work of the association before the lodges, as it has not yet been properly demonstrated; but insists that the cost must be reduced.

In scathing rebuke of the DeMolay and its sponsors, he takes his foot entirely off the soft pedal, takes other Grand Masters to task for evidences of

cowardice and no mind of their own on this matter, and points out the propaganda of intolerance and religious prejudice emanating from the DeMolay ritual.

The Shrine must not use the word "Masonic" in their doings. Clubs or DeMolays must not display the square and compass. The buck has been passed long enough in connection with Masonic Home administration, and there is more of apparently sincere straightforwardness. He is altogether refreshing after some of the near platitudes from which we are compelled to garner.

On courtesy degrees he says:

Courtesy degrees have become altogether too common. I think that if a man waits until he is about to depart from a community before he thinks of Masonry, there must be just a tinge of mercenary motive in his thought. There is a great deal of merit in a Jurisdiction refusing to confer the Entered Apprentice degree as a courtesy.

The following decisions were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence; they are all off color from our standpoint:

Request for a decision as to whether an assessment levied in regular manner could be collected the same as dues. I answered that it could.

A Lodge asked if legal to give Masonic funeral to deceased Mason who took dimit in 1919 and has not petitioned any Lodge since. Answer: Clearly against regulations to accord Masonic burial to non-affiliate of more than a year.

A Montana Lodge brought charges, tried and expelled a brother of another Lodge in this Jurisdiction. Effort now being made to get the expelled Brother restored to membership. The question is, "Which Lodge, or should both make unanimous request provided for under Section 86, page 1, of Penal Statutes?" Answer: Wholly within the province of the Lodge expelling the Brother.

The appointment of nineteen special committees was required to consider and report on numerous and varied subjects of the Grand Master's address.

We refer those interested to a very able and carefully prepared address on the Sterling-Reed Educational Bill by Brother H. H. Swain in fifteen pages.

M. W. Brother Hutchinson, Executive Secretary, for the Masonic Service Association program, reports fair success. The state is divided into fourteen districts and a director assigned to each. The plan contemplated the employment of paid speakers; but the work done has been voluntary without salary. Expenses and supplies are paid for.

The Grand Lodge has built and supports a Masonic Hut at Fort Harrison for the entertainment and welfare of the brethren domiciled at the Rehabilitation Hospital there.

The Grand Lodge adopts the report of the special committee wherein they disagree with the recommendations of the Grand Master regarding "DeMolay and Kindred Organizations."

An attempt by resolution to repeal the law requiring Master Masons to wait a year before petitioning for further degrees was voted down.

The majority report of the committee was to defer the matter of providing District Deputy Grand Masters, and after considerable debate the report was adopted.

The review on Foreign Correspondence is by M. W. Brother H. S. Hepner, Past Grand Master. He furnishes 127 pages which glean Masonic thought and information in liberal quotation and short comment. We feel in duty bound to correct one error. He says (Washington, 1923): "This Grand Lodge is the only Grand Lodge which has abolished the office of Grand Treasurer." He is reminded that on recommendation of M. W. Brother Harry A. Cheney, Grand Master in 1911, our Grand Lodge abolished the office in 1912.

The review of Nebraska, 1923, is made up largely from Brother Lowe's oration and our jurisprudence on the Ku Klux.

M. W. HARLON L. HART, Grand Master.

R. W. CORNELIUS HEDGES, JR., Grand Secretary.

NEVADA.

Reno.

June 11th, 1924.

60th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Silas E. Ross, Grand Master, the Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand Masters, and representatives of twenty of the thirty-four chartered lodges answered the roll-call.

The Grand Master's address, in addition to reports of official acts, deals with the Masonic Service Association favorably, the Grand Master's Conference, which he reports a failure, the George Washington Memorial, history and account of ceremony and warm endorsement; has but few recommendations, not vital; and concludes with expressions of appreciation for the honor extended and the help rendered him.

The Grand Secretary reports administrative affairs in concise form, states a gain of 108 for the year, opines that the "Lodges are making more real Masons and not more members only," and concludes with a plea for courage and service.

On the report and recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, new legislation is adopted, viz: "Whenever a majority of a committee, to whom has been referred the application of a candidate for the degrees in a Constituent Lodge, shall report unfavorably, the Master of the Lodge shall declare the applicant rejected without taking a ballot."

The report of the Committee on the Legitimacy of Grand Lodges, providing for recognition of Guatemala and declining to recognize Argentine, Columbia, and Italy, is received and adopted.

Edward D. Vanderlieth, Grand Secretary and Commissioner of Review, writes the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and reviews seventy-one Grand Lodges. Nebraska receives due consideration and adequate space. Brother Chappell is freely quoted on law enforcement.

M. W. EDWARD A. DUCKER, Grand Master.

V. W. EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH, Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Saint John

August 23d, 1923.

56th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother LeBaron Wilson, Grand Master.

Representatives of twenty-three of the chartered lodges were in attendance. Nebraska was represented in the person of the Grand Master.

The Grand Master recites that the year has not been arduous, few occasions for decisions, peace and harmony prevailing.

On his recommendation and report of a special committee the Grand Lodge adopted special legislation providing for an extra per capita tax of \$1.00 for five years to create a fund to retire outstanding debt against their Grand Lodge building.

The Board of General Purposes of which W. Brother John R. Haycock P. S. G. D. is Vice-President, reports essential matters in connection with activities.

We note the absence from the session of our old friend Jule Whitlock, Past Grand Master.

No report on foreign correspondence is published in the proceedings.
M. W. LEBARON WILSON, St. John, Grand Master.
R. W. J. TWINING HARTT, St. John, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Concord.

May 21st, 1924.

135th Annual Communication.

M. W. Frederick E. Everett, Grand Master.

At the sixty-fifth semi-annual communication held in December, 1923, the proceedings do not record anything of official or administrative nature, although sixty-five of the eighty lodges were represented. The time was principally consumed in conferring the three degrees on actual candidates, in due form.

M. W. Brother Andrew L. Randell of Texas addressed the meeting.

In this jurisdiction lodges of instruction, of which five were held, are Grand Lodge functions. The work is exemplified on an actual candidate, followed by criticisms by the Grand Lecturers.

Sixty-one lodges were represented at the annual communication.

The Grand Master in his address compliments the lodges on a healthy growth, although the gain is small.

The state is divided into eight districts, and as many district deputies make reports on routine affairs.

A resolution was adopted to sanction the meetings of the Rainbow girls in lodge rooms, and a similar resolution pertaining to the White Shrine was laid over.

By resolution a special per capita assessment was levied of one dollar annually for five years, to create a fund for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a hospital at the Masonic Home.

A special committee submitted an amendment to the constitution as follows, to be acted on in May, 1925:

Every subordinate Lodge shall be represented at each annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Secretary shall cause a roll of said subordinate Lodges to be called immediately at the opening of the Grand Lodge communication, and another roll to be called as the last order of business before the closing of said annual communication. Any Lodge failing to have its representative present at the opening and closing roll-call shall be subject to a fine of ten dollars, to be paid to the Grand Secretary, for the use of the Grand Lodge.

The adoption of this would go a long way toward curing the increasing feature of Grand Lodge non-attendance. We hope it is adopted, and will await results with interest. On important matters the Grand Lodge is entitled to an expression from those to whom mileage and per diem are paid, although in New Hampshire it does not seem to be an item of Grand Lodge expenditure.

They still reject dual membership within the state. A brother of a jurisdiction recognizing it may become a member.

Guatemala was recognized.

The use of the word "Masonic" is restricted to what the Grand Lodge decrees to be Masonic.

Harry M. Cheney, Past Grand Master, writes the review in his usual happy inimitable style. We don't blame our fellow scribes for the boquets they throw him. We hope he does not bear down too hard on a poor beginner.

Nebraska is well covered, with no quotations. Suits us.

M. W. FREDERICK E. EVERETT, Grand Master.

R. W. HARRY M. CHENEY, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

Trenton.

April 16th, 1924.

137th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Frank C. Sayrs, Grand Master.

The Grand Officers, twenty-four District Deputies, sixteen Past Grand Masters, Grand Representatives including R. W. Brother Robert J. Hanna for Nebraska, and representatives of 238 of the 240 lodges present. Also a long list of Past Masters and visitors.

Among the distinguished visitors was R. W. Brother Sir Alfred Robbins, Past Grand Warden and President of the Board of General Purposes of the United Grand Lodge of England, upon whom was conferred honorary membership in the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. The Grand Lodge was instructively entertained by a splendid address by this eminent brother, and also listened to speeches by other noted visitors present.

The Grand Master's address takes thirty-three pages and contains more interesting matter than we have space to print. He reports numerous acts of administration and many visits, including the Grand Lodges of Delaware and Pennsylvania.

The last annual communication of the Grand Lodge adopted changes in the law re physical defects, delegating responsibility to Masters of lodges. He reports that no difficulties have resulted from this important change.

(If New Jersey would use sewn bindings instead of staples, they would earn the everlasting thanks of the reviewers).

The Grand Master has occasion to pay tribute to the memory of R. W. Brother Henry Snowden Haines, Grand Instructor for thirty-eight years. On April 9th, at Burlington, they unveiled a splendid monument in honor of this grand brother.

Several pages are devoted to foreign relations with France. The Grand Master is empowered to terminate relations, pending certain conditions, when

he deems it expedient. Recognition of Vienna, Roumania, and Czecho-Slovakia is deferred.

November fourth as the Masonic birthday of George Washington, established by the Grand Lodge as a day of commemoration, the Grand Master reports observed by suitable and inspiring services throughout the state.

Order of DeMolay, the Masonic Home, Masonic Service Association, and George Washington Memorial are given due consideration, with remarks entirely complimentary.

Reference to the conference of Grand Masters on October 31st, 1923, is omitted. In this connection, and for the benefit of those who may think the "bugaboo" of a General Grand Lodge is of modern development, we append extracts from the proceedings of the session of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey held at Trenton July 6th, 1790:

No. 1. 28th December, 5789. RESOLVE of the Grand Lodge of Georgia: That there ought to be a Federal or Supreme Grand Lodge constituted, to have jurisdiction over the respective Grand and other Lodges throughout the Continent, and proposing a Masonic Convention for that purpose; also a resolution of the said Grand Lodge, appointing a committee of correspondence to correspond with the several Lodges in the United States on that subject.

No. 2. May 1, 5790. A letter from the said Committee of Correspondence signed, on behalf of the Committee by James Jackson, P.G.M., endorsing the above.

No. 3. June 7, 5790. Minute of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania disapproving, as inexpedient and impracticable, the proposal made by the Grand Lodge of Georgia, and proposing, instead thereof, a Convention of Deputies from the several Grand Lodges within the United States, for the purpose of forming a more intimate union, and establishing a regular and permanent intercourse between the several Grand Lodges of the United States; also, a resolution of the said Grand Lodge, appointing a Committee to correspond with the several Grand Lodges in the United States on that subject.

No. 4. June 29, 5790. Letter from the corresponding Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on the said subject.

Which said several papers were read.

Whereupon the papers No. 1 and No. 2 were considered, and thereupon,

RESOLVED, That the constituting of a Federal or Supreme Grand Lodge, to have jurisdiction over the respective Grand and other Lodges throughout the continent, "as proposed by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia," is inexpedient, and, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, impracticable.

On motion, seconded,

RESOLVED, That instead thereof, this Grand Lodge do agree that a Convention of Deputies from the several Grand Lodges within the United States of America be held, for the purpose of forming a more particular and intimate union, and also establish a regular and permanent intercourse between them; that this Grand Lodge conceive such a convention would be highly advantageous to the fraternity, and will appoint deputies for the aforesaid purposes.

ORDERED, that the Right Worshipful Grand Master be requested to write to the Right Worshipful Brother James Jackson and enclose him a copy of the determination of this Lodge.

ORDERED, That the Committee of Correspondence do write to the several Grand Lodges of the United States of America, including a copy of the determination of this Grand Lodge and desiring their concurrence in the appointment of Deputies to meet in Convention for the purposes.

The Grand Master holds with our Grand Lodge as regards gambling devices in campaigns by the Craft for raising funds, and recommends action by the Grand Lodge. Discipline and decisions are given due space. The record is available to our committees.

He renews the recommendation of M. W. Brother Arthur Potterton, P. G. M., "That after a candidate has received the Entered Apprentice Degree, his advancement can only be stayed by the preferring of charges, and, in the event they be not sustained, his advancement be proceeded with in due course."

Another "Banquo's Ghost that will not down" is revived in the address of R. W. Brother Samuel M. Goodyear, Grand Master of Pennsylvania. The age-old controversy between Massachusetts and Pennsylvania for precedence regarding the "oldest Grand Lodge" probably never will be settled. The writer being related to Henry Price, the first Grand Master in America, will naturally dispute Pennsylvania's claims.

On the Grand Master's recommendation last above referred to, the Committee on Jurisprudence makes a very able and full report. The "right of objection" enters into the matter and is emphasized. The report makes interesting reading and is commended to our students of Masonic law. In accord with the report, the Grand Lodge refuses to adopt the recommendation of the Grand Master.

The Committee on Jurisprudence cites that there is sufficient warrant in the law to prohibit gambling devices for raising funds, and the Grand Master is called on to strictly enforce it and inflict penalty for infringement, in which the Grand Lodge concurs.

The Masonic Home has a fully equipped hospital and dental room, and is twenty-five years old. The family numbers 49 men, 40 women, 29 boys, and 18 girls.

R. W. Brother Robert A. Shirrefs, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submits the review and gives Nebraska fraternal mention.

M. W. ANDREW FOULDS, JR., Grand Master.

R. W. ISAAC CHERRY, Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO.

Raton.

February 18th, 1924.

46th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Joseph Gill, Grand Master.

All but fifteen of the chartered lodges were represented, and seven of the twenty-three Past Grand Masters are marked present.

New Mexico does not have the Grand Representative system, and although they are one of but few in this respect, we surmise they are not missing much.

The Grand Master's address is devoted to the usual domestic and general subjects and is much given to detail, as is perhaps required.

He has occasion to refuse a dispensation for a third ballot on candidates twice rejected.

One lodge asked for permission to sub-rent its hall to the Ku Klux Klan. In his letter of refusal he uses the following language:

I believe this is the first application of the order of the Ku Klux Klan, within this jurisdiction to lease a Masonic hall and I feel it incumbent upon me to state in part, the reasons for my action.

I am informed this order claims the right and makes a practice, of dealing out summary justice to certain persons and in special cases without submitting to the regular processes of the law.

If this be true, it is a violation of the constitution of the United States, which guarantees to every person accused of crime, the right of trial by a fair and impartial jury of his equals, and guarantees to every person under its protection that he shall not be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law. It has cost rivers of blood to write these clauses into the constitutions of the English speaking nations, which girdle the globe and it is not becoming to the American people to establish schools of instruction which tend to undermine these principles.

I am further informed that this organization encourages race and religious prejudice by concentrating their organized opposition against Jews and Catholics.

It is little use to teach that religious liberty is one of the fundamentals of our constitution and of our Masonic fraternity, and open our lodge halls to the propagation of religious bigotry. It is little use to re-iterate our formulas about brotherly love and lease our lodge halls to a school of race prejudice. We shall never have peace on earth until men both nationally and internationally become more kind to each other.

I am in hearty sympathy with the motive which prompted the organization of the Ku Klux Klan, but you cannot fight lawlessness with lawlessness and I cannot endorse irregular and illegal methods of enforcing even the purest motives.

In twelve decisions rendered there is some interesting matter. It is commended to our Committee on Jurisprudence.

He speaks with praise for the efficiency and results obtained in the administration of their revolving Student Loan Fund.

The Fort Bayard undertaking is strongly endorsed and support recommended.

An accumulation of \$57,857.00 in the Masonic Home Fund being reported, he recommends that plans be prepared so that one unit may be constructed as soon as possible. This fund is accelerated by an annual assessment of \$2.00 per member, and is all invested in United States registered bonds.

He recommends that New Mexico become a member of the Masonic International Association.

Over seven pages are occupied with Masonry in Mexico, principally a long letter from the Grand Master of the Grand Logio Valle de Mexico to the Grand Master.

He recommends the compulsory reading of the Masonic Service bulletins in lodges, and that every member subscribe to the "Master Mason." It is our humble opinion that in no other way will the Grand Lodge receive adequate benefit for its investment.

The Grand Lodge adopted a resolution to incorporate under a recent act enacted by the state legislature.

The Masonic Education Service Committee is active and submits a long report on accomplishments. They strongly endorse the Masonic Service Association.

The Masonic Tubercular Sanatorium is a proposed work of some magnitude, and seems to be a tri-state affair with Texas and Arizona. They hope,

however, to enlist the co-operation and support of numerous other Grand Jurisdictions, and hope eventually to develop an institution to accommodate the afflicted Masons of the nation.

The Committee on Masonic History and Research submits what is more than a report, in twenty-four pages, dealing with interesting incidents of early Masonic history.

The Grand Lodge endorses the Federal Education bill (Towner-Sterling).

Brother John Milne writes the review on Foreign Correspondence, treating forty-seven Grand Lodges in 186 pages, Nebraska receiving her full share in four pages. We note from the list of appointments that he is succeeded by M. W. Brother Lucious Dills, Past Grand Master, for the ensuing year.

M. W. JOHN W. TURNER, Grand Master.

R. W. ALPHEUS A. KEEN, Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Sydney.

June, 1923.

35th Year.

M. W. Brother William Thompson, Grand Master.

This Grand Lodge holds no communication designated as "annual." Four quarterly and three special meetings have been held during the year which ends in June.

No reports on attendance are recorded. There are 437 lodges and 45,000 members.

The Grand Treasurer reports 185 thousand pounds in balances, a goodly portion in benevolent and Masonic School funds.

Administrative affairs are left largely to a Board of General Purposes and a Board of Benevolence. They meet frequently and their acts and reports are but little questioned by Grand Lodge.

All grand officers including presidents and members of the above named boards are elected by Grand Lodge with the single exception of the Deputy Grand Master who is appointed by the Grand Master. Nominations are made at a special communication the day preceding the election, and it appears that if no nomination is made the incumbent holds over.

It is apparent that lines are drawn tight at the outer door as nearly 50% of applicants are rejected. Applications are all scrutinized at the head office on circulars sent in by lodges.

A new Masonic School is under way to accommodate fifty children or more.

Brother William T. Wearne, representative of Nebraska, is present at the quarterly in July.

On motion of the Grand Master, concurred in by the Grand Lodge, the rank of P. S. G. W. is conferred on two brethren in recognition of exceptional services. One brother presented his lodge with a temple fully equipped costing seven thousand pounds; the other, Charles Kolling, donated nearly half a million dollars to erect and maintain a Masonic College. The latter we opine will stand as a record for some time to come.

The Grand Master, who is elected for the tenth consecutive year, is presented with a cheque raised by voluntary subscription in an amount of more than \$5,000.00.

The review of foreign correspondence is written mostly by William Epps, chairman, and C. A. Elliot, members of the committee. It is in "topical" form. The section by J. A. Henderson on recognition of foreign Grand Lodges is well worth perusing. It incorporates well chosen quotations especially on the Mexican question. From this, as well as from our own observations, it would seem as though the York Grand Lodge of Mexico stands out as the legitimate body, although the recognition of an English speaking institution in a Spanish-American country is a matter for delicate handling.

A casual perusal discovers no mention of Nebraska.

M. W. WILLIAM THOMPSON, Grand Master.

R. W. ARTHUR H. BRAY, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

New York.

May 6th, 1924.

143d Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Arthur S. Tompkins, Grand Master.

The usual goodly number of officers, members, committees, and representatives were present. R. W. Brother Henry Herz, representing Nebraska, is reported present.

New York probably functions more largely along more diverse and extended lines than any American Grand Lodge. Their figures run to more members and more dollars. The benevolent activities are enormous.

Official acts, dispensations, and review of the year's work and events are dealt with at length in the address of the Grand Master, which requires fifty-three pages to record. It is much as others are, only more of it. No decisions on law are reported, queries all being referred to the Judge Advocate, the Grand Master's legal advisor. We quote from his conclusion:

Brethren, this address is altogether too long for my comfort and your patience, but not sufficiently long to recite all the important work of the Craft during the past year, or to tell in full our aspirations for the future. Much must be left to memory, and to unexpressed hopes. Many volumes could not record all the good deeds done, the kindly impulses manifested, the wholesome influences exerted, or the loving, charitable and blessed ministrations of the Craft everywhere throughout the State since last we met, but let us not be content with the things that have been done. The past is only of value as an inspiration and guide for the future.

The report of the Grand Secretary is entirely financial and statistical. He reports receipts of \$547,721.00, and a total membership of 299,034.

The ritualistic work is supervised by a Board of Custodians (five), the Grand Lecturer, and his forty-one assistants.

The cases coming before the Committee on Grievances seem remarkably few for so large a jurisdiction.

Earnest effort and activity are apparent on the part of the Committee on George Washington Memorial. They report seventy-five per cent. of their quota raised.

R. W. Brother Sir Alfred Robbins, of the Grand Lodge of England, was introduced as their guest, and addressed the Grand Lodge in well chosen remarks upon the degree of peace to be attained through interdependence.

The Committee on Ceremonial Forms presents a lengthy report which includes a revised Burial Service, the text of which is printed in full. They recommend that action be postponed until the next annual communication and the adoption of the ceremonials be considered in the interim. Adopted.

R.:W.:Brother Ossian Lang, Grand Historian, submits an historical essay of over ten pages on the Ancient Craft Gilds, replete with information and interesting to the Masonic student.

We must refer those of our brethren interested in New York's attitude and action on foreign relations with other Grand Lodges to the record. There is too much to report on in full, and there is the liability of error.

Your reviewer has but touched lightly the many subjects presented, many of which deal only with their own problems. New York, we are sure, will expect no apology for brevity—their position is too secure.

The proceedings of sixty-six Grand Lodges are reviewed by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, headed by M.:W.:Brother S. Nelson Sawyer, Past Grand Master. Nebraska is mentioned briefly. Brother Ehrhardt's report is termed "excellent in every way."

M.:W.:WILLIAM A. ROWAN, Grand Master.

M.:W.:ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, Grand Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND.

Auckland.

November 26th, 1924.

35th Annual Communication.

M.:W.:Brother Hon. Henry L. Michel, Pro Grand Master, presides, the Grand Master, His Excellency the Governor General, Viscount Jellicoe, having departed for the "Homeland" the day before.

Second on the list of members present we find M.:W.:Brother Oliver Nicholson, Past Grand Master, Nebraska's representative. This distinguished brother is also Provincial Grand Master of the Auckland District.

After an able address by the Pro Grand Master, the first order of business was the election of the M.:W.:Grand Master; Brother William Ferguson Massey being the only nominee for the office, was on motion elected unanimously. His claim to distinction lies in being Privy Councillor and the Prime Minister of the Dominion. It does not appear that he has heretofore held Grand Lodge office.

This grand jurisdiction of 270 lodges and 22,800 members, has upwards of 400 thousand dollars in liquid investments, and the financial reports of the Board of Benevolence and Board of Management of different relief funds show extensive activity. Relief is supplied to particularly deserving or emergent cases by a rather peculiar system of "Circular General Appeals" to lodges. Five of these appeals issued during the year produced an average of £440. The voluntary feature of relief subscriptions is very prominent.

New law was adopted providing (1) for the "collective ballot"; (2) to permit resignation of membership; (3) for the Grand Secretary to be appointed by the Grand Master on the recommendation of his immediate staff, and the appointment to hold during the pleasure of the Grand Lodge.

Among the Grand Lodges in fraternal relation with New Zealand, we note the following: Greece, Italy, Valle de Mexico, Netherlands, Roumania, Switzerland (Alpina), and Venezuela. No review appears.
R. W. GEORGE BARCLAY, Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Raleigh.

January 15th, 1924.

137th Annual Communication.

Ordinarily we review the proceedings first and the reviewer last. We ask your indulgence in this case.

The first thing we read as we opened the book was: "J. LeGrand Everett, 32°" In the course of the perusal, the last thing we read was in the review of Nebraska, as follows:

We believe we never before, in any of the American Grand Lodges, read in their Proceedings of the custom of identifying the brethren by their titles in other Bodies. Therefore we were somewhat surprised to find the following record:

W. Brother Alfred G. Hunt, 33, read the following report, which was adopted as read:

It was a case of mistaking the *point* that was within the circle which was not there. The good brother's apology is accepted.

M. W. Brother Hubert McNeill Poteat, Grand Master, presides at the opening. Brother Joshua P. Pillsbury is reported present representing Nebraska. He is the head of their charity work.

North Carolina is well to the front in the care of the helpless, the orphan, and the ill. The Oxford Orphanage with a projected school building to cost \$60,000.00, the Wm. J. Hicks Memorial Hospital to be accomplished in the near future, and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, would seem to indicate that the highest and best endeavor of our institution is being fully demonstrated.

The Grand Master praises the work of the District Deputy Grand Masters and bespeaks for them fuller distinction and larger powers and support.

In a chapter on the "State of the Craft," the Grand Master speaks some good Masonic language. He takes exception to the grumbling among members of the "high cost of Masonry," tells them to avoid trouble by becoming conversant with the law, deploras the indifference displayed toward the Grand Lodge, its officers, and its edicts, amounting to downright insubordination in cases, disparages the tendency towards high speed to the appendant bodies, and points out the necessity for good, dignified, correct degree work for its salutary effect on the character of the coming Mason. There is much more forceful admonition, which we consider charitable to omit.

His recommendations are many and generally commendable.

Masonic educational activities are conducted under the supervision of an all-time field secretary, to whom is paid a salary of \$3,000.00. The publications and program of the Masonic Service Association are the backbone of the work.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence (adopted) on decisions and recommendations of the Grand Master approves the refusal of the Grand Master to make a Mason at sight; recommends for adoption and incorporation as law (1) that lodges not represented at three successive annual com-

munications of the Grand Lodge be deprived of their charter, (2) that non-Masonic professional counsel be forbidden to appear in Masonic trials. They disapproved (1) "That aliens be declared ineligible to receive the degrees in Masonry." (2) "That newly made Master Masons be required to stand a satisfactory examination in the catechism of the Third Degree before signing the by-laws." (4) "That lodges be required to employ a Lecturer for at least one week every two years."

From each initiation \$1.00 goes to General Fund and \$10.00 to charity. The per capita tax is increased to \$2.50.

The review of foreign correspondence is by Brother J. Edward Allen. It is the first published review since the World War. This industrious brother has given much valuable time and energy to statistical tables covering the whole Masonic world, recognized and unrecognized. It includes valuable data on the benevolent institutions of all the states, together with relief activities. Nebraska, 1923, is accorded generous space and courteous mention.

We also have his 1925 review, published in a separate volume. It reviews Nebraska, 1924, and is all that could be desired in space, comment, and quotations. His tilt at Brother Ehrhardt on the Masonic Service Association is not our funeral. Time will tell who is right. If called on, we will stand with Nebraska in her present attitude, and "agin" her if she switches.

M.:W.:J. LEGRAND EVERETT, Grand Master.

R.:W.:WILLIAM W. WILLSON, Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Fargo.

June 17th, 1924.

35th Annual Communication.

M.:W.:Ralph L. Miller, Grand Master.

124 of the 127 lodges were represented. Nebraska's representative, R.:W.:Brother Theodore S. Henry, is Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Master, in his address, reviews matters of the year, several of them vexatious and some of them on financial difficulties.

The death of Past Grand Master John J. Hull is noted.

The Grand Master reports that the work of the Masonic Service Association "is progressing wonderfully well and that the accomplishment shown justifies the money expended."

He presents to the Grand Lodge, as worthy of consideration, the matter of elapsed time restriction before applying for other Masonic degrees.

He assails the Ku Klux Klan in forceful language, and reports numerous cases of members affiliating with that order in disregard of and contrary to the Grand Lodge edict against it; but reports that the situation has been largely cleared up. It reached the stage of downright insubordination in some few cases, resulting in one lodge having its charter arrested.

The Grand Secretary speaks of the cordial reception his Grand Lodge quarterly bulletin receives. It has been published regularly since 1910, and runs from four to fourteen pages. We imagine it stimulates interest by enabling those interested to keep in touch with Masonic news. This esteemed brother was with us in Nebraska in February, 1924, speaking at some few lodges in the interest of the Masonic Service program.

The report on Grand Lodge Library is prepared by Miss Clara A. Richards, Librarian. Excluding statistics, we have read it every word. North Dakota is fortunate in enlisting such capable and conscientious superintendence. If the members and their families of the jurisdiction do not reap golden benefit from this activity, it will not be her fault.

W. Brother George H. Phelps, apart from his specific review of constituent Grand Lodges, presents a report of six pages. It is a masterly review of outstanding subjects, presented for Masonic consideration. But for thoughts of the size of our printing bill, we would quote it in full. Most of us reviewers can commend it to our readers and say: "There it all is. Why repeat?"

The Grand Lodge extended recognition to the Grand Lodges of Queensland (United) and of Guatemala; and laid over Porto Rico and Italy.

A resolution for the permanent location of the Grand Lodge was overruled by the adoption of a substitute motion, and the Grand Lodge is still a migratory body.

On report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, adopted, the decision of the Grand Master that a lodge may suspend a member for failure to learn the Master Mason lecture is overruled although that is the requirement. The Grand Master had submitted it as a test case.

Another case is where the questionnaire of an applicant was filed as follows:

21. "Are you a member of the Ku Klux Klan?" "No."

21A "If not, will you pledge yourself not to become such?" "No."

The Grand Master had ruled that the petition could not be received. The Committee on Jurisprudence overruled the decision and recommended that the query 21A be stricken out, and their report was adopted.

The report on fraternal correspondence is by Brother George Hovey Phelps, and reviews fifty-six proceedings in 100 pages. We have more than a fraternal feeling for this brother, as it is his first venture in this respect as this is ours. Nebraska, 1923, is reviewed at length with few comments. Brother Ehrhardt he would have enjoyed more had he made more comments.

M. W. THEODORE S. HENRY, Grand Master.

M. W. WALTER L. STOCKWELL, Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Bridgewater.

June 11th, 1924.

59th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother James Henry Winfield, Grand Master.

The attendance of the usual number of Past Grand Officers and Past Masters as members, in addition to the lodge representatives, is noted. We have to report the absence of Nebraska's representative.

The entertainment program is somewhat elaborate, with especial regard to the visiting ladies. It includes for the first day a drive in the afternoon and a reception, with dancing and cards, in the evening. The afternoon of the second day is devoted to a basket picnic.

After the opening and preliminary announcements, the Grand Lodge formed in procession and proceeded to the Baptist Church to listen to Divine

Service and a sermon by the Grand Chaplain. His subject is the legendary allegory and the house not made with hands. He quoted Kennedy's "The Servant in the House" as a fitting illustration.

The Grand Master's address is largely of official visitations, decisions, and official administration. One decision is to the effect that a lodge can not give to a committee of enquiry of the Order of the Eastern Star information as to a member's standing. This decision, with all others of the Grand Master, is concurred in by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

He reports that the Freemasons' Home has well demonstrated its usefulness and is amply provided for.

The Grand Secretary reports a membership of 9,579, and total receipts of \$26,564.00.

The Committee on Appeal had but one case, it involving expulsion. The brother was *summoned* by the Grand Master and declared expelled.

Eight District Deputy Grand Masters submit reports on general conditions.

The report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary. Nebraska, 1923, is accorded liberal mention. He designates Brother Ehrhardt's review as interesting—but without comment, favorable or otherwise.

M.:W.:JAMES HENRY WINFIELD, Grand Master.

R.:W.:JAMES C. JONES, Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

Cleveland.

October 15th, 1924.

115th Annual Communication.

M.:W.:Brother Campbell M. Voorhees, Grand Master.

587 of the 601 chartered lodges are represented. M.:W.:Brother Horace A. Irvin, Past Grand Master and Grand Treasurer represented Nebraska. This brother is further distinguished by Lodge No. 647 bearing his name.

During the year death has claimed their esteemed brother, Jacob Henry Bromwell, who had served as Grand Secretary for over thirty-five years.

The entertainment of R.:W.:Brother Sir Alfred Robbins as a guest is noted.

Masonic education programs consisting of lectures and instruction are in care of a committee, and from the Grand Master's report seem to be successful. He recommends enlarged activity when possible to secure adequate attendance. They do not subscribe to the Masonic Service Association.

In this as in other jurisdictions we see evidence of the popularity of district associations for the study and perfection of the esoteric work. We have yet to see a better working plan than our own central schools under our Grand Custodian and his assistants.

The Grand Master had occasion to order the withdrawal of a begging letter sent out to constituent lodges by a lodge that had lost its building by fire, as not in accord with the Grand Lodge policy. The order was obeyed.

The financial statement shows the Ohio Masonic Home liberally supported, the amount being \$254,788.00 for the year, \$50,000.00 of which is for a power plant. They show \$261,374.00 balance in the general fund and liberty bonds of \$150,000.00.

An amendment to the code was proposed providing for permitting "a duly constituted Chapter of Order of DeMolay, sponsored by a Masonic Body" to occupy Masonic Halls; but before being brought up for consideration the resolution was withdrawn. The immediate Past Grand Master of Montana will say "Amen" to this we are sure.

Dispensations and proxies issued, lodges constituted, dedications, and corner-stones laid are recorded in an appendix of sixty pages.

A picture of the Rickly Memorial is given. This truly magnificent building costing \$700,000.00 is in connection with the Home, and supplies the hospital requirements. It contains two hundred beds. The Eastern Star building, the Hillman Memorial, Junior Boys' Cottage, and Junior Girls' Cottage are other buildings of this splendid Home plan. The total residence is 116 men, 75 women, 58 boys, and 45 girls.

M.:W.:Brother O. P. Sperra, Chairman, writes the review for the committee. The 255 pages are replete with liberal quotation and solid information. Nebraska, 1924, is given three pages. We thank him for his appreciation of Brother Ehrhardt.

M.:W.:JAMES B. RUHL, Grand Master.

R.:W.:HARRY S. JOHNSON, Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA.

Oklahoma City.

February 26th, 1924.

51st Annual Communication.

M.:W.:William Edward Stuart, Grand Master.

It is the sixteenth annual since the consolidation of Indian Territory and Oklahoma.

In the preliminary addresses we again note that concrete essence of modern Masonic thought so rarely emphasized, and so strictly true. When one of our Australian brethren used the phrase "the power to do good" as the chief aim of the institution, he set up a standard that should fly from our topmost heights. But for the power we gather and the good we do, we would have little to stand on. We dismally fail in some other directions. We are much as other men. Brother Pope has seen the vision.

Brother Randall U. Livesay, representing Nebraska, answered roll-call at the opening.

The Grand Master is justly proud of the recently completed new Masonic Home, already occupied, and costing a half million dollars. They sold the old home and site to the state, to be used as a hospital. The residential membership is 133, and there are 76 on the allowance plan.

Twenty-nine dispensations were issued to confer degrees in less than statutory time.

The Grand Master's visitations have been many, including 150 lodges and six meetings of county organizations. He recommends that all resident members be required to attend at least two meetings a year, with penalty for failure.

The financial reports show heavy transactions, over half a million being received and disbursed, a considerable amount being proceeds of Masonic Home bonds sold. Masonic Service work has cost over \$6,000.00, including

purchase of two Ford cars and a moving picture machine. The lecture force on the ritual has expended over \$4,500.00 with an additional cost to the lodges of \$3,500.00.

Appeals and Grievances was a busy committee. They had twenty-four cases.

The Committee on Masonic Service Association reports extensive activities. It would seem that Oklahoma is completely sold on this proposition; but the conclusion of the report contains a warning, viz:

But, brethren, no matter how much the National Association may exert itself or what programs it lays out, it can do little and can little help the individual Lodges, unless they do their part in getting before the brethren the ideas and teachings of the Association. No matter how much the State organization exerts itself, unless the brethren take hold of the work we can do little to put the program of the National Association across.

The ensuing year's budget adopted says, \$4,100.00 National dues, films, \$325.00; Automobile, \$1,750.00; salaries, wages and expenses, \$8,250.00. This committee includes within its scope of duties, sponsorship and support of the DeMolay, Boy Scouts, and the Rainbow Girls.

The Boy Scouts asked for an appropriation of \$5,000.00, to help build a club house; but it was laid over.

An amendment to the regulations was adopted prohibiting smoking at lodge sessions. A proposed questionnaire for petitioners, seemingly of unnecessary length and detail was voted down.

Judging from the text of the address of the newly installed Grand Master, Oklahoma selected a fitting standard bearer for the program of progress and co-operation with which this jurisdiction seems imbued. They may be right; we wonder.

The review is by M. W. Thomas Chauncey Humphry, Past Grand Master, chairman of the committee. 'Tis his nineteenth annual. He publishes his likeness; we wish they all would; we would know better how to talk at them. Nebraska, 1923, is reviewed in ample form.

M. W. HENRY S. JOHNSTON, Grand Master.

M. W. WILLIAM M. ANDERSON, Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

Portland.

June 11th, 1924.

74th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother George T. Cochran, Grand Master.

There were present nineteen Past Grand Masters, fourteen District Deputy Grand Masters, committees and lodge representatives.

The Grand Master reports two new lodges chartered and three instituted.

Under "Special Activities," he notes the observance of "Constitution week" by lodges holding a special or stated meeting with a program on the Constitution during the week of September 16th to 22d.

He reviews other subjects, mostly of local interest only.

The Grand Secretary reports 158 chartered lodges with a membership of 26,825 on December 31st, 1923, and \$802,888.00 total assets.

Their Masonic Home is in a prosperous condition, generously financed, and cares for forty-six residents. New additional construction is under way.

They have a Masonic Service and Employment Bureau, well supported, and, if results obtained are an indication, well administered. It shows 2,363 applications, 2,064 calls from employers, and 1,871 positions filled.

The matter of adopting a revised Code, reported on by the Committee on Jurisprudence, brought out considerable debate. Printed copies of the Code as revised had been distributed sixty days prior. The motion finally prevailed by the necessary three-fourths majority to adopt without reading or amending. The full text of the debate on this, as well as on other questions considered by the Grand Lodge, is printed in full, compiled from stenographic notes.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Instruction must be very gratifying.

To encourage the spread of correct unwritten work, they have a system, somewhat similar to ours in Nebraska, of issuing proficiency certificates to individuals. Of 242 who have passed the examinations, thirty-eight are declared letter perfect and are granted "gilt edge certificates."

The report of the nineteen District Deputy Grand Masters is rendered in condensed form by one of their number, and does not comprise the usual resumes and detailed and minute accounts we so often read. It is sufficient, we think, in this form, the Grand Master having, of course, the detailed reports made to him, from which he can cull matters of vital interest.

On the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the Grand Lodges of Guatemala, Venezuela, and Czecho-Slovakia were granted recognition.

A resolution was adopted nominating Brother Edwin Markham as Poet Laureate of Masonry in the United States, and asking the various Grand Lodges in the United States to concur. Personally, we support the resolution. His "Man with the Hoe" endears him to us.

In this jurisdiction the Committee on Jurisprudence consists of five members. They are *elected* for a term of years by the Grand Lodge.

There were a number of cases of proposed legislation being defeated. In the cases where we have read the argument carefully, we consider the Grand Lodge acted wisely and deserves congratulation. We are fortunate in having the verbatim report of the debates available in their proceedings, and we commend their perusal to our committees interested.

For two things we like whoever edited the proceedings: First, his body index, enabling a "following through"; second, his paucity of capitals.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by M. W. Brother David P. Mason, Past Grand Master. It is issued in a separate supplement of 196 pages. Nebraska, 1923, receives mention on outstanding activities. In a brief introduction he reviews a few of the high spots.

M. W. OLIVER P. COSHOW, Grand Master.

R. W. D. RUFUS CHENEY, Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia.

December 27th, 1923.

138th Annual Communication.

Abraham M. Beitler, R. W., Grand Master.

140 of the 541 chartered lodges were represented.

Financial features are considered at the quarterly communication December 5th. The budget reported and adopted shows figures of over three-quarters of a million, nearly two-thirds of which is for Masonic Home and benevolence. Total assets shown equal nearly eight millions. Fifteen sets of trustees are necessary to administer different trust funds and bequests, besides numerous bursars and almoners in addition, in connection with charity funds.

The Grand Master's address covers many topics and activities, principally on constructive features. He is happy to report that the DeMolay is spreading, quotes the American Legion resolutions and the Pennsylvania Bill of Rights as an argument for members to keep clear of association with the K. K. K.; and approves continuance of membership in the Masonic Service Association. One decision is that a birthmark is a mere skin blemish and does not constitute a physical disqualification.

Samuel M. Goodyear was installed as R. W. Grand Master and addressed the Grand Lodge. He rather deplures the disadvantages attending large lodges, and the drift toward extravagance in the social and festive features of subordinate lodges. He recommends the standing committee on inquiry aided by a questionnaire as a means of eliminating the unworthy. He points to the ultrareprehensibility of the Mason-K. K. K. hybrid in the following:

Brethren, let us not forget that Masonry teaches good citizenship and respect for law, and that therefore we are enjoined to practice these principles outside the Lodge room. Any Master Mason who so far forgets his obligation as to openly violate the laws of his country or align himself with organizations who hide behind masks and are thoroughly un-American, pretending to enforce one law by the breaking of another, is unworthy to wear the badge of a Mason. We live under a Government where the expressed will of the majority is the law of the land and no matter whether we as individuals like the law or not, it is our clear duty to obey it. Without such regard for law and constituted authority, the great underlying principle of popular government, the rule of the people fails and becomes a farce and a delusion.

Pennsylvania has with few exceptions from time immemorial given at least a double term to the four principal Grand Lodge officers.

The review of proceedings is submitted by Brother Thomas F. Penman, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. He covers sixty-one jurisdictions in 185 pages. He sets out information on essentials in his own admirable style, with short quotations embellished with intelligent brief comment and little criticism.

Nebraska, 1923, is liberally reviewed. He quotes at length Brother Chappell's forceful remarks on law enforcement, pokes at us a little gentle ridicule on our "League of Nations" tendency, and marvels that our Grand Master assumes jurisdiction on Shrine matters, remarking that "The Shriners of Nebraska appear to be an unusual and docile lot of pilgrims." If he lived in Nebraska he would know they better be.

R. W. SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR, Grand Master.

R. W. JOHN A. PERRY, Grand Secretary.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Manila.

January 22d, 1924.

12th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Frederic Harper Stevens, Grand Master.

Sixty-nine chartered lodges were represented. An official interpreter was appointed. R. W. Brother Newton C. Comfort represented Nebraska. The representatives of sixty-two Grand Jurisdictions were in attendance and the Grand Master reminds them of their duty to participate in constructive work and not only stand in line to be welcomed.

Friction has been caused by the admixture of the American and Filipino brethren; but the Grand Master says that because of this trouble of the last two years, the Grand Lodge is more closely united and the races working more harmoniously together.

The Grand Master strikes straight from the shoulder at the Supreme Council of Spain on the strenuous quarrel over territorial jurisdiction, and there are nineteen pages of documentary exhibits printed.

"It is to be regretted that the Grand Master is compelled to report that very little has been accomplished in eradicating the evil of clandestine Masonry from the Philippine Islands" is the summary of the Grand Master.

Stringent measures are adopted to retaliate for the use of the Masonic emblems by a non-Masonic body.

A resolution proposing the adoption of a cipher ritual printed in English and Spanish was finally by a motion laid on the table.

What appears, masonically speaking, to be freak legislation was proposed by resolutions (none of which were adopted) as follows:

Specific death benefits.

Authority to work in either York or Scottish rite.

Reducing age of petitioners to 18.

The invasion of the Shrine is frowned upon.

The review of Foreign Correspondence is by Rev. Brother Charles S. Banks, Grand Chaplain. He introduces the review with a brief summary, and comments on generalities.

Nebraska, 1923, is cordially and efficiently reviewed with more than our share of space.

M. W. WENCESLAO TRINIDAD, Grand Master.

R. W. NEWTON C. COMFORT, Grand Secretary.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Charlottetown.

June 25th, 1924.

49th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Edward W. MacKay, Grand Master.

A special communication has been held at Summerside to dedicate the new Masonic Hall.

It is noted that the Order of the Eastern Star is firmly established in the province.

The Grand Master in his address says:

The sole object of Masonry, whose roots reach far back into the misty traditions of the past, with its devotion to truth, with its light of experience, with its splendid heritage of men and measures, is to aid man in solving the problems of life and in attaining to the glorious crown of manhood.

He reports exchange of representatives with Iowa, and having visited every lodge in the jurisdiction.

The Grand Lecturer, in calling for more expressive and better enunciation in the work of the degrees, voices some good advice that we all might heed.

M. W. WILLIAM C. LAWSON, Grand Master.

R. W. ERNEST KEMP, Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC.

Montreal.

February 13th, 1924.

54th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Allan P. Shatford, Grand Master.

Seventy-four of the seventy-seven lodges are represented. We note the presence of R. W. Brother Alex J. McRobie, representing Nebraska.

The address of the Grand Master consists principally of a review of routine duties, and shows a busy year. He congratulates the brethren, and points with pride to the "over the top" impetus gathered, safely assuring the erection of the proposed Masonic Memorial Temple.

With gentle admonition, he pleads for larger reading and study on the part of the brethren along Masonic lines.

In words of understanding he recites the advantages of Masonic charity, both as a philosophy and a consummation of Masonic activity. He pertinently inquires: "Is it always necessary to have the Fourth Degree? May we not now and again sit down to a frugal fare and vote the balance to the aid of a needy brother? * * * would you honestly like to have the general public see your balance sheet, with its tens of dollars for charity and its hundreds for the Junior Warden's account?"

We may say in passing that the institution of the "Festive Board" is emphasized less with us than in those countries constituting the British empire; and we are proud of our relief activities. We rather pride ourselves more on being "dirt farmers," with our toil resulting in "power to do good," than in being cultivators of flowers of speech to be displayed at festive gatherings. We grant relief to those to whom it is due as their right, and not as a concession. Charity may be the correct term, but in our phraseology we endeavor to keep the word unlinked from the monetary unit.

The report of the Grand Secretary is almost entirely statistical, in a short and comprehensive form.

The general condition of the Craft is shown in the reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters.

M. W. Brother Chambers, Past Grand Master, writes the review for the committee and Nebraska is accorded fraternal mention.

M. W. ALLAN P. SHATFORD, Grand Master.

M. W. WILLIAM W. WILLIAMSON, Grand Secretary.

QUEENSLAND.

(United Grand Lodge).

Brisbane.

1924.

Third Annual Report.

M. W. Brother Charles Stumm, Grand Master.

The proceedings record eight quarterly and special communications.

Conforming to the custom of the great mother Grand Lodge of England, most of the matters of routine are reported on by the boards of "General Purposes" and Benevolence."

The Grand Master makes report on visitations and official acts, and an occasional address with brief observations on growth and finances.

A subcommittee of the Board of General Purposes is one to which it seems applications for initiation and affiliation are referred; and on the result of this committee's report the Board grants or refuses "permission to ballot."

The Grand Lodge, the previous October, had consecrated the District Grand Lodge of North Queensland, which elects its own District Grand Master on a warrant by the Grand Master.

One of their customs which seems strange to us who do not practice it, is the annual long list of those upon whom is conferred "Past Grand" rank by recommendation of the Grand Master. The titles run from Past Grand Warden down through the list to Organist and Pursuivant. We mention it merely for information and not in criticism.

The Grand Superintendent of Workings reports to the Board of General Purposes visitations to thirty-three lodges, traveling seven hundred miles of which twenty-one were afoot.

From an address of welcome given we cull the following:

It will also be a source of satisfaction to our distinguished visitor to know that no man can be given an opportunity of being connected with a Masonic Lodge here without first of all subscribing the Declaration of Loyalty to the Throne of the British Empire. Loyalty is a foundation stone on which our Masonic life is built, and the traditions of our Grand Lodges act as a guiding star for our travels upon our Masonic careers.

No review is published.

M. W. CHARLES STUMM, Grand Master.

M. W. CHARLES H. HARLEY, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

Providence.

May 19th, 1924.

134th Annual Communication.

M. W. Arthur Grant Newell, Grand Master.

A semi-annual communication had been held in November of one-half day duration. An amendment was adopted requiring lodge returns to show "*the names of those holding dual membership, with the date thereof.*"

A letter is read from the Grand Master of Masons in New York boosting the Masonic International Association. Speaking of the Geneva conference he says:

Extraordinary accord as to important matters was evident from the start, and I am convinced that through membership in the Association not only will a Grand Lodge participate effectively in serving:

(A) First hand accurate information as to the standards and aims of each other member of the Association.

(B) Contact without recognition, actual or implied, but freedom to accord recognition or withhold it, as seems best to those concerned after contact.

(C) Proscription of women in Masonry.

(D) Discontinuance of invasion and acceptance of the principle of the exclusive territorial integrity of members of the Association by all other members.

The doctrine of exclusive territorial sovereignty is rather new, and perhaps American in origin. To us, accepting it and often harrassed by clandestine pilfering, it is of high importance, its universal acceptance would reduce complications. The recognition of the principle by all members of the Association in their relationship as such members is a long step towards the incorporation of the principle into universal or international law.

Just how he anticipates a consummation of "international law" is obscure to us. It would seem the power of patriotism is overlooked. The ideal of universal brotherhood must be laid on a deeper foundation.

At the annual communication, other than the Grand officers, there were present members of the Grand Lodge and representatives from thirty-nine lodges. R. W. Brother Henry C. Dexter, Deputy Grand Master, represents Nebraska.

The Grand Master's address recites the usual official routine. He recommends that the commissions of Grand Representatives of other jurisdictions near the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, who fail to attend for two consecutive years, be automatically vacated, and that the Grand Master shall *appoint* a new representative to fill the vacancy. We presume he means *suggest the appointment of*.

He deplores the fact that the brethren are indifferent to Masonic Service Association literature, and urges an awakening to their responsibilities.

The District Deputy Grand Masters of the seven districts make short reports, all of a domestic nature.

The communication consumed but one day. Few of the standing committees had occasion to report at length, and the Jurisprudence and Commissioners of Trials not at all. It is evident that peace, harmony, and contentment prevail.

There is no review.

M. W. HENRY C. DEXTER, Grand Master.

R. W. S. PENROSE WILLIAMS, Grand Secretary.

SASKATCHEWAN.

Prince Albert.

June 18th, 1924.

18th Annual Communication.

M. W. J. W. MacNeill, Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, District Deputies, Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Representatives, and representatives from 116 of the 177 chartered lodges present.

The Grand Master's address, aside from reports of unimportant activities by districts, is interspersed with intelligent dissertations on a few generalities concerning the Institution, and a number of rulings, one of which is worthy of note, viz: That the provision of the Constitution that Masters-elect shall show proficiency before a Board of Installed Masters before being installed, must be enforced.

Their revenue is partly derived from commuted life memberships, life memberships, Past Masters' certificates, and Master Masons' certificates. Disbursements include salaries, \$5,150.00; rent, \$1,380.00; relief, \$7,327.00, and nothing for milage and per diem of representatives. Benevolent Fund investments show \$166,527.00.

Semi-annual returns are required from lodges, and the Grand Secretary thanks the secretaries for efforts and promptness, and remarks that in but few cases was he hampered by delay or neglect. This suggests something that might well be a matter for consideration in our Grand Secretaries' Guild.

They, as well as most of the jurisdictions across the border, conform to the English institution of a "Board of General Purposes." Wherever scanned it seems to function.

The Grand Chaplain delivers what we would term the Grand Oration; subject, "The Search for the Lost Word." It abounds in erudition and interest to the Mason.

Again we note the tendency towards "Masons rather than members" in the report of the Committee on Condition of Masonry. The chairman aptly quotes the motto of the city where they meet, which translated is: "To be rather than to seem."

Members of lodges are admonished to read the proceedings to familiarize themselves with what is being accomplished by Grand Lodge.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Relations recommends that Guatemala be extended fraternal recognition and that applications from National Czekoslovak and North East Spain be tabled. It is adopted.

One new lodge is chartered and one dispensation is extended.

R. W. Brother Francis B. Reilly, for the Credential Committee, submits its report:

"Old Time's great clock, that never stops,
Nor runs too fast nor slow:
Hung up amid the worlds of space
Where whirling planets glow:
Its dial plate, our orbit vast,
Where wheels our mundane sphere,
Has pushed its point around again
And struck another year."

Your committee has had the pleasure, etc.

He suggests that in the near future the Grand Lodge consider some means to equalize the expenses of representatives. He shows evidence of being kin to our own James Whitcomb. His report closes with original verse:

With just such comrades, just such friends,
We fein would walk till the journey ends,
Through Summer's sunshine, Winter's rain,
And then good-bye, we shall meet again.

Their next annual communication will be held at Saskatoon, June 17th, 1925.

In the "approved rulings" we find: "The M. may exercise his discretion as to whether the ballot box shall be placed upon the Altar for examination by the Brethren after a ballot has been taken."

The review covers but thirty-six Grand Jurisdictions. The author is not given. M. W. Brother W. M. Thomson, Past Grand Master, is chairman. Nebraska is omitted.

M. W. DUNCAN A. KINGSBURY, Grand Master.

M. W. WILLIAM B. TATE, Grand Secretary.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh.

February 5th, 1925.

Quarterly.

The Earl of Stair, M. W. Grand Master Mason.

Scotland's proceedings are prominently marked "private and confidential." More than half of the space is occupied with statistics concerning membership rolls of Grand Lodge and committees, provincial rosters, and the various financial reports.

Scotland has chartered lodges in about forty of the overseas countries of the world. We are unable to determine the total number of lodges on the rolls; but the designating numbers run up to 1,338.

In their list of Grand Lodges accorded recognition, we note France (National Grand Lodge), Liberia, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

At this session fraternal relations were severed with the Grand Orient of Belgium.

A careful perusal fails to discover matters of interest to our readers.

The death of Brother Edward A. Chisholm, Grand Treasurer for twenty-four years, is noted.

R. W. DAVID REID, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Adelaide.

April 16th, 1924.

41st Annual Communication.

The minutes of the half-yearly communication held on October 17th, 1923, show a considerable attendance.

The Grand Lodge has undertaken the erection of a Masonic Temple at Adelaide. The cut of the proposed edifice submitted in the proceedings indicates a magnificent building.

Legislation was discussed and adopted relative to eligibility of Grand Lodge officers.

To the summons for the annual communication is appended: business to be considered, nominations for Grand Lodge officers, and report of the Board of General Purposes; also financial statements for the preceding calendar year. It is dated March 12th.

At the annual communication, M. W. Brother Arthur W. Piper, K. C., Grand Master, presiding, an exceedingly large list of members is shown present. The opening was conducted with impressive ceremonies. The first thing in order was the adoption of the report of the Board of General Purposes.

The Grand Master, after a short address complimentary to distinguished members, announced the election of W. Brother Thomas Slaney Poole, M. A., LL.B., to the office of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. With appropriate ceremony the W. Brother was introduced, installed, proclaimed, and saluted with Grand Honours. From his address we quote the following:

And, brethren, I venture to remind you, mere speculation upon the traditions of Freemasonry, the study of its history, the contemplation of its mysteries, the performance of its beautiful rites and ceremonies, while all, in themselves, a source of delight, some to one type of mind, some to another, are all useful as part of a means to an end, but it is not in these alone that the essence of Freemasonry lies. "Power to do good," said Francis Bacon, Lord St. Albans, in one of those essays of his that are so full of wisdom, "Power to do good is the true and lawful end of aspiring; for good thoughts, though God accept them, yet towards men are little better than good dreams unless they be put in act." The principles, in more modern phrase, must be translated into action.

In it we discern the concrete exemplification of modern Masonic thought.

The Review of Correspondence is compiled principally in each instance by the brother representing the jurisdiction reviewed. W. Brother Frank E. Haddrick, our representative, reviews Nebraska. He makes special mention of our Masonic Homes, their activities, and the generous support we grant.

M. W. THOMAS SLANEY POOLE, M. A., LL. B., Grand Master.

R. W. CHARLES R. J. GLOVER, P.D.G.M., Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Charleston.

March 12th, 1924.

187th Annual Communication.

M. W. J. Campbell Bissell, Grand Master.

Grand and Past Grand officers present were thirty-nine. Lodges represented, 269.

While there are many who cannot yet see the dawn breaking, we admire the faith and optimism expressed in his opening speech:

This one hundred and eighty-seventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge assembles in a year which will go down as one of the most important in the history of the World. We are living in a time of new thought, of new opportunity, of new inspiration. We are standing in the daybreak of what promises to be a new age in which men will come to see each other and to understand each other in a clearer light and to know that the most glorious of all things is HUMAN SERVICE and that the greatest of all strength is the STRENGTH OF UNITY.

We hope his words are prophecy; and yet—

The Grand Master has few occasions to interpret the law and no decisions are necessary. The members of the Craft are to be complimented on their intelligence.

"Without artificial aid or assistance" is a condition of physical requirements which is construed literally.

Some financial difficulties have confronted them during the year on account of funds being tied up in a failed bank.

An amendment to the constitution was adopted providing for Grand Lodge revenue as follows:

For every member annually.....	\$ 1.00
For every degree conferred.....	1.00
For a warrant of constitution.....	100.00

and an additional per capita tax of \$1.00 for the relief fund.

Three new lodges were recommended for charter and two continued under dispensation. The charter of one lodge arrested by the Grand Master was revoked and the offending brother expelled. It was a case of the lodge failing to assess any penalty where a member had pled guilty to violating the prohibition law.

A petition may be withdrawn and the lodge does not retain jurisdiction, where it is ascertained before balloting that the candidate is not of age, does not possess requisite physical qualifications, or is not qualified as to residence. A wise law in our opinion, unless fraud could be shown.

M. W. Brother James L. Michie writes his fourteenth annual review of correspondence in 265 pages.

Nebraska, 1923, receives generous notice. He considers Uncle Bob's report worth while, as he gives it a full page. In a conclusion of brief summaries, he reminds us that there is a lodge in London, England, most of whose members are blind. His code message "1-24-23" we fail to interpret.

M. W. CHARLES K. CHREITZBERG, Grand Master.

R. W. O. FRANK HART, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Deadwood.

June 10th, 1924.

50th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Robert S. Lockhart, Grand Master.

121 lodges are represented. Past Grand Officers are permanent members, and there are sixteen Past Grand Masters present. Among Grand Representatives we note the presence of M. W. Brother Marshall R. Brown for Nebraska.

The Committee on Jurisprudence consists of five members, all Past Grand Masters. They are chosen for five-year interlocking terms.

Charters are granted to two new lodges.

It appears that one representative from each lodge, Grand and Past Grand officers, and standing committees are allowed eight cents per mile one way, but no per diem.

The Grand Master submits a short address with no outstanding items.

The Committee on Appeals had but few cases, and the Jurisprudence Committee had but little to do.

The review covers sixty-four Grand Lodges and is by M. W. Brother Charles L. Brockway, Past Grand Master. He uses 130 pages. It is largely on well set forth information, with personal opinion kept well in the background. Nebraska receives her share of space.

M. W. FREDERICK TREON, Grand Master.

R. W. GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, Grand Secretary.

TASMANIA.

Hobart.

February 23d, 1924.

33rd Annual Communication.

The published proceedings contain concise and brief reports on matters of domestic, administrative, and financial activities.

One gathers that in matters of unimportant import the governing body, "Board of General Purposes," is inclined to waive prerogatives and allow subordinate lodges to settle their own minor affairs.

The non-representation of lodges at annual communications is deplored.

"Uniform Ritual" seems a matter of concern, and steps are taken to remedy existing conditions. The Grand Inspector for Hobart District reports "there is much to be desired as regards uniformity * * * innovations have been introduced by Brethren formerly in another jurisdiction, * * * It should not be allowable for any Lodge to be a law unto itself. * * * The work of no two Lodges will be found alike."

The offices of Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master are filled by appointment by the Grand Master.

Two new lodges were constituted. The *Acting* Grand Secretary reports that there are no outstanding dues or *fees*. The Grand Secretary, R. W. Brother John Hamilton, ninety years old and in retirement at the time, is afterwards, in the half-yearly communication of August 23rd, reported as having passed on the 17th of August.

The Grand Master unequivocally condemns the practice of the "chain prayer," (honor to his name) and welcomes the inauguration of what our Grand Custodian would term "the study side of Masonry." We quote the concluding paragraph of his address:

The growth of our membership, in common with all other Jurisdictions, has been very large, no less than 156 Brethren having been added during the past six months, which for a small State with a limited population is considered an extraordinary addition to our ranks, but no true Mason desires to see our Institution possessed of a large membership or great wealth unless it commands the respect, the confidence, and admiration of mankind, and one that is an influence and power for the good of all God's creatures, consoling the sorrows of the afflicted, assuaging pain, and lifting its Members to higher and nobler conceptions of life, with its responsibilities, cares, and demands, so that the world is happier and better for its existence, and in consequence of its teachings.

M. W. HENRY L. D'EMDEN, Grand Master.

V. W. WILLIAM H. STRUTT, Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

Nashville.

January 28th, 1925.

111th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Howell E. Jackson, Grand Master.

459 of the 476 lodges were represented. Fourteen Past Grand Masters and 113 Past Masters are reported present as members. Nebraska's representative is not recorded as present.

The Grand Master submits in conscientious detail his many official activities and review of the year. He compliments the Board of Custodians for the degree of proficiency attained in the work throughout the jurisdiction. Four hundred lodges have been visited and instructed by the board and the lecturers; and certificates of proficiency have been issued to 189 brethren. The board reports: "We are rapidly approaching the realization of one of our ambitions, which is to have at least one Certificate of Proficiency in each Lodge."

Although not authorized by law or precedent, the Grand Master appointed a trial commission to deal with Masonic delinquency in one lodge on the matter of balloting, where practically all officers were implicated. He quoted Drummond and Mackey in support of his act, and the Grand Lodge approved.

On fifty queries submitted he reports his rulings. The matter occupies ten pages. All but three of the rulings are concurred in. One ruling brings out an amendment to an "edict" which now, in part, reads as follows:

The life of an objection upon a petition for Initiation shall be twelve months, upon a petition for Advancement, six months, and upon a petition for Affiliation, thirty days, but said objection shall expire when the objecting Brother ceases to be a member of that Lodge, after which the petition may be again received and be then subject to consideration anew.

To the question, "Can a lodge waive jurisdiction over a profane?" he answers: "No."

On the Widows and Orphans' Home, the Grand Master remarks:

The Widows and Orphans' Home is our greatest asset and our greatest liability.

The asset is in the boys and girls who are being made into useful citizens; the liability is in providing ways and means to accomplish this.

The Masonic Fraternity of this state owes a large debt of gratitude to the men who, without compensation, or hope or expectation of reward, except a knowledge of duty well done, take the necessary time from their vocations and avocations to manage this Home—perform this labor of love.

The idiom and the sentiment, in this respect, might well be applied wherever we find Masonry exerting its proper effort.

The Grand Master, in axiomatic style, states that a member of a lodge in another state should secure a demit before he signs a petition for a new lodge in Tennessee. He concludes with his recommendation:

I recommend that, in the future, the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws do not take into account the name or names of any petitioner for a new Lodge who are members of a lodge in any foreign jurisdiction unless his or their demits from said Lodge are attached to the petition.

Although this was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, we fail to find where it was acted upon. Perhaps it was found untenable, which it is. Just before the brother is named as a charter member is soon enough to produce a demit. And, as is sometimes the case, the lodge might never be chartered. On this subject the Grand Master also says: "Petitioners for a new Lodge automatically become members of the new Lodge *when it receives its Charter*," and also "A Mason can be a member of only one Lodge at the same time." We contend that he can belong to more than one and does, even in Tennessee, if by "new lodge" is meant a lodge under dispensation; and if he does not mean that, well—"Where are we at?"

M. W. Brother Randell's eloquence prevailed and the Grand Lodge was moved to continue membership in the Masonic Service Association. They supposed they had withdrawn the year previous; but had failed to give necessary notice.

The Grand Secretary's salary was raised from \$2,400.00 to \$3,600.00.

The financial statement shows trust funds amounting to \$372,863.00, capital assets of \$342,886.00, and current assets of \$146,103.00.

The sum of \$10,000.00 is appropriated for continuing the promulgation of the work and lectures.

Past Grand Master Henry A. Chambers, chairman of the committee, submits the review of foreign correspondence. He provides interesting information and quotes about all the verse the proceedings contain. Nebraska, 1924, is given three pages. He quotes Brother Chappell's decision on pall-bearers at Masonic funerals, but makes no comment. We wish he (and others) would, and state briefly their own law or custom.

M. W. CHARLES W. POLK, Grand Master.

R. W. STITH M. CAIN, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

Waco.

December 3d, 1924.

89th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Gus A. Brandt, Grand Master.

Five special communications have been held:

January 1st, corner-stone girls' dormitory at Masonic Home, Fort Worth.

April 11th, corner-stone Eastern Star Home, Arlington.

June 27th, dedication Scottish Rite Cathedral, San Antonio; and evening session to install officers of twenty-seven blue lodges.

July 29th, funeral services, M. W. Brother David Franklin Johnson, Past Grand Master.

October 31st, funeral services, M. W. Brother John L. Terrell, Past Grand Master.

421 subordinate lodges of over 900 in the jurisdiction are represented at the annual communication. Brother James D. Crenshaw, representing Nebraska, is present.

The large attendance requires the services of two committees on Credentials, one of which gets a good start on registration the day before.

The Grand Master's address occupies one hundred pages, forty-six of which record his 346 rulings or decisions. We quote the comment of the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred a portion of the address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, would report that in addition to other matters they have examined 346 decisions, which has entailed a vast amount of labor. Of the 346 decisions at least three hundred were given on plain questions often reiterated and the most of them involving simple edict-answered questions, which should never have been propounded to the Grand Master, and they have caused useless consumption of time and energy by the committee.

The matter of physical qualifications seems to be removed from the province of the lodge to determine, as 167 cases are referred to the Grand Master and he has occasion to rule against but seventeen of them.

On requests for dispensations to confer degrees out of time, the Grand Master hews close to the line and says, "an extreme emergency" is the only valid reason. He grants three and refuses twelve.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, dealing with the decisions of the Grand Master, approves that all actual pall-bearers at a Masonic funeral must be Masons. They hold that an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft may not wear the Square and Compasses, that the emblem is that of a Master Mason. Perhaps so, in Texas; but a higher authority must be quoted before we will believe it. If an Entered Apprentice will wear his apron as he is taught, he may wear any Masonic emblem displayed in that degree that he pleases.

Subordinate lodges contribute to Grand Lodge \$10.00 for each Master Mason degree conferred, in addition to \$1.00 for each degree conferred. Per capita taxes are:

Widow's and Orphan's Fund.....	\$1.25
General Fund.....	.50
Masonic Education and Service Fund.....	.25
Total.....	\$2.00

The Masonic Home and School is spoken of as "the pride of every Texas Mason's heart." It accommodates nearly four hundred of their dependents and is liberally supported. It is valued at \$1,500,000.00.

The Grand Secretary reports receipts of \$458,883.00, 971 chartered lodges, 128,880 members.

The very laudable undertaking on the part of Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona for the establishment of a tubercular sanitarium has, in the three years since the commission was formed, reached not much further than the survey and statistical stage. A resolution is adopted referring the whole matter to the Masonic Service Association, "to the end that a plan national in scope and adequate to meet the need, may be worked out and submitted by the Masonic Service Association, simultaneously to all the Grand Lodges of the United States for action."

Grievances and appeals are handled by committees Nos. 1, 2, and 3 to the extent of thirty-six cases.

A very wise provision, regarding applicants for affiliation who can not be vouched for, is that they must have been a visitor to the lodge before action can be taken.

The following resolution amending the law is adopted:

RESOLVED, That Article 487 be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows: An unnaturalized foreigner, even though he may have resided in this jurisdiction the required time and possesses the other necessary qualifications, is not eligible to receive the degrees in any lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction.

It is aimed at the Japanese, and we quote the argument: "However, as the Japanese rarely ever become American citizens, we doubt very much the propriety of conferring Masonic degrees upon them."

A Mason does not become "non-affiliate" until six months after demission. If he dies in the interim, before joining another lodge, his membership reverts to the lodge from whence he demitted.

Although the attendance at Grand Lodge is 1,068 individuals, the total paid for mileage and per diem is but \$1,390.22.

The "proceedings" is a splendid cloth bound volume of 1,567 pages, over half of which is occupied by complete rosters of the lodges. The Lone Star jurisdiction does not do things by halves.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the chairman, M. W. Brother S. M. Bradley, Past Grand Master. He uses 211 pages, and Nebraska feels complimented for the five pages allotted us. We must tell him that our venerable Grand Custodian Robert E. French (Uncle Bob) writes his own verse and rarely quotes. It reflects his royal character if it does not grade "A."

M. W. GUINN WILLIAMS, Grand Master.

R. W. WILLIAM B. PEARSON, Grand Secretary.

UTAH.

Salt Lake City.

January 15th, 1924.

53d Annual Communication.

Convened with M. W. Brother LeRoy Aylmer McGee, Grand Master, presiding, representatives from twenty-three of their twenty-four lodges, twelve Past Grand Masters, and eleven *Past Masters* in attendance.

The Deputy Grand Master delivers the opening address and report.

The Grand Secretary voices the eternal cry of his fellow scribes as to delinquency in the forwarding of returns of lodges.

The Grand Master's address occupies eighteen pages of the proceedings and deals principally with routine matters connected with the office. He approves the work of the Masonic Service Association, and congratulates the lodges which have taken steps towards Masonic education and instruction.

Under Necrology, he alludes to Monte G. Price, and pays a fitting tribute to the well beloved brother for his successful efforts on behalf of the Utah brethren and the Federal Government in the American Masonic Federation case, resulting in the conviction and sentence of Thomson and his associates.

He speaks of the failure of the conference of Grand Masters at Washington in October, 1923, which he attended, and regrets that the "bugaboo" of General Grand Lodge was responsible.

They find it difficult to avoid locking horns with the Mormon church for attempting to force its doctrines upon the young, and he suggests political activity on the part of members in an effort for the repeal of an obnoxious bill.

The Grand Treasurer reports assets in the general fund of \$15,401.00, and in the charity fund of \$13,022.00.

The Grand Lecturer is assisted by a corps of twenty-four deputies, costing the Grand Lodge only \$58.00 for the year.

A contrast in terminology is noted in their "Catechism of the Third Degree."

It does not appear that the Grand Secretary or Grand Lecturer draws a salary; but the Grand Secretary as Grand Correspondent draws \$600.00.

A resolution was offered that no member of the "Mormon" church should be eligible for membership in a Utah lodge of F. and A. M. It was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and on motion by them laid over one year.

The review of recognized Grand Lodges comprises 123 pages by M. W. Brother Goodwin, the Grand Secretary. Reference to Nebraska is omitted.

M. W. JAMES W. COLLINS, Grand Master.

M. W. SAM H. GOODWIN, Grand Secretary.

UTAH.

Salt Lake City.

January 20th, 1925.

54th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother James William Collins, Grand Master.

Twenty-one of the twenty-five lodges were represented. Brother Charlton's name appears among the grand officers; but not recorded as representing Nebraska. This 1925 volume comes unexpectedly as 1924 was not received in time for our review last year.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approve rather thoroughly the acts and decisions of the Grand Master on points of law and procedure.

All calls for relief during the year have been taken care of by the constituent lodges, allowing the Grand Lodge charity fund to show a gratifying increase.

Another stage of the Thomson case is reported. The first conviction and sentence is upheld and Thomson and Bergera are now serving time in Leavenworth. From the tenor of a news item in today's paper (May 8th) New York will probably have one or more cases of like character; the Grand Lodge has voiced preliminary intention in regard to suppressing clandestine Masonry organized for revenue.

The Grand Master commends both the DeMolay and the Masonic Service Association, and points with pride to the fact that Utah was the first to make the 100% grade for the George Washington Memorial contribution, and intimates that it will be kept at that level on the increase in membership. He condemns the chain letter.

It is reported that the larger part of the funds have been raised for a new Masonic Temple at Salt Lake City to cost \$600,000.00.

The Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, and Junior Grand Warden all make reports of official activities.

It appears that Utah law requires the Master-elect to obtain a certificate of proficiency from the Grand Lecturer before he may be lawfully installed, and it is enforced. It has our approval.

With some difference of opinion in the committee report bringing out a full discussion on the floor, it was resolved that a member of the Mormon Church is not eligible to membership in any lodge of F. & A. M. in Utah and that such affiliation shall be sufficient grounds for expulsion.

R. W. Brother Sam H. Goodwin, Past Grand Master, reports in varied capacity, as Grand Secretary, Grand Librarian, and submits the review as Grand Correspondent.

Nebraska, 1924, is accorded generous space and mention. He bravely but honestly assails our attitude towards the Masonic Service Association, and our requirement of the Past Master degree.

In spite of his respected opinion we imagine that we will "gae oor ain gait." But there is much of praise and intelligent commendation to swing the scale to fraternal balance.

M.:W.:BENJAMIN R. HOWELL, Grand Master.

M.:W.:SAM H. GOODWIN, Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

Burlington.

June 11th, 1924.

131st Annual Communication.

The Grand Lodge was opened with M.:W.:Brother George I. Whitney, Grand Master, presiding, and an attendance of fifteen other Grand officers, fifteen permanent members, twelve District Deputy Grand Masters, representatives of eighty-one subordinate lodges, and thirty representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions, among whom was Brother Edward C. Woodworth, Past Grand Junior Deacon, representing Nebraska.

The Grand Master in his address deals with but few subjects. The fraternal dead are paid due tribute and district meetings reviewed. He reports no decisions, and says that in every instance of inquiry it has been only necessary to refer to the Digest of Masonic Law, and he admonishes officers to study it. There is a short chapter on "condition of lodges," which calls on them for better financing to provide a surplus at all times to meet demands for relief, and commends one lodge for increasing its annual dues to \$5.00. He discusses the advantages of and recommends legislation for a longer elapsed time between degrees, during the lodge period and afterwards. He pleads for a larger charity fund, that prompt and liberal aid may be extended to every worthy call.

The report of the Grand Secretary is short and principally statistical. Lodge returns are all in and the report complete.

A questionnaire submitted to lodges develops information that the fees for the degrees range from \$15.00 to \$50.00 and average \$30.00. Ninety-seven lodges reporting show average dues of \$3.00, in one case as low as \$1.00, upon which he comments: "in that respect nearly rivals religion." Forty-five lodges own their own buildings and forty receive interest on invested funds.

The Grand Lecturer reports that "interest in accuracy and in the study of matters masonic is decidedly on the increase."

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the Grand Lodge of Guatemala is granted recognition.

The Committee on Grievances had only one case to consider, which for absence of technical requirements was dismissed.

The Committee on Jurisprudence endorsed the recommendation of the Grand Master providing for four weeks to elapse between the conferring of degrees, unless by dispensation, and their report was adopted. This committee had also for consideration the matter of questionnaire recommended by the Grand Master. This developed considerable opposition and debate, but was finally adopted on a rising vote. The matter includes a standard application form, a questionnaire for the applicant *and* another to be executed by the committee on the petition, placing on them much more responsibility than a mere "favorable" or "unfavorable." We consider the latter a laudable innovation

Thirteen District Deputy Grand Masters, of as many districts, submit their annals.

An appendix of twenty pages presents a compilation of Masonic law for the years 1907 to 1923.

The review of fifty-three Grand Lodges, 125 pages, is by M.:W.:Brother Archie S. Harriman, Assistant Grand Secretary. He gives Nebraska a brief review, probably all we deserve. He joins the throng in his complimentary remarks to our Grand Chaplain for his eulogy on our deceased Brother Wellman. He says Brother Ehrhardt is "too brief" but "expresses keen judgment." Has he failed to take notice of the "unfavorable circumstances, owing to the indisposition of the reviewer?" A page to a proceeding is a lot for a sick man to write. And our Grand Secretary of the treasury is ever mindful of the high cost of printing.

M.:W.:CHRISTIE B. CROWELL, Grand Master.

M.:W.:HENRY H. ROSS, Grand Secretary.

VICTORIA.

Melbourne.

1923.

35th Year.

M.:W.:Brother, The Earl of Stradbroke, Grand Master.

M.:W.:Brother F. T. Hickford, Pro Grand Master.

This Grand Lodge holds no communication that is designated as annual. Four quarterly communications are held during the year in March, June, September, and December. In September was also held a conference of secretaries of subordinate lodges. The Pro Grand Master seems to have presided and there were present six other of the Grand Officers. 230 of the 324 secretaries were reported present. The day was devoted to consideration of a goodly amount of matter germane to lodge technique, all set forth in an Agenda Paper. Our brethren in the land where August is winter are certainly thorough, and no doubt much good was accomplished at this meeting. It concluded with a smoker at the Masonic Club in the evening, and a motor trip to the adjacent new Masonic Temples and Freemasons Home the next day.

Financial statements show a prosperous condition with over ninety thousand pounds to credit of general and benevolent funds.

The Board of General Purposes do much to control general policy and they command respect for their proposed measures. During the war (September, 1916) the Grand Lodge adopted a resolution to the effect that in order to prevent the peace and harmony of the Craft being disturbed, it was necessary that all brethren of enemy *birth* should not attend any meeting of Grand Lodge or other Masonic gathering. This applied to their own members even though they were naturalized British subjects, and although a strong plea was made to rescind the resolution, the matter, on the report of the above named board, was postponed until February, 1924. In this they follow England's lead.

It is not Nebraska alone who have their troubles arising from undue zeal in schemes to raise money, as the following extract from the Grand Master's address shows:

No appeal should be made to those outside the immediate benefits of the Fraternity. Recently some of the Lodges in one of the metropolitan areas seemed desirous of raising funds to place an organ in a new Temple in course of completion by means of a lottery. When it was pointed out to the promoters how this was highly injudicious, this proceeding was promptly stopped. Another effort was made to raise funds by way of a physical display, including boxing contests in a public building. This was not persisted in. It is now said that a public bazaar is being arranged for in the same district. This must not proceed. Masonry is strong enough morally and financially, without making piteous entreaties for assistance to those not connected with the Institution.

Masters are held strictly accountable for administration of the law as written. One Master who conferred the Master Masons degree upon three candidates the same day without a dispensation, was fined a guinea, reprimanded, and the payment of the fee for dispensation granted *nunc pro tunc* was required.

The review of foreign correspondence is edited by a committee appointed by the Board of General Purposes from matter supplied by the Grand Representatives. A barrier of safety first devices is thrown around it for discretion's sake, and we who are reviewed are admonished to consider it a matter for home consumption; but it is much as the rest of us write it after all. Nebraska is omitted.

M.:W.:FREDERICK T. HICKFORD, Pro. Grand Master.

R.:W.:WILLIAM STEWART, Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

Richmond.

February 12th, 1924.

146th Annual Communication.

M.:W.:Brother James H. Price, Grand Master.

A large representation of the Craft is recorded, consisting of Past Grand Masters, District Deputy Grand Masters, Past Masters, and lodge representatives. Among the Grand Representatives present we note M.:W.:Brother Sol. Cutchins for Nebraska.

The Grand Master, in his address, reviews in the usual dignified and happy southern style the events and acts of the year. He points to the vision of the future, and recognizes with a joyful optimism the potential forces apparent in the institution. Much of it deserves to be quoted; but we would not know where to stop.

He pays eloquent tribute to their Past Grand Master and Grand Lecturer, M.:W.:Brother George W. Wright, who passed to the great beyond on April 11th, 1923.

He speaks highly of the efficient work of his fifty-eight District Deputy Grand Masters, and lauds the system. The usual number of visitations and dispensations are reported. He has occasion to adhere to time honored precedents in refusing some few applications for dispensations, principally on residential requirements and physical qualifications.

He declines to lend official endorsement to the order of DeMolay, on the well settled principle that Virginia recognizes lodges and Grand Lodges only. He remarks that of the family circle, all that has escaped the attention of the present day organizer is the infant department.

He cites nine of the many decisions rendered, all in accord with good Masonic practice and law.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows total receipts of about \$200,000.00, including a special assessment of \$43,993.00 for Masonic Home. Among their assets is their Masonic Temple with a valuation of \$359,000.00. It pays them a net income of about one per cent.

The Masonic Home for Children has a net worth of \$318,000.00. It accommodates 128 children. It is proposed to remodel and enlarge the Home considerably, and a resolution was adopted with the object of inquiring into the desirability of admitting old women and men.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reports at length a revision of the law concerning trials, which is adopted. It seems to include the prevailing trend towards a commission.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by the chairman, M. W. Brother Joseph W. Eggleston, Past Grand Master. The 194 pages he uses are more than half supplied by the scissors. This is more than counterbalanced by the erudition and knowledge of historical matters displayed. This is but fitting, as both our history and our culture can be said to have had beginning in Virginia.

He agrees with us, and presumably with his own Grand Lodge, in not approving the Masonic Service Association. Nebraska is complimented on the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and Brother Ehrhardt is complimented on his discernment.

His pages are enlivened with forceful and startling originality. Like Brother Vanderlieth of Nevada, we wish our brethren would borrow our copy and read it.

M. W. CHARLES H. CALLAHAN, Grand Master.

R. W. CHARLES A. NESBITT, Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON.

Bellingham.

June 10th, 1924.

67th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Tom W. Holman, Grand Master, presiding. Past Masters of lodges are permanent members. All but seven of the lodges are represented.

The address of welcome, response, and greetings to Past Grand Officers preceded the opening ceremony. The flag was saluted with prescribed ceremony.

The message of the Grand Master contains the usual report of administrative activities. He has occasion to refuse a number of dispensations asked for, all seemingly in accord with law. Sundry queries have invoked his decisions in fourteen instances. He was impelled to decline the appointment of Brother Warren G. Harding as his special deputy to open Grand Lodge at Ketchikan, Alaska, and lay the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple there on July 4th, 1923. He cited absence of authority under their law, the distinguished brother not being a member of a lodge in the jurisdiction. He states that the corner-stone was laid by the President without Masonic Ritual.

On queries as to physical qualifications, he holds that the Code is sufficiently specific and that the lodge shall determine; capacity for "conforming literally" being the test. The preceding and most of the other decisions are approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

He devotes a number of pages to recommendations and proposed amendments concerning "Trial by Committee," prepared in consultation with the members of the Jurisprudence Committee. They include the use of a "Tribunal Chest" in selecting a Lodge Tribunal. The matter is too extensive to be quoted in full. It is not for your reviewer to remark upon its merits.

He narrates his trip to the George Washington Memorial corner-stone laying, accompanied by the Assistant Grand Secretary, and their visits to Masonic Homes in eleven states en route.

The Grand Secretary makes a short report dealing principally with routine matters, and appends financial statement. He makes a strong plea for permanent location of communications of the Grand Lodge at its *headquarters*, Tacoma, on the grounds of records and economy. Their investments of General Fund, Home Fund, and Relief Funds show a prosperous condition, with total assets of \$591,328.00.

The Committee on Research and Education presents an able and exhaustive report on activities, and a more exhaustive report on future plans and recommendations, and asks for a budget appropriation of \$7,500.00 for the coming year. The Finance Committee recommended \$5,000.00 and it was adopted.

It appears that Washington has ten constituent lodges in Alaska.

In their Masonic Home the family consists of sixty residents, which exhausts its capacity.

The recommendation of the Grand Master, asking for legislation to limit the number of Past Masters as permanent members of the Grand Lodge to certain qualifications, was, on the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, not adopted.

The Grand Lodge overruled both the Grand Secretary and the report of the Committee on Finance on the question of permanent location of Grand Lodge, and voted to hold the next annual communication in Hoquiam. Spokane was also a candidate for the honor.

The Grand Lodge supported the Committee on Finance in its rejection of the proposed resolution to reduce the per capita tax from seventy-five to fifty cents. They evidently figure that it would take this extra quarter to hold the Grand Lodge session elsewhere than in Tacoma, especially if the legislation proposed by the Grand Master, to pay the Wardens as well as Masters of lodges mileage and per diem, was eventually adopted. The Grand Lodge referred it to the Committee on Jurisprudence, with instructions to prepare and submit a proper amendment to the code in accordance with the Grand Master's recommendation. It was finally adopted, mileage to be actual traveling expenses exclusive of meals, per diem to be \$3.00 for each day going, attending, and returning.

\$10,000.00 of Grand Lodge funds was appropriated to assist the Grand Commandery, K. T., in entertaining the Triennial Conclave in Seattle in 1925. \$20,000.00 was asked for.

The Grand Master's recommendation of new legislation for "Trial by Committee" was, on the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, adopted with little change.

\$200,000.00 was appropriated from the Home Fund for improving site and for buildings necessary for the new Masonic Home.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, obedient to instructions of the Grand Lodge, submits an addenda to the form of petition for the promise of one year and proficiency before applying for concordant degrees; but recommends that it be not adopted. The Grand Lodge votes down the recommendation and adopts the amendment after a motion to lay on the table for one year was rejected.

The Grand Lodges of Panama and Guatemala, on the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence supported by the Committee on Jurisprudence, are recognized, and of Spain, Guyamus, Czecho-Slovakia, Ecuador, and Argentine are denied or laid over. On this matter the record, however, does not show that the final report and recommendation was adopted, probably an oversight.

The inference drawn by your reviewer is that the session was strenuous in spots, replete with action, and legislation largely determined by the rank and file. The Committee on Jurisprudence had its burdens.

M. W. Brother Ralph C. McAllaster submits the report on correspondence and reviews 48 Grand Lodges, giving Nebraska liberal mention. He evidently was not cognizant of the fact that during most of the time our M. W. Brother Ehrhardt was engaged upon his review he was indisposed and confined to a hospital.

M. W. ROBERT C. McCROSKEY, Grand Master.

R. W. HORACE W. TYLER, Grand Secretary.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Perth.

May 22d, 1924.

25th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Most Rev. Charles O. L. Riley, D.D., LL.D., O.B.E., V.D., (Archbishop of Perth), Grand Master.

The record of the annual communication is preceded by the proceedings of three quarterly communications held in August, November, and February, which contain but little material for the reviewer. The Grand Master's address in each case is generally of official acts and information to the Craft. The Board of General Purposes reports on a wide range of matters, principally routine in nature, makes recommendations for new legislation, of which there is little, and supervises matters where the laws or rules are involved. There are also short financial reports of the Board of Benevolence and the Grand Secretary.

At the annual communication, opened by the M. W. Grand Master, there were present in addition to the Grand Lodge roster a large number of Past Grand officers, representatives of lodges, and representatives of other Grand Lodges. Apology was received from R. W. Brother Paisley, Nebraska's representative, who was unable to be present.

The Grand Master, in accordance with usual custom, reports the conferring of Past Grand Rank on three deserving brothers. He mentions accomplishment to some degree in the matter of uniform ritual, although he is inclined to condone and excuse departure from the strict letter of the work in the older Mason. He states that England, Ireland, and Scotland are today without authorized rituals and insist only on essentials.

The Grand Master is engaged in an effort to bring about amalgamation with the lodges of the Scottish Constitution similar to the consolidation in Queensland, and expresses confidence in ultimate success. He is now serving his nineteenth year as Grand Master.

R. W. Brother J. D. Stevenson, Grand Secretary, is chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, but the writing of the review is divided among six brethren, Brother C. Battye being assigned Nebraska. His review is wholly complimentary, and our Grand officers are freely quoted. Brother Chappell's use of the word "town" instead of "village," has caused the reviewer to labor under misapprehension, as he alludes to it as "newly formed township." It is interesting to note the apparent confusion and sometimes error manifested in their reviews of us of America; not that we have reason to complain of their attitude, as no undue criticism is in evidence. Some of our customs must seem strange and non-understandable by their standards of essentials. R. W. Brother J. S. Battye's logical inquiry, "but what on earth is the meaning of a 'public installation' of officers?" is well deserved. It may please the brother to know that the writer is with him in full accord.

M. W. MOST REV. CHARLES O. L. RILEY, D.D., LL.D., O.B.E., V.D.,
(Archbishop of Perth), Grand Master.

R. W. J. D. STEVENSON, Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Bluefield.

November 12th, 1924.

60th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Fred C. Steinbicker, Grand Master.

Special communications are recorded first, seventeen for corner-stones and three for constituting and forming lodges.

At the annual, in addition to the grand officers there were present fourteen Past Grand Masters, ten District Deputy Grand Masters, fifteen Deputy Grand Lecturers, nine Past Masters, and representatives from 145 of the 161 chartered lodges. Among the Grand Representatives present, the name of Nebraska's does not appear.

The Grand Master's address is brief and almost purely official. His decisions are all approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence and by the Grand Lodge. Among them we note that "a petitioner must have reached his twenty-first birthday before a lodge can receive his petition."

Deferring to a time-honored custom the Grand Master refuses the request for the laying of the corner-stone of a church on Sunday. He issues edicts in three cases to heal improperly made Masons. He refuses permission for the DeMolay to meet in a lodge room, in which act he is supported by the Committee on Jurisprudence and the Grand Lodge in the following:

Your Committee has specially considered the decision of the Grand Master relative to the order of DeMolay meeting in Masonic Halls, and do also approve the same and agree with him that our members should not organize any new branches of these so-called Masonic bodies, without the permission of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge being first had, and we further request our Grand Master to refuse permission to any such organizations to meet in any Blue Lodge Halls, until this Grand Lodge has given permission therefor in due and legal form.

In his recommendation he suggests that the minimum figure for lodge dues be \$6.00 per year.

The report of the Grand Secretary is on official routine and receipts and disbursements.

To those of our students of Masonry who are inclined to believe that the system of teaching by catechism is peculiar to, or originated with, our institution, we submit the following from the report of the Grand Lecturer:

The method of teaching by catechism is older than our present civilization, a heritage, if you please, from the best of the old Greek methods, for it was the bold young Plato who was a disciple of Socrates in the fifth century before the Christian era, that immortalized the methods of his master in a series of philosophical dialogues and founded the philosophical school of the Academy which lasted 900 years. The Christian church was not slow to recognize the value of this method of instruction, and every successful religious sect has laid the foundation of its dogmas by a series of catechisms,—a system of instruction which has been the most powerful implement to bind men's minds to religion. And to this means of instruction, by dialogue or catechism, which has the approval of centuries of success to its credit, our institution has added the method of a later school of successful instructors,—the explanatory lecture.

Reports of twelve of the fifteen District Deputy Grand Masters are submitted and printed, entirely of domestic interest.

The report of the Grand Lodge trustees shows assets of \$614,847.00, of which \$358,000.00 is Masonic Home property. The Masonic Home has but just been completed and the report shows a family of seventeen. It is a farm property with fifty acres under cultivation two miles from Parkersburg. The Grand Charity fund has been drawn upon for \$1,480.00 for outside relief.

A resolution rather strictly drawn dealing severely with patrons of bootleggers and illegal vendors of narcotics, on a divided report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, was defeated by a vote of 94 to 41.

Past Grand Master George W. Atkinson, by three years the dean of the round table, submits the report on Foreign Correspondence in 187 pages, his thirty-fourth. The review is largely of exhaustive information. His comments are brief, and show tolerance, kindness, and intelligence. Nebraska is given four pages with liberal quotation from Brother Chappell's address. He terms Uncle Bob a "splendid official." All Nebraska will thank him for the compliment.

M. W. CLYDE T. DUTTON, Grand Master.

R. W. JOHN M. COLLINS, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

Milwaukee.

June 10th, 1924.

80th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Charles F. Lamb, Grand Master, presiding.

A letter from R. W. Brother William H. Webb, Deputy Grand Master, informs them of severe illness making it impossible for him to attend or his name to be used in connection with any office.

In the Grand Master's address thirteen decisions are listed, mostly of unimportance. He had occasion to protest to the Secretary of State the issuing of a charter to the colored Masons' Grand Lodge, on the grounds of duplication of title. It is recorded that the charter was not granted. With gentle admonition he reminds the Masters and Wardens of the comparatively easy task it is to read the Book of Constitutions. It would mean Masonic education and relieve the Grand Master of answering many unnecessary questions.

Petitions for the degrees used by the lodges do not seem to be uniform. We wonder if they are permitted to secure them other than from the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master announces that the dedication of the hospital presented by the Eastern Star will be on June 12th.

The Committee on Jurisprudence consists of seven Past Grand Masters.

It is reported that the new Masonic Home is now functioning with a family of twenty guests. Gifts for furnishing have been received from other Masonic Grand bodies to the amount of \$13,000.00, and from lodges, chapters, and commanderies, K. T. L., of \$8,600.00. For the administration of the Home, equitable rules are established concerning the property or life insurance of those admitted, the guiding principle being that the Home is for the care of the destitute only. It is permitted when accommodations are available to admit Masons, their relatives, or Eastern Star members who are not indigent, on a payment of not less than \$12.00 per week.

On report of committee it was adopted as the policy of the Grand Lodge that no financial aid be extended to the Square and Compass Fraternity for the building of its home, and that no appropriation of Grand Lodge funds be made to fraternal organizations other than Masonic lodges.

By resolution adopted, steps were taken to investigate and recommend a plan for Masonic instruction in lodges other than the mere conferring of degrees.

The report of the Grand Lecturer contains a short address of merit, admonishing thought and study aside from ritualistic forms.

The Grand Lodge adopts the special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommending assurance to New York that the brethren of the three Roumanian lodges under New York jurisdiction will be received on the same terms as visitors from other recognized lodges.

Their financial reports displayed at great length by a report of auditors, show a healthy and prosperous condition with \$375,688.00 of assets.

The office of Assistant Grand Secretary is created, he to be elected annually.

The matter of "trial by commission," recommended by the Grand Master, is considered of sufficient importance to warrant further careful consideration. It was laid over for the next year, to be reported on by a special committee in such form as seemed best for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

Under the report of the Committee on Instruction (adopted), Wisconsin at last follows Nebraska's lead (1912) in the matter of official Monitor, and instead of permitting the use of several and adoption of none, they prepare for a "Wisconsin Monitor" in authorizing a committee to compile. They adopt it in advance. A feature that seems to us inconsistent is that the monitors heretofore "recommended" will not be forbidden. We predict that they will be.

The salary of the Grand Lecturer is fixed at \$3,000.00 and expenses.

It appears that lodges not represented at annual communications are subject to a fine.

M. W. Brother Aldro Jenks is Committee on Foreign Correspondence and writes the review. We can not agree with him in endorsing British Columbia (and Wisconsin) in their decision on physical qualifications. We are inclined to consider more wise the liberal construction placed upon certain features of the controversy by other eminent Masons.

He designates as "unique" the recommendation of the Grand Master of California that petitioners "be given a short outline of what Masonry is; its principles, its aims and its responsibilities." For years Nebraska lodges have been taught, by our Uncle Bob French, to do this very thing, as a matter of safety first.

He writes 149 pages, interspersed largely with comments. He says Brother Woods (Missouri) "is altogether too sparing in his comments and criticism." Until we can learn the ropes and afford to walk alone, we are inclined to endeavor to follow the well worn path for fifteen years so uprightly trod by Brother Woods. We take him to our fraternal arms, however, for his review of Nebraska, where he bravely uses the words "spellbinder" and "insidious forms of propaganda" in the matter of the Masonic Service Association. The writer, at the communication in question, had the same thing in mind.

M. W. FRANK JOHNSON, Grand Master.

M. W. WILLIAM W. PERRY, Grand Secretary.

WYOMING.

Laramie.

August 27th, 1924.

50th Annual Communication.

The attendance consisted of M. W. Brother James W. Stuchell, Grand Master, the other grand officers, fifteen Past Grand Masters, and representatives of forty-one of the forty-three chartered lodges.

Opening ceremonies included reception of the flag, the reading of the roll of deceased Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries, and music.

A letter from our Grand Secretary was read, sending regrets at inability to attend the Golden Jubilee Communication. It reminds them that from 1870 to 1874 their present Wyoming Lodge No. 2, of Lander, was under Nebraska's jurisdiction.

The Grand Master's address is short, deals in concise manner with official acts, and makes no attempt at oratory. His decisions are few and on simple matters. There are no recommendations.

The Grand Secretary's report is on domestic matters only, with nothing of interest to us.

The Grand Historian, Brother Alfred J. Mokler, reports the conclusion of his two years of labor, resulting in the "History of Freemasonry in Wyoming." This will make a book of 335 pages of text and illustrations. The Grand Lodge appropriates the necessary amount of \$3,000.00 to print and publish one thousand copies.

Brother Melville C. Brown, of Laramie Lodge No. 3, over eighty years old, was introduced as the only living member in Wyoming who was present at the organization of the Grand Lodge fifty years before, and he gave a short address.

The Grand Lodge had for consideration the report of the Committee on Revision of the Code which had been referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. With the changes recommended by the latter committee, the new code was adopted.

An appendix contains a short historical sketch of Wyoming's Grand Lodge, of twelve pages. It recites some interesting incidents.

The Grand Secretary submits the report on Fraternal Correspondence, reviewing 52 Grand Lodges in 80 pages. Nebraska, 1923, receives fraternal mention. Brother Chappell's address on law enforcement is quoted from at length, and to it Brother Lowndes says: "Amen." One of Uncle Bob's terse paragraphs is also quoted.

M. W. JOHN IRA KIRBY, Grand Master.

R. W. JOSEPH M. LOWNDES, Grand Secretary.

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