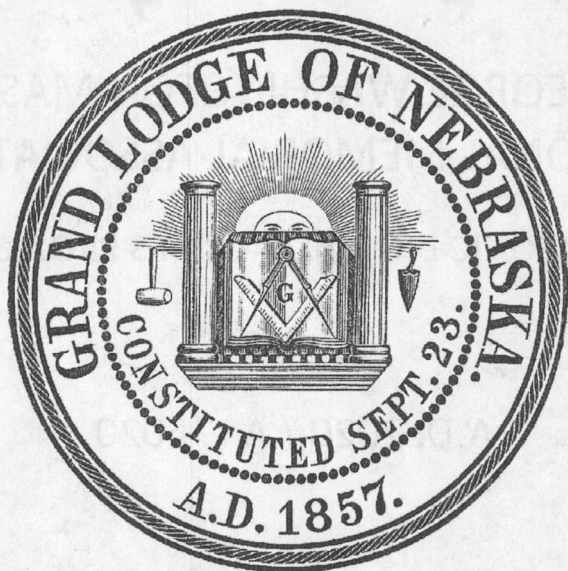


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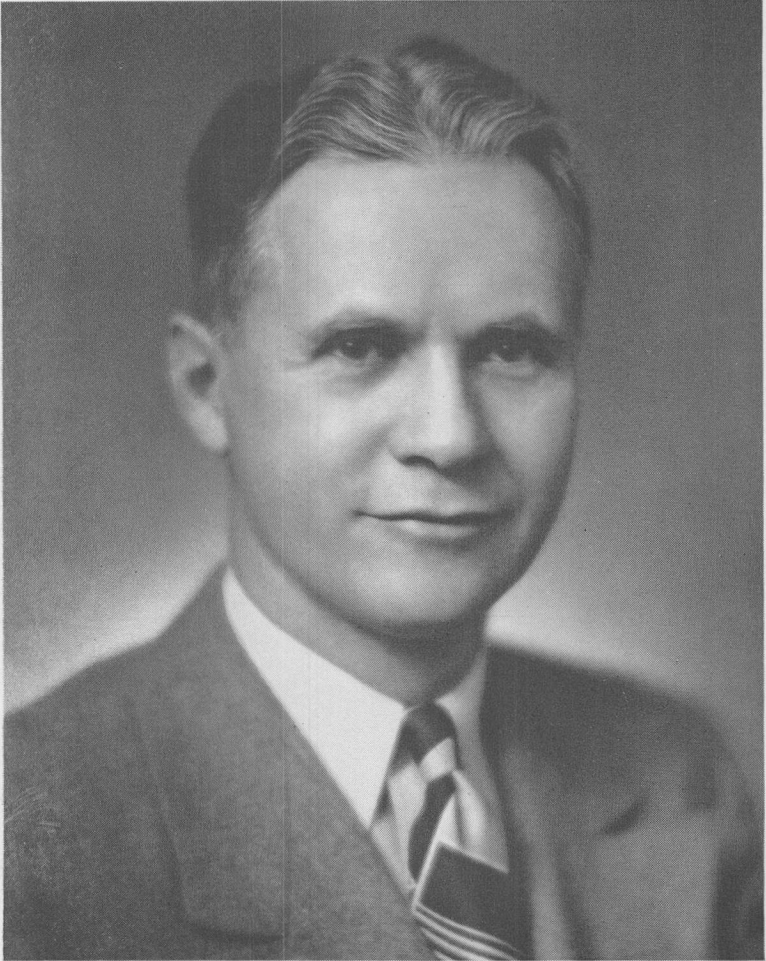
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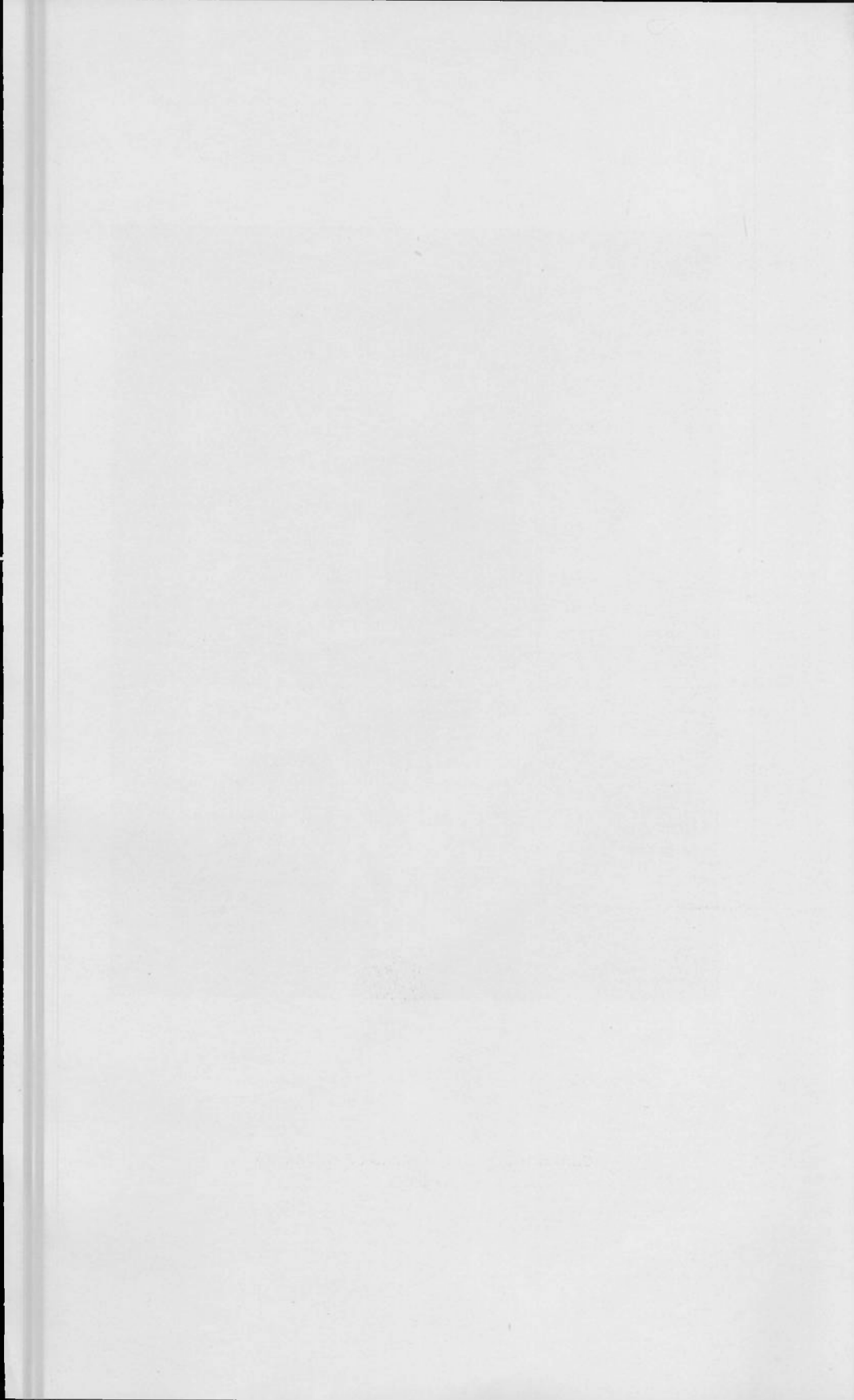
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Elmer E Magee

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA
1948-1949



Biographical



Elmer Edwin Magee

It is not an easy task to write of the services and accomplishments of the subject of this sketch. They are and have been so many and varied one hardly knows just where to make a start and where to stop. If the writer followed his own inclinations he is fearful the result might be boring to the reader and embarrassing to Elmer Edwin Magee, and we know neither result would be acceptable or pleasing to this fine Christian gentleman who has so unstintingly and unselfishly devoted himself to the advancement and betterment of life's journey — civically, morally, in business, socially and fraternally.

Blessed with a rugged constitution and having a deep and abiding faith in spiritual values, he has faced, accepted and conquered problems some might think impossible of accomplishment. The youths of the communities which have been fortunate enough to know and feel the impact of this dynamic, forceful personality have been assisted in starting life aright; those older in need of help have been the recipients of his generosity, and the aged, travelling down the sunny slope, have found the going smoother, made easier.

Elmer, as he is affectionately known to his myriad friends and Brothers, was born November 3rd, 1900, at Seneca, Kansas. His parents, Oliver N. and Nellie Throop Magee, were both born near Valparaiso, their parents being early Nebraska pioneers.

In 1902 the Magee's moved to Lincoln, Nebraska. There Elmer received his education in the public schools and Nebraska Wesleyan University, working part time in the office of Magee's, a Department Store in Lincoln, later going to Sterling, Colorado, where he spent a year and a half in a store owned by the Magee's. Returning to Lincoln his progress was rapid, advancing step by step until in 1939 he was elected President of Magee's. In 1943 the Company was reorganized, he became a partner and is presently devoting his talents to assisting in the management of this large and well-known institution.

As above intimated, Elmer's civic, Church and other activities have been and are many and varied. All too briefly summarized they are:

Charter member Co-operative Club, Lincoln, President 1931-1932; Member of the Junior and Senior Chambers of Commerce, in 1935 being awarded the distinguished service medal of the former for outstanding service. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors of both organizations; Past President of the Hiram Club; member of the Rotary and Candle Light Clubs; elected to the Lincoln Board of Education in 1940, re-elected in 1946; is a member of the Y. M. C. A., serving as President in 1943-44. Is Past President of the west central area and presently is Chairman of the west central area Council and a member of the National Council and International Board and is also a member of the Board of Trustees of Bryan Memorial Hospital.

Brother Magee is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, serving as Superintendent of the Junior Department for ten years; member of the Board of Elders for nine years and was for three years Treasurer of the Nebraska Council of Churches. Elmer also found time to act as Master of the Cub pack at Westminster and Scout Master in University Place.

On July 3rd, 1922 he was united in marriage with Evelyn Hegert, and to this union three fine sons have been born.

Early in life, Elmer became interested in Masonry and on January 30th, 1924 he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in North Star Lodge No. 227, A. F. & A. M., Lincoln, Nebraska, serving as Worshipful Master in 1929-30. On June 8, 1943 he was appointed Grand Junior Deacon in the Grand Lodge by M. W. Brother William B. Wanner, and on June 9, 1948 was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master. His year of service as Grand Master will long be remembered. As in his other activities he gave without stint of his sustenance and splendid leadership. Notwithstanding the first two months of his term were spent abroad visiting Lodges in London and Denmark, he found time to visit some seventy-five Nebraska Lodges as well as attending several area and association meetings. What a record!

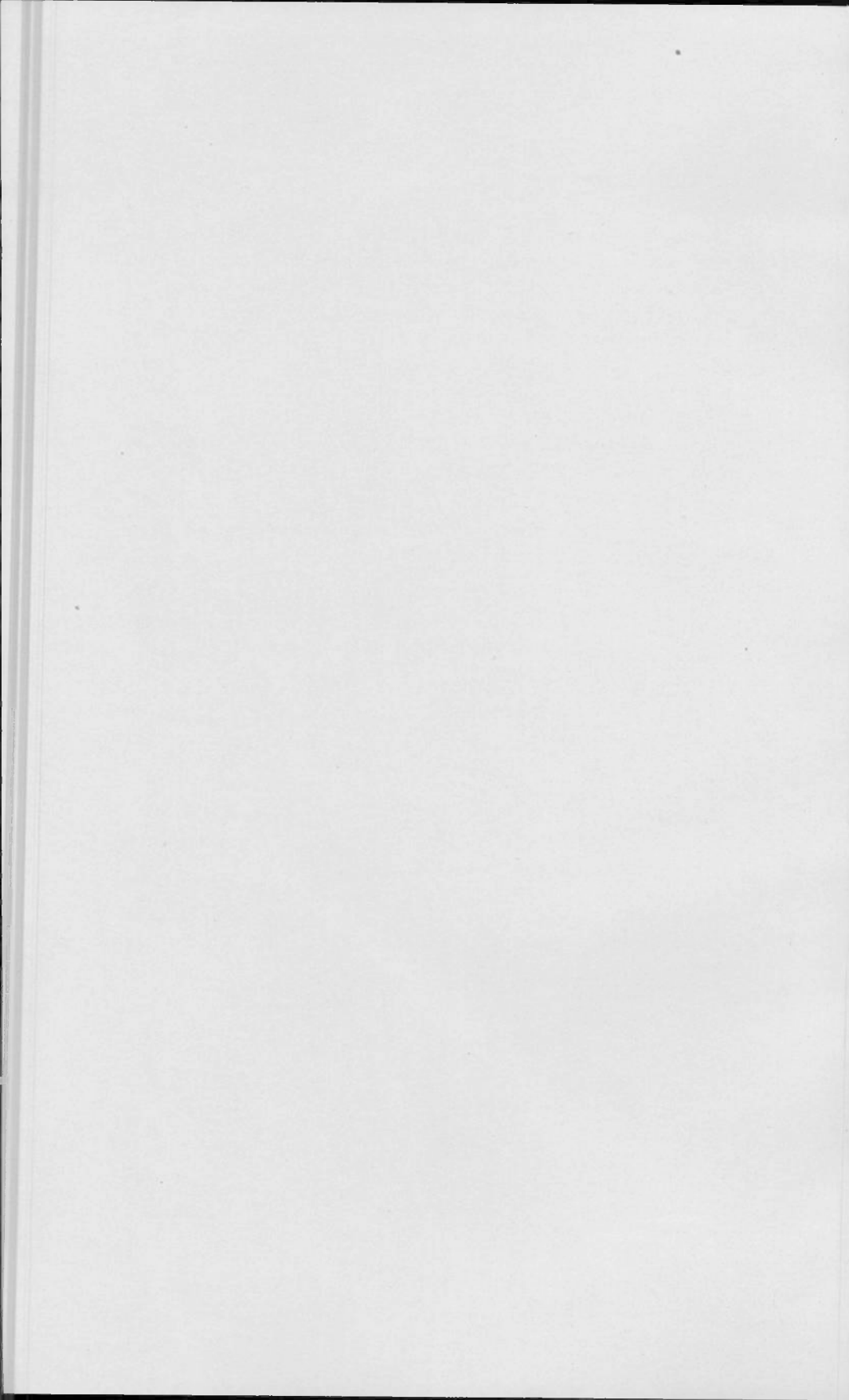
Elmer's other Masonic Affiliations are:

Charter member of Capstone Chapter No. 64, R. A. M., receiving the Order of High Priesthood in 1934, High Priest in 1935, Grand High Priest in 1940; member of Lincoln Council No. 4, R. & S. M., serving as Illustrious Master in 1933; member of Mt. Moriah Commandery No. 4, K. T.; Sesostris Temple, A.A.O.N. M.S., a 32nd^o member, Valley of Lincoln, Orient of Nebraska. He is a member of Lincoln Chapter No. 148, O.E.S., and served as Worthy Patron in 1940. At the Grand Convention of the Order of High Priesthood in December, 1948, he was elected President. He is a member of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association, and of Sneh bo' Aire Council No. 17, Allied Masonic Degrees.

From the start Brother Elmer exhibited fervency and zeal for the Fraternity and Masonry in Nebraska has profited by his service.

Fame cannot be sold, but we say with Virgil;

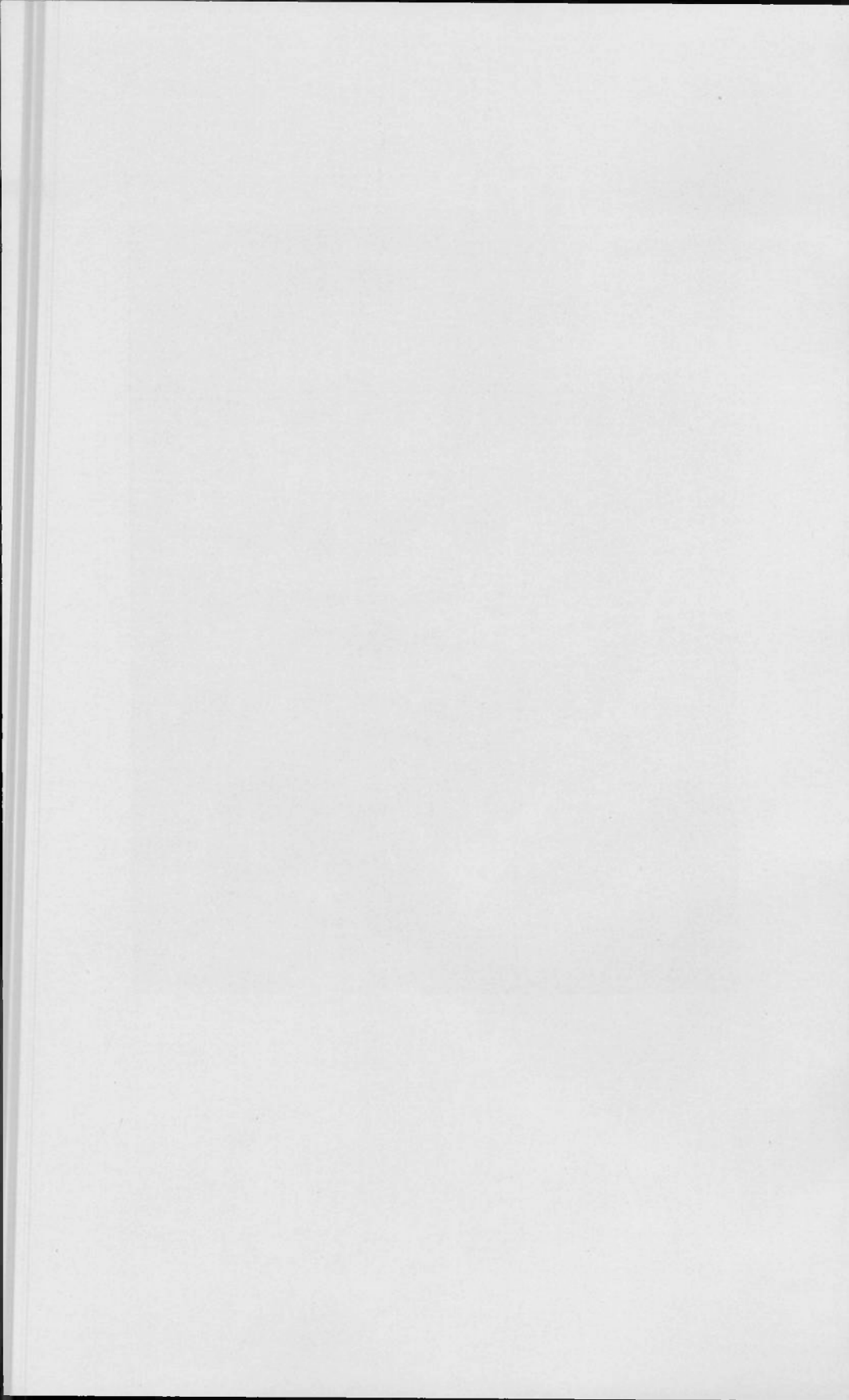
“Every man has his appointed day; life is brief and irrevocable; but it is the work of virtue to extend our fame by our deeds.”





Ernest L. Schiefelbein

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA
1949-1950



PROCEEDINGS

of the

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

NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Held in Omaha, June 7, 8 and 9, 1949.



FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

Tuesday, June 7, 1949.

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, at 9:30 o'clock a. m., on Tuesday, June 7, A. D. 1949, A. L. 5949.

There were present the following:

GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227.....	Grand Master
R. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, 59.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. John S. Hedelund, 268.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. Thomas J. Aron, 37.....	Grand Junior Warden
R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32.....	Grand Secretary
V. W. Thomas A. Barton, 210.....	Grand Chaplain
W. John E. Curtiss, 79.....	Grand Orator
W. Raymond C. Cook, 6.....	Grand Custodian
W. Charles F. Adams, 68.....	Grand Marshal
W. Edward M. Knight, 183.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Fay Smith, 198.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W. Raymond C. Pollard, 246.....	Grand Tyler

Preceding the formal opening of the Grand Lodge, W. Brother Arthur N. Howe, 290, entertained the representatives and visitors from the various lodges with an organ recital.

Promptly at 9:30 a. m., a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in due form by R. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Deputy Grand Master, the Invocation being given by V. W. Thomas A. Barton, Grand Chaplain.

Most Worshipful Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master, was received, escorted to the East by M. W. William B. Wanner, Past Grand Master, introduced, and given the Grand Honors.

The Grand Master directed the Grand Secretary to call the roll of Chartered Lodges. There being a constitutional number of the Lodges represented, the Grand Master declared the Ninety-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska open in ample form, and directed the Grand Marshal to make due proclamation thereof.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M. W. Harry F. Sunderland, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Missouri; M. W. Fred I. Mills, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Illinois; M. W. J. Guy Swartzlander, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Iowa, W. D. L. Andrews, Grand Senior Deacon of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Iowa; and M. W. Elmer F. Strain, Past Grand Master and present Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Kansas, were presented and very cordially welcomed by M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master, who introduced them to the Grand Lodge and invited them to seats in the East.

RECEPTION OF OUR OWN DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M. E. F. Plummer Martin, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska; M. L. Herbert T. White, Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters in Nebraska; V. E. William F. Evers, Deputy Grand Commander and Personal Representative of R. E. Arthur W. Melville, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska; Ill. Frank C. Patton, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Nebraska, and Venerable Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33rd, of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States; and W. Herbert F. Evers, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska.

These brethren were presented and very cordially welcomed by M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master, who introduced them to the Grand Lodge, and invited them to seats in the East.

PRESENTATION OF FLOWERS

W. .Herbert F. Evers, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska :

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and Brethren:

It is a privilege and an honor to bring you greetings from the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska.

This basket of flowers is a symbol of our appreciation for the wonderful cooperation and assistance that exists between the Grand Lodge and its members and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I thank you for your welcome and for the courtesies you have extended to me.

M. .W. .Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master :

Thank you, W. .Brother Evers. Will you convey to your officers of the Order of the Eastern Star, and particularly to your Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Steffensmeyer our deep gratitude for these fine remarks which you have brought to us, and for these beautiful flowers, which we will enjoy during the session of our Grand Lodge.

RECEPTION AND WELCOME OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

W. Edward M. Knight, Grand Senior Deacon, then introduced the following Past Grand Masters according to seniority:

James R. Cain, Jr.	(47th)	1912
Joseph B. Fradenberg	(55th)	1920
Lewis E. Smith	(56th)	1921
Charles A. Chappell	(58th)	1923
Edwin D. Crites	(61st)	1926
John R. Tapster	(66th)	1931
Archie M. Smith	(69th)	1933
Virgil R. Johnson	(70th)	1934
Chancellor A. Phillips	(72nd)	1936
Walter R. Raecke	(74th)	1938
William J. Breckenridge	(75th)	1939
Earl J. Lee	(76th)	1940
Edward F. Carter	(77th)	1941
George A. Kurk	(78th)	1942
William B. Wanner	(79th)	1943
William C. Schaper	(80th)	1944-1945
Benjamin F. Eyre	(81st)	1946
Edward Huwaldt	(82nd)	1947

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master:

Brethren:

Those of you who have been connected with the Grand Lodge in any way know of the wonderful help and assistance that a Past Grand Master can be to the Grand Lodge and particularly to the Grand Master. I think that this is the time when I am able to express my appreciation for all they have done during this past year for the Grand Lodge and for me personally. M. W. Brethren, you are most heartily welcome to this session, your session of your Grand Lodge.

The Past Grand Masters were then escorted to the East and given the Grand Honors.

M. W. John R. Tapster, Past Grand Master, gave the

RESPONSE

M. W. Grand Master:

We appreciate very much your kind, fraternal greetings, and we are thankful to the Great Architect of the Universe that we are privileged to be present this morning to receive your cordial welcome.

According to the law in this Grand Jurisdiction Past Grand Masters automatically become members of the Grand Lodge and constitute the Committee on Jurisprudence. We are not a group set aside for special acclamation. We are members of the Grand Lodge together with the



PAST GRAND MASTERS OF NEBRASKA

OMAHA — JUNE 8, 1949

Front Row, Left to Right: Virgil R. Johnson, Chancellor A. Phillips, Lewis E. Smith, J. Robert Cain, Elmer E. Mageo, Joseph B. Fradenburg, Charles A. Chappell, John R. Tapster, Archie M. Smith.

Back Row, Left to Right: Edward Huwaldt, Benjamin F. Eyre, William C. Schaper, George A. Kurk, William B. Wanner, Earl J. Lee, Edward F. Carter, William J. Breckenridge, Walter R. Raecke.

Absentees: Edwin D. Crites, Ralph O. Canaday.



Masters and Wardens of all Nebraska Lodges, striving with them to do our bit in promoting the great principles of Freemasonry. Each year as we assemble here we find many new faces, both Masters and Wardens so imbued with the spirit of Freemasonry that they are willing to devote their time and talents to the institution. As the years roll along, the honor of taking over the duties of spreading the great teachings of Freemasonry in Nebraska will fall upon these members of our constituted lodges. One writer has defined Freemasonry as a beautiful system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, another, as a science engaged in the search after divine truth and which employs symbolism as its method of instruction. We learn from our various rituals what the symbols are, and through their study we can apply the teachings to our daily lives. Masonry has given me not only a closer contact with my Creator, but it has given a clearer concept of death and the immortality of the soul.

M. . W. . Grand Master, in glancing over this group of Past Grand Masters you might think that we are all members of the legal profession. It is true that a number of them are attorneys, all good men and true, a splendid asset to the Jurisprudence Committee because of the many matters of a legal nature that come before that Committee. However, may I assure you that we are not all lawyers. We have enough bankers, executives, business men and farmers among us to inject enough of the milk of human kindness tempered with understanding into our deliberations to keep Freemasonry in Nebraska on an even keel. I wish to welcome you, as another business man into a place in our midst at the close of our session. Yours has been a strenuous year. You have served the Craft, and well. You have devoted your time and talents to the great institution we all love, and we deeply appreciate your labors in our behalf.

Again thank you for your very kind welcome.

M. . W. . Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master :

M. . W. . Past Grand Master Tapster :

We thank you for that very wonderful message.

RECEPTION OF W. BENJAMIN F. PITMAN

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master :

Brethren:

We now come to a very happy occasion, because we are honoring a man who today is attending his fiftieth Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and has attended more than half of our Annual Communications. Certainly we as Masons and as members of the Grand Lodge should know him and pay him special honors. He had to have an operation a short time ago, but is now recovering. He could not be absent this morning even though we had to bring him in a wheel chair.

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Past Grand Master :

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

You cannot keep a good man down. Five weeks ago today this young fellow here before the altar came to Omaha and went into Clarkson Hospital. Now he has recovered, and Ben told me he is going to be here another fifty years. At this time I want to present to you and through you to this Grand Lodge W. Brother Benjamin F. Pitman from Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron, Nebraska.

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master :

W. Brother Ben:

This is a great occasion for us and for you. One of the lessons of our third degree, is that of fidelity. You have shown by your many years of attendance at Grand Lodge the loyalty and fidelity which you feel toward our Grand Lodge, and have demonstrated in your life how much Masonry has meant to you. You have surrounded you brethren who have served with you in the Grand Lodge. You have also Brethren from Samaritan Lodge No. 158, your Home Lodge, who have come to escort you on this occasion. We of the Grand Lodge are most happy to honor you today by presenting you with a certificate. This certificate reads as follows:

"The Grand Lodge, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Nebraska, at its 92nd Annual Communication, present this certificate to Worshipful Brother Benjamin F. Pitman in grateful recognition of his faithful service in attending fifty consecutive Annual Communications."

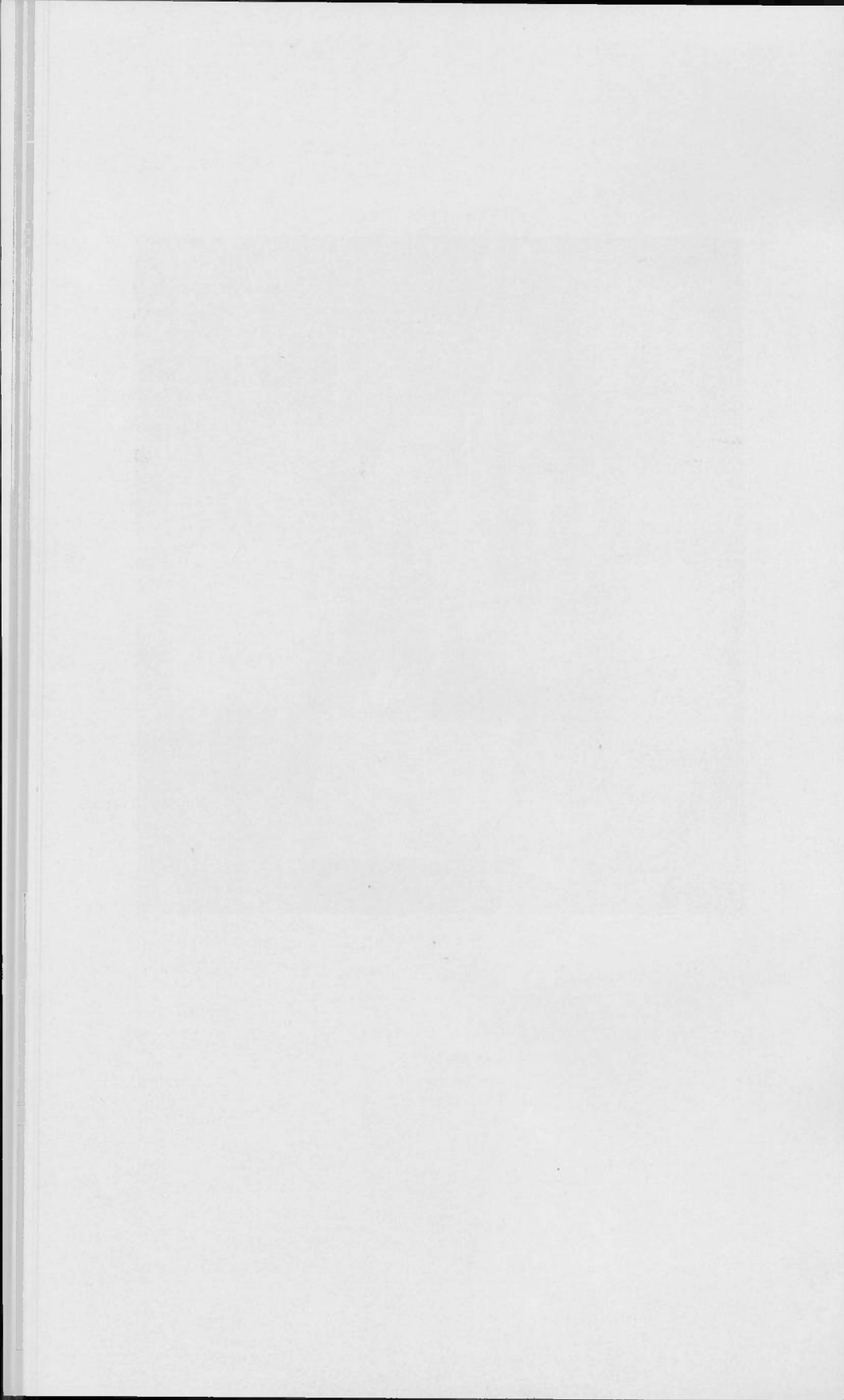
Brother Ben, we present this as a token of our love and our appreciation for the many years of service that you have given us.

W. Brother Benjamin F. Pitman :

I thank you.



W. Benjamin F. Pitman attends 50th Annual Communication



M. . W. . Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master :

All of you join with me in a tribute to this great and distinguished Mason. We welcome this Grand Old Mason. Brother Ben we are happy to have had you here. We hope that you will attend another fifty, as Brother Eyre suggested, of our Annual Communications.

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

M. . W. . Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master :

We will now have the presentation of the flag.

Presentation of the flag by Capt. John A. Crow, in charge, El Paso No. 130, El Paso, Texas, M. Sgt. Floyd E. Elmgren, Bee Hive No. 184, Omaha, and Sgt. 1cl. Walter M. Kirk, Athens No. 127, Albany, Mo.

W. . Brother Arthur W. Pinkerton, Master, St. Johns Lodge No. 25, gave the

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

M. . W. . Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Distinguished Guests and Brethren :

I deem it both a great privilege and high honor to welcome you to Omaha on behalf of the eleven Omaha Lodges; to welcome each of you as the representatives of over forty thousand Masons throughout Nebraska to this the 92nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. In how many countries today can Masons meet in open assembly as we meet here without fear of intrusion by political forces? Here, representing every walk of life, you gather to consider the welfare of our beloved order, founded on the tenets of brotherly love, relief, and truth, with no fear of intrusion from without. We assemble with the blessing of our local and national governments which is as it should be. Was not our Fraternity of tremendous influence in the establishment of this great Republic and were not the great majority of those farsighted men who framed our constitution members of our Craft? It behooves us, therefore, to guard those inherited rights—rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, which are so much akin to our Masonic rights. These United States are truly the last great Citadel of Freedom.

During the forthcoming session you will review the accomplishments of the year just passed and what is of vastly greater importance you will make plans and establish policies for the future. Great are your responsibilities—wise must be your decisions. All too often we accept and take for granted the great rights and privileges which we enjoy—rights and

privileges secured for us by our forefathers through great sacrifices and sufferings—rights and privileges defended by force of arms in the last decade.

Our Masonry cannot stand still—it must continue to move forward. From time immemorial it has had an unparalleled growth and stability. Wars have destroyed and laid waste many valuable monuments of antiquity—dynasties and political philosophies have risen and fallen—but Freemasonry still survives. Founded upon the eternal pillars of brotherly love and friendship, it still flourishes. But, my brethren, Freemasonry has not survived—has not flourished because of good intentions alone. It has only survived because there have always been those God-fearing men who were willing to put their intentions into positive acts and thus ensure conditions under which Masonry could live.

We are prone to judge others by their actions and accomplishments while judging ourselves by intentions and motives. Masonry as a unit is no different from an individual in this respect. Our Masonic Order is judged by new initiates on the basis of its actions and accomplishments. We as leaders of our Craft often judge our Masonic Order on the basis of our intentions and motives. Perhaps some of us should review the picture in the light of this new perspective. Are we giving our lodges the vigorous type of leadership that they deserve? Are we allowing a lethargic attitude to exist as to our Masonry,—an attitude which unchecked will infiltrate insidiously into all expressions of life? Petitions are increasing as evidence of the uninitiated's desire to join our ranks. It is, therefore, imperative that we as leaders keep their interest stimulated and in so doing perpetuate the high ideals of Masonry. Then we can well stand the scrutiny of all for we will have turned our intentions into accomplishments. Let us enter into the work of the next few days with eagerness and enthusiasm tempered only by the caution that we must continue to build well.

Longfellow has stated it much better than I in his beautiful poem "A Psalm of Life", I would like to quote the last three verses,

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time;

Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.

Let us then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait."

And so we welcome you to Omaha. Among Masons anywhere—bound together by the indestructible ties of brotherly love, you would be welcome; among us, bound to you by those same ties, residents of the same state and citizens of a common country, you are doubly welcome. We, as your hosts, will endeavor to do all in our power to make your stay pleasant. I hope that this 92nd Annual Communication will linger in your memories as one of your more pleasant Masonic experiences.

W. .Brother John J. Helzer, Master, Samaritan Lodge No. 158 gave the

RESPONSE

M. .W. .Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Members of the Grand Lodge and Brethren:

A great honor has been extended to Samaritan Lodge No. 158 of Chadron, and to me as its Master in this pleasant privilege of responding to our gracious and hearty welcome to Omaha by W. .Brother Pinkerton.

Omaha is a great commercial, industrial, social and intellectual metropolis in the middlewest. The progress of Omaha as an industrial and commercial center has been due in no small part to the ability of its citizens, and particularly its Masons, to make its visitors feel welcome, happy and comfortable. As we return once again to sit in the Grand Lodge with our brethren we cannot help but be thankful for the gracious welcome this Grand Lodge has always received from the Omaha Masons as the Grand Lodge is the basis on which the super-structure of Masonry in Nebraska is erected.

The world today is still not at peace and many of its people are still full of fear and trepidation. In many places of the world such a meeting as this would not be possible. As we deliberate here for the next three days, let us all, each and every one of us, pause sometime during this period and thank the Almighty Creator of the Universe that we live in a great democracy where men can think for themselves and where meetings such as this are possible. Let us study more carefully the road which our national leaders are planning for us and beware of anything that will lead us farther away from our private initiative, just rewards for honest endeavor and in the words of the great emancipator, "Government of the people, by the people and for the people."

As we rededicate ourselves to the principles of Masonry we so fondly cherish, let us also fully consider our responsibilities to our less fortunate brethren and those truly great Masonic virtues, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. With every honor conferred there comes responsibility. One of our responsibilities as Masons is to care for our poor, distressed brethren and we are bound to this duty by the most sacred ties.

M. W. Grand Master, we know that this Grand Communication will exemplify the high qualities of your leadership and that we will gain tremendous inspiration and help here so that we may go back to our various lodges with renewed vigor to carry on the high principles and ideals of Masonry and humanity.

W. Brother Pinkerton, your words of welcome have been indeed kind, and we know from past experience that every word will be matched by many deeds of kindness by you here in Omaha. You will be able to follow your words by act and deed. We can only thank you in advance but we do so with the certainty that our words would be more gracious if they might have been spoken after we had enjoyed your kindness. On behalf of all the Masons of Nebraska, and particularly the delegates in this Annual Communication assembled, I sincerely thank you for your generous welcome.

The following Committees having been appointed by M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master, entered upon the discharge of their duties:

Charters and Dispensations: W. Robert W. Cook, 33, Chairman, Ralph R. Reemts, 79, Willis A. Garriss, 17, Ronald H. Patterson, 249.

Credentials: W. Pearl C. Hillegass, 81, Chairman, Russell E. Dorr, 9, Ray V. Dwinell, 287, Morris G. Paine, 240, Charles M. Frederick, 136.

Doing of Grand Officers: W. Joseph D. Houston, 302, Chairman, Robert Van Norman, 254, Carlos E. Schaper, 148.

Finance: W. Ernest E. James, 1, Chairman, C. Ray Macy, 26, Fred D. Moshier, 281, Melvin E. Johnson, 112, Wesley W. Williams, 158.

Pay-roll: W. Erwin J. Imig, 38, Chairman, Gerald E. Miller, 210, Alfred G. Taylor, 205.

Returns: W. Everett M. Wood, 37, Chairman, Harold J. Oehlerking, 93, Rudolph H. Jenney, 155.

Unfinished Business: W. Elmo W. Phillips, 290, Chairman, Robert H. Lewis, 299, Morace F. Smith, 265.

Entertainment of Distinguished Guests: W. Lew B. Pixley, 1, Chairman, Harry M. Green, 25, Paul L. Constant, 11.

Grievances: W. Herbert T. White, 11, Chairman, Phillip Robinson, 155, Bernard B. Harris, 265.

Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund: W. Merle M. Hale, 54, Chairman, Linn W. McMillin, 54, Elbert L. Johnson, Jr., 37.

Temple Building Advisory Committee: W. Otto Nelsen, 300, Chairman, Victor Bryan, 263, Clarence V. Dixon, 227.

George Washington Masonic National Memorial: W. Cary W. Dresslar, 32, Chairman, Elmer P. Baruth, 323, Wesley E. Sorensen, 324.

Applications for Reinstatement: W. Henry M. Edwards, 303, Chairman, LaVerne J. Smith, 288, Fitzhugh L. Browne, 290.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE

Jurisprudence Committee: M. W. Edward Huwaldt, 318, Chairman, All Past Grand Masters present.

Codification of the Law: W. Harold M. Kelley, 302, Chairman, Norris Chadderdon, 146, Lewis R. Ricketts, 19.

Fraternal Dead: W. Carroll E. Schurmann, 15, Chairman, Harlan S. Heim, 40, George A. Stevens, 158.

Foreign Correspondence: R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman, M. W. William B. Wanner, 9, W. Curry D. Bryson, 314.

Relief and Care of Orphans: M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, Chairman, (1952), W. John R. Hughes, 184, (1951), Otto Burkhardt, 55, (1950), Benjamin F. Pitman, 158, (1949), Alvin H. Miller, 19, (1953).

Masonic Education: M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201, Chairman, W. Ralph M. Marrs, 184, Roy W. Deal, 227, M. W. Edward Huwaldt, 318.

Committee on Nebraska Work: M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201, Chairman (1949), Chancellor A. Phillips, 150 (1950), Benjamin F. Eyre, 1 (1951).

Grand Trustees: W. Robert D. Wilson, 268, Chairman (1951), M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136 (1949), W. Carl D. Ganz, 209 (1950).

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Omaha Masonic Home for Boys: M. W. Walter R. Raecke, 36, Chairman (1950), W. Fred R. Haggart, 82 (1949), Carl W. Rensch, 19 (1951).

Committee on Centennial: W. George W. Rosenlof, 77, Chairman, William J. Baird, 268, Carroll E. Schurmann, 15, Harold H. Thom, 1.

Committee on Physical Qualifications: M. W. Ralph O. Canaday, 285, Chairman, George A. Kurk, 54, Lewis E. Smith, 136.

Committee on Robert Carrel Jordan Memorial: Ill. Frank C. Patton, 11, Chairman, M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136.

Committee to Study Section 3-102, Paragraph D of Our Masonic Code, for Clarification: W. Clarence E. Benschoter, 169, Chairman, Edward C. Newland, 158, William E. Brooks, 158.

GREETINGS AND REGRETS

A letter was read from M. W. Ralph O. Canaday, Past Grand Master, who was unable to be present. Greetings and felicitations from the Grand Lodge of South Dakota and Colorado were read.

PRESENTATION OF FIFTY-YEAR BUTTON TO
DANIEL S. HINDS, 105

M. . W. . Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master :

Brethren:

This Brother is being given special recognition today, as brethren have during this year, because of the many years of faithful service which he has given to Masonry in the State of Nebraska.

Brother Hinds has completed fifty years of faithful service.

We want to express to you our appreciation for the loyalty that you have shown and the way in which you have exemplified Masonry throughout your life.

It is a great honor and privilege for me to pin this symbol of fifty years of active Masonry upon the lapel of your coat. I hope that you may be present on the occasion when you celebrate seventy-five years of association with this great Order.

Daniel S. Hinds: I thank you.

M. . W. . Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master :

We have a special visitor that I would like to introduce.

This good brother comes to us with special instructions from his Grand Master to bring the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

W. . Brother Fred W. McGregor of Eastern Lodge No. 7, A. . F. . & A. . M. . of Eastport, Maine, we welcome you to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. We hope that you will find your stay here pleasant, and that you will carry back to your Grand Lodge and your Grand Master the fraternal greetings of this Grand Lodge.

W. . Brother McGregor :

I appreciate your welcome, and I assure you all that I am enjoying it immensely, and thank you all for your hospitality. I will carry your greetings to our M. . W. . Grand Master in Maine when I see him, on my return.

M. . W. . Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master, read his Address.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER
GRAND LODGE OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE
FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

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

Brethren:

It is my privilege and pleasure to welcome you to the Ninety-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. . F. . & A. . M. . of Ne-

braska. It is always a thrill to me to meet in fraternal friendship with my Masonic brethren and that is particularly true on this occasion when there are so many of our lodges throughout Nebraska represented. This is YOUR Grand Lodge and its success is dependent on the interest which you, as individual members of subordinate lodges, show in its affairs. We have met to review the accomplishments and errors of the past and to make plans for the future. It is my hope that this will be a session in which each brother will feel free to express his opinions and one in which many will take an active part.

A year ago I told this Grand Lodge that it was my hope that I could so conduct the office of Grand Master that you could continue to have the pride in it that you have had in the past. I have failed to accomplish many things which should have been done; I have made many mistakes, but I am hopeful that you may display toward me that Masonic charity which enables us to overlook a brother's failings.

Many important questions are to be discussed at this session and the counsel of every member is needed. I hope you will plan to attend every session and participate in forming the important decisions which this Grand Lodge must make.

NECROLOGY

For the first time in three years, the Great Architect of the Universe has seen fit to take from our ranks a Most Worshipful Brother who has presided over our Grand Lodge.

M.'W.'Brother Harry A. Cheney, forty-fifth Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, serving in 1910-1911, passed from this life on June 27, 1948, in Portland, Oregon. Funeral services were held on June 30, at the Portland Mausoleum under the direction of the Masonic Service Bureau of Portland. R.'W.'Brother Shalor C. Eldridge, Deputy Grand Master of Oregon, acted as my personal representative at these services. Suitable tribute will be paid to this great Nebraska Mason by the Committee on Fraternal Dead at a later time in this session.

Our subordinate lodges suffered the loss of 680 brethren during the past year. We would like to pay tribute to all of these beloved brethren but time permits the mention of only two.

Our Masonic fraternity, our nation, and the world sustained a great loss in the passing of Brother John J. Pershing, a member of Lincoln Lodge 19. He was a great man, a loyal Mason and a true patriot. We mourn his passing.

Nebraska Masonry suffered a blow in the death of W.'Brother Walter L. Schnabel, a member of Emmet-Crawford Lodge 148 of Broken Bow. He was a very active member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont. His quiet but effective work in behalf of the Grand Lodge has earned him our undying gratitude.

GOLD JORDAN MEDAL

Brother Hiram A. Harter, a member of Aurora Lodge 68, who was born on March 12, 1853, is the holder of the Gold Jordan Medal. We pay tribute to this grand old Mason who has been a member of our fraternity for 71 years of the 96 years of his life. He is at present a resident of our Masonic Home and we pay honor to him.

BRONZE JORDAN MEDAL AND FIFTY YEAR BUTTONS

During the year Bronze Jordan Medals were presented to 41 Masons; 58 brethren received their fifty-year buttons. I had the pleasure of making several of these presentations. We congratulate these brethren and wish for them a long and happy life.

CORNER-STONE LAYING AND DEDICATIONS OF MASONIC HALLS

During the year, I had the pleasure of laying the corner-stones of two Masonic Temples:

October 13, 1948. Victory Lodge 310, Valley.

May 12, 1949. Fairmont Lodge 48, Fairmont.

I was scheduled to lay the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple of Cable Lodge 225 at Arnold, on November 19, 1948, but a severe snow-storm prevented the ceremony from being held.

These corner-stone layings were joyous occasions and the efficient work of our Grand Marshal, W. Brother Charles F. Adams, and the lodges involved made them impressive ceremonies long to be remembered by those who witnessed them. Most of the Grand Officers were present at each occasion.

Plans are being made by many other lodges for new temples and the next few years should witness many corner-stone layings and dedications of Temples and Halls.

TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

One of the most valuable and hard working committees of the Grand Lodge is our Temple Building Advisory Committee. W. Brothers Otto Nelsen, 300, Chairman, Victor Bryan, 263, and Clarence V. Dixon, 227, have devoted many long hours and days as well as many miles of travel to the work of this Committee. This Grand Lodge should be deeply appreciative of their invaluable service.

To list the many projects in various stages of planning, building or completion would be only a repetition of their report. I have in every case followed their recommendations, with full confidence in their wisdom and financial acumen. I thank them sincerely for work well done.

In this connection it is probably wise to call the attention of lodges to the fact that any building or remodeling plans involving the expenditure of lodge funds must be approved by the Grand Master on recommendation of the Temple Building Advisory Committee. If your lodge is contemplating any such plans it should get in touch with this Committee.

Their knowledge of lodge arrangement, construction and financing will be invaluable to you from the very first. Make use of their knowledge and ability and avoid mistakes which experience has pointed out.

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

It was my privilege to attend all four meetings held by the Board of Grand Trustees. I was greatly impressed by the care and attention given to the investments of the Grand Lodge. We are indeed fortunate to have serving in the capacity of Trustees such men of wisdom and financial skill as W. Brother Robert D. Wilson, 268, Chairman, M. W. Brother Lewis E. Smith, 136, W. Brother Carl D. Ganz, 209, and R. W. Brother Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary. It was a liberal education to me to watch these men in action. The report of the Grand Trustees will give the details of their work.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

It is an inspiration to me to visit lodges throughout our jurisdiction and to find such intense interest in our Masonic Home wherever I go. We brethren are all proud of our Home and the remarkable work which is being done by our Superintendent, W. Brother William F. Evers, and his fine staff under the able direction of an interested and active Board of Trustees. The report of W. Brother Peter Bauer, President of this Board, and of W. Brother Raymond C. Cook, Chairman of the Building Committee, will fully inform you of the progress we are making.

There will come before this Grand Lodge at our session tomorrow the problem of adequately providing for the maintenance of this great Masonic Charity. I ask your prayerful consideration of this important question. You will find this matter referred to again in my recommendations.

THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

Another great example of Masonic Charity in this Grand Jurisdiction is our Home for Children at Fremont. Here in cooperation with the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, we are making a true home for children of Masonic or Eastern Star parentage. I have attended several meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Home and have seen W. Brother J. Russell Reeder, Superintendent, and his capable staff at work and I swell with pride in knowing that it is OUR Home that is doing so much for these children. The report of W. Brother James C. Suttie, Chairman of the Board, will be of great interest to all of you.

A problem arose in connection with the payment of our share in the maintenance of this Home. On recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Grand Lodge in the 1948 session adopted an appropriation of \$16,000 to be paid from the Maintenance Fund. In January, 1949, the Grand Secretary informed me that there were no more funds available in the Maintenance Fund and that there was still due \$3,000 to the Home for Children. Investigation disclosed that \$16,000 had been appropriated from a fund which only had a \$13,000 cash balance.

Realizing that it was the wish of the Grand Lodge that our appropriation be paid in full, I directed the Grand Secretary to transfer \$3,000 from The Children's Home Endowment Fund to the Maintenance Fund. This use of these funds is sanctioned by Sec. 1-410 of our Masonic Code from which I quote the following extract, "The annual interest earned by said fund (i. e. The Children's Home Endowment Fund) in any one year may be expended by this Grand Lodge for the maintenance and operation of a Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont." Since this fund earned interest in the amount of \$5,003.57 during the past year it can be seen that there were ample earnings to cover this \$3,000 payment.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

Amendments to the By-Laws of 20 subordinate lodges were approved by me during the past year. Since they are of interest only to the lodges involved they are not listed here.

DISPENSATIONS TO ELECT AND INSTALL

The unprecedented winter which descended on a large part of the state caused many postponements of installations for which dispensations were necessary. In cases where storm conditions caused these postponements I waived the dispensation fee, in all other cases the \$10.00 fee was collected.

The following dispensations were issued:

December 13, 1948, McCook Lodge 135, McCook
 December 16, Western Lodge 140, Western
 December 17, Bennett Lodge 94, Bennet
 December 23, Frank Welch Lodge 75, Sidney
 January 8, 1949, Mt. Hermon Lodge 231, Cook
 January 14, Bladen Lodge 319, Bladen
 January 14, Pythagoras Lodge 156, Page
 January 15, Mullen Lodge 282, Mullen
 January 26, Golden Rule Lodge 236, Allen
 January 26, Long Pine Lodge 136, Long Pine
 February 1, Parian Lodge 207, Callaway
 February 2, Wallace Lodge 279, Wallace
 February 2, Swastika Lodge 280, Sargent
 February 3, Mason City Lodge 170, Mason City
 February 7, Gilead Lodge 233, Butte
 February 7, Antelope Lodge 276, Elgin
 February 7, Potter Lodge 313, Potter
 February 7, Relief Lodge 219, Coleridge
 February 11, Fraternity Lodge 235, Winside

February 11, Anselmo Lodge 258, Anselmo
 February 11, Magnolia Lodge 220, Emerson
 February 11, Mystic Tie Lodge 166, Tilden
 February 11, Seneca Lodge 284, Seneca
 February 11, Zion Lodge 234, Hyannis
 February 12, Wood Lake Lodge 221, Wood Lake
 February 12, Garfield Lodge 95, O'Neill
 February 17, Hay Springs Lodge 177, Hay Springs
 February 17, Minnekadusa Lodge 192, Valentine
 February 17, Pythagoras Lodge 156, Page
 February 19, Mt Moriah Lodge 57, Syracuse
 February 24, Prudence Lodge 179, Beaver Crossing
 March 5, Roman Eagle Lodge 203, Pender
 March 5, Sioux Lodge 277, Harrison

DISPENSATIONS TO CONFER DEGREES

In accordance with the instructions contained in the report of the Jurisprudence Committee adopted at the 1948 Grand Lodge Communication, dispensations to confer degrees without regard to time were granted only under extraordinary circumstances. In those few instances where the candidate was not a service man and the dispensation was issued for good cause shown, the \$10.00 dispensation fee was collected. Several requests for Special Dispensations were refused because cause shown was not, in my opinion, adequate.

The list of dispensations granted follows:

June 10, 1948, Nemaha Valley Lodge 4, Brownville
 June 10, Western Star Lodge 2, Nebraska City
 June 10, Covert Lodge 11, Omaha
 June 24, Mid-West Lodge 317, Hastings
 June 25, Beatrice Lodge 26, Beatrice
 June 28, Nebraska Lodge 1, Omaha
 July 9, Plumblin Lodge 214, Adams
 September 11, Craftsmen Lodge 314, Lincoln
 September 16, Golden Rule Lodge 236, Allen
 October 2, Acacia Lodge 34, Schuyler
 October 15, Melrose Lodge 60, Orleans
 October 19, East Lincoln Lodge 210, Lincoln
 October 30, Western Star Lodge 2, Nebraska City
 November 9, Bassett Lodge 254, Bassett
 November 30, Atkinson Lodge 164, Atkinson
 December 6, Jewel Lodge 149, Tobias

December 23, Grace Lodge 226, Wilcox
March 9, 1949, Minden Lodge 127, Minden
April 11, Fidelity Lodge 51, David City.
May 12, Lincoln Lodge 19, Lincoln.

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PROFICIENCY

Upon good cause shown, extension of time for examination as to proficiency was granted to 10 brethren.

REINSTATEMENTS

Our Grand Lodge Committee on Applications for Reinstatement recommended favorable action on 185 petitions and rejections in 4 cases. I followed their recommendation in every case. The untiring work of this Committee composed of W. Brother Henry M. Edwards, 303, Chairman, LaVerne J. Smith, 288, and Fitzhugh L. Browne, 290, deserves the thanks and commendation of this Grand Lodge.

GRAND CUSTODIAN

All of us were greatly shocked by the sudden illness of our Grand Custodian, W. Brother Lute M. Savage, who suffered a cerebral thrombosis on September 12, 1948, and who has since been confined to a wheel chair. This brother, who was so beloved by all of us, is now, together with his wife, a resident of our Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. We all thank God that we had a place where we could take care of this great Nebraska Mason and his wonderful wife. It is our hope that he will continue to improve and that he may live a long and contented life, which he so richly deserves.

It was indeed fortunate that this Grand Lodge had among its Assistant Custodians a brother who was willing to sacrifice his personal interests to carry on our work as Acting Grand Custodian. We are deeply indebted to W. Brother Raymond C. Cook for this service to our Fraternity. When, on December 8, 1948, the resignation of W. Brother Savage was regretfully received, it was indeed a pleasure and honor to install into the office of Grand Custodian our Brother Ray. I am sure that no Grand Lodge appointment ever met with more universal approval. Our Custodian work has been carried on with great efficiency to the profit of Nebraska Masonry.

Conferences with our Grand Custodian and discussion with our brethren have convinced me that there is a vital need for individual schools among our less proficient lodges. While central schools fulfill the purpose of enabling our proficient lodges to check their ritual work they do not help those lodges which are not proficient.

The conduct of individual schools is more expensive but I believe, in the long run, of enough greater benefit to the Fraternity to justify the greater expense. You will find this matter treated among my recommendations.

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

It was my pleasure to re-appoint, on recommendation of W. Brother Lute M. Savage, those Assistant Custodians who had served the previous year. In addition, on recommendation of W. Brother Raymond C. Cook, I appointed the following Assistant Custodians:

March 18, 1949, W. Frank A. Anderson, 17

April 19, W. Robert W. Cook, 33

The work of these Assistant Custodians is of great importance and often means a personal sacrifice of time and money. We should all be grateful to these brethren who give so unstintingly in the interests of Masonry.

REPRESENTATIVES NEAR OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

At the request of the Grand Masters of the respective Grand Lodges, I was pleased to issue the following commissions as Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near their Grand Lodge:

September 14, 1948. Brother John McKee, Dallas, Texas, near the Grand Lodge of Texas.

September 14. R. W. Brother James A. Sanker, Belfast, Maine, near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

September 14. W. Brother P. D. Kersh, Jackson, Tennessee, near the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

September 22. R. W. George S. Hull, Clinton, Connecticut, near the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

December 2. Brother Arthur T. Wood, Sr., Adamsville, Alabama, near the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

March 4, 1949. Brother John I. Lippincott, South Bend, Indiana, near the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

April 13. R. W. Brother John Woolcock, Victoria, British Columbia, near the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

April 15. W. Brother John Fletcher Sills, Jr., Prescott, Arizona, near the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

May 15. W. Brother Harry A. Kaplan, Winnipeg, Manitoba, near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

May 15. W. Brother Harry T. Thompson, Opheim, Montana, near the Grand Lodge of Montana.

GRAND MASTERS' CONFERENCE

One of the great privileges of a Grand Master is that of attending the Grand Masters' Conference. Accompanied by R. W. Brother John S. Hedelund, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. Brother Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; M. W. Brother Edward Huwaldt and M. W. Brother Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Masters, I attended the Conference in Washington, February 23rd and 24th, 1949.

Grand Masters of all forty-nine Grand Lodges of the United States were present, together with the Grand Master of Puerto Rico, two Grand Masters from Mexico and five Grand Masters from Canada, as well as many other distinguished Masons. It was indeed a most interesting and instructive meeting.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

Those of us who were in attendance at the Grand Masters' Conference also attended the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at Alexandria, Virginia. Here, high on Shooters Hill, in the beautiful auditorium of the Memorial we presented the check of our Grand Lodge for \$21,918.90 completing our full quota of \$1.70 per member.

It was particularly fitting that the presentation was made by M. W. Brother Edward Huwaldt who served as Chairman of our Grand Lodge Committee on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial and continued to serve in that capacity for fourteen years.

This great Memorial to a distinguished Mason is nearing completion and any Mason who visits Washington, D. C. or vicinity, should go to Alexandria to see this monumental work. You will experience a great pride in this united endeavor of American Masons.

THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

During my stay in Washington, I attended the annual meeting of The Masonic Service Association. Though our Grand Lodge is not a member of this Association, we did contribute to its war service activities during World War II. The Association has continued its war service by placing Visitors in many Veterans Hospitals throughout the country. These Visitors are doing a great work in helping those Masons, sons of Masons and others for whom the war is not over and for most of whom the war will never be over.

We should be grateful to these brethren who, in the name of Masons everywhere, are bringing some cheer and help into the lives of these unfortunate men.

During the past year 987,075 visits were made. 139,691 were made to members of the Fraternity. Of this number over 900 were to Nebraskans. I believe that our Grand Lodge should give financial aid in some degree to this great and good work. I also think we should study the work of this Association to determine whether or not we should become a member of the Association. Recommendations to this effect will be found in the proper place in this report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

M. W. Edward Huwaldt appointed a special committee to make a careful study and survey of Section 3-102, paragraph D of our Masonic Code, relating to intoxicating liquors. At our last Communication the Committee asked to be continued another year, which was approved by the Grand Lodge.

This special committee has prepared a report to be presented to this Communication which I hope will receive your careful consideration.

A special committee on the Robert Carrel Jordan Memorial will also make a report at this Communication.

GRAND HISTORIAN

At the 1948 Communication of the Grand Lodge it was recommended that I appoint a Grand Historian, whose duty it would be to gather historical information about our Grand Lodge and its subordinate lodges, such information to be used in compiling a History of this Grand Jurisdiction to be published in connection with our Centennial Celebration. Pursuant to this recommendation, I appointed W. Brother Harold H. Thom, 1, as Grand Historian and instructed him to work in cooperation with and under the direction of the Centennial Committee. The Grand Lodge is indebted to Brother Harold for accepting this extremely important and difficult assignment.

COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT

The Finance Committee at our 1948 Communication recommended that I appoint a committee to study a retirement plan for Grand Lodge employees. After consultation with the Grand Secretary and in light of possible changes in Social Security laws, I decided to defer the appointment of such a committee. This Communication of Grand Lodge may revive the matter or allow it to remain dormant as it sees fit.

AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION

One of the important matters coming up at this session for the consideration of this Grand Lodge is the proposed amendment to our Masonic Code popularly referred to as Automatic Suspension. Under the provisions of such an amendment, after due notice by the Secretary, any brother who does not pay his dues during the current year would be suspended on December 31st, and would remain suspended until the dues were paid. Thus a brother would never be delinquent more than one year's dues.

As I have looked over petitions for reinstatement and have seen occasions when brothers have \$50.00 and even more to pay in back dues to be reinstated, I could not help wondering how much sooner these brethren would have applied for reinstatement if they had owed only the nominal sum of one year's dues.

Many of our lodges have this plan in effect at the present time and the very small number of suspensions in these lodges indicate the effectiveness of this provision. I believe that the adoption of this amendment will be of great benefit to our lodges and to the Grand Lodge.

VISITATIONS TO OTHER GRAND LODGES

It was my pleasure to attend the Grand Lodge sessions of five of our nearby states. In each I was received with all the honors due the office of Grand Master and was shown great hospitality. In these visitations a Grand Master learns much that is helpful to him and makes friendships which are lasting and invaluable.

Unfortunately, the Grand Lodges of Iowa and South Dakota met at the same time as our Grand Lodge so that a visit to them was impossible during my year as Grand Master. The Grand Lodge of Wyoming met during my absence in Europe, but our Grand Lodge was well represented by R. W. Brother Ernest S. Schiefelbein and R. W. Brother Carl R. Greisen. Brother Greisen also accompanied me on my visitation to the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

The dates of visitations were:

September 21, 1948. Grand Lodge of Colorado, Denver.

September 29. Grand Lodge of Missouri, St. Louis.

October 11-12. Grand Lodge of Illinois, Chicago.

February 9-10, 1949. Grand Lodge of Kansas, Wichita.

March 24. Grand Lodge of Minnesota, St. Paul.

VISITATIONS—AFFILIATED BODIES

Although the following list of visitations to affiliated bodies is not complete it is a representative list of visitations made:

June 14, 1948. Grand Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls, Lincoln.

June 14. Grand Conclave, Order of DeMolay, Lincoln.

June 15. Lincoln Chapter 148, O. E. S. Official reception in my Star Chapter.

June 21. International Convention, High Twelve Club, Omaha.

October 4, 5. Triennial Assembly, General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, New York City.

October 6, 7. Sesquicentennial Convocation, General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, New York City.

December 2. 116th Reunion of Scottish Rite Bodies, Omaha

December 3. Fall Ceremonial, Sesostris Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Lincoln.

December 7. Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, Omaha.

December 8, 9. Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Omaha.

December 8. Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association, Omaha.

January 7, 1949. Installed officers of my Royal Arch Chapter, Capstone 64, Lincoln.

February 14. High Twelve Club, Omaha.

February 21. Annual Meeting, Masonic Service Association of the United States, Washington, D. C.

February 22. Annual Meeting, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

February 23, 24. Grand Masters' Conference, Washington, D. C.

February 26. Masters and Wardens Association, Richmond, Virginia.

March 7. Electa Chapter 8, O. E. S. Lincoln, 75th Anniversary.

March 12. Tangier Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Omaha, Visit of Imperial Potentate.

March 13. Sesostris Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Lincoln, Visit of Imperial Potentate.

March 16. Starcraft Chapter 307, O. E. S., Lincoln.

March 27. Scottish Rite Educational Welfare Association, Lincoln.

March 30. Hiram Club, Lincoln.

April 4. Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Iowa, Cedar Rapids.

April 5. Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Iowa, Cedar Rapids.

April 15. Square and Compass Club, Omaha.

April 21, 22. Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, Hastings.

April 22. Spring Ceremonial, Sesostris Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Lincoln.

May 10. Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Norfolk.

May 14. Vesta Chapter 6, O.E.S., Omaha, 75th Anniversary.

MASONIC VISITATIONS

On assuming the office of Grand Master, I announced my intention of visiting as many of the smaller lodges as it was possible to do. In carrying out these intentions, I believe I have been of greatest service to my Grand Lodge.

In many cases my visit was the first ever made to the lodge by a Grand Master. It was a real event in the history of the lodge and often helped to revive interest and promote the welfare of the Craft. Many of the visitations provided the motivation for a Guest Night or a Ladies Night. In one lodge of 85 members, a guest night has in six months produced twelve petitions from among guests who were present at the meeting.

The large number of visitations precludes any description of them in the time at my disposal. Suffice it to say that I was most hospitably received at every lodge and that the inspiration which your Grand Master received in visiting the lodges far exceeds the inspiration which he could communicate to them. A continuation of these visitations to smaller lodges will be of great benefit to our Grand Lodge.

A list of visitations follows:

July 12, 1948. Consecration of Unity of Purpose Lodge 6676, London, England.

July 13. Canada Lodge 3527, London, England.

September 23. Bee Hive Lodge 184, Omaha.

October 1. Area Meeting, Alliance.

October 13. Victory Lodge 310, Valley, Corner-stone laying.

October 19. Wisner Lodge 114, Wisner.

October 26. North Bend Lodge 119, North Bend.

October 27. North Star Lodge 227, Lincoln. Official Reception by my own lodge.

November 4. Cedar County Masonic Association, Laurel.

November 9. Blazing Star Lodge 200, Burwell.

November 10. Bassett Lodge 254, Bassett.

November 11. Wood Lake Lodge 221, Wood Lake.

November 11. Samaritan Lodge 158, Chadron.

November 12. Golden Rod Lodge 306, Lodgepole.

November 15. Area Meeting, Beaver City.

November 17. Minden Lodge 127, Minden.

November 18. Stella Lodge 105, Stella.

November 23. Lincoln Lodge 19, Lincoln.

December 6. Springfield Lodge 112, Springfield.

December 14. John S. Bowen Lodge 232, Kennard.

January 5, 1949. Superior Lodge 121, Superior, Installed Officers.

January 6. Fremont Lodge 15, Fremont, Installed Officers.

January 8. Joint Installation of Officers, Masonic Temple, Omaha. Nebraska Lodge 1, Capitol Lodge 3, Covert Lodge 11, St. Johns Lodge 25, George W. Lininger Lodge 268, Omaha Lodge 288, Mizpah Lodge 302, Right Angle Lodge 303.

January 11. Joint Installation of Officers, Masonic Temple, Lincoln, Lincoln Lodge 19, Lancaster Lodge 54, Liberty Lodge 300.

January 12. North Star Lodge 227, Installed Officers.

January 14. Aurora Lodge 68, Aurora, Installed Officers.

January 24. Falls City Lodge 9, Falls City, Installed Officers.

January 31. Geneva Lodge 79, Geneva, Installed Officers and the Grand Orator.

February 2. Humboldt Lodge 40, Humboldt.

February 14. Litchfield Lodge 178, Litchfield.

March 1. Union Lodge 287, Palmyra.

March 3. Right Angle Lodge 303, Omaha.

March 23. Oliver Lodge 38, Seward.

- March 28. Area Meeting, Tecumseh.
March 31. East Lincoln Lodge 210, Lincoln.
April 7. Right Angle Lodge 303, Omaha.
April 12. Cubit Lodge 237, Douglas.
April 19. Plattsmouth Lodge 6, Plattsmouth.
April 25. Sterling Lodge 70, Sterling.
April 26. Area Meeting, Norfolk.
April 27. Ruskin Lodge 304, Ruskin.
April 27. Blue Hill Lodge 129, Blue Hill.
April 27. Bladen Lodge 319, Joint Meeting at Blue Hill.
April 28. Holbrook Lodge 257, Holbrook.
April 28. Purity Lodge 198, Imperial.
April 29. Valley Lodge 157, Wilsonville.
April 29. Republican Lodge 98, Republican City.
April 30. Hardy Lodge 117, Hardy.
May 2. Mason City Lodge 170, Mason City.
May 2. Merna Lodge 171, Merna.
May 3. Amethyst Lodge 190, Stapleton.
May 3. Mullen Lodge 282, Mullen.
May 4. Faith Lodge 181, Crawford.
May 4. Sioux Lodge 277, Harrison.
May 5. Hay Springs Lodge 177, Hay Springs.
May 5. Amity Lodge 169, Rushville.
May 6. Pioneer Lodge 322, Lyman.
May 6. Harmony Lodge 321, Dalton.
May 7. Wallace Lodge 279, Wallace.
May 12. Fairmont Lodge 48, Fairmont, Corner-stone laying.
May 12. Western Lodge 140, Western.
May 13. Downs Lodge 204, Downs, Kansas.
May 23. Hickman Lodge 256, Hickman.
May 24. Trestle Board Lodge 162, Brock.
May 25. North Star Lodge 227, Lincoln.
May 26. St. Johns Lodge 25, Omaha.
May 27. Beemer Lodge 253, Beemer.
May 31. Liberty Lodge 300, Lincoln.
June 1. DeWitt Lodge 111, DeWitt.
June 4. East Lincoln Lodge 210, Lincoln.

At the meeting of North Star Lodge No. 227 on May 25, with the assistance of Grand Lodge officers I conferred the Masters Degree on my son, Oliver N. Magee.

AREA MEETINGS

The Area Meetings arranged by the Masonic Education Committee have been of inestimable value. By them the Grand Lodge is brought to the subordinate lodges to the mutual profit of both. The very fine attendance of our Grand Lodge Officers at these meetings shows the great value which the Officers receive from these meetings.

The Masonic Education Committee is to be commended on these meetings and on the many other functions which they perform. I hope that the monthly bulletins from this Committee are being used each month in the lodges and that the candidates pamphlets are being regularly presented after each degree.

A fuller recital of the activities of this Committee will be contained in their report to the Grand Lodge.

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

It was necessary for me to appoint 13 Trial Commissions to try brethren for Masonic offenses. Eight were for the engaging in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating beverages. The balance involved moral or criminal offenses against the Masonic Code. Brethren of the following lodges were involved in these trials:

Nebraska Lodge 1—1
 Humboldt Lodge 40—1
 Hebron Lodge 43—1
 Aurora Lodge 68—1
 Porter Lodge 106—1
 Arcana Lodge 195—1
 East Lincoln Lodge 210—1
 Craftsmen Lodge 314—1
 Grand Island Lodge 318—2

Two trials were of sojourning Masons. Another involved a suspended member of Prudence Lodge 179.

The promptness and efficiency with which these commissions served is deserving of our thanks. It is not a pleasant duty but it is an important service to Masonry to serve on a Trial Commission.

In three cases I deemed the sentence inadequate to the offense. Accordingly, I turned over the files on these three cases to the Grand Lodge Committee on Grievances who will report their recommendations to the Grand Lodge.

THE OMAHA MASONIC HOME FOR BOYS

I have found the officers and directors of the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys very cooperative in endeavoring to iron out any difficulties which have arisen in connection with their agreement with the Grand Lodge relative to solicitations for funds. While this Home is doing a

great service to homeless boys, it is well to remember that the only charities of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska are The Nebraska Masonic Home for the Aged at Plattsmouth, and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont.

INTERPRETATIONS OF THE LAW

Many letters were written to me asking about some phase of our Nebraska Masonic Code. In almost every case a careful reading of the Code and the accompanying decisions would have answered the question. It is important that these Masonic Codes be kept available for use and that they be referred to and carefully read before writing to our Grand Lodge offices or to the Grand Master. Much correspondence could be eliminated if this was done.

Since the interpretations made did not involve any new points of law I am not listing them here.

DECISIONS

Only two matters came up during the year which involved a decision on the part of the Grand Master.

1. York Lodge 56 received the petition of a service man together with forty dollars, on July 27, 1945. He was elected November 30, 1945. This candidate has been in the Aleutian Islands. His petition had lapsed. He requested refund of his forty dollars.

I wrote as follows, "There is a decision which was approved by the Grand Lodge in 1919 which I think covers this situation. This decision reads as follows:

"Neither Section 86 or any other section prohibits the lodge from refunding the fee to a candidate who fails to receive the degrees because his duties took him to a distant country where it is impossible for him to receive the work."

"Since we have no way of knowing whether or not this petitioner is still physically fit to receive his degrees nor do we know what his moral character is at the present time it could very well be that he would be a liability rather than an asset to a lodge in the future.

"Under the prevailing circumstances, I feel the petitioner is entitled to the full refund of his money. I, therefore, authorize you, as Secretary, to return the full amount of forty dollars to the petitioner."

2. Wymore Lodge 104 received a petition from a man who "is very hard of hearing and must wear a hearing aid to assist him to understand normal sounds. With the assistance of this aid he can hear normally." The lodge asked if they should receive the petition.

My answer was, "If by use of the hearing aid this petitioner is able to hear normally or substantially so, it is my ruling that he is eligible to petition for the degrees of Masonry. His case is not essentially different from that of a man who wears eye glasses to assist his eyesight."

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Because of his long and distinguished service to Masonry in Nebraska, I recommend that W. Brother Lute M. Savage be permanently elected Grand Custodian Emeritus.

2. In order that Nebraska Masons may have a small share in paying for visitations by Visitors of the Masonic Service Association to men in our Veterans Hospitals, I recommend that the sum of \$1,000 be paid to the Masonic Service Association to be used in carrying out said visitation work.

3. I recommend that a committee of three be appointed by the incoming Grand Master to study the work of the Masonic Service Association of the United States and to bring in a recommendation at the next annual communication relative to membership of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in said Association.

4. In order to hold more Individual Schools of Instruction in those lodges which are sorely in need of help in their ritualistic work, I recommend that an additional \$1,000 be appropriated for the Grand Custodian and Assistants' Expense Account for the ensuing Masonic Year.

5. An amendment to our Code was presented to this Grand Lodge at the last Communication and will come up for adoption or rejection during this session. It is familiarly known as "Automatic Suspension for non-payment of Dues." The success of this plan in other Grand Jurisdictions and in many subordinate lodges in this Jurisdiction prompts me to strongly recommend the adoption of this amendment.

6. Also presented for consideration at this session are two amendments to increase maintenance funds for our Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. After careful consideration and study of the needs, I recommend the adoption of the amendment which provides "That the subordinate lodges remit two dollars per year out of their lodge dues, instead of one dollar as heretofore, for the maintenance of said home."

7. The Nebraska Masonic Home owns an automobile which has been used in its field work and by the Grand Lodge in the general work of the Craft. Since the Home no longer has need of a car, I recommend that it be sold to the Grand Lodge at a price agreed upon by the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge and the Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home.

8. I believe that our Assistant Custodians should have some identifying jewel or apron which they could wear in subordinate lodges and in Grand Lodge. I, therefore, recommend that the sum of \$250.00 be appropriated for the purchase of Assistant Custodian's aprons, the design of which shall be selected by the Grand Secretary and Grand Custodian with the approval of the Grand Master.

9. I wish to call the attention of this Grand Lodge to two sections of the By-Laws of our Grand Lodge which should be revised. These are Section 1-201 and Section 1-202 which point out the duties and fix the

salaries of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Custodian. These sections were last revised in 1925 and 1936 respectively.

In these sections the salary of the Grand Secretary is fixed at \$3,600; the salary of the Grand Custodian at \$3,000. In the light of present day conditions I am sure that all of us will agree that these salaries are much too low when the duties and responsibilities of the offices are considered. This has been partially recognized in the case of the Grand Custodian by a \$600 bonus which has been paid during the last few years.

In view of the foregoing, I recommend to the Grand Lodge that our Code be changed to provide \$4,500 per year as the salary of the Grand Secretary and \$4,200 as the salary of the Grand Custodian

MISCELLANEOUS

Gavel Lodge 199 at Carleton owns and occupies the second story of the building in which their Masonic Hall is located. The occupants of the premises beneath have applied for a license to sell package liquor.

Our Code says in Section 2-50, "MEETING PLACES.—A lodge cannot meet . . . in a hall over a saloon . . ." I instructed the lodge to find new quarters as soon as possible and granted them permission to temporarily meet in their present hall for a period not to exceed one year.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

I believe that, with a few exceptions, the subordinate lodges of our Jurisdiction are in a healthy, sound condition. During the past year a substantial growth has occurred, with all but 13 lodges conferring one or more Master Degrees.

The problems of subordinate lodges are usually caused by weak leadership. Lodges which for years have languished suddenly come to life under a strong Worshipful Master.

The Grand Lodge can be of great assistance to a struggling lodge. Where difficulties are being encountered the lodge should invite the Grand Master to visit them and together with the members frankly discuss the situation and work out the solution. This call for assistance should come before the difficulties become overwhelming. Early help may solve a situation where later assistance cannot save the lodge. Brethren, your Grand Lodge is vitally interested in your welfare and should be consulted when need arises.

One of the problems which greatly concerns me is the too rapid growth of some lodges. I am convinced that a small or medium-sized lodge is better able to interest and inspire its membership. In some lodges the officers are so overburdened with conferring degrees that there is no time for anything else. I have been told that one lodge in Nebraska received 42 petitions in one month. The Worshipful Master has very wisely limited the conferring of degrees to five candidates each month. Perhaps a committee to study the feasibility of limiting the amount of degree work or size of lodges might be a wise procedure and provide a sounder future for the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

I am sorry to have to report that unfavorable conditions brought about the surrender of the Charter of Grafton Lodge 172. The few resident brethren belonging to this lodge are planning to affiliate with nearby lodges after this Grand Lodge ratifies the surrender of their Charter. This matter will be more fully reported upon by the Grand Lodge Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

I now have a matter to present to this Grand Lodge which I had hoped could be corrected before our Grand Lodge met so that it would be unnecessary to bring it to you.

A very serious situation has arisen in Right Angle Lodge No. 303 which has caused serious concern to your Grand Lodge Officers. The lodge has become divided into two factions with bitter feelings between them and a resultant impairment in the work as well as the peace and harmony of the lodge. Your Grand Master met with the lodge officers on two separate occasions as well as with the Past Masters of the lodge, and attended two regular meetings, all in the hope of bringing about better conditions in the lodge. However, temporary improvement has been followed by reversion to the old difficulties.

Unless an immediate improvement of this situation is brought about, it seems to me that the Grand Lodge will have no other recourse but to revoke the Charter of Right Angle Lodge.

CONCLUSION

This 92nd Annual Communication brings to an end my efforts on your behalf as your Grand Master. Much is undone which should have been done. Some plans which were made did not materialize. But I assure you that my time and energy, my heart and soul, were bound up in Masonry during the past year and they will continue to be. No man can serve in this office without being convinced of the greatness and the goodness of this beloved Fraternity of ours. The many, many friends whom I have come to know during the past year will be greatly cherished by me.

It was a great inspiration to me to work with those fine brethren who are serving as your Grand Officers. Their counsel and assistance made possible any accomplishments of the past year. With such sterling Masons to carry on the work the future of this Grand Lodge is assured.

Particularly do I wish to pay tribute to our Grand Secretary, R. W. Brother Carl R. Greisen. His help and wisdom smoothed out the pathway and his presence with me on many occasions increased my respect and esteem for him. He is a great friend and counsellor whom I shall always be proud to call a brother.

Profuse thanks are due to our Grand Custodian, W. Brother Raymond C. Cook, who so ably took over the work of our beloved Brother Lute. Any Grand Master is fortunate in having the loyal help and support of such a fine friend and Mason.

Great assistance was given me by our Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Brother Ernest S. Schiefelbein, who acted as Grand Master during my absence in Europe, during July and August. His illness prevented his active participation, which he so greatly desired, during much of the year, but I am sure we rejoice to find him able to resume his labors for the Craft.

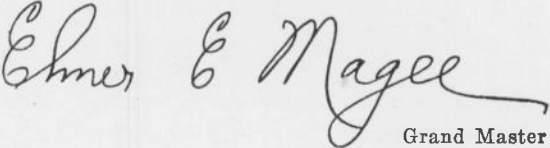
In the absence of our Deputy Grand Master, I leaned heavily on our Grand Senior Warden and other officers. I thank them sincerely for their help and wish for them a most successful future.

Much assistance was received from many Masons but I do wish to particularly pay tribute to M. W. Brother Lewis E. Smith whose long experience and kindly advice helped me on innumerable occasions. I know now why Brother Lew is regarded as one of this country's most distinguished Masons.

And now, as I approach the time when I lay down my working tools and retire to the ranks, may I express to the brethren my grateful thanks for the opportunity of serving in their behalf and my pledge of continued service to this, the greatest of all fraternities.

"Finally, brethren, be ye all of one mind; live in peace, and may the God of love and peace delight to dwell with and bless you."

Faternally submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elmer E. Magee". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name "Grand Master".

Grand Master

R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, presented his report.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

I submit herewith my third annual report.

We again report that with four exceptions all of the lodges this year have been active in the receiving of petitions and the conferring of degrees. Further improvement has been made in reducing the number of delinquent members and the amount of delinquent dues.

The secretaries have been most cooperative in checking the rolls of their lodges. This has resulted in a number of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft brethren being interested and continuing the work. The same is true of suspended brethren; many have been reinstated.

It was my privilege and pleasure this year to accompany the Grand Master on many visitations to the smaller lodges. It was a great inspiration to your Grand Secretary.

INVESTMENTS

There is no great change in the various funds. Two farm mortgages have been paid in full and six have been reduced. There is no past due interest on farm mortgages, bonds or preferred stock.

RETURNS

Complete returns have been received from every lodge in the Jurisdiction and all dues for the year 1948 have been paid in full.

GRIEVANCES

Petitions for restoration have been received from the following lodges: Humboldt No. 40, Cedar River No. 89, Jachin No. 146, Mid-West No. 317, and two for Grand Island No. 318.

These petitions for restoration have been referred to the Grievance Committee for consideration and report at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

In compliance with the action of the Grand Lodge at its Ninety-first Annual Communication, Zeredatha Lodge No. 160 has been cited to appear at this Annual Communication and show cause why its Charter should not be forfeited.

As of December 31, 1948, Grafton Lodge No. 172, A. F. & A. M. of Grafton, voluntarily surrendered its Charter. There being only eight resident members remaining on the rolls, these brethren have signified their intention of affiliating with nearby lodges.

FIFTY-YEAR BUTTONS

During the past year fifty-eight Buttons have been presented to brethren entitled to receive them.

JORDAN MEDALS

During the past year there have been forty-one special meetings and ceremonies in presenting the oldest member of the lodges with the Bronze Jordan Medal.

ROLL OF HONOR

We are again happy to report that seventy-one lodges report no delinquent dues in 1948.

CONFERENCE OF SECRETARIES

During the past year a Conference of Secretaries was held at Beaver City, Tecumseh and Norfolk. These were in conjunction with the Area Meetings.

These Conferences have been well attended by the secretaries and we have been honored by the attendance of Grand Lodge Officers. The secretaries appreciate the honor conferred upon them by the Grand Lodge in presenting each with a certificate in recognition of his service.

We are proud of our lodge secretaries and thank them for their co-operation. We have thirty-two new secretaries this year and twelve veteran secretaries.

We had the pleasure of visiting with six of our veteran secretaries this past year.

GRAND CUSTODIAN

We regret that illness caused the retirement of our good friend and brother Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian. We rejoice with all our brethren that Brother Lute is able to be up and around some and enjoys visiting with the many brethren who call on him.

SPECIAL ACCOUNT, LIVE STOCK NATIONAL BANK

1948-1949

Debit

Received from 39,323 Members, at \$2.00 each.....	\$ 78,646.00
Received from 2,090 Initiations, at \$10.00 each.....	20,900.00
Received from 16 Affiliations at \$10.00 each.....	160.00
Received from Surety Bond Premiums	625.30
Received from Supplies sold to Lodges	3,583.51
Received from 1,975 Members for George Washington Masonic National Memorial, at \$1.00 each	1,975.00
Total	\$105,889.81

Credit

Transferred to The Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 39,323.00
Transferred to Supply Account	3,583.51
Transferred to Supply Account, for Bond Premiums.....	625.30
Transferred to Permanent Reserve Fund	1,400.00
Transferred to Permanent Reserve Fund, the balance in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Fund....	575.00
Transferred to Relief Fund	13,249.60
Transferred to Maintenance Fund	11,123.45
Transferred to General Fund	36,009.95
Total	\$105,889.81

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND

Cash Debit

Cash on Hand, May 10, 1948	\$ 38,032.13
Received from 1948 budget, Grand Chaplain	97.50
Received from 1948 budget, Educational Committee	380.01
Received from 1948 budget, Grand Secretary Emeritus	48.65
Received from 1948 budget, Grand Custodian	4.64
Received from 1948 budget, Grand Officers expense	587.76
Received from 1948 budget, Grand Master	75.00
To Return of check No. 8841—Not used	72.00
Received from Lodges, penalty for late Returns	7.65
Received from Special Dispensations	110.00
Special Account, 1948-1949	36,009.95
Received from Grand Lodge Expense Account 1948 budget....	155.77
Total	\$ 75,581.06

Cash Credit

Pay-roll, Session, 1948	\$ 4,606.58
Grand Tyler, Session, 1948	15.00
Grand Organist, Session, 1948	10.00
Grand Secretary, Clerk Hire	3,630.00
Grand Secretary's Contingent Fund	2,800.00
Grand Master, Expense	2,000.00
Expense, Unassigned	1,612.50
Expense, Committee on Masonic Education	3,000.00
Expense, Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.....	600.00
Expense, Trial Commissions, Grand Officers' and other Committees	800.00
Expense, Grand Chaplain	100.00
Expense, Grand Trustees	50.00
Expense, Grand Secretary's Travel	500.00
Expense, Grand Custodian and Assistants	3,000.00
Travel Expense, Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary Emeritus..	500.00
Rent, Grand Lodge Offices to June 30, 1949	2,200.00

Dues to Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, 39,323 members	196.61
Salary, Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary	3,600.00
Salary, Grand Custodian	3,000.00
Certified Public Accountant	100.00
Printing Proceedings and Advance Copies	1,770.00
Entertainment Distinguished Guests and Incidental Expense of the Grand Lodge	465.00
Reporting and Transcribing Session 1948	70.00
Printing List of Masters and Secretaries of Lodges.....	237.50
Workmen's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance.	39.06
Surety Bond for Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge Officers, Committees and Employees	280.80
Liability and Property Damage Insurance Premium on Grand Master's Car	42.10
Social Security Tax	191.96
Grand Lodge Dinner, 1948	957.50
Jewel for Retiring Grand Master	168.00
Fire Insurance Premium	3.81
Equipment, Grand Secretary's Office	1,361.20
Check No 8841, issued, not used	72.00
Cash on Hand, May 16, 1949	37,600.94
 Total	 \$ 75,581.06

TRIAL BALANCE, GRAND LODGE

May 16, 1949

Stock in The Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 1.00	
Stock in The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	1.00	
Furniture and Fixtures	1.00	
Inventory		\$ 38,148.17
Cash Grand Lodge General Fund	\$ 37,545.17	
Cash, Grand Lodge Exchange Account	200.00	
Cash, Grand Lodge Expense Account	400.00	
 Total	 \$ 38,148.17	 \$ 38,148.17

Inventory

Stock in The Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 1.00
Stock in The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	1.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1.00
Cash, Grand Lodge Expense Account	400.00
Cash, Grand Lodge Exchange Account	200.00
Cash, Grand Lodge General Fund	\$ 37,545.17
 Total	 \$ 38,148.17

RELIEF FUND

May 16, 1949

Cash Debit

Cash on Hand, May 10, 1948	\$ 18,910.49
Received from Special Account 1948	13,249.60

Total\$ 32,160.09

Cash Credit

Paid Committee on Relief & Care of Orphans	\$ 5,500.00
Paid The Nebraska Masonic Home	10,000.00
Cash on Hand, May 16, 1949	16,660.09

Total\$ 32,160.09

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND

May 16, 1949

Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 10, 1948	\$ 1,054.60
Sale of Property, 432 So. 39th Street	23,741.04
Payments on Relief Notes	300.00
From Special Account, Grand Lodge	1,976.00
From U. S. National Bank, Account George Washington Masonic National Memorial	532.78
Interest	1,117.50

Total\$ 28,721.92

Cash Credit

Remodeling and Furnishings, Grand Lodge Office.....	\$ 5,182.92
Balance due George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association	21,918.90
Cash on hand, May 16, 1949	1,620.10

Total\$ 28,721.92

Total Bonds	\$ 31,710.00
Balance of Loan to Supply Account	4,000.00
Cash on hand, May 16, 1949	1,620.10

Total\$ 37,330.10

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND BONDS

May 16, 1949

No.	Amount
33—Province of Saskatchewan, 4½% par \$3,000, cost.....	\$ 2,910.00
42—U. S. Treasury Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$3,000, cost.	3,000.00
45—Fairmont Foods, 4% pfd., par \$5,000, cost.....	5,200.00

46—U. S. Treasury Coupon Bonds, 2¼%, par \$5,000, cost.....	5,000.00
47—Fairmont Foods, 4% pfd., par \$10,000, cost	10,400.00
48—Missouri Power & Light Company, 3.90% pfd., par 5,000, cost	5,200.00
Total	\$ 31,710.00

SUPPLY ACCOUNT

May 16, 1949

Cash Debit

Cash on Hand, May 10, 1948	\$ 5,961.90
Supplies sold to Lodges	3,583.51
Bond Premiums from Secretaries and Treasurers.....	625.30
Check No. 723 unpaid	22.00
Total	\$ 10,192.71

Cash Credit

Premiums on Secretaries and Treasurers Bonds	\$ 562.77
Paid for Postage	200.00
Paid for Supplies	5,048.39
Cash on hand, May 16, 1949	4,381.55
Total	\$ 10,192.71

May 10, 1948—Supplies on Hand	\$ 1,931.04
May 10, 1948—Cash on Hand	5,961.90

Total	\$ 7,892.94
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May 16, 1949—Supplies on Hand	\$ 4,579.11
May 16, 1949—Cash on Hand	4,381.55

Total	\$ 8,960.66
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BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

May 16, 1949

Cash Debit

Cash on Hand, May 10, 1948	\$ 9,734.94
Interest	7,310.30
Total	\$ 17,045.24

Cash Credit

Securities purchased	\$ 14,726.43
Accrued Interest	22.67
Cash on hand, May 16, 1949	2,296.14
Total	\$ 17,045.24

TRIAL BALANCE

Cash on Hand	\$ 2,296.14
Bonds at Cost	222,363.86
Total	\$224,660.00

INVENTORY

Cash on Hand, May 16, 1949	\$ 2,296.14
Bonds at Cost	222,363.86
Total	\$224,660.00

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND BONDS

May 16, 1949

No.	Amount
13—Province of Saskatchewan, 4½%, par \$1,000, cost	\$ 970.00
40—Province of Saskatchewan, 4½%, par \$9,000, cost	8,482.50
43—Province of Saskatchewan, 4%, par \$5,000, cost	4,634.43
60—Union Stock Yards Co., 4%, par \$10,000, cost	8,080.00
69—Province of Manitoba, 4%, par \$5,000, cost	4,500.00
71½—Province of Manitoba, 4%, par \$9,000, cost	8,370.00
73—Province of Manitoba, 4½%, par \$8,000, cost	7,440.00
84—Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Co., 5% pfd., par \$10,000, cost	10,000.00
85—U. S. Government Treasury Bonds, 2½%, par \$3,000, cost.	3,000.00
86—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$5,000, cost	5,000.00
87—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$4,000, cost	4,000.00
88—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$15,000, cost	15,000.00
89—U. S. Treasury Coupon Bonds, 2%, par \$10,000, cost.....	10,000.00
90—U. S. Treasury Coupon Bonds, 2½%, par \$20,000, cost.....	20,000.00
91—Fairmont Foods Co., 4% pfd., par \$5,000, cost	5,200.00
92—Bristol-Myers Co., 3.75% pfd., par \$4,200, cost	4,373.00
93—U. S. Treasury Coupon Bonds, 2½%, par \$5,000, cost	5,000.00
94—Shell Union Oil Co., 2½%, par \$15,000, cost	15,225.00
95—Dana Corporation, 3.75% pfd., par \$5,000, cost	5,100.00
96—Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., 3½% pfd., par \$10,000, cost.....	9,400.00
97—Maryland Casualty Company, 4.20% pfd., cost	8,587.50
98—General Motors Corporation, 3.75% pfd., par \$10,000, cost.	10,000.00
99—Westinghouse Electric Corp., 3.80% pfd., par \$10,000, cost.	10,050.00
100—Province of Alberta 3½%, par \$5,000, cost	4,975.00
101—Commonwealth of Australia, 3¼%, par \$10,000, cost.....	9,750.00
102—Southern California Edison Co., 4.88% pfd., par \$10,000...	10,500.00
103—U. S. Treasury Note, 1⅞%, par \$10,000, cost.....	10,000.00
104—Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Common, cost.....	4,726.43
Total	\$222,363.86

MAINTENANCE FUND

May 16, 1949

Cash Debit

Cash on Hand May 10, 1948	\$ 13,317.68
Received from Special Account	11,123.45
Received from Orphans' Educational Fund	3,000.00
Received from Children's Home Endowment Fund	3,000.00

Total\$ 30,441.13

Cash Credit

Maintenance, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.....	\$ 13,000.00
Returned to Orphans' Educational Fund	3,000.00
Cash on Hand, May 16, 1949	14,441.13

Total\$ 30,441.13

SERVICE ANNUITIES AND GIFTS ACCOUNT

May 16, 1949

Cash Debit

Cash on Hand, May 10, 1948	\$ 2,048.23
Interest	25.00
Sale of Loan No. 7	1,000.00

Total\$ 3,073.23

Cash Credit

Settlement, Mrs. Sarah Hilton, in full	\$ 2,581.25
Cash on Hand, May 16, 1949	491.98

Total\$ 3,073.23

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

May 16, 1949

Cash Debit

Cash on Hand May 10, 1948	\$ 5,850.20
Paid on Farm Mortgages	2,320.00
Interest	9,684.02
Securities Sold	20,000.00
Maintenance Fund	3,000.00

Total\$ 40,854.22

Cash Credit

Educational Committee, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	\$ 500.00
Maintenance Fund, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children..	3,000.00

The Nebraska Masonic Home	10,000.00
Securities purchased	21,582.17
Cash on Hand, May 16, 1949	5,772.05
Total	\$ 40,854.22

TRIAL BALANCE

Inventory	\$269,246.22
Cash	\$ 5,772.05
Bills Receivable	263,474.17
Total	\$269,246.22 \$269,246.22

INVENTORY

Cash	\$ 5,772.05
Bills Receivable	263,474.17
Total Assets, May 16, 1949	\$269,246.22
Total Bonds, at Cost	\$249,014.17
Total Farm Mortgages	14,460.00
Total	\$263,474.17

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND FARM LOANS

No.	Borrower	County	Rate	Amount	
288—	Otto F. Dahms.....160 acres	Dixon	5 %	\$ 1,000.00	
297—	Michael Foley	99 acres	Washington..4½%	5,400.00	
437—	Francis Mehrens	80 acres	Washington..4½%	2,000.00	
468—	Jacqueline Schiefelbein.....200 acres	Saunders	4½%	1,500.00	
499—	Howard Gunderson	80 acres	Thurston ...4 %	2,000.00	
509—	John D. Harms	80 acres	Otoe	4 %	2,560.00
Total				\$ 14,460.00	

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND BONDS

May 16, 1949

No.	Amount
375—Province of Saskatchewan, 4½%, par \$3,000, cost.....	\$ 2,827.50
410—Province of Manitoba, 4%, par \$1,000, cost	930.00
416—Union Stock Yards Company, 4%, par \$5,000, cost	4,000.00
466—Pure Oil Company, 5% pfd., par \$10,000, cost	9,400.00
471½—Western Light & Tel. Co., 5% pfd., par \$6,775.00, cost...	6,871.50
475—U. S. Government War Bonds, 2½%, par \$2,000, cost....	2,000.00
476—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$5,000, cost	5,000.00
477—U. S. Government Treasury Bonds, 2½%, par \$5,000, cost.	5,000.00
478—Province of Manitoba, 4½%, par \$1,000, cost	960.00

488—U. S. Government Savings Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$10,000, cost	10,000.00
489—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$20,000, cost	20,000.00
492—McKesson-Robbins Co., pfd. stock, 4%, par \$5,000, cost..	5,000.00
493—Dow Chemical Company, 4% pfd., par \$5,000, cost	5,250.00
495—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$3,000, cost	3,000.00
497—Celanese Corp. of America, 4½% pfd., par \$10,000, cost...	9,900.00
500—Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., 5% pfd., par \$20,000, cost.	22,500.00
501—U. S. Treasury Bonds 2½%, par \$25,000, cost	25,000.00
502—Fairmont Foods Co., 4% pfd., par \$15,000, cost	15,600.00
503—Bristol-Myers Co., 3½% pfd., par \$4,700, cost	4,905.50
504—U. S. Treasury Coupon Bonds, 2½%, par \$10,000, cost	10,000.00
505—National Dairy Products Corp., 2½%, par \$5,000, cost....	5,087.50
506—Sioux City Gas & Electric Co., 3.90% pfd., par \$10,000, cost	10,200.00
507—Southern Pacific Ry. Bonds, 2½%, par \$10,000, cost.....	9,875.00
508—Frauehauf Trailer Company, 4% pfd., par \$10,000, cost...	10,450.00
510—Scranton Spring Brook Water Service Co., 4.10% pfd., par \$5,000, cost	5,125.00
511—General Motors Corp., 3.75 pfd., par \$2,500, cost	2,500.00
512—U. S. Government Defense Bonds, 2½%, par 1,000, cost..	1,000.00
514—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$5,000, cost	5,000.00
515—U. S. Government Treasury Bonds, 2%, par \$5,000, cost..	5,000.00
516—Monsanto Chemical Co., 4% pfd., par \$5,000, cost.....	5,050.00
517—Detroit Edison Company, Common, cost	2,206.32
518—Central Illinois Public Service Company, Common, cost..	1,640.00
519—Connecticut Light & Power Company, Common, cost.....	5,458.13
520—Commonwealth Edison Company, Common, cost.....	2,697.47
521—Northern Natural Gas Company, Common, cost.....	3,415.32
522—Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Company, Common, cost..	1,550.31
523—LaCledde Gas, Light Company, Common, cost	1,360.24
524—Republic Natural Gas Company, Common, cost.....	3,254.38
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Total	\$249,014.17

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

May 16, 1949

Cash Debit

Cash on Hand, May 10, 1948	\$ 13,409.19
Interest	5,003.57
Paid on Farm Mortgages	3,112.49
Securities sold	5,000.00
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Total	\$ 26,525.25

Cash Credit

Securities Purchased	\$ 22,953.20
Accrued Interest	33.99
Paid to Maintenance Fund	3,000.00
Cash on Hand, May 16, 1949	538.06
Total	\$ 26,525.25

TRIAL BALANCE

May 16, 1949

Inventory	\$172,246.95	
Cash on Hand, May 16, 1949	538.06	
Bills Receivable		\$162,958.61
Bequests		9,826.40
Total	\$172,785.01	\$172,785.01

INVENTORY

Bonds	\$165,146.95
Farm Mortgages	7,100.00
Cash on Hand	538.06
Total	\$172,785.01

FARM MORTGAGES

No.	Borrower	County	Rate	Amount
54—Anton G. Christensen	80 acres	Platte	4½%	\$ 3,000.00
77—Edward Niebaum	160 acres	Washington	4½%	1,500.00
81—Kathleen O'Grady	240 acres	Colfax	5 %	2,600.00
Total				\$ 7,100.00

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND BONDS

May 16, 1949

No.	Amount
68—Province of Manitoba, 4½%, par \$5,000, cost	\$ 4,643.75
98—U. S. Government Defense Bonds, 2½%, par \$4,000, cost ..	4,000.00
100—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$5,000, cost	5,000.00
104—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$5,000, cost	5,000.00
105—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$23,000, cost	23,000.00
106—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$5,000, cost	5,000.00
108—U. S. Government Treasury Bonds, 2%, par \$10,000, cost ..	10,000.00

109—U. S. Government Treasury Bonds, 2½%, par \$30,000, cost	30,000.00
110—U. S. Government Coupon Bonds, 2½%, par \$5,000, cost..	5,000.00
111—Missouri Power & Light Company, 3.90% pfd., par \$5,000, cost	5,200.00
112—Willys Overland Motors, Inc., 4½% pfd., par \$5,000, cost.	5,000.00
113—American Potash & Chemical Corp., 4% pfd., par \$5,000, cost	5,000.00
114—E. I. Dupont De Nemours Company, 3½% pfd., par \$10,000, cost	10,200.00
115—Public Service of Indiana, pfd., 3½%, par \$5,000, cost...	4,775.00
116—General Foods Corporation, pfd., 3½%, par \$5,000, cost...	5,025.00
117—Tennessee Gas Transmission Company, pfd., 4½%, par \$5,000, cost	5,150.00
118—Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Company, pfd., 4%, par \$10,000., cost	10,200.00
119—U. S. Treasury Notes, 1¾%, par \$15,000, cost	15,000.00
120—Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Common, cost.....	4,726.44
121—Southern Natural Gas, Common, cost	3,227.76
 Total	<hr/> \$165,146.95

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL
MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

Cash on hand, May 10, 1948	\$ 518.54
Special Donations	10.00
Interest on Savings Account	4.24
 Total	<hr/> \$ 532.78
Balance transferred to Permanent Reserve Fund	\$ 532.78

RECAPITULATION OF ALL FUNDS

General Fund, Cash	\$ 37,600.94
Relief Fund, Cash	16,660.09
Permanent Reserve Fund, Cash	1,620.10
Permanent Reserve Fund Bonds and Loans	35,710.00
Building and Improvement Fund, Cash	2,296.14
Building and Improvement Fund Securities	222,363.86
Maintenance Fund, Cash	14,441.13
Supply Account, Cash	4,381.55
Service Annuities and Gifts, Cash	491.98
Orphans' Educational Fund, Cash	5,772.05
Orphans' Educational Funds, Securities	263,474.17
Children's Home Endowment Fund, Cash	538.06
Children's Home Endowment Fund, Securities	172,246.95
Grand Lodge Expense Account	400.00
Exchange Account	200.00
Total	\$778,197.02

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA

AN ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENTS
BONDS AND STOCKS

This Report Prepared by Buffet & Company—Stanley F. Kunel.

Type of Investment	Total Par Value	Total Cost	Current Market Value	Annual Income Rec'd	%
U. S. Government Bonds.	\$273,000.00	\$273,000.00	\$274,409.99	\$ 6,168.75	2.25%
Canadian Provincial Bds.	55,000.00	51,643.18	58,580.00	2,325.00	4.50%
Australian Bonds	10,000.00	9,750.00	9,400.00	325.00	3.33%
Indus. & Misc. Bonds....	30,000.00	30,187.50	28,756.25	737.50	2.44%
Public Utility Pref. Stks.	61,775.00	63,021.50	59,150.00	2,699.25	4.28%
Indus. & Misc. Pref. Stks.	191,400.00	194,291.00	183,717.50	7,840.00	4.03%
Indus. Com. Stocks.....		12,080.00	8,250.00	450.00	3.84%
Public Utility Com. Stks.		34,261.80	34,312.50	1,935.00	5.64%
TOTALS		\$668,234.98	\$656,576.24	\$22,480.50	
Average Income Per Year (on cost basis)					3.36%

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA
 AN ANALYSIS OF BONDS & STOCKS
 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 4,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, Series G....	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 100.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, Series G....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, Series G....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
23,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, Series G....	23,000.00	23,000.00	575.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, Series G....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
10,000.00	United States Treasury 2%, 12-15-54/52..	10,000.00	10,171.88	200.00
30,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼%, 6-15-62/59..	30,000.00	30,187.50	675.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼%, 12-15-62/59..	5,000.00	5,045.31	112.50
15,000.00	United States Treasury 1½%, 4-1-50	15,000.00	15,021.00	206.25
3,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, Series G....	3,000.00	3,000.00	75.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼%, 12-15-62/59..	5,000.00	5,045.31	112.50
3,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, 6-15-62/67..	3,000.00	3,079.68	75.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, Series G....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
4,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼%, Series G....	4,000.00	4,000.00	100.00
15,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, Series G....	15,000.00	15,000.00	375.00
10,000.00	United States Treasury 2%, 6-15-54/52..	10,000.00	10,156.25	200.00
20,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼%, 6-15-62/59..	20,000.00	20,125.00	450.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼%, 12-15-62/59..	5,000.00	5,045.31	112.50
10,000.00	United States Treasury 1½%, 4-1-50	10,000.00	10,014.00	137.50
2,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, 6-15-67/62..	2,000.00	2,053.12	50.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼%, Series G....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, 6-15-67/62..	5,000.00	5,132.81	125.00
10,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, Series G....	10,000.00	10,000.00	250.00
20,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, Series G....	20,000.00	20,000.00	500.00
3,000.00	United States Treasury, 2½%, Series G....	3,000.00	3,000.00	75.00
25,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼%, 6-15-62/59..	25,000.00	25,156.25	562.50
10,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼%, 12-15-62/59..	10,000.00	10,090.63	225.00
1,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼%, Series G....	1,000.00	1,000.00	25.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, Series G....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2%, 12-1-54/52..	5,000.00	5,085.94	100.00
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\$273,000.00		\$273,000.00	\$274,409.99	\$ 6,168.75
			Average Return 2.25%	

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA
DIVERSIFICATION OF INVESTMENTS

May 16, 1949

This Report Prepared by Buffet & Company—Stanley F. Kuntel.

Type of Investment	Total Par Value	Total Cost	Per- centage
United States Government Bonds.....	\$273,000.00	\$273,000.00	35.08%
Canadian Provincial Bonds.....	55,000.00	51,643.18	6.63%
Australian Bonds	10,000.00	9,750.00	1.25%
Industrial & Miscellaneous Bonds.....	30,000.00	30,187.50	3.87%
Public Utility Preferred Stocks.....	61,775.00	63,021.50	8.09%
Industrial & Misc. Preferred Stocks...	191,400.00	194,291.00	24.96%
Industrial Common Stocks		12,080.00	1.56%
Public Utility Common Stocks.....		34,261.80	4.40%
(Sub-Totals) BONDS & STOCKS..		(\$668,234.98)	
Mortgage Loans		21,560.00	2.77%
Cash		84,402.04	10.87%
Other Assets		4,000.00	.52%
TOTALS		\$778,197.02	100.00%

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA
DIVERSIFICATION OF INVESTMENTS
SHOWING TYPE OF SECURITIES OWNED
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BONDS

Par Value				Cost
\$ 4,000.00	United States	Treasury	2½% Series G	\$ 4,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	2½% Series G	5,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	2½% Series G	5,000.00
23,000.00	"	"	2½% Series G	23,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	2½% Series G	5,000.00
10,000.00	"	"	2% 12-15-54/52	10,000.00
30,000.00	"	"	2¼% 6-15-62/59	30,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	2¼% 12-15-62/59	5,000.00
15,000.00	"	"	1¾% 4-1-50	15,000.00
3,000.00	"	"	2½% Series G	3,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	2¼% 12-15-62/59	5,000.00
3,000.00	"	"	2½% 6-15-62/67	3,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	2½% Series G	5,000.00
4,000.00	"	"	2½% Series G	4,000.00
15,000.00	"	"	2½% Series G	15,000.00
10,000.00	"	"	2% 6-15-54/52	10,000.00
20,000.00	"	"	2¼% 6-15-62/59	20,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	2¼% 12-15-62/59	5,000.00
10,000.00	"	"	1¾% 4-1-50	10,000.00
2,000.00	"	"	2½% 6-15-67/62	2,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	2½% Series G	5,000.00

5,000.00	"	"	"	2½%	6-15-67/62	.....	5,000.00
10,000.00	"	"	"	2½%	Series G	.....	10,000.00
20,000.00	"	"	"	2½%	Series G	.....	20,000.00
3,000.00	"	"	"	2½%	Series G	.....	3,000.00
25,000.00	"	"	"	2¼%	6-15-62/59	.....	25,000.00
10,000.00	"	"	"	2¼%	12-15-62/59	.....	10,000.00
1,000.00	"	"	"	2½%	Series G	1,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	"	2½%	Series G	5,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	"	2	% 12-1-54/52	5,000.00
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\$273,000.00							\$273,000.00

CANADIAN PROVINCIAL BONDS

Par Value		Cost
\$ 5,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4½s 4-16-57	\$ 4,643.75
3,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4½s 9-1-55	2,910.00
1,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4½s 9-1-55	970.00
9,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4½s 1-15-57	8,482.50
5,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4s 11-15-57	4,634.43
5,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57	4,500.00
9,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57	8,370.00
8,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4½s 4-1-60	7,440.00
5,000.00	Province of Alberta 3½s	4,975.00
3,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4½s 1-15-57	2,827.50
1,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57	930.00
1,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4½s 12-15-56	960.00
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\$ 55,000.00		\$ 51,643.18

AUSTRALIAN BONDS

\$ 10,000.00	Commonwealth of Australia 3¼% 1956 ..	\$ 9,750.00
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INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS BONDS

\$ 15,000.00	Shell Union Oil Co. 2½% 4-1-71	\$ 15,225.00
5,000.00	National Dairy Products Co. 2¾% 12-1-70	5,087.50
10,000.00	Southern Pacific Ry. 2¼% 1-1-61	9,875.00
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\$ 30,000.00		\$ 30,187.50

PUBLIC UTILITY PREFERRED STOCKS

\$ 5,000.00	Missouri Power & Light Co. 3.90% Pref.	\$ 5,200.00
5,000.00	Public Service of Indiana 3½% Pref.	4,775.00
5,000.00	Tennessee Gas Transmission Co. 4¼% Pref.	5,150.00
5,000.00	Missouri Power & Light Co. 3.90% Pref.	5,200.00
10,000.00	Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Co. 5% Pref.	10,000.00
10,000.00	Southern California Edison 4.88% Pref.	10,500.00
6,775.00	Western Light & Telephone 5% Pref.	6,871.50
10,000.00	Sioux City Gas & Electric 3.90% Pref.	10,200.00
5,000.00	Seranton Spring Brook Water 4.10% Pref.	5,125.00
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\$ 61,775.00		\$ 63,021.50

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS PREFERRED STOCKS

Par Value		Cost
\$ 5,000.00	American Potash & Chemical Corp. 4% Pref.	\$ 5,000.00
10,000.00	E. I. Dupont De Nemours Co. 3½% Pref.	10,200.00
5,000.00	General Foods Corp. 3½% Pref.	5,025.00
10,000.00	Minnesota Mining & Mfg. 4% Pref.	10,200.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pref.	5,200.00
10,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pref.	10,400.00
5,000.00	Willys Overland Motors 4½% Pref.	5,000.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pref.	5,200.00
4,200.00	Bristol-Myers Co. 3¾% Pref.	4,373.00
5,000.00	Dana Corporation 3¾% Pref.	5,100.00
10,000.00	Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co. 3¼% Pref.	9,400.00
10,000.00	Maryland Casualty Co. 4.20% Pref.	8,587.50
10,000.00	General Motors Corp. 3¾% Pref.	10,000.00
10,000.00	Westinghouse Electric Corp. 3.80% Pref.	10,050.00
10,000.00	Pure Oil Co. 5% Pref.	9,400.00
5,000.00	McKesson-Robbins Co. 4% Pref.	5,000.00
5,000.00	Dow Chemical Co. 4% Pref.	5,250.00
10,000.00	Celanese Corp. of America 4¾% Pref.	9,900.00
20,000.00	Goodyear Tire & Rubber 5% Pref.	22,500.00
15,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pref.	15,600.00
4,700.00	Bristol-Myers Co. 3¾% Pref.	4,905.50
10,000.00	Fruehauf Trailer Co. 4% Pref.	10,450.00
2,500.00	General Motors Corp. 3¾% Pref.	2,500.00
5,000.00	Monsanto Chemical Co. 4% Pref.	5,050.00
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\$191,400.00		\$194,291.00

INDUSTRIAL COMMON STOCK

100 shares	Union Stockyards Company of Omaha	\$ 8,080.00
50 shares	Union Stockyards Company of Omaha	4,000.00
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		\$ 12,080.00

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMON STOCK

100 shares Southern Natural Gas Company	3,226.76
300 shares Pacific Gas & Electric Company	9,452.87
100 shares Detroit Edison Company	2,206.32
100 shares Central Illinois Public Service Company	1,640.00
100 shares Connecticut Light & Power Company	5,458.13
100 shares Commonwealth Edison Company	2,697.47
100 shares Northern Natural Gas Company	3,415.32
100 shares Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Company.....	1,550.31
200 shares Laclede Gas, Light Company	1,360.24
100 shares Republic Natural Gas Company	3,254.38
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	\$ 34,261.80

MORTGAGE LOANS

	Cost
Otto F. Dahms 5% Mortgage	\$ 1,000.00
Michael Foley 4½% Mortgage	5,400.00
Francis Mehrens 4½% Mortgage	2,000.00
Jacqueline Schiefelbein 4½% Mortgage	1,500.00
Howard Gunderson 4% Mortgage	2,000.00
John D. Harms 4% Mortgage	2,560.00
Anton G. Christensen 4½% Mortgage	3,000.00
Edward Niebaum 4½% Mortgage	1,500.00
Kathleen O'Grady 5% Mortgage	2,600.00
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	\$ 21,560.00

CANADIAN PROVINCIAL BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 5,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4½s 4-16-57	\$ 4,643.75	\$ 5,537.50	\$ 225.00
3,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 9-1-55	2,910.00	3,093.75	135.00
1,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 9-1-55	970.00	1,031.25	45.00
9,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 1-15-57	8,482.50	9,281.25	405.00
5,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4s 11-15-57	4,634.43	5,037.50	200.00
5,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57	4,500.00	5,425.00	200.00
9,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57	8,370.00	9,765.00	360.00
8,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4½s 4-1-60	7,440.00	9,120.00	360.00
5,000.00	Prov. of Alberta 3½s	4,975.00	5,000.00	175.00
3,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 1-15-57	2,827.50	3,093.75	135.00
1,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57	930.00	1,085.00	40.00
1,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4½s 12-15-56	960.00	1,110.00	45.00
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\$ 55,000.00		\$ 51,643.18	\$ 58,580.00	\$ 2,325.00
			Average Return 4.50%	

AUSTRALIAN BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 10,000.00	Commonwealth of Australia 3¼% 1956....	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 9,400.00	\$ 325.00
			Average Return 3.33%	

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 15,000.00	Shell Union Oil Co. 2½% 4-1-71	\$ 15,225.00	\$ 14,437.50	\$ 375.00
5,000.00	National Dairy Products Co. 2¾% 12-1-70.	5,087.50	5,006.25	137.50
10,000.00	Southern Pacific Ry. 2¼% 1-1-61	9,875.00	9,312.50	225.00
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\$ 30,000.00		\$ 30,187.50	\$ 28,756.25	\$ 737.50
			Average Return 2.44%	

PUBLIC UTILITY PREFERRED STOCKS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 5,000.00	Missouri Power & Light Co. 3.90% Pfd...	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 195.00
5,000.00	Public Service of Indiana 3½% Pfd.....	4,775.00	4,125.00	175.00
5,000.00	Tennessee Gas Transmission Co. 4¼% Pfd	5,150.00	4,825.00	212.50
5,000.00	Missouri Power & Light Co. 3.90% Pfd...	5,200.00	4,500.00	195.00
10,000.00	Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Co. 5% Pfd.	10,000.00	9,900.00	500.00
10,000.00	Southern California Edison 4.88% Pfd...	10,500.00	11,300.00	488.00
6,775.00	Western Light & Telephone 5% Pfd.....	6,871.50	6,775.00	338.75
10,900.00	Sioux City Gas & Elec. 3.90% Pfd.....	10,200.00	8,900.00	390.00
5,000.00	Scranton Spring Brook Water 4.10% Pfd.	5,125.00	4,325.00	205.00
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\$ 61,775.00		\$ 63,021.50	\$ 59,150.00	\$ 2,699.25
			Average Return 4.28%	

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS PREFERRED STOCKS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 5,000.00	Amer. Potash & Chem. Co. 4% "A" Pref..	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,650.00	\$ 200.00
10,000.00	E. I. Dupont De Nemours Co. 3½% Pref..	10,200.00	10,000.00	350.00
5,000.00	General Foods Corp. 3½% Pfd.....	5,025.00	4,862.50	175.00
10,000.00	Minnesota Mining & Mfg. 4% Pfd.....	10,200.00	10,600.00	400.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.....	5,200.00	5,000.00	200.00
10,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.....	10,400.00	10,000.00	400.00
5,000.00	Willys Overland Motors 4½% Pref.....	5,000.00	2,312.50	225.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.....	5,200.00	5,000.00	200.00
4,200.00	Bristol-Myers 3¼% Pref.....	4,373.00	4,252.50	157.50
5,000.00	Dana Corporation 3¼% Pref.....	5,100.00	4,550.00	187.50
10,000.00	Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co. 3¼% Pref.....	9,400.00	8,225.00	325.00
10,000.00	Maryland Casualty Co. 4.20% Pref.....	8,587.50	8,700.00	420.00
10,000.00	General Motors Corp. 3¼% Pref.....	10,000.00	9,975.00	375.00
10,000.00	Westinghouse Electric Corp. 3.80% Pref.	10,050.00	10,000.00	380.00
10,000.00	Pure Oil Co. 5% Pref.	9,400.00	10,750.00	500.00
5,000.00	McKesson-Robbins Co. 4% Pref.....	5,000.00	4,475.00	200.00
5,000.00	Dow Chemical Co. 4% Pref.....	5,250.00	5,150.00	200.00
10,000.00	Celanese Corp. of America 4¼% Pref....	9,900.00	10,012.50	475.00
20,000.00	Goodyear Tire & Rubber 5% Pref.....	22,500.00	20,250.00	1,000.00
15,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.....	15,600.00	15,000.00	600.00
4,700.00	Bristol-Myers Co. 3¼% Pref.....	4,905.50	4,758.75	176.25
10,000.00	Fruehauf Trailer Co. 4% Pref.....	10,450.00	7,300.00	400.00
2,500.00	General Motors Corp. 3¼% Pref.....	2,500.00	2,493.75	93.75
5,000.00	Monsanto Chemical Co. 4% Pfd.....	5,050.00	5,400.00	200.00
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\$191,400.00		\$194,291.00	\$183,717.50	\$ 7,840.00
			Average Return 4.03%	

INDUSTRIAL COMMON STOCKS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
100 shares	Union Stockyards Co. of Omaha	\$ 8,080.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 310.00
50 shares	Union Stockyards Co. of Omaha	4,000.00	2,750.00	155.00
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		\$ 12,080.00	\$ 8,250.00	\$ 465.00
			Average Return 3.84%	

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMON STOCK

		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
100 shares	Southern Natural Gas Co.....	\$ 3,226.76	\$ 3,312.50	\$ 200.00
300 shares	Pacific Gas & Electric Co.....	9,452.87	9,675.00	600.00
100 shares	Detroit Edison Company	2,206.32	2,200.00	120.00
100 shares	Central Illinois Public Service Co.....	1,640.00	1,550.00	120.00
100 shares	Connecticut Light & Power Company.....	5,458.13	5,500.00	325.00
100 shares	Commonwealth Edison Company	2,697.47	2,700.00	150.00

100 shares Northern Natural Gas Company	3,415.32	3,375.00	180.00
100 shares Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Company..	1,550.31	1,500.00	100.00
200 shares Laclede Gas, Light Company	1,360.24	1,325.00	40.00
100 shares Republic Natural Gas Company	3,254.38	3,175.00	100.00
	\$ 34,261.80	\$ 34,312.50	\$ 1,935.00
			Average Return 5.64%

BRETHREN WHO HAVE BEEN PRESENTED WITH THE FIFTY
YEAR BUTTON BY THE GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
OF NEBRASKA SINCE THE LAST REPORT AS
SHOWN ON PAGE 257, PROCEEDINGS 1948

Certificate No.	Brother	Date Received		Lodge	Number
			Master Mason's Degree		
1287—	John Martin	June	3, 1898....	Comet	229
1288—	George E. Ridenour.....	Jan.	26, 1898....	Merna	171
1289—	William R. Ellis.....	Sept.	10, 1897....	Wayne	120
1290—	Lewis E. Smith.....	June	18, 1898....	Long Pine	136
1291—	John Malmgren	Sept.	20, 1897....	Comet	229
1292—	Horace J. Holmes.....	June	30, 1898....	St. Paul	82
1293—	Albert Turner	June	10, 1898....	Charity	53
1294—	William E. Montgomery..	June	20, 1898....	Edgar	67
1295—	Arthur W. Forbes.....	June	18, 1898....	Northern Light	41
1296—	Oliver S. Alloway.....	Aug.	8, 1895....	John S. Bowen	232
1297—	John Nicholson	Aug.	11, 1898....	George W. Lininger	268
1298—	Fred W. Scott, Sr.....	Sept.	17, 1898....	Robert Burns	173
1299—	Charles Wills	May	25, 1899....	St. Johns	25
1300—	Edgar F. Snavely.....	Feb.	23, 1898....	Lincoln	19
1301—	Charles E. Rhynalds.....	July	27, 1898....	Friend	73
1302—	Fred Elliott, Jr.....	Sept.	27, 1898....	Right Angle	303
1303—	Luther S. Cahow.....	Sept.	23, 1898....	Friendship	239
1304—	Loran Y. Jordan.....	July	16, 1897....	Fidelity	51
1305—	Thomas Johnson	May	17, 1898....	Washington	21
1306—	Mark Holm	Dec.	29, 1898....	St. Paul	82
1307—	Peter S. Petersen.....	Feb.	3, 1898....	St. Paul	82
1308—	James H. Monahan.....	Nov.	9, 1898....	Zion	234
1309—	Clyde C. Hawthorne.....	Mar.	10, 1898....	Gauge	208
1310—	Jacob L. Hershiser.....	Nov.	16, 1893....	Mosaic	55
1311—	Arthur R. Cochran.....	Nov.	26, 1898....	Trestle Board	162
1312—	James E. Haverfield....	Feb.	15, 1896....	Fairbury	35
1313—	Arthur L. Cowperthwaite.	June	13, 1892....	Garfield	95
1314—	Alfred L. Camplan.....	Jan.	28, 1898....	Lancaster	54
1315—	Fred S. Taylor.....	Dec.	30, 1898....	Lancaster	54
1316—	Charles B. Towle.....	Dec.	30, 1898....	Lancaster	54
1317—	Ackley Beach Hinman...	Dec.	9, 1898....	Fremont	15
1318—	William A. Rhynolds....	Dec.	21, 1898....	Rawalt	138
1319—	Fred H. Richards, Sr....	Dec.	9, 1898....	Fremont	15

1320—Richard L. Napper.....	April 16, 1898....	Rob Morris	46
1321—Henry A. Webbert.....	May 4, 1898....	Rob Morris	46
1322—Jacob H. Sieler.....	Aug. 26, 1895....	Gilead	233
1323—William A. Hawes.....	Jan. 13, 1899....	Lancaster	54
1324—Fred T. Helpbringer.....	Mar. 15, 1898....	Alliance	183
1325—Victor Seymour.....	Feb. 17, 1899....	Lancaster	54
1326—John L. Dick.....	Feb. 21, 1899....	Platte Valley	32
1327—Emmett I. Ellis.....	April 6, 1898....	Tekamah	31
1328—John P. Cameron.....	June 15, 1898....	Tekamah	31
1329—George B. McGuire.....	Dec. 21, 1898....	Tekamah	31
1330—Charles H. Jack.....	Mar. 1, 1899....	Tekamah	31
1331—James W. Turner.....	April 26, 1898....	York	70
1332—David R. Lloyd.....	Mar. 8, 1899....	York	56
1333—William W. Dodge.....	Mar. 24, 1899....	College View	320
1334—John E. Cram.....	Mar. 30, 1899....	Blazing Star	200
1335—Milton H. Brown.....	Mar. 4, 1899....	Meridian	188
1336—Charles F. Townson.....	Mar. 22, 1899....	Seneca	284
1337—John W. Moorhouse.....	Aug. 26, 1897....	Bee Hive	184
1338—Robert J. Moore.....	April 3, 1899....	Bartley	228
1339—Clarence Arrowsmith....	Aug. 2, 1897....	Ogalalla	159
1340—Hugo Eymann.....	April 28, 1899....	Ogalalla	159
1341—Frank M. Hays.....	Mar. 8, 1899....	Ogalalla	159
1342—Edwin M. Searle, Jr.....	May 28, 1896....	Ogalalla	159
1343—John Simpson.....	Feb. 23, 1899....	Fairbury	35
1344—Alonzo L. Krause.....	April 26, 1899....	Jordan	27
1345—Frank A. Houston.....	April 5, 1899....	Fairbury	35
1346—John H. Merz.....	May 24, 1899....	St. Johns	25
1347—Daniel S. Hinds.....	May 30, 1899....	Stella	105
1348—George C. Gumprecht....	May 19, 1898....	Shelton	99
1349—Harry W. Heim.....	Feb. 15, 1899....	Covert	11
1350—George McCawley.....	June 21, 1899....	Zion	234
1351—James R. Cain, Jr.....	Aug. 18, 1897....	Stella	105

ROLL OF HONOR

Lodges Reporting no Delinquent Dues,
for the year 1948

Lodge	Number	City
Nebraska.....	1.....	Omaha
Western Star.....	2.....	Nebraska City
Omadi.....	5.....	Dakota City
Falls City.....	9.....	Falls City
Covert.....	11.....	Omaha
Orient.....	13.....	Rulo
Fremont.....	15.....	Fremont
Tecumseh.....	17.....	Tecumseh
Lincoln.....	19.....	Lincoln

Blue River.....	30.....	Blue River
Fairbury.....	35.....	Fairbury
Fairmont.....	48.....	Fairmont
Fidelity.....	51.....	David City
Lancaster.....	54.....	Lincoln
Thistle.....	61.....	Lexington
Keystone.....	62.....	Phillips
Osceola.....	65.....	Osceola
Edgar.....	67.....	Edgar
Alexandria.....	74.....	Alexandria
Geneva.....	79.....	Geneva
Saint Paul.....	82.....	St. Paul
Beaver City.....	93.....	Beaver City
Bennett.....	94.....	Bennet
Creighton.....	100.....	Creighton
Springfield.....	112.....	Springfield
Wisner.....	114.....	Wisner
North Bend.....	119.....	North Bend
Crescent.....	143.....	Primrose
Bancroft.....	145.....	Bancroft
Evergreen.....	153.....	Pierce
Barneston.....	165.....	Barneston
Elwood.....	167.....	Elwood
Robert Burns.....	173.....	Stratton
Hay Springs.....	177.....	Hay Springs
Boaz.....	185.....	Danbury
Israel.....	187.....	Ulysses
Crystal.....	191.....	Scotia
Minnekadusa.....	192.....	Valentine
Gavel.....	199.....	Carleton
Plainview.....	204.....	Plainview
Golden Fleece.....	205.....	Chappell
East Lincoln.....	210.....	Lincoln
Bloomfield.....	218.....	Bloomfield
Relief.....	219.....	Coleridge
Eminence.....	223.....	Giltner
Cable.....	225.....	Arnold
North Star.....	227.....	Lincoln
Mount Hermon.....	231.....	Cook
John S. Bowen.....	232.....	Kennard
Gilead.....	233.....	Butte
Cubit.....	237.....	Douglas
Corner-Stone.....	247.....	Osmond
Holbrook.....	257.....	Holbrook
Robert W. Furnas.....	265.....	Scottsbluff
George W. Lininger.....	268.....	Omaha
Ramah.....	275.....	Bertrand
Antelope.....	276.....	Elgin

Sioux.....	277.....	Harrison
Swastika.....	280.....	Sargent
Florence.....	281.....	Omaha
Mullen.....	282.....	Mullen
Lotus.....	289.....	Ravenna
John J. Mercer.....	290.....	Omaha
Cotner.....	297.....	Lincoln
Liberty.....	300.....	Lincoln
Right Angle.....	303.....	Omaha
Newman Grove.....	305.....	Newman Grove
Polk.....	311.....	Polk
Craftsmen.....	314.....	Lincoln
Mid-West.....	317.....	Hastings
Grand Island.....	318.....	Grand Island
College View.....	320.....	Lincoln

DELINQUENT DUES

The number of delinquent members is reported to be 1,513 as compared with 1,793 for the previous year.

The amount delinquent is \$11,197.86 as compared with \$13,034.50 for 1947, \$15,615.23 for 1946, \$17,718.05 for 1945, \$19,737.41 for 1944, \$31,138.74 for 1943, \$44,477.05 for 1942 and \$52,086.46 for 1941. The average for each delinquent is \$7.40, which is 13 cents more than last year.

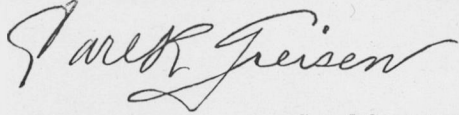
RETURNS

Returns from all lodges have been received, cards have been made, changes entered and cards filed.

Number of Chartered Lodges last report		277
Less extinction of Grafton Lodge No. 172		1
Chartered Lodges, December 31, 1948		276
Number initiated during year	2090	
Number passed	2007	
Number raised		1975
Number affiliated		371
Number dual members		19
Number reinstated		291
Number gained by other causes		3
Total Gross increase		2659
Number demitted during year		463
Number deceased		680
Number suspended		210
Number expelled		1
Number lost by other causes		7
Total loss		1361

Net gain for year ending December 31, 1948	1,298
Number of Master Masons on rolls, December 31, 1947	39,323
Number of Master Masons on rolls, December 31, 1948	40,621

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Secretary





JAMES H. BRYANT, SECRETARY OF GAVEL LODGE NO. 199, SINCE 1905.

VETERAN SECRETARIES

Who have served 25 years or more.

James H. Bryant.....	Gavel No. 199.....	44 years
Henry Lausen.....	Wood Lake No. 221.....	39 years
Luke M. Bates.....	Minnekadusa No. 192.....	34 years
George R. Porter.....	Covert No. 11.....	32 years
Archie A. Meek.....	Lotus No. 289.....	30 years
William J. Breckenridge.....	Mid-West No. 317.....	29 years
Arvene C. Eisenhart.....	Culbertson No. 174.....	29 years
James Morris Norton.....	De Witt No. 111.....	28 years
Rudolph H. Jenney.....	Hartington No. 155.....	27 years
Fred H. Pieper.....	Utica No. 96.....	26 years
Fred R. Haggart.....	St. Paul No. 82.....	26 years
Harry A. Snyder.....	Atkinson No. 164.....	25 years

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian, presented his report.

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

I submit my report on the activities of this office for this Masonic year.

CENTRAL SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

Central schools of instruction have been held in the following Lodges:

Lodge	Number	City
Hartington.....	155.....	Hartington
George Armstrong.....	241.....	Craig
Sterling.....	70.....	Sterling
Cement.....	211.....	Wood River
Roman Eagle.....	203.....	Pender
Wymore.....	104.....	Wymore
Ionic.....	87.....	Niobrara
Delta.....	230.....	St. Edward
Humboldt.....	40.....	Humboldt
Trowel.....	71.....	Neligh
Wahoo.....	59.....	Wahoo
Crete.....	37.....	Crete
Hampton.....	245.....	Hampton
Jordan.....	27.....	West Point
Geneva.....	79.....	Geneva
Washington.....	21.....	Blair
Oliver.....	38.....	Seward
Harlan.....	116.....	Alma
Charity.....	53.....	Red Cloud
Lily.....	154.....	Davenport
St. Paul.....	82.....	St. Paul
Crystal.....	191.....	Scotia
Friendship.....	239.....	Chapman
Western Star.....	2.....	Nebraska City
Fidelity.....	51.....	David City
Osceola.....	65.....	Osceola
Emmet Crawford.....	148.....	Broken Bow
Platte Valley.....	32.....	North Platte
Jachin.....	146.....	Holdrege
Gothenburg.....	249.....	Gothenburg
Bartley.....	228.....	Bartley
Justice.....	180.....	Benkleman
Purity.....	198.....	Imperial
Parian.....	207.....	Callaway
Oasis.....	271.....	Morrill

Kimball.....	294.....	Kimball
Golden Fleece.....	205.....	Chappell
Euclid.....	97.....	Weeping Water
Amity.....	169.....	Rushville

The severe winter brought about blocked roads and other conditions which made it impossible for our Brethren to attend most of the Central Schools scheduled for January and February. Four had to be cancelled and others were stormed out after beginning. Those held under favorable weather conditions were outstanding in both attendance and results. Two Central Schools held this spring in the Platte Valley had a registration of more than 200 each.

Individual Schools have been scheduled in the following Lodges:

Lodge	Number	City
Silver.....	266.....	Silver Creek
College View.....	320.....	Lincoln
Friend.....	73.....	Friend
Western.....	140.....	Western
Barneston.....	165.....	Barneston
Nelson.....	77.....	Nelson
Lebanon.....	323.....	Columbus
Plainview.....	204.....	Plainview
Wausa.....	251.....	Wausa
Solar.....	134.....	Clarks
Union.....	287.....	Palmyra
Stella.....	105.....	Stella
Hope.....	29.....	Nemaha
Antelope.....	276.....	Elgin
Corner-Stone.....	247.....	Osmond
Mt. Zion.....	161.....	Shelby
Scribner.....	132.....	Scribner
North Bend.....	119.....	North Bend
Occidental.....	215.....	Cedar Bluffs
Minden.....	127.....	Minden
Garfield.....	95.....	O'Neill
Laurel.....	248.....	Laurel
Magnolia.....	220.....	Emerson
Golden Sheaf.....	202.....	Randolph
Creighton.....	100.....	Creighton
Landmark.....	222.....	Herman
Hiram.....	52.....	Arlington
Swastika.....	280.....	Sargent
Gladstone.....	176.....	Ansley
Litchfield.....	278.....	Litchfield
Ogallala.....	159.....	Ogallala
Humboldt.....	40.....	Humboldt
Mystic Tie.....	166.....	Tilden
Comet.....	229.....	Ceresco

Square.....	151.....	Valparaiso
Pomegranate.....	110.....	Ashland
Solomon.....	10.....	Ft. Calhoun
John S. Bowen.....	232.....	Kennard
Endeavor.....	262.....	Indianola
Palisade.....	216.....	Palisade
Compass and Square.....	212.....	Sumner
Elm Creek.....	133.....	Elm Creek
Papillion.....	39.....	Papillion
Waterloo.....	102.....	Waterloo
Chester.....	298.....	Chester
Alexandria.....	74.....	Alexandria
Zion.....	234.....	Hyannis
Springfield.....	112.....	Springfield

Most Individual Schools have been completed. A few are still to be held as this is written. A sincere effort has been made to schedule Individual Schools where they have been most needed. Many Lodges of their own volition have requested Individual Schools. The reports from these Schools are without exception most enthusiastic. The results obtained are satisfactory and encouraging. This type of instruction brings the best results in Lodges that do not have certified men among membership or that are not near the help of an Assistant Custodian.

CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY

Sixty-seven Lodges have been presented with Certificates of Proficiency. This includes three that were not certified last year. Falls City Lodge No. 9 has certified for the first time in its history of eighty-three years, Harlan Lodge No. 116 of Alma, returns to the certified list after an absence of many years, and Victory Lodge No. 310 of Valley, returns after an absence of one year.

Individual Certificates were issued to 352 Brethren and of these 218 were issued by W. Brother Lute M. Savage prior to September. 134 were issued since. Of this number twenty-three Brethren were certified for the first time.

The records of 136 Lodges have been checked during the year and reports of same have been made available to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

Two new appointments have been made during the year:

W. Frank A. Anderson, Tecumseh 17, March 28, 1949.

W. Robert W. Cook, Ashlar 33, April 19, 1949.

I feel sure that never did a Grand Custodian enter upon the new duties of his office with as much fine cooperation and sympathetic understanding as I received from the Assistant Custodians of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. From a heart full of gratitude, I express my sincere thanks. Without this fine group of brethren, I could not have carried on in this year of change and adjustment.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Taken as a whole, we find the work is in a high state of perfection. However, we find that there is a rather 'spotted' condition as to localities. The greater percentage of the work is good; some of it only fair; and some rather bad. The Grand Custodian and Assistant Custodians are convinced that most of our Lodges can best be helped with Individual Schools of Instruction. These Schools should be of three evening sessions, a degree to an evening, and scheduled over a mutually convenient period of time to Lodge and Assistant Custodians. Central Schools, we feel, should be held in localities where the work is uniformly good or distances between Lodges are great. Central Schools continue to be the best medium for keeping our work refreshed and polished among certified men and certified officers.

W. LUTE M. SAVAGE

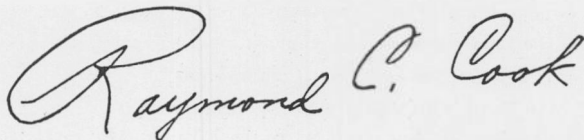
The Grand Lodge of Nebraska owes a debt of gratitude to our beloved Brother, W. Lute M. Savage, that can never be paid. Those of us who know him best and have worked with him for twenty years know something of the love, loyalty and Masonic zeal that he gave to this office. No other man can ever take his place in your hearts or mine. After giving the best years of his life to the Craft, his illness and absence to us were tragic and untimely. Yet we never know how the Supreme Architect of the Universe will arrange His plans and dispose His workmen. We are grateful that God has spared our Brother so that the Masons of Nebraska may have the privilege of seeing to it that he and Mrs. Savage are tenderly and lovingly cared for at our Nebraska Masonic Home.

APPRECIATION

The difficulties of taking over new duties in an emergency have been much lightened by the good counsel and the fine fraternal cooperation of M. W. Brother Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master, and R. W. Brother Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary. I do not have the words to express adequately my appreciation to and affection for these Brethren. I also extend to Chairman M. W. Brother Edward F. Carter and the Grand Lodge Committee on Work my genuine gratitude for the advice, assistance and cooperation given to me by this Committee.

Finally to all my Brethren who through their kindness and cooperation have made it possible for me to take up the duties of this office and bring them to this conclusion, I extend grateful thanks.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond C. Cook". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the Grand Custodian.

Grand Custodian

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

W. Joseph D. Houston, 302, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers respectfully reports and recommends that the address of M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master, under its designated heads, be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The Chapter on "By-laws Approved".

The Chapter on "Dispensations to Elect and Install".

The Chapter on "Dispensations to Confer Degrees".

The Chapter on "Extension of Time for Proficiency".

The Chapter on "Reinstatements".

The Chapter on "Special Committees".

The Chapter on "Automatic Suspension".

The Chapter on "Interpretations of the Law".

The Chapter on "Decisions".

The Chapter on "Recommendations 1, 3, 5 and 6".

The Chapter on "Miscellaneous".

The Chapter on "Corner-stone Laying and Dedication of Masonic Halls".

The Chapter on "Masonic Service Association".

The Chapter on "Grand Historian".

The Chapter on "State of the Craft", except the last two paragraphs thereof.

To the Committee on Finance:

The Chapter on "Board of Grand Trustees".

The Chapter on "Committee on Retirement".

The Chapter on Recommendations 2, 4, 7, 8 and 9".

To the Committee on Foreign Correspondence:

The Chapter on "Representatives Near Other Grand Jurisdictions".

The Chapter on "Grand Masters' Conference".

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

The Chapter on "Necrology".

To the Committee on Grievances:

The Chapter on "Trial Commissions".

To the Temple Building Advisory Committee:

The Chapter on "Temple Building Advisory Committee".

To the Grand Custodian:

The Chapter on "Grand Custodian".

The Chapter on "Assistant Custodians".

To the Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial:

The Chapter on "George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association".

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The Chapter on "State of the Craft" the last paragraph thereof.

To the Committee on Work:

The Chapter on "State of the Craft" that part thereof pertaining to the limiting of the amount of degree work and the size of the lodges.

A review of our Grand Master's address and report reveals a busy year and duties well performed. He deserves the highest of honors and he has promoted fraternal fellowship that will long endure.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

We recommend that the designated portions of the Grand Secretary's report be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Finance:

The Chapter on "Investments".

All Financial Statements of Various Accounts.

To the Committee on Returns:

The Chapter on "Returns".

The Chapter on "Roll of Honor".

To the Committee on Grievances:

The Chapter on "Grievances".

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The Chapter on "Charters and Dispensations".

To the Committee on Masonic Education:

The Chapter on "Fifty-Year Buttons".

The Chapter on "Jordan Medals".

The Chapter on "Conference of Secretaries".

The review of the report of the Grand Secretary shows that the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge continue in excellent condition. Our Grand Secretary performed his many duties with efficiency and dispatch.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

There is nothing in this report that seems to require the attention of any standing committee. We greatly miss the timely and friendly assistance of W. Brother Lute M. Savage as Grand Custodian but W. Brother Raymond C. Cook and his Assistants have continued with the duties of this office in a manner appreciated by all Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Your Committee recommends that all matters not herein referred to committees be approved and ratified.

RESOLUTION

R. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Senior Warden, presented the following Resolution, which was adopted:

I move that the loving greetings of the 92nd Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska be sent to Very Worshipful George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain Emeritus; and to Worshipful Brother Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian Emeritus, as an expression of our appreciation for their many years of loyal and effective service for Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

SAVAGE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

W. Brother and Mrs. Lute M. Savage celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, Friday, March 4, 1949, when they were the guests of honor at a reception at The Nebraska Masonic Home. Besides their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Max Ralsten of Omaha, guests included the following Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska; R. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Past Grand Master; M. E. F. Plummer Martin, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Nebraska; Trustee Melvin E. Johnson, member of the Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home, and Mrs. Johnson; Brother Robert M. Herre, Field Manager of The Nebraska Masonic Home; W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian and Mrs. Cook; W. Brother and Mrs. William F. Evers; Dr. Brendel; Miss Hansen; Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Niven; residents of The Nebraska Masonic Home; and many other friends of the couple.

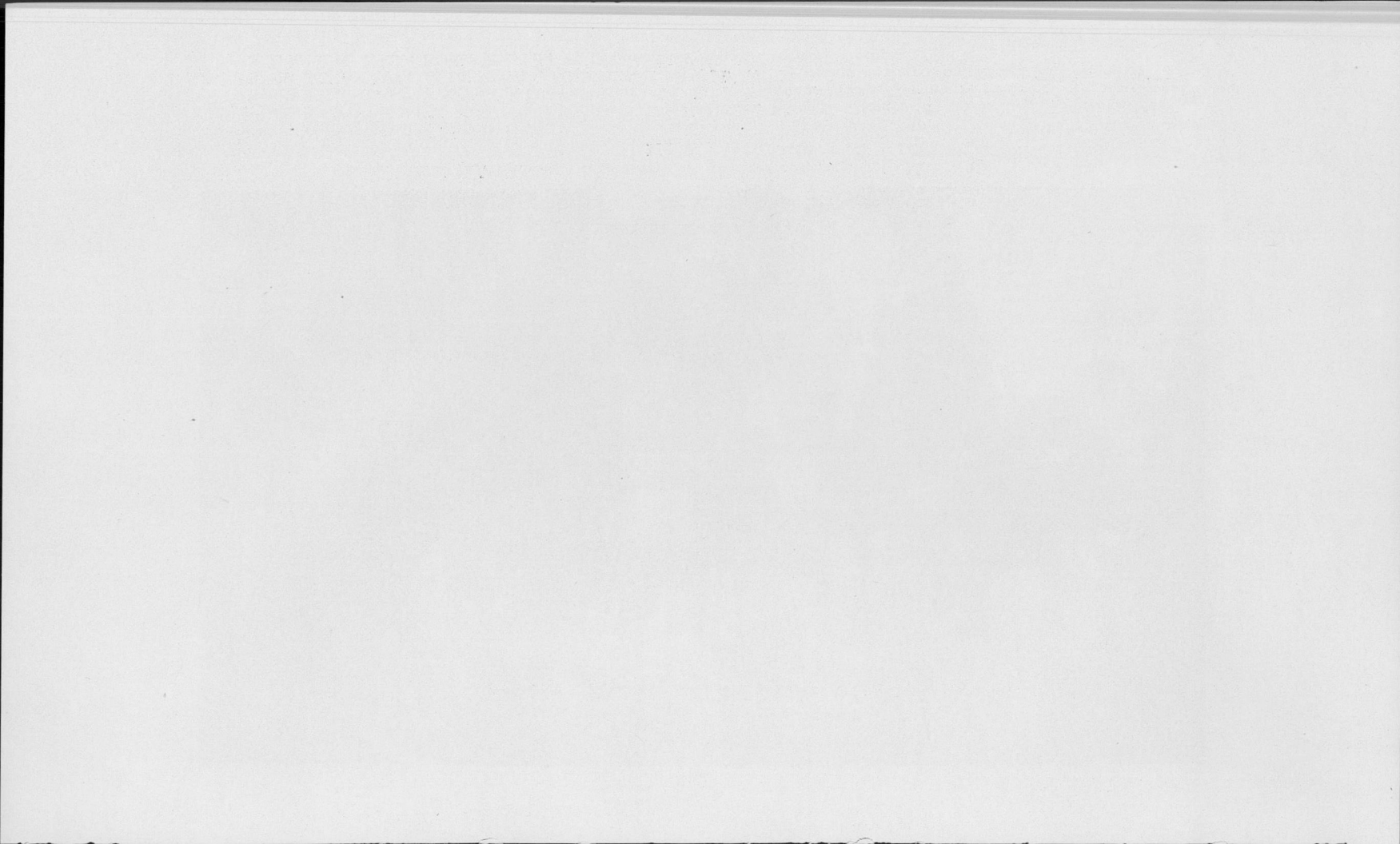
The serving table was centered with a beautiful three-tiered wedding cake. On either side were bouquets of Jonquils. Mrs. William F. Evers and Mrs. Raymond C. Cook poured. Following the refreshments W. Brother Raymond C. Cook accompanied by Mrs. Cole sang "Because" and "At Dawning", then asked the guests to join in singing several old time songs appropriate to the occasion. Brother Thomas R. Niven, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Omaha of which the Savages are members, gave a short talk. W. Brother William F. Evers, Superintendent of the Nebraska Masonic Home, was in charge of the celebration.



Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary, W. Brother and Mrs. Lute M. Savage,
March 4, 1949

Front row: W. Brother and Mrs. Savage.

Back row: Brother Robert M. Herre, Field Manager, The Nebraska Masonic Home; W. Melvin E. Johnson, Member Board of Trustees, The Nebraska Masonic Home; M. E. F. Plummer Martin, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter R. A. M.; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Past Grand Master; R. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Senior Warden; W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian.



At 12:00 o'clock p. m., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

PRESENTATION OF CHECK TO THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Prior to the opening of the Afternoon Session of the Grand Lodge Miss Donna Philpot, Worthy Grand Advisor of the Grand Assembly of the Order of Rainbow, presented a check in the amount of \$115.00 to be used for The Nebraska Masonic Home.

This was gratefully received by M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master, who thanked the Rainbow Assembly for this fine contribution.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Tuesday, June 7, 1949

At 1:30 o'clock p. m., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

W. Carroll E. Schurmann, 15, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, which was adopted. W. Brother Schurmann was assisted by V. W. Thomas A. Barton, Grand Chaplain, and W. Harold H. Thom, 1.

To the Grand Lodge Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:
Brethren:

"I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write,
from henceforth blessed are the dead that
die in the Lord: yea, saith the spirit,
for they rest from their labours"

Once again, we pause in our annual deliberations to honor the memory of our departed brethren. Since last we met, memorials have been received from 25 Sister Jurisdictions announcing the passing of 44 distinguished Grand Lodge Officers. Among our own constituent lodges the Dark Angel of Death has called the final roll for 680 of our brethren who have laid aside their working tools and shed the mantle of earthly care.

With deep sorrow, we record the passing of three of our own most distinguished brethren. On June 27, 1948 at Portland, Oregon, at the age of 79, death came to M. W. Brother Harry A. Cheney, Senior Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and 45th in the official line.

M. W. Brother Harry A. Cheney was a member of Creighton Lodge No. 100, Creighton. He was initiated July 8, 1891, passed on July 11, 1891, and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on July 31, 1891. He served Creighton Lodge as Master in the year 1900. He was a member of Chaldean Chapter No. 55; Triangle Council No. 19; and Jerusalem Commandery No. 24, later affiliating with Damascus Commandery No. 20. He became a member of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association on June 3, 1913. He was appointed Grand Junior Deacon on June 10, 1904 by M. W. Brother Charles E. Burnham, and installed as Grand Master on June 8, 1910. On November 7, 1941 he was presented a 50 year badge by the Grand Master of Oregon as a courtesy to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

On July 15, 1948 in Walter Reed Hospital at Washington, D. C., taps sounded for our Distinguished Brother, General of the Armies, John J. Pershing. General John J. Pershing was a member of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln, and received the degree of Master Mason on December 22, 1888. This degree was conferred by M. W. Brother Henry H. Wilson, who was Master of Lincoln Lodge during that year. On January 5, 1939 in Tuscon, Arizona, M. W. Brother Henry H. Wilson presented General Pershing with a fifty-year button. This was a most unique event and is probably the first occasion upon which the Master who conferred the degrees, later presented the fifty-year button to the same Brother. Nebraska can claim the distinction of having had enrolled among its members for nearly 60 years, the fourth General commissioned by the Government of the United States. And since George Washington held the commission of General from the Continental Congress, Brother Pershing is the first United States General who was a Master Mason.

On January 4, 1949 at Broken Bow, Nebraska, the final call came for our distinguished Brother Walter L. Schnabel.

W. Brother Walter L. Schnabel was a member of Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148, Broken Bow. He was initiated September 25, 1918, passed December 26, 1918, and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on February 18, 1919. He was a member of Horeb Chapter No. 49; Custer Council No. 18, and Shiloh Commandery No. 25. He had served the Grand Lodge of Nebraska as a member of the Committee on Masonic Education since 1941; and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children since January 23, 1946. He always gave most generously of his time and talents on both of these committees, and all of the other members who served with him feel most deeply the loss of his warm friendship and wise counsel. With them, we mourn his passing.

As we pause to offer this tribute to our honored dead, we are again reminded of the uncertainties of human life, and that we too, must soon or late answer the final call. Yet we have no fear, for we know that Death

is not the end, but only the beginning of a new and glorious experience. And as we reflect upon the theme of immortality, we realize that those who have gone before, have left with us visible proof that the spirit can never die.

The full story of the origin of the Masonic Fraternity will never be known to us. Its earliest beginnings have been lost in antiquity. We will never hear, nor recognize the names of those ancient brethren who gave birth to the idea; but we do know that the spirit which bound them together, still moves within each of us. And we can be certain that long after we have gone and are forgotten, that same spirit will still be an active, living, vital force on earth.

The men whom we honor today, are in another land. The places that have known them here on earth, shall know them no more. Their voices are forever stilled. And yet, within our hearts we seem to hear them speak, as they remind us of all those things that we have left undone.

Let us therefore, hereby resolve, in the short time we have left, to be more diligent in the daily practice of our Masonic principles. Thus may we prove ourselves worthy custodians of the heritage we have received from them. We can pay no more fitting tribute to the memory of our beloved brethren. Long may that memory be green.

RECEPTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master, requested the Grand Secretary to call the roll of Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges near our Grand Lodge, directing them to form a semi-circle around the Altar.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Alabama	Raymond C. Cook
Arizona	F. Ray Dilts
Arkansas	Elmer E. Magee
Brazil-Rio de Janeiro.....	Cecil C. Gates
Brazil-Paraiba	Benjamin F. Eyre
British Columbia.....	Thomas J. Aron
Canada	Edward F. Carter
Columbia	Fred G. Christensen
Colorado	Carl R. Greisen
Connecticut	Chancellor A. Phillips
Delaware	Ross Van Sickle
Denmark	John S. Hedelund
England	John R. Tapster
Georgia	William F. Evers
Illinois	Ernest S. Schiefelbein
Indiana	John R. Hughes
Kansas	Henry H. Heiler

Maine	Archie M. Smith
Maryland	George A. Kurk
Massachusetts	William B. Wanner
Mexico	Earl J. Lee
Michigan	Lewis E. Smith
Montana	Benjamin F. Pitman
Nevada	Phil B. Campbell
New Hampshire	Virgil R. Johnson
New Mexico	Harold D. Weddel
New York	George R. Porter
New Zealand	Stanley P. Bostwick
North Dakota	Austin F. Whitmire
Nova Scotia	Jesse P. Entrekin
Oklahoma	Curry W. Watson
Panama	Walter R. Raecke
Prince Edward Island	Donald C. Smith
Puerto Rico	Walter O. Barnes
Quebec	Edwin D. Crites
Queensland	Edward Huwaldt
Saskatchewan	Harold H. Thom
South Australia	Joseph B. Fradenburg
South Carolina	James R. Cain
South Dakota	Charles A. Chappell
Sweden	C. Walter Blixt
Tennessee	William C. Schaper
Virginia	William J. Breckenridge
Washington	Edward M. Knight
West Australia	Charles F. Adams
West Virginia	Alvin H. Miller
Wisconsin	Osborne P. Simon

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master:

Brethren:

You represent those Grand Lodges who are in fraternal affiliation with the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. It is your duty and privilege to bring to them such messages as you see fit and proper, and to bring from them those messages which are communicated to you, either through our representatives in those states or from their Grand Master.

W. George R. Porter, 11, gave the

RESPONSE

To The Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

It is my honor and privilege to respond to your cordial and gracious words of welcome on behalf of the Grand Representatives.

The long roll call indicates the large number of Grand Jurisdictions with which we maintain friendly relations.

It seems to be natural for us Representatives to be most familiar or interested in the jurisdictions we represent. I have the honor of representing the jurisdiction of New York which had as its Grand Master in 1946 and 1947 a very able and enthusiastic Mason, M. W. Gay H. Brown. At the close of his second year as Grand Master of New York his address contained some very fine utterances. I want to take about a minute to quote three short paragraphs.

"As Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York I believe I speak the mind of Masonry in the United States, when I say: Masonry is unalterably opposed to Communism because this philosophy stands opposed to the dearest tenets of our Order—The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, and the sanctity of human personality.

"I believe I speak the mind of Masonry in the United States, when I say: The Fraternity supports with wholehearted devotion the Free Public School System and stands unalterably opposed to action on the part of any person or any group designed to weaken that which we believe is the cornerstone of Democracy in America.

"I believe I speak the mind of Masonry in the United States, when I say: The Masonic Fraternity believes one hundred per cent in the separation of church and state and we view with grave concern any attempt to weaken such separation, as guaranteed by the first amendment to the Constitution."

We believe that all the Grand Representatives here can subscribe to the principles enunciated by M. W. Brother Brown. We believe that one million new members that have joined our ranks during the rising tide of membership are willing and anxious to subscribe to these principles, and we believe we can look forward with faith and confidence that these new members will carry on the work of Masonry in the upholding of these principles of liberty and democracy which our forefathers fought for and won.

M. W. Grand Master, we shall carry back to the jurisdictions we represent your message and a report of splendid Masonic progress in your jurisdiction and faithful adherence to the time honored principles of Freemasonry; and M. W. Grand Master, we, all of us, leave with you our felicitations and our congratulations and every good wish for a pleasant and profitable communication. We all thank you for the courtesy you have extended us.

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master:

Thank you very much, W. Brother Porter.

I want at this time to bring the fraternal greetings of the Grand Lodge of England, and the Grand Lodge of Denmark. I visited both of these Masonic Organizations last year, and they asked to be remembered at the time of our Grand Lodge Communication.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TRUSTEES

W. Brother Robert D. Wilson, Chairman, presented the Report of the Grand Trustees, which was adopted.

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

This Board reported a year ago that interest rates were somewhat higher following a downward trend which had been prevalent in the United States for several years. There has been a little further increase in these rates during the past year and it appears to be a reasonable assumption that money will be in demand at somewhat higher prices than has been the case in the last few years. This should make it possible to secure some new issues of securities which will yield a moderately better return than those purchased during the last two or three years.

There is one class of securities which has not previously been purchased for our portfolio in recent years for the reason that various other classes appeared to be more advantageous. I refer to Common Stock of Public Utility Companies. During the past year, however, it has appeared to this Board that the situation and prospects of a number of companies in the public utility field have improved to such an extent as to make it desirable to acquire some of their Common Stock as the current and prospective dividend income is well above the average return of our investments.

Many of the foremost economists have for some months been predicting a lower rate of industrial activity following the greatly accelerated rate of production during the war and which has been well maintained until very recently by the enormous demand for almost all products in the post war period. Many of these demands for manufactured products have now been filled and the predictions of a somewhat lower rate of industrial production are proving correct.

A period of diminishing production and sales is often a trying time for manufacturing industries and your Board has endeavored to select for purchase, the securities of such industries as appear to be least vulnerable during periods of readjustment. The Common Stocks of several Public Utility companies have been purchased for a number of reasons, among the most important of which are their relatively safe position against inventory losses during a period of diminishing prices of raw material and finished products, their comparative freedom from competition, their ability to reduce their costs of production through the installation of improved machinery, etc.

In making these purchases of Public Utility Common Stocks, care has been exercised to follow sound investment policy. The stocks selected have included those which furnish electric power, manufactured gas and natural gas. A careful geographical selection has been made as well as choosing the stocks of companies with the best records and prospects. Furthermore, a maximum limit has been placed on the stocks of this kind to be purchased to insure that the total investments will be in proper and desirable proportions.

There has been a moderately satisfactory increase in the principal of the fund in the last year, and the percentage of earnings was slightly more than for the two previous years. While it is desirable to secure as favorable a return as possible from the investments of the Grand Lodge, it is strongly felt that no unreasonable risks should be taken and that the wisest course is to continue to follow a conservative policy.

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

W. . Peter L. Bauer, President of the Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home, presented his report, which was adopted.

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

It is indeed a pleasure for me to appear before this Grand Lodge on behalf of The Nebraska Masonic Home and bring you a very brief report.

The thing uppermost in our minds is to adequately care for our residents and make room for those who have been approved. In this connection we are looking forward to the addition of the two new wings and the time when we can have all our residents under one roof.

The Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction have responded most generously toward the furnishing and equipping of these two additions. More and more of our Masonic families are visiting the Home to see first-hand what is being done for our brothers and sisters. All of them go away with a feeling of pride that we have such a Home and a better understanding of what this Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home are trying to do.

For a detailed report of the operation and other items of information I respectfully refer you to the Annual Proceedings of which your secretary has a copy.

Once again on behalf of the Trustees, may I urge the Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction to visit the Home at Plattsmouth.

M. . W. . Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master:

W. . Brother Cook is chairman of the Building Committee, and no doubt many of you want to know what the status of our building program is in regard to the Home, so I ask Brother Cook to bring us up to date.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

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

The Building Committee of The Nebraska Masonic Home respectfully and fraternally submits this report.

The plans, specifications and blue prints are completed to the last detail. All is in readiness to go into the market and advertise for bids. The Board of Trustees of the Home are unanimous in the opinion that we should be guided by the advice of the architect in the matter of when our

plans should be offered for bids, because they have the opportunity to have the vital and latest information concerning building materials, labor, their availability and cost. In a period from January 1st, 1949, to May 1st, 1949, building costs have fallen almost ten per cent and are still falling. Your Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home will submit the plans of the new Home addition the moment the architects advise us that the time is right.

A complete and detailed description of the new buildings, the equipment and furnishings should be given to the Brethren but because the business of the Grand Lodge is pressing we do not wish to use so much time on this report but urge you to read the descriptive articles regarding the new buildings which will appear in the June issue of the "Nebraska Masonic Home News." Each Nebraska Mason will receive this article and can read it at his convenience.

Your Committee has examined the building plans of many of the Masonic Homes of the nation. All of those recently built have been given close scrutiny. We have endeavored, to the best of our ability, to incorporate all of the desirable features found; to avoid the errors made by others in their buildings; and to work out some of the ideas and features that time, necessity and experience has brought to our attention. It has been a labor of love and a most interesting experience.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

W. Brother James C. Suttie, President of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, presented his report, which was adopted.

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

We have in the Home at the present 41 youngsters, with a number of applications pending. The greater percentage is through lodge rather than Eastern Star relationship. During April enrollment was quite heavy, and out of about a dozen entering there are two very noticable things, all were boys with one exception, and the boys were little chaps under ten years of age. To avoid overcrowding at the Junior Boys' Home, we have had to take over into the Senior Boys' Home quite a few in the upper grade school brackets who normally would not get there until through 8th grade. Our youngest boy is just three years old.

We have been very lucky in having no serious sickness, and last winter we were able to avoid any of the epidemics of children's diseases so prevalent all over. The children are well cared for, and show it.

It appears to us that there will be increased enrollment right along, and more so in the next few years due to aftermath of war conditions. We are in good shape to take care of them. We do have a shortage of older boys who normally would help in various duties around the grounds and at the farm, which at times compels us to hire extra labor.

Operations at the Home are about the same as last year. We are faced with necessity of some replacements and repairs now, work that we put off during the war and since, hoping to get more for our money in labor and material. The buildings are all getting old and have reached the stage where some work must be done to preserve them and avoid further deterioration. Some of this work is of such nature that only skilled workmen can do a satisfactory job, temporary repairs would be a waste of money. Such items as leaky porch roofs on two of the homes require removal of tile, replacing damaged parts, and proper repairs to avoid future trouble.

Our budget is higher, we hope this is the last year for that, and a year from now we can show decrease. We have practiced economy in every way, but you know in your own living costs what the increase has been. Through donations from various lodges, chapters, organizations and individuals we have kept our food and clothing costs fairly well down, and we would have been up against it had we not had this help. Per capita cost per child is not heavy, particularly as we are getting all little ones in now, but as I said, we do not have the larger boys to help with work around the Home. As a result some things have been let go that are not important rather than pay high labor bill, and yet have kept the place looking well and a credit to the fraternity. We are taking care of our own.

We recently received some money from an estate specifically earmarked for general welfare of the Home. After considerable deliberation, we purchased a tractor and some other farm equipment; thus for the first time in the history of the Home, we are mechanized. Heretofore we had used horses or mules, borrowing cultivators and other farm machinery wherever we could until it got embarrassing to ask for the loan of it. We sold the horses at a good price, and we not only save the cost of two new sets of harness, but a considerable feed bill during the months when horses are not working. We have already this spring saved considerable in extra labor formerly hired at this time. It will pay for itself in a short time.

At the annual stockholders' meeting in January, the farm-dairy operations showed a net gain for the year of \$2,585.83, this being based on items consumed in the homes. Each youngster has all the milk he can consume, and during 1948, 5,182 gallons of milk were used. Yet we sold surplus milk amounting to \$210.14. At the dairy barn, built a few years ago, space was provided for butter making operations sometime in the future, and it may be in time that something can be worked out to provide the Fremont Home and to considerable extent the Plattsmouth Home, with butter. That is a project for the future. If any of you are interested in the details of all operations at the Home you can secure copy of this report of annual meeting by writing Mrs. Wegner, Grand Secretary of the O. E. S.

I personally hear talk now and then about increased dues, etc. I can tell you frankly, brethren, the saddest part of my work I have found is having to tell some mother or father that their children are ineligible for entrance to the Home due to suspension for non-payment of dues, or in

other words, not in good standing. This applies to the Eastern Star membership as well. Just stop to think, here you have absolute security for your children or grandchildren for the price of your dues, security that you can get nowhere else. Should misfortune occur, your children or grandchildren are assured of a real home, care and an education without worrying or placing them in some institution. We have several groups of four children from one family, and these youngsters are together, not split up. Just stop and think what your membership in the Masonic order gives you at so small a cost. Every one of you should be proud of the part you are playing in helping these youngsters get a chance in life, and a real opportunity to make something of themselves. A visit to the Home can tell the picture much more than any words, and I'll guarantee every one of those youngsters will take your heart.

Your Board of Trustees, made up of six members representing the Masonic fraternity and six representing the Eastern Star, with the Grand Master and Grand Matron ex-officio members, is a hard working, fine co-operative group, giving freely of their time and money; they are closely in touch with all details connected with Home operations. It is with regret we report the death last January of Walter Schnabel of Broken Bow, a Board member who was active and deeply interested in the children.

M. W. Grand Master Elmer has been a tower of strength and has given freely of his support; with him it has not been a question of when a youngster could be admitted, but how soon. Our sincere thanks to Deputy Grand Master Schiefelbein and Grand Secretary Carl for their help and willingness at all times to do all they can. A multitude of matters come up that cannot wait until Board meetings for a decision, and at such times they have never failed to back up any decision I may have had to make. Our relations with various Courts and Judges, juvenile authorities, and parents, have been amicable and without exception they are more than willing to cooperate. This is a tough and worrisome job to say the least, yet with everyone's support, we have been able to lighten the load somewhat.

Stop and visit the children, be proud of the part you are playing in helping them. You are always welcome.

My sincere thanks for everything the past year. It has been a pleasure for all of us to help and to take part in looking after our own through "MASONRY AT WORK."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC-EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND

W. Charles F. Adams, Grand Marshal, in the absence of W. Merle M. Hale, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund, which was adopted.

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

This Committee, composed of three members from the Grand Lodge, works with a similar Committee appointed by the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and supervises the advance education of worthy high school graduates from the Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont.

This year we have had three fine young people, two girls and one boy, under our supervision. One girl and the boy attended the University of Nebraska, and the other girl attended Nebraska Wesleyan University. These students earn their own board and room, and, from funds allotted to the Committee, their other expenses, such as tuition, books, clothes, etc., are paid. We are very glad to report that all three of the youngsters under our supervision this past school year did very well in their studies. During the first semester this past year we did have a third girl under our supervision who was attending Wesleyan University; however, her expenses were assumed by her father beginning with the second semester.

Next year we anticipate having three girls and one boy taking University work or attending business college.

Last year we requested an appropriation of \$1,000.00, which was granted; however, we drew only \$500.00. For this coming year we believe an appropriation of \$750.00 will be adequate, and we therefore ask that we be given this amount. A similar amount has already been appropriated by the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF AND CARE
OF ORPHANS**

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Past Grand Master, presented the report of the Committee on Care and Relief of Orphans, which was adopted.

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

It is practically impossible to bring to you a review of the activities of this Committee each succeeding year without a continual repetition of facts as established with the case history of each case brought to our attention. The only continuing change is in the personnel of each participant. However, the personnel of those in attendance at each Grand Lodge Session changes to a considerable extent each year and for that reason your Committee feels that a repetition of statements of policy, administrative practices, and of facts and data is of necessity, a very important part of this report. We therefore ask your indulgence in this respect as we attempt to briefly summarize our activities for the past year.

Fundamentally, the principles applied in the administration of our Welfare and Relief work never change because we are founded on a firm belief in God and the Brotherhood of Man, we are continually reminded

of the universality of Masonry, and admonished again and again that Masonic Charity should be equally extensive. Through your Committee on Relief, Masonry attempts to extend to some of its worthy and needy members and dependents, that aid and comfort which they could not otherwise continue to enjoy. Masonic relief is the right arm, as it were, of our institution, the friendly hand upon the shoulder, that often serves as the connecting link between the Fraternity and those outside of it properly entitled to its benevolences. Your Committee in the discharge of its duties is frequently privileged to see the difference between comfort and want, between hope and discouragement, and to view with no small degree of pleasure a transition from the latter to the former.

Theoretically, it should be the responsibility of each subordinate Lodge to assist in the care of its member, widow, orphan or dependent. We realize that when circumstances warrant such action that it is not always expedient or practical for the subordinate Lodge to do so, and for that reason it is the purpose of this Committee to act in an advisory capacity, lend whatever assistance is required in making investigations, coordinate the efforts of all interested bodies, and assist, when necessary, in the care and supervision of the case. It is a great source of satisfaction to report to you that the Grand Chapter O. E. S. and the Scottish Rite Bodies in Nebraska never fail to cooperate to the fullest extent with this Committee whenever and wherever they can qualify from their individual standpoint. Our relationship with these bodies has been very pleasant and harmonious and we trust shall always continue to be such.

We have endeavored to function in a manner that would give careful unbiased consideration to every request received. This requires rigid analysis and investigation on the part of all concerned, and we trust that each subordinate Lodge will endeavor to establish all the facts related to the case before submitting their recommendation to this Committee.

The work of this Committee is of such a nature that there are occasions when our investigations and recommendations brings us in close contact with the administrative Boards of the Homes at Plattsmouth and at Fremont. On these occasions, we have always received the heartiest cooperation from these groups and at this time we desire to publicly express our appreciation for their kind and considerate thoughtfulness on all cases submitted to them. The Homes at Plattsmouth and Fremont, through their Official Boards, are performing a wonderful Masonic service for this Grand Jurisdiction and we should ever continue to support them to the fullest extent. Let us maintain and preserve the priceless heritage of these fine Homes for the future generations and fervently thank God for the wisdom and vision of those hardy pioneers of this Grand Lodge who made possible their establishment. These are the recognized Masonic Charities of this Grand Jurisdiction.

The gross amount expended the past year \$5,361.98 represents a slight increase over the preceding year, and our per capita cost has increased from 119 cents to 132 cents. Comparatively speaking, these figures reflect current trends and conditions compared with our peak of 1940 when our

per capita cost was 32 cents. Our expense has been well within the budget established by our Finance Committee.

In concluding this report we desire at this time to pay tribute to one of our members for his service on this Committee over a long period of years. You have today honored him in recognition of his continuous attendance at Grand Lodge for the past 50 consecutive years. You have fittingly and appropriately recognized this Veteran of Freemasonry. We too desire to inscribe the name of this Brother on our roll of Honor and point with justifiable pride to his years of service of love and devotion on our Official Charitable Boards.

W. Benjamin F. Pitman of Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron, Nebr—
 Member of Board of Trustees, The Nebraska Masonic
 Home at Plattsmouth1916 to date
 Member of Committee on Relief and Care of
 Orphans1925 to date
 Member of Board of Trustees, Masonic-Eastern
 Star Home at Fremont1926-1943

“GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS”

“In as much as ye have done it unto the least of these
 ye have done it unto me.”

A complete audit of all records and accounts maintained by this Committee has been made by George L. Greenfield, certified public accountant, and his report is attached hereto and made a part of this record.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OMAHA MASONIC
 HOME FOR BOYS**

M. W. Walter R. Raecke, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Omaha Masonic Home for Boys, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Omaha Masonic Home for Boys hereby submits the following report:

The work of your Committee during the present year has been largely routine.

Monthly reports have been submitted by the Home to your committee, showing receipts and disbursements in a general way, as well as donations of clothing and other personal property. The names and ages of the boy resident in the Home each month have also been furnished: The report for April 1949 shows 78 boys ranging in age from age 6 to 17. The number of boys last reported is exactly the same as a year ago.

From the office of the Home we have been furnished copy for circulars and other printed matter for approval prior to publication. With a few changes, we have approved them.

The Home suffered a severe loss in the death of Brother J. S. Arnold, who had served as its General Superintendent for a number of years.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL

W. Cary W. Dresslar, 32, Chairman presented the report of the Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, which was adopted.

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

Every year, since the organization meeting of February 22nd, 1910, the Memorial Association has held an annual meeting on George Washington's birth date.

The 39th annual convention of this Association was held in the Auditorium of the Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia, on Tuesday, February 22nd, 1949.

Our Nebraska delegation were—M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master, R. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Senior Warden, M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Past Grand Master, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary and M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary Emeritus.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is incorporated under the laws of the State of Virginia and its charter is perpetual.

Its Purpose: To erect and maintain in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, a suitable Memorial Temple to George Washington, the Mason: one which will express in durability and beauty the undying esteem of the Freemasons of the United States for him in whose memory it shall stand throughout the coming years.

Its Constitution and By-Laws have been legally adopted.

Its Officers are a President, First, Second, Third and Fourth Vice-Presidents, and a Secretary-Treasurer.

It has a Board of Directors—An Executive Committee and an Advisory Board. In fact its business is conducted in a manner similar to any Corporation.

Its Annual Meetings are held on the 22nd day of February each year.

The Active Members are the 49 Grand Lodges of the United States. Any Freemason or organization composed solely of Freemasons (either Grand or Subordinate body) in the United States or its insular possessions may become a life member upon the payment of \$100.00.

The Temple is located on Shooters Hill in Alexandria, Virginia, on land once owned by George Washington.

It will be of interest to you to know of some of the work accomplished during the year. The past year has been a building year.

(A) The bronze statue of George Washington is in the final stages of completion.

(B) The Cryptic Lodge room is completed.

(C) The six stained glass windows that are to be placed in Memorial Hall are under contract.

Work by other Masonic bodies:

(A) The Mystic Shrine has completed the installation of their dioramas in room B, Mural of the children on the walls in room A and murals of the "Vision of Mecca" in room C, on the ground floor.

(B) The Grotto Room: The first of the tower floors, namely the third floor, Grotto Archive room has been completed.

Motion Pictures

Besides the colored sound film "Unfinished Business", there are also available two sets of 72-2 inch by 2 inch slides showing all points of interest at the Memorial. These slides, as well as the film, will create much interest in your lodge and we hope that every lodge in Nebraska will show one or both of them.

This Committee would be pleased to have the film and slides shown at The Nebraska Masonic Home and the Childrens Home at Fremont.

The film "Unfinished Business" has been shown by twenty-two lodges and I understand that it was accepted with interest and pleasure.

If the Master or Secretary, or a representative of any of the lodges who have not shown the film or slides is present—**wont you please**—when you get home—start preparation to have the members of your lodge and lodges near you, to see this motion picture. I can assure you that you will enjoy it.

We sincerely urge—the Master and Secretary of every lodge in Nebraska—to be sure, that every newly made Master Mason, is given one of the information pamphlets on the Memorial, as well as his receipt card, for which he paid \$1.00. We would like to have you request a supply of these pamphlets from the Grand Secretary's office and distribute them to the Brethren of your lodge. We suggest, that you have some Brother read the pamphlet to the members some evening when you have a good attendance.

Should any of you—when you plan to have a showing of the film or slides, or both, need help in planning the program—this committee will be glad to assist you or offer suggestions which might be of help. This committee is for you to use and we will be happy to help you.

Make your requests for a booking of the film to the Committee on Masonic Education, 735 Stuart Building, Lincoln 8, Nebraska.

Total Expenditures to February 10th, 1949, for this Memorial were;	
Building Construction	\$ 4,103,995.43
Grounds Construction	266,102.55
Administrative & General Expense	322,802.66
Purchase of Land	73,313.88
Building Maintenance	197,643.36
Grounds Maintenance	61,578.06
Total	<u>\$ 5,025,435.94</u>

The total contributed to the Endowment and Building Fund at the Memorial Association meeting, on February 22nd amounted to \$262,945.04.

Our Nebraska delegation contributed the sum of \$21,918.90, which completed our quota of \$1.70 per member. This makes the total amount which the Grand Lodge of Nebraska has contributed \$71,445.98. Scottish Rite Bodies of Nebraska have contributed the sum of \$300.00.

To place ideals before the man of today is the crying need of the age, because man needs hope even more than he needs help. Inspiration is better than assistance. Both hope and inspiration are to be desired above all things. What surer basis of hope, what greater source of inspiration, could there be than comes with a knowledge of the lives of our great leaders? What leader of men could be better chosen for this ideal purpose than the Father of His Country—George Washington? Would not just these reasons be sufficient to justify the building of our Memorial?

The heart of this whole project is the great bronze statue of George Washington. Everything in this building—every room—is a part of the frame of this statue. It is 17 feet and 3 inches in height. It is soon to occupy the niche at the west end of Memorial Hall. The Unveiling Ceremonies are to be held on February 22nd, 1950.

This event will have great Masonic significance—it will have nationwide significance—anything that concerns the life of Washington is an international affair; it will be a worldwide affair and of worldwide importance. The Unveiling Ceremonies will be attended by prominent people from every nation in the world.

Brethren, we believe in this Great Masonic Memorial, erected to immortalize the name of a great man and Mason, we believe that every Mason in the United States, should believe in it and know about it, we believe that it tells a story of life and is an inspiration to religion, we believe in its message of Hope and that it should be inspiration to all—to fashion their lives according to the plans drawn by The Great Architect of the Universe, which are found in the Book of Faith, The Holy Bible.

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master:

Brethren:

We have, to be presented at this time, a partial report of the Committee on Jurisprudence; it concerns two very important matters, and the purpose of presenting the report at this time is so that you may have a little time to give thought to it. It will be taken up tomorrow at 10:40 A. M.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Chairman, presented a partial report of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

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

1. (a) We approve Recommendation No. 6 of the Grand Master,
"That the subordinate lodges remit two dollars per year out of the Grand Lodge dues, instead of one dollar as heretofore, for the maintenance of The Nebraska Masonic Home."

and further recommend that this additional dollar be remitted for the year 1950 and subsequent years.

(b) We recommend the disapproval of an increase in the Entered Apprentice fee from ten dollars to twenty dollars, which was recommended by the Grand Master one year ago, which appears as Recommendation No. 4, last year, and which this Committee recommended as an alternative proposal in its 1948 report.

2. We approve Recommendation No. 5 of the Grand Master, for the adoption of automatic suspension and that the amendment to the law with respect to this be substantially as set forth in Recommendation No. 2 of the Grand Master one year ago.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REINSTATEMENTS

W. Brother Henry M. Edwards, 303, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Applications for Reinstatement, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Applications for Reinstatement, advisory to the Grand Master, respectfully report that during the year 1948-1949, 190 Applications for Reinstatement were referred to your Committee. It is interesting to note that this is more than a 50% decrease as compared to Applications received during the previous year. This should call for a more concerted effort on the part of Brethren of the Constituent Lodges in interesting desirable Brethren to again renew their Masonic activity.

The combined ages of the applicants amounts to 10,897 years, or an average age of approximately 57 years, as compared to an average age of 52 years for the previous year. Of those applying for reinstatement, only one Brother was between the age of thirty and forty years, while there were forty-two between forty and fifty, 73 between fifty and sixty, 54 between sixty and seventy, eighteen between seventy and eighty, and two between eighty and ninety.

The reason given for permitting suspension was, in most cases due to financial reasons, while others admitted negligence on their part.

The Applications as a whole were filled out in very good shape, however, there were still some cases where it was necessary to return the application for further information.

The Committee would, therefore, urge all Masters and Secretaries to check the Application closely before releasing it, to be sure that all questions are answered in full.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

M. W. William B. Wanner, presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Foreign Relations report that there has been no change in our fraternal relations with other Grand Jurisdictions with whom we are now exchanging representatives during the past year.

During the past Masonic year, your committee has received requests for recognition and exchange of representatives from the following Grand Lodges:

- Grand Symbolic Lodge of Rio Grande Do Sul, Brazil.
- Grand Loja Symbolica de Minas Gerais, Brazil.
- Grand Orient of Italy.
- Grand Loja Symbolica Ceara, Brazil.
- Grande Loge de France.
- Grand Loja do Estado de Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Grand Orient De France.
- Grosse Freimauerloge "Zu den Alten Pflichten," Germany.
- Grand Lodge of Tamaulipas, F. and A. M., Mexico.

According to a recent survey made by the Masonic Service Association, there are a possible 102 foreign Grand Lodges which might be recognized. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska recognizes 36 of these, 18 of which are those of Great Britain and its colonies or dependencies. We have been quite conservative, perhaps too much so. In these days of "cold wars", the universality of Masonry should become a reality in fact, rather than a ritualistic statement, among all those Grand Lodges whose standards coincide with those adopted by this Grand Lodge.

M. W. Brother Claude J. McAlister, Past Grand Master, whose recent passing is a severe loss to the Masonry of the world, has this to say in his last review in the 1948 Montana Proceedings: "A joint report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence and Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of New York in 1945 and adopted by that Grand Body, fixing the

future policy of that Grand Lodge in relation to world-wide Freemasonry, and more particularly toward Latin Freemasonry, said: "the world can hardly take us seriously as a factor for world peace when we refuse to strive for understanding and peace within our own ranks. Your Committee believe that this breach in our Fraternity should and must be healed; believe it can be healed in time and without sacrifice of principle. We, Anglo-Saxons, and they, Latins, are of different race and temperament, different in habits of life and customs, in ways of thinking. God made us that way; made us as we are, and seemingly that way we will always remain. And may it not be better that way? For thus may we not cover more ground, reach more people, spread wider our principles, do more good in the cause of Brotherhood? It is worth trying out. Our faith and convictions are too deep-rooted to suffer contamination. It is not logically conceivable that harm can come to us by our extension of recognition to Latin Grand Lodges, and joining hands with them, work each in his own way, to promote peace between the peoples of the world thru better understanding. In all of this the Anglo-Saxons will be giving nothing away; we will not change our standards; but in the case of devastated Europe and elsewhere we will be giving help, courage and comfort to Brethren, now in sore distress, who have carried on Masonically when the going was hard, and even unto death. All this will be good for our souls. In days to come, should it happen that Latin Freemasonry failed our hopes, the situation will still be within our control. The question is asked, what can Freemasonry do for world peace even were the Fraternity united? The answer is at hand. Men whom we accept as honest and wise tell us that a third world war will end civilization; tell us the third world war can be averted if and when it becomes the will of peoples to outlaw war; tell us understanding bred of personal contacts, social intermingling and association, may make for sympathy, leading in turn to friendship, co-operation, and in time to a just sharing of spiritual and material things, the essentials of peace and happiness; tell us that if the peoples of the world will learn to control their governments, learn how not to be made slaves destined for war's slaughter—then it may come to pass that peace will reign in the world."

In this connection, M. W. Brother Denslow of Missouri has aptly stated: "Americans are wont to forget that our neighbors across the border are of a different race and temperament. Our Mexican brethren will never become Anglo-Saxons, nor will our American brethren ever become Mexican. God has created us different in color, in race, in temperament, in habit and in our way of thinking. A prominent Mason of Vera Cruz has expressed it in these words: 'God has created us neighbors; let Freemasonry make us brothers!'"

We can lose nothing in recognizing some of these Grand Lodges, the members of which show real courage in belonging to our fraternity in regions under constant attack from the Roman Church. Recognition can always be withdrawn should they change their present conduct and depart from our standards. Let us be Brethren!

We therefore move that fraternal recognition and exchange of representatives be granted to the following Grand Lodges:

The Grand Orient of Italy.

Grand Lodge of Tamaulipas, F. and A. M., Mexico.

Grand Symbolic Lodge of Rio Grande Do Sul, Brazil.

Grand Loja Symbolica de Minas Gerais, Brazil.

Grand Loja Symbolica Ceara, Brazil.

Grand Loja do Estado de Sao Paulo, Brazil.

These Brazilian Grand Lodges are in fraternal fellowship with the Brazilian Grand Lodges already recognized by us; their standards are identical with ours. The Grand Orient of Italy and the Grand Lodge of Tamaulipas, both comply with our standards, they are worthy of recognition and together with the Brazilian Grand Lodges, are already recognized by more than a majority of the American Grand Jurisdictions.

As to the other Grand Lodges seeking recognition this year and those carried over from last year; we recommend that action on these matters be laid over for further study, without prejudice, until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

REMARKS BY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master, called upon M. W. Fred I. Mills, Grand Master of Illinois, M. W. Harry F. Sunderland, Grand Master of Missouri, V. E. William F. Evers, Deputy Grand Commander and Personal Representative of R. E. Arthur W. Melville, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Nebraska, M. W. Elmer F. Strain, Past Grand Master and present Grand Secretary of Kansas, and M. W. J. Guy Swartzlander, Grand Master of Iowa for remarks.

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master:

I have here something which I wish to present to W. Brother Charles M. Frederick, a member of Long Pine Lodge No. 136, Long Pine.

W. Brother Frederick, we, the Grand Master and the Grand Custodian, do by virtue of the authority in us vested hereby appoint and commission you as Assistant Custodian in promulgating the work in the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska.

W. Charles M. Frederick:

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I feel it a very deep honor to receive this appointment. I wish to thank the Grand Master and W. Raymond C. Cook. I promise faithful service as far as my ability will permit.

At 4:35 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Wednesday, June 8, 1949

At 9:30 o'clock a. m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPLE BUILDING

W. Otto Nelsen, 200, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Temple Building, which was adopted.

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

It is once more the duty and the privilege of the Temple Building Advisory Committee to report on its activities for the past year.

The total number of cases coming under the jurisdiction of this Committee during the past year has kept pace with the number during the previous past Grand Lodge year. A break-down on the cases coming under the jurisdiction of this Committee reveals the following:

Five new Masonic Temples, two newly purchased existing buildings remodeled, three existing Masonic Temples repaired and redecorated, and one purchase of ground for future use.

This Committee would like to urge local lodges, who do not now own their present quarters, especially quarters that are not the most desirable and convenient for Masonic purposes, to appoint a special committee in their respective lodges, whose duty would be to devise ways and means looking toward improvement of local lodge conditions. This is about as good a time as any to get started and the immediate influence within the lodge is reflected in new candidates and a stepped-up interest upon the part of present members.

Since there may be Masters and Wardens attending Grand Lodge for the first time, we wish to quote the law governing, which will be found under Section 2-616, Page 105 of our Masonic Code which provides:

"No Subordinate Lodge shall incur indebtedness to purchase, or construct, or remodel any building; nor shall any Subordinate Lodge purchase or subscribe for any stock, or shares, or interests, in any Temple Craft, or other building association, or corporation, without first obtaining the approval of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master."

It is the practice of this Committee in cases coming to our attention, where the element of time and distance is not particularly involved, to have a member of the Committee visit the local lodge and discuss their problems.

Your Committee reports, herewith, briefly on the following cases, submitted for consideration. These reports are made primarily to acquaint you with the problems of others and what they are doing about them.

Last year we reported briefly on Victory Lodge No. 310 located at Valley. This lodge incorporated the Valley Temple Craft Association for the purpose of constructing a combined business and lodge building to cost some \$42,000.00. The rented quarters formerly occupied by the lodge were destroyed by fire in October, 1947. The corner-stone for the new building was laid in October, 1948, and, while the building is not progressing as rapidly as had been expected, due to insufficient labor and certain material, Victory Lodge will have a fine new home with an outside income from rentals.

Last year on April 22, 1948, Bayard Lodge No. 301, Bayard, was granted permission to buy a one-story brick business building for \$5,000.00, same to be remodeled at an additional cost of approximately \$3,000.00. A subsequent report dated December 21, 1948, indicates satisfactory progress was being made. The heating system had been delivered and was ready for installation, some work still remained in connection with the new front. An indebtedness in connection with this project was incurred. In connection with the program as a whole, the membership had agreed to an increase in the annual dues to \$10.00.

September 25, Fairmont Lodge No. 48 was granted permission to construct a new Masonic Temple on lodge-owned lots adjacent to their old temple, and, at the same time, were granted permission to demolish the old building in order to use salvage material in the new Temple as and when needed. The corner-stone was laid recently, with the building ready for occupancy in the fall of this year.

September 29, Cable Lodge No. 225, Arnold, was granted permission to proceed with the construction of a new Masonic Temple to cost about \$20,000.00. Cable Lodge was the recipient of a gift of \$10,000.00 to be used for building purposes, and, together with cash on hand and smaller pledges among the membership, assures them of a new home very much needed.

August 27, Magnolia Lodge No. 220, Emerson, was granted permission to remodel and repair its present-owned business and Masonic building. The Committee made an inspection of the building and urged immediate action to prevent further serious damage. No indebtedness was incurred.

February 17, 1949, Alpha Lodge No. 316, South Sioux City, was granted permission to purchase three lots as a location on which to build a lodge hall at sometime in the future. Alpha Lodge had sufficient funds to make the purchase.

March 4, Swastika Lodge No. 280, Sargent, was granted permission to construct a two-story brick business and lodge building, facing Main Street. The lodge entered into a ten-year lease with the U. S. Government, Post Office Department, on a good rental basis, which will be helpful in amortizing the debt incurred, in connection with the project. Solicitation for additional funds among the brethren was very gratifying. The total cost of the building is estimated at \$12,000.00.

March 19, Holbrook Lodge No. 257, Holbrook, was granted permission to remodel and modernize their lodge building. No debt was incurred.

April 25, Blue River Lodge No. 30, Milford, was granted permission to incur an indebtedness in connection with improvements and extensive repairs of their brick Masonic Temple, long overdue. The work calls for a new type roof, waterproofing inside and outside walls, plaster patching, a new ceiling in the lodge room, and an overall paint job. The total cost is estimated at \$4,000.00.

May 18, Pawnee Lodge No. 23, Pawnee City, was granted permission to put in new floors and redecorate the three business rental rooms of their lodge building. This was necessary to retain their present tenants, allowing an income of approximately \$150.00 per month. Money was borrowed to do the job; however, we should state that the lodge could liquidate bonds and other assets sufficient to cover the loan. The estimated present value of the building is \$20,000.00.

May 20, Silver Cord Lodge No. 224, Ainsworth, was forced to vacate their rented quarters on thirty days' notice, to make way for expansion of U. S. Government Offices. They were granted permission to move their lodge charter to Long Pine on a temporary basis. In the interim, Silver Cord Lodge organized the Ainsworth Temple Craft Association and articles of incorporation were filed with the Secretary of State. This new Temple Association was subsequently granted permission to purchase a building, 40 feet by 60 feet, formerly used as a public hall and gymnasium. The building lends itself very well for remodeling for the Masonic purposes and when completed for occupancy, will cost approximately \$6,500.00, all of which was subscribed and no debt incurred.

In closing, this Committee wishes to stress the seriousness of complying to the letter with recommendations of this Committee, approved by the Grand Master. This Committee and your Grand Master have been embarrassed on several occasions, where, for good reasons, the Committee made certain recommendations and the recipients proceeded to do otherwise, without first applying for consent to change. The Grand Lodge Law governing was enacted for the good of all concerned and should, therefore, be observed.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master, announced that the hour had arrived for the election of Grand Officers, and appointed the Assistant Custodians to act as tellers, W. Ross Van Sickle, Chairman.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

Brother Ernest S. Schiefelbein, 59.....	Grand Master
Brother John S. Hedelund, 268.....	Deputy Grand Master
Brother Thomas J. Aron, 37.....	Grand Senior Warden
Brother Edward M. Knight, 183.....	Grand Junior Warden
Brother Carl R. Greisen, 32.....	Grand Secretary

Later in the session appointment was made of:

Brother Laurence R. Davis, 61.....Grand Chaplain
 Brother Russell A. Robinson, 119.....Grand Orator
 Brother Raymond C. Cook, 6.....Grand Custodian
 Brother Morace F. Smith, 265.....Grand Marshal
 Brother Fay Smith, 198.....Grand Senior Deacon
 Brother Charles F. Adams, 68.....Grand Junior Deacon
 Brother Raymond C. Pollard, 246Grand Tyler

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master:

Brethren:

I have a very pleasant duty to perform this morning. It is my honor to introduce to you W. Brother Sylvester Shumard. He is a man well known to many Masons in southeast Nebraska. After due consideration on the part of the Grand Custodian, I am happy to appoint W. Brother Shumard an Assistant Custodian.

W. Sylvester Shumard:

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I feel very grateful to the Grand Master, and the Grand Custodian. I assure you that I will do my best to exemplify the work.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES, 1949-1950

Codification of the Law: W. Harold M. Kelley, 302, Chairman; Norris Chadderton, 146; Lewis R. Ricketts, 19.

Fraternal Dead: W. Carroll E. Schurmann, 15, Chairman; Paul L. Constant, 11; Willis A. Garriss, 17.

Foreign Correspondence: R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9; W. Byron H. Baer, 110.

Relief and Care of Orphans: M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, Chairman (1952); W. John R. Hughes, 184, (1951); Otto Burkhardt, 55, (1950); Alvin H. Miller, 19, (1953); Benjamin F. Pitman, 158, (1954).

Masonic Education: W. Roy W. Deal, 227, Chairman; Ralph M. Marrs, 184; M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201; M. W. Edward Huwaldt, 318; W. John E. Curtiss, 79.

Nebraska Work: M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201, Chairman, (1952); M. W. Chancellor A. Phillips, 150, (1950); M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, (1951).

Grand Trustees: W. Robert D. Wilson, 268, Chairman, (1951); M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136, (1952); W. Carl D. Ganz, 209, (1950).

Grievances: W. Herbert T. White, 11, Chairman; Howard J. Hunter, 59; Bernard B. Harris, 265.

Temple Building Advisory: W. Otto Nelsen, 300, Chairman, (1952); Victor Bryan, 263, (1950); Clarence V. Dixon, 227, (1951).

George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association: W. Cary W. Dresslar, 32, Chairman; Elmer P. Baruth, 323; Perry W. Phillips, 150.

Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund: W. Merle M. Hale, 54, Chairman; Linn W. McMillin, 54; Albert L. Johnson, Jr., 37.

Applications for Reinstatement: W. Henry M. Edwards, 303, Chairman; LaVerne J. Smith, 288; Fitzhugh L. Browne, 290.

GRAND LODGE SPECIAL COMMITTEES 1949-1950

Omaha Masonic Home for Boys: M. W. Walter R. Raecke, 36, Chairman, (1950); W. Ralph M. Carhart, 120, (1952); Carl W. Rensch, 19, (1951).

Committee on Centennial: W. George W. Rosenlof, 77, Chairman; William J. Baird, 268; Carroll E. Schurmann, 15; Harold H. Thom, 1.

Robert Carrel Jordan Memorial: W. Frank C. Patton, 11, Chairman; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ROBERT CARREL JORDAN MEMORIAL

Ill. Brother Frank C. Patton presented the report of the Committee on Robert Carrel Jordan Memorial, which was adopted.

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

The Committee appointed to arrange for a suitable Memorial for our late Brother, Past Grand Master Robert Carrel Jordan, is now prepared to report.

M. W. Brother Jordan was buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Omaha, in January 1899, and there is now on the Cemetery lot a very substantial Monument. We suggest that a suitable Bronze Plaque be prepared, and placed on the present monument.

It is required by the Cemetery Association that permission be obtained from the surviving family to place any plaque or marker on a monument. After some difficulty, we located a great-grand-daughter, Mrs. Carolyn C. Stephens, living at Grand Island, Nebraska, and who stated that she is the only surviving member of the Jordan family.

After explaining our wishes she readily consented to the placing of a plaque on the monument, and so advised us in writing, and also authorized the Cemetery Association in a letter to them, to permit the placing of the plaque on the Jordan Monument, which is acceptable to the trustees of the Cemetery Association; both letters are attached to this report, also a photograph of the Monument, and a tentative design of

the proposed plaque to be placed on same, together with a letter from the Paxton-Mitchell Co., Omaha, regarding the price and manner of installation.

As a matter of record the following is presented:

M. W. Brother Robert Carrel Jordan was born at Chillicothe, Ohio, January 18, 1825 and spent the first half of his active life there. In 1857 he moved to Omaha, Nebraska, then a three year old frontier village, where he lived the remainder of his life, except for a few years at Grand Island, Nebraska, where he was engaged in the General Merchandise business.

Most of Brother Jordan's activities were in Masonry. He had barely passed his 21st birthday when he applied for admission into Aurora Lodge No. 48, Free and Accepted Masons at Portsmouth, Ohio, where he was raised November 3rd, 1846, and of which Lodge he became Worshipful Master in 1849 and 1850.

In 1847 he was exalted in Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 23, Royal Arch Masons and received the Cryptic Degrees in Solomon Council No. 9, Royal and Select Masters of which he was I. Master in 1849 and 1850, and in 1848 he was Knighted in Chillicothe Commandery No. 8 at Chillicothe, Ohio.

At the time of his removal from Ohio he was well equipped as a Mason of that day, having been an enthusiastic ritual worker in the different Masonic Bodies. On Brother Jordan's arrival at Omaha early in 1857, a Lodge of Master Masons had just been organized (under dispensation from the Grand Master of Iowa), the Lodge had made two or three Apprentices and partly conferred the Fellow Craft Degree, but had made no attempt to confer the Master's Degree. Upon request, Brother Jordan who was thoroughly familiar with the work, conferred the Master Mason's Degree in May, 1857, being the first Master's Degree conferred in Omaha. He was W. Master of Capitol Lodge No. 3 at Omaha in 1858 and again in 1869, and of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 at Grand Island in 1871.

In the month of October, 1859, he organized Omaha Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons and made the first Royal Arch Mason in Nebraska. He was the High Priest of Omaha Chapter No. 1, from 1859 to 1865. He was the first Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter, and Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska in 1869.

He was the first I. Master of Omaha Council No. 1, Royal and Select Masters.

In the summer of 1865, he organized Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, Omaha, and was first Eminent Commander from 1865 to 1867, and Eminent Commander of Mt. Lebanon Commandery No. 6, at Grand Island, from 1873 to 1875.

Brother Jordan received the Scottish Rite Degrees, from the 4th to the 32nd in June 1867, and was among the first in the State to receive them. On May 7th, 1868 the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Ac-

cepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, elected him as an Active Member, but he was not crowned until the following Session. He resigned as an Active Member in 1872, but was again elected a Sovereign Inspector General in 1880, serving until 1897, when he was transferred, at his request, to the Emeritus list.

M. W. Robert Carrel Jordan was the first Grand Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, serving from 1857 to 1860, and passed from this life January 9, 1899.

Brother Jordan has fittingly been called the Father of Nebraska Freemasonry.

We recommend approval of the placing of the suggested plaque on the Jordan Monument in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Omaha, and that an appropriation be made sufficient to cover the expense in connection with same.

The following letter from Mrs. Carolyn C. Stephens, great grand-daughter of Robert Carrel Jordan, was read into the record:

Mr. F. C. Patton,
Sovereign Grand Inspector General
in Nebraska
Scottish Rite Cathedral
2001 Douglas St.,
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 19th addressed to Mrs. Thomas Connor, 916 West First Street, Grand Island, Nebraska, has come to my attention. Mrs. Connor was my mother, and passed away in May of 1946. I am taking the liberty of giving you the following information in order that you may proceed with the request you have made.

To the best of my knowledge, I am the only living relative of Mr. Robert Carrel Jordan, he being my great-grandfather, I am quite certain that all the members of his family are now deceased, and as I was the only child in my family, and being the only heir, I assume that I would have authority to give you, as well as the Prospect Hill Cemetery Association, permission to place the bronze tablet you mention in your letter, on the Jordan Monument. In fact, you have my permission to do anything reasonable in caring for and maintaining the monument or cemetery lot in memory of Mr. Jordan.

I am enclosing a letter, in duplicate, address to Mr. Gilbert C. Loomis, Secretary of Prospect Hill Cemetery Association, requesting that such permission be granted, and in the event there is anything further necessary to establish my right in granting such permission I shall be very pleased to hear from you, and assure you of my cooperation.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) Carolyn C. Stephens

Ill. Brother Frank C. Patton made the following report on Perpetual Care of the Robert Carrel Jordan Memorial vs Prospect Hill Cemetery Association, which was adopted:

Mr. Gilbert C. Loomis, Secretary-Treasurer, Omaha Loan and Building Association, who is the Secretary of Prospect Hill Cemetery, states that they have now established a Perpetual Care Fund, and that upon payment of \$300.00 the amount is placed in a trust with the U. S. National Bank and only the income can be used for the care and upkeep of Cemetery lots in Prospect Hill Cemetery.

We suggest, in view of the fact that no special care has been given the Jordan Monument for many years, that the Grand Lodge appropriate the above amount to be paid to the Prospect Hill Cemetery Association, which will insure perpetual care for the Jordan monument.

At the present time there is charged against this lot something over \$40.00 for care during the past few years. This amount will be waived or cancelled upon payment of the \$300.00 to the Perpetual Care Fund.

Ill. Frank C. Patton:

M. . W. . Sir:

Now that the report has been adopted I would like to say that the Scottish Rite will be most happy to pay one-half of the expenses.

M. . W. . Lewis E. Smith,

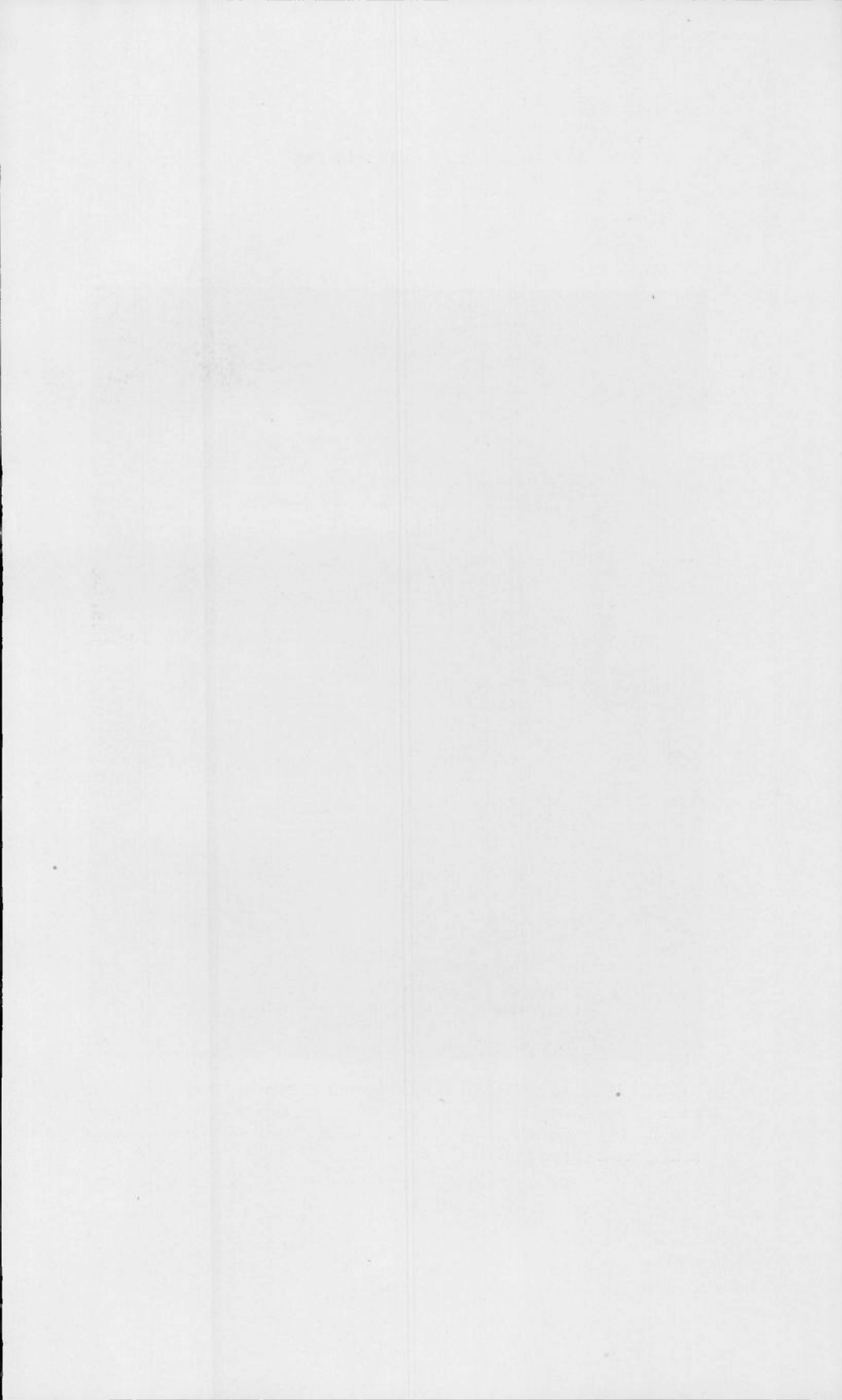
I would like to move that the portion of this report regarding the appropriation of our half of the expense be referred to the Finance Committee to be included in their report this year.

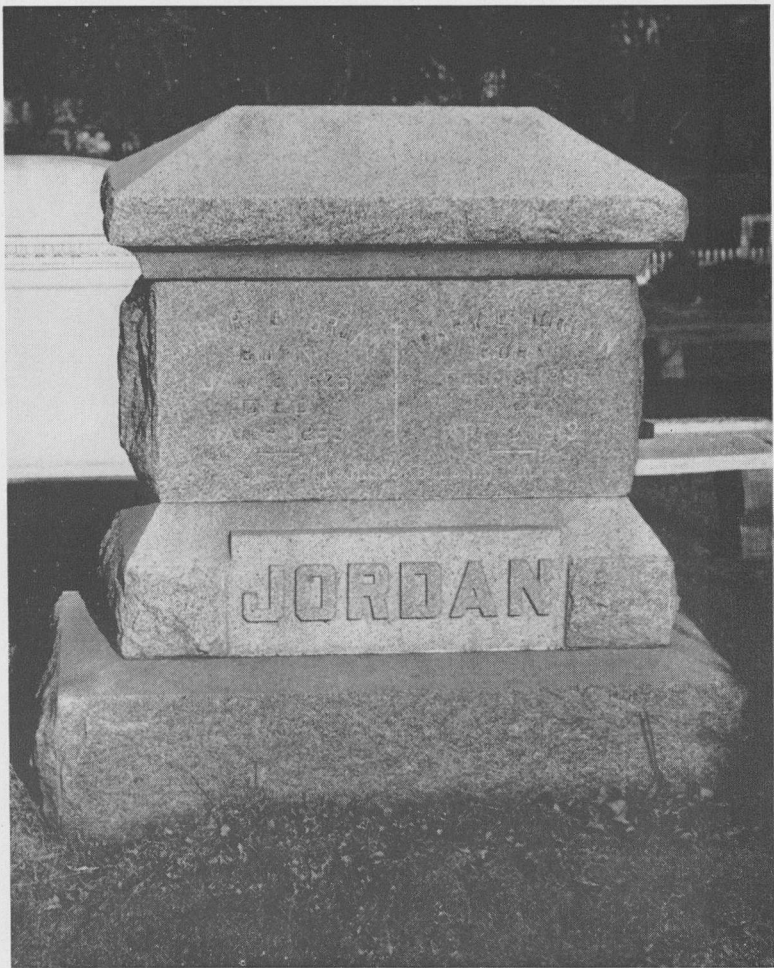
Seconded and carried.

M. . W. . Lewis E. Smith,

M. . W. . Grand Master and Brethren:

The Committee has discussed among themselves, what should be placed upon this plaque. Of necessity it cannot contain a great deal, but our suggestion is that at the top should be placed the lettering,





This is an excellent monument for a plaque. At the bottom, there is not sufficient room, but on the top it is slightly elevated, and the space from the two corners is 24 inches, and 12 inches high, making an excellent setting for a plaque.

ROBERT CARREL JORDAN

1825-1899

First Grand Master

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska

1857-1860

First Sovereign Grand Inspector General

Scottish Rite

1868-1897

In Nebraska

Unless there are other suggestions, the lettering above mentioned will be used.

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master:

Yesterday, there were two matters presented by M. W. Brother Edward Huwaldt, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, as a partial report of the Committee, which were to be presented again this morning for the final action at ten-forty. It is now ten-forty and M. W. Brother Huwaldt is ready to report.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Chairman, presented a partial report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted.

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

1. (a) We approve Recommendation No. 6 of the Grand Master, "That the subordinate lodges remit two dollars per year out of their Lodge dues, instead of one dollar as heretofore, for the maintenance of The Nebraska Masonic Home." and further recommend that this additional dollar be remitted for the year 1950 and subsequent years.

(b) We recommend the disapproval of an increase in the Entered Apprentice fee from ten dollars to twenty dollars, which was recommended by the Grand Master one year ago, which appears as Recommendation No. 4, last year, and which this Committee recommended as an alternative proposal in its 1948 report.

2. We approve Recommendation No. 5 of the Grand Master, for the adoption of automatic suspension and that the amendment to the law with respect to this be substantially as set forth in Recommendation No. 2 of the Grand Master one year ago.

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Past Grand Master:

M. W. Grand Master, this affects the per capita that will be remitted to the Grand Secretary's office in April, 1951.

The conditions of Recommendation No. 1 were that we approve Recommendation No. 6 of the Grand Master:

6. Also presented for consideration at this session are two amendments to increase maintenance funds for our Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. After careful consideration and study of the needs, I recommend the adoption of the amendment which provides "That the subordinate lodges remit two dollars per year out of their lodge dues, instead of one dollar as heretofore, for the maintenance of said Home."

This recommendation raises the amount of per capita tax that the subordinate lodges will pay to the Grand Lodge from \$2 to \$3.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS

M. W. George A. Kurk, Past Grand Master, in the absence of M. W. Ralph O. Canaday, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Physical Qualifications, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Physical Qualifications was appointed in 1947 but was unable to make a report to you at the annual communication a year ago.

There is and has been throughout the history of our Grand Lodge a strong sentiment to relax the physical restrictions that our law requires for admission in our Order. In the report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence last year, the Committee said in part:

“Additional Grand Lodges are lowering the bars for membership in our fraternity by those who do not come under the heading of ‘Perfect Youth.’ The general trend seems to be to leave the matter strictly up to the opinion of the members of local lodges and if they cannot decide, then present the matter to the Grand Master for his ruling. Of course there will always be states who will never relax their opinion, but a noticeable, more charitable attitude is becoming evident. * * *”

When this Committee was appointed it was instructed to give special attention to the physical injuries received during the War by men in the armed services. It seems extremely hard to deny to a young man, who offered his life in his country's service, admission into our Order, because, in rendering that service, he received an injury that makes it impossible for him “to conform to all of our peculiar rites and ceremonies.” This is especially true if he has, in an outstanding degree, the intellectual, spiritual and moral qualifications that our Order demands. If we were permitted to respond to our inclinations, I am sure that all of us would favor changing our law, and finding some way to admit such persons into Masonic fellowship.

Masonry is an ancient institution whose fundamental characteristics have been fixed since time immemorial and cannot be changed to meet the changing inclinations of its membership. Our institution is Masonic because it adheres to and abides by the Ancient Landmarks. To the extent that it departs from any of the Ancient Landmarks, to that extent it loses its characteristics as Masonry.

There are many organizations today that demand a high type of citizenship and advocate and practice the same high moral and spiritual standards we advocate but they are not Masonic. They are not Masonic because they do not recognize or adhere to those ancient usages,

ceremonies and practices adopted by the Masonic Fraternity long beyond the memory of man as the distinguishing characteristics of our Order, and known to us as the Ancient Landmarks.

Our organization could still be a fine, worthwhile institution if it abandoned these Ancient Landmarks but it would not be Masonry. We have the power to change our constitution and our by-laws. We also have the power to refuse to recognize these Ancient Landmarks, but we have neither the right nor the power to demand recognition as a Masonic institution if we do.

One of the characteristics of Masonry since time immemorial—one of its Ancient Landmarks—is that its initiates be physically competent, at the time of their initiation, to perform all of its rites and ceremonies.

Doubtlessly, throughout the ages, fine, upright and outstanding men, in every land where Masonry has existed, have returned from wars after being mutilated in their patriotic service to a degree that made it impossible for them to participate in the rites of the Order, and have therefore been denied admission to Masonry.

We have had several wars since the formation of our Grand Lodge in September, 1857. Our Order has always and perhaps always will be met with the very understandable, sentimental demands that we ignore this Ancient Landmark, and admit the worthwhile candidate in spite of his physical deficiency. Up to the present, we have resisted this demand and we believe we will continue to resist it if we understand what would be involved if we should succumb to such demand.

At our eighty-seventh annual communication held in June, 1944, a Special Committee on Physical Qualifications reported to this Grand Lodge. Their report will be found on pages 130-137 of the proceedings for that year. It is a most thorough and scholarly examination of this whole subject. It was prepared by M. W. Edwin D. Crites, our sixty-first Grand Master, who is recognized as one of our best informed living Masonic scholars. This report should be read by every Mason. It should be read and discussed in every lodge in this State. If this were done, Masons would not only have a better understanding of this particular subject but of Masonry.

Quoting from M. W. Brother Crites' report:

"A Grand Lodge cannot abolish a Landmark, though it is not impossible for a Grand Lodge to violate one."

To the extent that candidates are admitted who cannot, or are not required to perform our ancient rites (which in themselves are Landmarks) to that extent we are violating these Landmarks. To the extent that any Landmark is violated or abandoned, our Order loses the peculiar characteristics that make it Masonry.

No man is admitted to Masonry as a matter of right. It is a privilege which we grant. If we demand of candidates that they not only meet our intellectual, moral and spiritual standards but certain physical

standards, we are not violating any obligation that we owe them, nor are we violating any humanitarian or Christian principles. We are only recognizing a principle laid down by the founders of our Grand Lodge in the preamble of the Constitution they adopted at their first communication on September 23, 1857. "That the ancient landmarks of the Order be held inviolate."

At 11:50 o'clock a. m., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Wednesday, June 8, 1949

At 1:30 o'clock, p. m., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

M. . W. . Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master:

Brethren:

I now have the honor and privilege of introducing to you one of our distinguished brethren, our Grand Orator, W. . John E. Curtiss of Lincoln.

W. . John E. Curtiss, 79, Grand Orator, delivered the

ORATION

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

I am most conscious of the great honor conferred upon me in my appointment as Grand Orator of this Grand Lodge. Many of you have held high the torch of Masonry over a long stretch of years, and were working in our Temples before I was eligible to membership. I would much prefer to sit at your feet and listen to words of wisdom as they come from your lips. The implications of Grand Orator, believe me, fill me with fear and trembling. Its opportunities leave me most humble. Yet I have deeply enjoyed serving you as Grand Orator during this past year. I have thrilled at the aggressive and brilliant leadership given us by M. . W. . Grand Master Magee, who, giving generously of his time and talent, has carried our banners to new heights. His stirring address assures us that Masonry is on the forward move in its many fields of endeavor. The brotherhood and fellowship that have been mine, in association with that outstanding group of men who constitute your Grand Lodge officers, will always remain a pleasant memory. Their earnestness and devotion to cause have been a real inspiration to me, as I know they have to each of you. And the opportunity to witness the Brethren at work in their temples has given me a deep appreciation of the power for useful service which is ours, as Master Masons. However, we must constantly ask ourselves the question

of whether we are utilizing that power to the full measure of our obligation. For, with the power for worthwhile service to our fellow man and to our God, there comes, too, great responsibility which we dare not refuse to accept in this eventful hour.

Light or Darkness

As Masons, we constantly seek the light—yes, the Light of Truth and Knowledge. We deplore the darkness—the Darkness of Ignorance. Let us recognize that light is positive; darkness is negative; that darkness is the absence of light, but that light is not the absence of darkness. So shall we endeavor that, as we reflect the light in our daily living, our actions shall be positive, not negative; that Masonry to each of us shall represent the presence of something—shall we say of a plan of life, of a way of living, not the absence of something.

Today, as perhaps never before in the world's history, millions of human beings know something of the light, the light of freedom and liberty. They are in darkness. They crave the light. Great, powerful forces keep millions shackled with chains of slavery. Yesterday's dream of liberty, for them, has become today's nightmare of tyranny, and with the loss of their dream, they have lost, too, even the will to live.

Indeed, as we enjoy the pleasantries of this Grand Lodge meeting, there is a great world conflict between the forces of light and darkness. There is nothing new in the struggle of light against the darkness. Such a struggle, in varying degrees of intensity, has always existed; no doubt always will. But, in this hour, Brother Masons, it is our struggle, our battle, our challenge. And what each of us does today, determines the ultimate outcome.

You and I must give the answer to whether the creed of darkness as espoused by a Karl Marx, or the philosophy of light, as taught by the lowly Nazarene, shall prevail.

Every American should be aware of the pernicious threat of communism and like ideologies to our American way of life. Since World War II, we have witnessed the futile attempts of the United Nations to secure world peace; futile of veto after veto and complete unwillingness to cooperate on the part of Russian leaders and their captive nations. They desire neither peace nor war. Using the weapons of planned chaos and confusion, misunderstanding and hatred, duplicity, treachery, fear, and brutality, they have quite successfully spread their poisonous doctrine to every section of the world. In a period of less than four years, the darkness has descended upon the peoples of seven different countries before whom the iron curtain has dropped. Let no one think that because the Berlin blockade has been recently lifted, the crusade for the spread of communism throughout the world has ended. The strategy of the communists remains constant. Their tactics change with ease. Their goal is still world domination. We have been told many times by their leaders that communism and the capitalistic system, as they choose to call the American way of life, cannot prevail in the same world, at the same time, for long.

In by-gone days when powerful forces threatened the fundamentals of daily living, whether the emergencies be those of peace-time days, or days of war, Master Masons courageously took their positions in the front-line trenches. There, in action, they fought it out until the danger was over. True, there were casualties, but the principles for which they battled endured.

It is high time that Masonry takes a firm stand in openly combating pernicious and subversive propaganda, obviously originating from behind the iron curtain. We need alert, red-blooded Americans, and certainly that should include each of us as Master Masons, hastening to action in front-line positions, in every community in this state and nation. The sacrifices of those who have gone before must not have been in vain.

I trust I'm not an alarmist. Yet, I have the conviction that the greatest problem facing you and me this afternoon is the perpetuation of the American way of life. The most certain answer to any possible threat from without is to be strong, spiritually and economically, within. Thus, our most important task is to first demonstrate to the world, certainly to ourselves, that constitutional government can operate successfully within our own borders as a satisfactory way of life. If we are to lead the nations of the world to higher ground, we must make democracy, as we call our form of government, function at home for the general welfare of the individual citizen. That has always been, is now, and always will be, the most important responsibility of free men and women.

So, I'm not too disturbed that our heritage shall be lost by forces from **without** who might conquer. I'm fearful that it might be lost by indifference, lack of concern, and resultant decay from **within**. Those who are resolved to break down and destroy our form of government fully recognize such a laissez faire attitude on our part is their most powerful weapon.

Someone once said—

“The evolution of peoples and of nations
has been from slavery to liberty, to prosperity,
to luxury, to **apathy**, to slavery.”

Frankly, I'm concerned as to the apathy of our people. Perhaps my fears are ungrounded. Yet, it disturbs me that, in national and local elections, ordinarily less than half of those qualified to vote express their convictions at the ballot box. Could it be that they have no convictions? Possibly. Yet, I assure you that constitutional government cannot endure too long without sovereign citizens who ponder seriously the problems of their government, from which come individual convictions that compel action in an hour of emergency. Every Master Mason has the duty to be informed as to issues of his government. Certainly, he should always exercise the right of suffrage on election day, and cast his ballot for those principles in which he believes. As Masons, we are not partisans in the political sense, but there is a close relationship between Masonry and good citizenship.

Too many of us have our favorite radio commentators or syndicated writers whom we permit to do our thinking for us. We follow them blindly and accept their conclusions with but little, if any, information as to their backgrounds, their fund of information, or the destiny to which they would lead us. Such sheepmindedness is fundamental weakness which might readily contribute to the loss of freedom.

Furthermore, too many of us, perhaps, are seeking the easy road—yes, easy money, easy thinking, easy living. With a tax load already burdensome, more and more it seems we ask the question, "What does my government owe me?", with less and less emphasis on the important question, "What do I owe my government?" We are inclined to put much stress upon our rights as Americans, but would avoid responsibilities of citizenship. We forget that there is nothing free, whether it be a loaf of bread or a way of life; that our liberties have been purchased for us at the price of pain, and that they can only be perpetuated through continued sacrificial effort on the part of each of us today. Yet, there are those who would surrender precious liberty and priceless heritages for a mess of pottage called economic security. This intoxicating shot in the arm might well prove to be the poison in our national blood stream that destroys initiative, a sense of personal responsibility, alertness, loyalty, and devotion to cause, so necessary to our continued existence as a free people. Liberty has always been the watchword of real Americans. It will be a sad and tragic day in the life of our country if our people ever decide to sacrifice the blessings of liberty for the conveniences that, mistakenly, we think might follow a planned security. Security can never become a satisfactory substitute for liberty.

It was Somerset Maugham who once said—

"If a people prize something more highly than freedom, they shall lose their freedom, and the irony of it is that if that something be ease or comfort or convenience, they shall lose that, too."

Dean Gauss of Princeton University tells us that:

"Civilizations die at the center,
not on the periphery."

Yes, civilizations decay and die from within—at the heart—rather than from without. But, what is the heart, the center of our civilization? Certainly, with us, our civilization is centered around the individual citizen who is sovereign. We find the answer in the dreams, the hopes, the prayers, ambitions, goals, the ideals, the aspirations of common folk such as you and I. We must look to the institutions which we have set up for ourselves—their worthwhileness—and our own personal concern for their welfare.

Public Schools

Perchance we may gauge the present virility of our civilization by the quality of our public schools—by their ability to graduate an American

youth who, with confidence in himself, recognizes that he lives under the greatest government in all the world; yes, a government that gives him greater opportunity and privilege and blessing than were ever before given to any youngster, But, more important, an American youth who understands that with those privileges and blessings, he too, must accept personal responsibility and obligation and duty of citizenship.

Surely, the development of good citizens, with all that the term implies, must always be the dominant goal of education in a democracy. Dr. Edmund E. Day, President of Cornell University, a great educator, very recently said,

"The inculcation of an understanding of, and loyalty to, American ideals should be the task of our great system of public schools."

He stated that he thought our public schools have failed largely in the task of instilling in youth loyalty to American ideals.

Defending the idea of indoctrinating public school pupils, Dr. Day held that it was—

"...perfectly defensible to meet indoctrination with indoctrination when we are subject to attack by alien philosophies."

So, more important than "reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic", these lessons of the personal responsibility of a sovereign citizen, of the worthwhileness of honesty and integrity, sweat and toil, of loyalty to American institutions and ideals, of the imperishable value of liberty, of the high destiny of constitutional government in a troubled world, must be effectively and diligently taught in our public schools, and stressed in our American homes. We cannot assume that these values will be accepted without a complete understanding of their indispensability. These are the foundation stones upon which our forefathers have builded. An intelligent and educated citizenry will recognize that we cannot now abandon the enduring rocks of such fundamentals for the shifting sands of novel, half-thought-out panaceas or quack cures which might intrigue and allure, but certainly destroy.

How pertinent the statement of Dr. Thomas C. Polleck, a dean of New York University, who insists that—

"We must guard against the tendency to confuse mere physical survival or permanent adolescence with civilized maturity. We must use all the forces of education to help young people to realize their full potential maturity."

Truly, our public schools carry staggering responsibility. In Nebraska, I have the conviction that our teachers appreciate this responsibility and are attempting to meet it. But, I fear that in many instances they labor under conditions most discouraging and disturbing. They need our active interest, constructive criticism, and helpful assistance.

Master Masons have always concerned themselves with the welfare and proper functioning of our educational system. Shall we not return to our local communities resolved that our public schools shall be properly equipped for their most important task; that they shall have adequate physical plants, and loyal, capable teachers, properly compensated, and with a vision of their high destiny; teachers who recognize the fact that above all else, they must contribute to the development of a devoted, loyal, dynamic American who, conscious of the sacrifices of those who have gone before, loves his country for what it is, and what it is to be?

Our Church

Again, we might measure the enduring qualities of our civilization by our interest and concern in our church. History tells us—and how well we know—that individuals, institutions, and nations decay and die when they depart from the teachings of the Carpenter Boy. As Master Masons, we express our belief in the brotherhood of man, the fatherhood of God and immortality of the soul. In the great world struggle between the forces of darkness, and the followers of the light, we must give force and impact to the power and influence of the church through personal devotion to its welfare. In those lands where the holy light of freedom has been extinguished, tyrants have always attempted to first cast out religion and Masonry. It would be tragic if, as Americans, we arrived at the same terrible destiny, passively, and through indifference, listlessness, and unconcern. The percentage of our population who interest themselves in the problems of the church of their choice—who contribute of their means to its support—who give of themselves that their church may contribute to the good things in our national life—is today alarmingly low. And yet, how desperately we seek a power that is greater than ourselves in a moment of apparent crisis.

Have we forgotten with what deep anxiety and solemn concern we prayerfully awaited word from the battle front of exactly five years ago today. For, it was only five years ago, day before yesterday, that we and our allies embarked upon what was probably the greatest military venture in the history of the world—the invasion of Germany on land. We accepted the calculated risk and “D” day was upon us.

Yes, five years ago today Normandy and Omaha Beach were familiar words to all Americans, and thousands of our heroes struggled desperately to hold the beach head. Many of them paid the supreme sacrifice, and rest in peace today, over there some place, “where poppies grow.” In that crucial hour when brave men and women died, we at home were very close to God. And over there, they, too, sought help from Above.

Let me remind you of the Order of the Day, issued by a great American, General Eisenhower, which sent wave upon wave of daring, American fighting men across the British Channel to French soil. I quote from the Order of the Day in parts as follows:

"Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force: You are about to embark upon a great crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you.

. . .

Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well trained, well equipped and battle-hardened. He will fight savagely.

. . .

The tide has turned. The free men of the world are marching together to victory. I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full victory. Good luck.

. . .

Let us all beseech the blessing of Almighty God, upon this great and noble undertaking."

. . .

Indeed, we were engaged in deadly conflict in a great, total global war. Another dangerous and treacherous foe had boasted that the peace treaty would be dictated and written in Washington, D. C., by their pagan war lords. For long, weary, painful months and years we had endured the torments of war. Fifteen million American men and women wore the uniform of their country. Little white crosses sprang up in strange lands marking the last resting place of those who preferred to die on their feet, rather than live on their knees, a slave people. We were a sober, serious, God-fearing people. With what fervor we sang:

"God bless America; Land that I love;
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night, with a light from above."

Yes, we were singing:

"Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee,
Even though it be a cross that raises me."

And we had many crosses to bear, but we knew that "The way of the cross leads home." And all of us joined in the refrain:

"Our Father's God to Thee
Author of Liberty, to Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright,
With freedom's holy light,
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King."

We were told there were no atheists in foxholes. Yes, over there someplace, and at home, our religion steadied us, and gave us faith and hope and confidence to carry on for yet another day.

That was only four years ago. How quickly we forget! How appropriate the words of Kipling:

“Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget; lest we forget.”

But—

The Moving Finger writes; and having
writ
Moves on: nor all your Piety nor Wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half
a line,
Nor all your tears wash out a word
of it.

What we have done since our glorious moment of final victory on V.J. Day cannot now be changed. It is only **Today** that is with us.

Seriously, I wonder if we have forgotten, or are forgetting the God that we so devoutly worshipped in our hour of great emergency. I wonder if, perchance, we may not be following after false Gods, foolishly thinking that all is well, and we can go it alone. If so, how fallacious the reasoning, and how tragic the results that are certain to follow.

Certainly, we have moved rapidly in high achievement, materialistically, in this old U. S. A. The radio, television, automobile, electricity, the telephone, fast-moving, air-cooled trains, the airplane, atomic energy—these and countless devices are commonplace to us Americans. Someone says the United States is the only land in all the world, where in one generation, you can rise from a plain cabin to cabin plane. Yes, we dash across this continent with the speed of sound. We enjoy a higher standard of living than any people in all the history of the world. I am thankful for all these blessings, even though it seems to mean much of rush and hurry, and near hysteria. But, I say to you that scientific accomplishment can be the Frankenstein that destroys us. For, if in the midst of marvelous development of material things, we lose the moral and spiritual fabric of our national life, this nation is certainly on the way to decay and ruin. Contrariwise, if today we were to lose everything in the realm of material, other than those God given natural resources so generously bestowed upon us, and were to save unto ourselves great and fundamental, moral, spiritual, and cultural values, we could rebuild our land again.

We must return to the “faith of our fathers” if the light is to continue to shine out to all the world to tell of a free people. This is not only our high privilege. It is our sacred duty in an hour of destiny.

President Coolidge, standing beside the grave of the Unknown Soldier—a sacred spot, once said:

“We do not need more national development;
 We need more spiritual development.
 We do not need more intellectual power;
 We need more spiritual power.
 We do not need more knowledge;
 We need more character.
 We do not need more law;
 We need more religion.”

Yes, “more spiritual power, more character, more religion!” These are all qualities that relate themselves to each of us as individuals. So, perhaps we might test the power of our present day civilization to meet the challenge of the hour by examining ourselves introspectively. May we not, each of us, ask ourselves the soul-searching question of whether we measure up to the high standards of a Master Mason? Each of us has taken solemn vows and obligations at the holy altars of Masonry. We have assumed sacred and non-violable obligations to our God and our fellow man.

These obligations cannot be lightly regarded. To do so, makes a hollow mockery of the lessons that we learn. Masonry does not end with conferring of degrees. That's where it begins. Having been privileged to enjoy the fundamental lessons inculcated in the degree work, our most important task is to practice in daily living what those degrees teach. And through this interpretation of Masonic principle into daily living we build a better world and we find constant improvement of character, which is the practical objective of Masonry.

Accordingly, as Masons, we accept unusual responsibility in our personal relationship to our God and our fellow man. It was Zoroaster who, a thousand years before the birth of Christ said:

“I was in darkness, but I took three steps
 and found myself in Paradise.
 The first step was a good thought;
 the second, a good word; and
 the third, a good deed.”

Tho said 3000 years ago, it's good philosophy today.

Three steps from darkness to Paradise—a good thought, a good word, a good deed. And how easy these steps to take, for each of us—clean thinking, a smile, an encouraging word, a helping hand. After all, the real satisfactions in life come from the worthwhile service which is given to each of us to render unto a fellow traveller, who, at the moment, may carry a heavy load.

I like the story of the little boy, carrying another little fellow up a rather rugged, rocky path. He was struggling under the load. A

stranger passing by remarked, "That's quite a burden you're carrying, my little man." The little fellow staightened up a bit under his load. Smiling happily, he replied, "He's not a burden; he's my brother!"

Brother Masons, there's much of satisfaction, though the burden may appear heavy, and the road a bit uphill, to gaze back at the end of a day, or a year, or a lifetime, and to know that we measured up to the opportunities that were given us to serve our God and our fellow man; to help a **brother**, discouraged and depressed, to travel not only the first mile, but as the Master says, to go with him also the second.

The poet brings us a beautiful philosophy of life when he says:

"Two pilgrims toiling up the mountainside,
Hoped, ere the night, to reach the summit high.
But, when the beaten path turned to divide,
They pondered which divergent way to try.

One path led upward o'er the mountain crags,
And seemed too perilous for human feet;
The other way was paved with mossy flags,
And fared forth broadly 'mongst the roses sweet.

One pilgrim chose the rugged path,
And sprang toward the distant mountain's sunlit crest;
The other chose the flowery way,
And sang, and dallied midst the roses in his quest.

The day declined beyond the western bars,
And twilight veiled the sunsets fading glow;
At nightfall, one man stood among the stars;
The other trod the valley far below."

Yes, at nightfall, one man stood among the stars. He stood at the mountain top, ready to view the grandeur of a glorious sunrise. He found for himself the pleasant and enduring satisfactions that come to those of us who choose the rugged road of service. The other had chosen what he thought to be the easy road, and found himself in the shadow and darkness of the murky, foggy valley. This one suffered the mental torment that finally comes to those who think only of self. To me, Brother Masons, that's the story of the close of a day's living—or shall we say, the story of the end of a life's journey.

Thank God, we live in a land where each, for himself, determines whether he scales the lofty heights of worthwhile service to his God and fellow man, strives always for the light and the truth, or whether he be content to live in the shadows and darkness of indolence, ignorance, and selfishness.

Truly, as Master Masons, we have been shown the way and the light. We know that, as someone has well said, "The greatest investment in life is to spend it for something that will outlast it."

Yes, we have been taught that if we help our brother's boat across, that lo! our boat, too, will reach the shore; that "to own is to owe, not to possess." How correct the philosopher was when he said, "What I kept, I lost; what I gave, I have."

So, each day, as Master Masons, we find ourselves again as builders. Just as truly builders as the Master Masons of yore who worked with the trowel, the square, and the compass. How pertinent today that old story of the three stone-layers. You recall the stranger who, watching the three stone-layers, was intrigued with their work. He approached them and inquired of the first, "Pray tell me, what are you doing?" Indifferently, and discouragedly, he said, "I am laying stone." To the second stone layer, he again inquired as to what he was doing. Grumblingly, muttered, "I'm working for \$7.50 a day." To the third stone-layer, he made the same inquiry, "What are you doing?" Straightening up, his eyes flashing, and his face beaming with satisfaction, he said, "Sir, I am building a cathedral."

That, too, is the story of a day's work, of the work of a lifetime. Some of us, dejected and discouraged, without hope or confidence, are just laying stone. Others of us, with no vision beyond the material things of life, are grumblingly working for a daily wage. But, as Master Masons, with head erect and flashing eye, we, too, can say, "Sir, I'm building a cathedral." Whatever the task at hand, we know that beyond making a living—and more important—we are making a life. Yes, we know the true satisfactions in life come from worthwhile service to God and man. And, perchance one day we gaze back meditatively over the path we have traveled at the end of the trail—and we will rejoice and find true happiness in the humble service we have rendered, in the school-houses, churches, homes, in the home-town where the light of truth shines brighter because of our pilgrimage. And, how comforting will be the words of the Master, "Well done, thou Good and Faithful Servant."

For, as Kipling says:

"Only the Master shall praise us,
And only the Master shall blame,
And no one shall work for money,
And no one shall work for fame;
But each for the joy of the working,
And each in his separate star,
Shall draw the thing as he sees it,
For the God of things as they are."

Brother Masons, in this hour of great conflict between darkness and the light, in this hour of confusion and chaos, in this hour of deadly battle between the powers of hatred, misunderstanding, bitterness, and greed on the one hand, and love, charity, and generosity on the other, I implore you, as individuals, to carry the great fundamental lessons of Masonry into daily living. There is no substitute in the game of life.

Living is not a matter of being better than my brother, but better than myself. The weaknesses of another should inspire us to greater resolve for the truth. Remember always that, "Who gives himself with his gift, feeds three—himself, his hungry neighbor, and Me." In a moment when great destinies ride in the balance, and when sober, serious-thinking men ponder seriously the question of whether darkness shall overcome the light, we dare not give less than our utmost for the real and the true. To do less than our best today, would be a dastardly betrayal of those who have made great sacrifices in by-gone days, that we might enjoy this hour.

If ever there was an hour when this nation desperately needed a strong, virile, aggressive Masonry, it is today.

If ever there was a moment when the teachings of Masonry needed interpretation into daily living, it is now.

If ever there was a time when the fabric of national life needs to have interwoven into its being more of the cultural, spiritual, and moral values of life taught within our temples, it is now.

If there were ever an hour when Masonry meets a real and genuine challenge as to the willingness and ability of Master Masons to live each day, in the field, the shop, on the street, everywhere, in daily contact with our fellow man, the precepts of our great order, truly it is now.

The answer will only be found in the mind and heart and soul of each of us in daily living.

John Ruskin brings us a beautiful thought when he says:

"Therefore when we build, let us think that we build forever. Let it not be for present delight, nor for present use alone; let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for, and let us think as we lay stone on stone that a time will come when those stones will be held sacred because our hands have touched them, and that men will say as they look upon the labor and the wrought substance 'See; This our fathers did for us.' "

Yes, "that men will say as they look upon the labor and the wrought substance: 'See! This our fathers did for us.'" Indeed, Brethren, if that can be said of us, truly we will have been Master Masons, and we will not have lived in vain.

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master:

Thank you, W. Brother Curtiss, for that most stirring and inspirational address.

M. W. Chancellor A. Phillips, Past Grand Master:

I move that the oration of W. Brother Curtiss be printed in our Annual Proceedings. Seconded and carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

M. W. Edward F. Carter, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic Education, which was adopted.

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

Brethren:

Your committee on Masonic Education has been active during the past year in carrying out the purposes of the Committee. To the best of our ability we have disseminated light and information for the purpose of engendering in our Brethren a higher and fuller understanding of the philosophy, ideals and meaning of the principles of this great Order. We can measure the cost of our activities to the penny, but we know of no way in which we can adequately measure the benefits resulting from our program. It is hard, indeed, to measure the intangible values with which we are called upon to deal.

We have provided literature on Masonic symbolism and Masonic philosophy. We have continued the monthly bulletin. We have printed and delivered to the subordinate lodges, without cost to them, booklets for the Candidates, the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft and the Master Mason. We continue to provide literature to those carrying on in the field of Masonic education in the subordinate lodges. We have cooperated in providing speakers upon request. We have met every request for assistance that has come to our attention.

Not the least of our activities has been the holding of area meetings in various sections of the state. This year they have been held at Alliance, Beaver City, Tecumseh and Norfolk. We estimate that 1,075 Brethren availed themselves of these meetings. Such meetings not only avail this Committee of an opportunity to further the program of Masonic education, but they create an overall interest in the idealism and philosophy of Freemasonry. It gives the Grand Master and his officers an opportunity to acquaint the Brethren generally with the work and doings of the Grand Lodge. We welcome this opportunity to cooperate with them, especially with the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and the Grand Custodian. We are pleased to acknowledge their aid and assistance in promoting the cause of Freemasonry everywhere and we pledge our further cooperation to the fullest extent.

Our activities are more particularly set forth in the report of W. Brother Curry W. Watson, the director of the program, which is hereto attached. This report will be made available to any brother interested therein, but I shall not undertake to read it here.

We have been operating the past few years on a Grand Lodge appropriation of \$3,600 for the Grand Lodge year. We have not used that amount in any one year, but we feel that the appropriation should be maintained at this figure. As of May 3, 1949, we have actually expended \$2,437.85. We anticipate additional expenses of \$253.21 to finish out the

fiscal year. We shall therefore return to the general fund the unexpended sum of \$908.94.

I submit that the Committee on Masonic Education is the only one which concerns itself primarily with the fundamental principles of the Order. We are constantly employed in stimulating interest in the philosophy and ideals of the Order. We represent the Grand Lodge in promulgating its philosophy and idealism. Our task is to build Masonic Lodges. It takes more than a lodge hall and a membership to make a lodge. A lodge which neglects the strength of Masonic philosophy and idealism will surely die on the vine. It is the primary reason for the existence of the lodge itself. Without it the thing is missing from which the real benefit of Freemasonry flows. The cost of the limited service we perform in this field is less than seven cents per Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction. I am a firm believer in this program and its importance to Freemasonry in this state. We are in constant need of new programs and new ideas, but we have found that we must rely upon the ingenuity and effort of the Committee itself. A constructive and progressive program requires much work and thought. The results are so intangible that we cannot even measure the success of our program by any ascertainable results attained. We think that progress has been made and that a continuance of the work will make for a better Freemasonry in this jurisdiction.

I want to commend the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary for their cooperative efforts and their attendance at the meetings of this Committee. All of the Grand Lodge officers have attended the area meetings and have assisted magnificently in their success. The officers of the host lodges are to be commended for the fine help they have given the Committee.

The very heart and soul of Freemasonry is its philosophy and idealism, its development as a way of life. I trust that this Grand Lodge will never fail to recognize its responsibility for promulgating this phase of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

May I offer a word of tribute to our Brother Walter L. Schnabel of Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148 at Broken Bow, W. Brother Schnabel was a member of this Committee at the time of his death. He had served on it for many years. His faithful service is a distinct loss to this Grand Lodge. He had a practical understanding of the problems of the small lodge. He attended all meetings of the Committee and seldom missed an area meeting. We regret the loss this Committee sustained in his passing. His work in the interests of Freemasonry is an example which others might well emulate.

In closing this report, I would like to express a personal appreciation. I have served as chairman of this Committee for eight years. The time has come when I am obliged to request that I be relieved of this responsibility. I have been assured that my request will be respected. During the eight years I have served on this Committee the membership has

changed, Grand Masters have come and gone, and some of our most devoted workers have answered the final call. But all of the Brethren with whom I have served on this Committee have had a deep interest in the work. Most of them became enthusiastic as the program developed. I want to say that these Brethren have made a lasting contribution to the cause of Freemasonry in Nebraska. I sincerely trust that we shall continue to find Brethren who will serve as faithfully and well.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

W. Robert W. Cook, 33, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, to which various matters have been referred, begs leave to submit the following report:

This Committee has formally accepted the voluntary surrender of the charter of Grafton Lodge No. 172, at Grafton.

In line with the citation of Zeredatha Lodge No. 160, at Reynolds, examination of their representatives disclosed that said lodge is in sound financial condition. The work is being carried on in a satisfactory manner. Local conditions in a farming community have prevented Grand Lodge attendance. We therefore recommend that the citation of Zeredatha Lodge No. 160 be dropped.

In compliance with a recommendation of this Committee for the 91st session of the Grand Lodge, M. W. Brother Magee and several of his Officers visited Western Lodge No. 140, at Western, and were happy to report that Western Lodge has been reactivated.

Your Committee also examined the reports of the Credential Committee and found the following lodges have not been represented for a period of three years: Compass and Square No. 212, at Sumner; Hampton No. 245, at Hampton;

We therefore recommend that the above mentioned lodges be cited to appear before this Committee before the next session of Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

W. Pearl A. Hillegass, 81, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Credentials, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all Lodges are represented except the following: 10, 40, 41, 43, 49, 52, 60, 70, 72, 73, 74, 77, 86, 91, 95, 99, 101, 106, 125, 132, 133, 134, 143, 147, 149, 153, 155, 157, 159, 166,

171, 176, 177, 179, 180, 191, 194, 195, 201, 211, 212, 219, 223, 225, 226, 230, 231, 239, 243, 245, 248, 251, 262, 267, 273, 277, 285, 291, 293, 305, 308, 311, 312.

Total number of lodges 276. Number represented 213. Number not represented 63. Lodges not represented for the last two Annual Communications: Nos. 41, 125, 143, 153, 155, 180, 212, 223, 245, 262, 311. Lodges not represented for the last three Annual Communications: Nos. 212, 245.

GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. Elmer E. Magee	Grand Master
R. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. John S. Hedelund	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. Thomas J. Aron	Grand Junior Warden
R. W. Carl R. Greisen	Grand Secretary
V. W. Thomas A. Barton	Grand Chaplain
W. John E. Curtiss	Grand Orator
W. Raymond C. Cook	Grand Custodian
W. Charles F. Adams	Grand Marshal
W. Edward M. Knight	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Fay Smith	Grand Junior Deacon
W. Raymond C. Pollard	Grand Tyler

Past Grand Masters: M. W. James R. Cain, Joseph B. Fradenburg, Lewis E. Smith, Charles A. Chappell, Edwin D. Crites, John R. Tapster, Archie M. Smith, Virgil R. Johnson, Chancellor A. Phillips, Walter R. Raecke, William J. Breckenridge, Earl J. Lee, Edward F. Carter, George A. Kurk, William B. Wanner, William C. Schaper, Benjamin F. Eyre, Edward Huwaldt.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
NebraskaNo. 1	Lyle L. Milhone	Thomas D. Williams.	*Albin Bergstrom
Western Star . . " 2	*William J. Kier	William R. Nixon . . .	Fred Stearns
Capitol " 3	*James H. Taylor	*C. Walter Blixt	Rudolph Melchoir
Nemaha Valley " 4	J. Adolph Wensien . . .	.....	.....
Omadi " 5	.....	.....	*Hal Bridenbaugh
Plattsmouth . . " 6	Verner A. Meisinger.	Clarence E. Ledgway	Royal P. Smith
Falls City " 9	Richard A. Ketter . . .	Kenneth M. Gaither.	Willard I. Lewis, Jr.
Solomon " 10	.....	.....	.....
Covert " 11	Paul L. Constant	*Herbert T. White . . .	Stanley P. Street
Orient " 13	.....	.....	Leo H. Kreutzer
Peru " 14	*Oscar D. Mardis . . . .	.....	.....
Fremont " 15	Nowell M. Dickerson	Gustave A. Gretzmacher . . . . .	.....
Tecumseh " 17	Willis A. Garris . . . . .	.....	Wilbur G. Fink
Lincoln " 19	S. Hugh Dillon	Donald C. Yungblut . .	E. Forrest Estes
Washington . . . " 21	*William J. Money	*William J. Money . . .	William J. Money
Pawnee " 23	Joseph W. Dorrance.	Kenneth H. Winchell	*Joseph W. Dorrance
Saint Johns . . . " 25	Arthur W. Pinkerton	John R. Byerly	Ralph F. Tulley
Beatrice " 26	*Harry C. Price . . . . .	.....	.....
Jordan " 27	Harvey H. Sass	Norbert H. Meyer . . .	Edward M. Young
Hope " 29	*Jay Burns	Kenneth Stiers	William T. Stevenson, Jr.
Blue River " 30	Kenneth R. Jaeger	Clifford C. Fieselman	John A. Ficke
Tekamah " 31	Elmer Sells	Harold M. Nelson . . .	*Anton R. Kokes
Platte Valley . . " 32	Wilfred C. Boldt	Robert A. Phelps . . .	Nels H. Ostergaard
Ashlar " 33	Stanley D. Kully	*Robert W. Boon	Arlo H. Schlicker
Acacia " 34	Alvah M. Muehlick . . .	Russell J. Vanderkolk	.....
Fairbury " 35	Henry W. Schreiber . . .	.....	.....
Lone Tree " 36	Vernon D. Baker	Harold Parker	Floyd B. Yates
Crete " 37	Charles W. Bailey	James B. Logsdon . . .	*Everett M. Wood
Oliver " 38	.....	.....	*Erwin J. Imig
Papillion " 39	Frank A. Pflug	Thomas G. Daniell . . .	Orville B. Entenmen
Humboldt " 40	.....	.....	.....
Northern Light " 41	.....	.....	.....
Hebron " 43	.....	.....	.....
Harvard " 44	Harry H. Pursell . . . .	.....	.....
Rob Morris " 46	Donald L. Gherman	*Morris V. Baleom . . .	.....
Fairmont " 48	Robert L. Romans	*Robert L. Romans . . .	*Robert L. Romans
Evening Star . . . " 49	.....	.....	.....
Hastings " 50	*Henry H. Heiler	*Curtis L. Walters
Fidelity " 51	Ben L. Stahl
Hiram " 52

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
CharityNo. 53	Donald G. Henderson
Lancaster“ 54	Sidney A. Anderson.	*Floyd E. Dickersen..	Rolland A. Poff
Mosaic“ 55	Forrest A. Svoboda..	Maurice P. Pederson	*Alfred G. Miller
York“ 56	*Donald H. Jones....	.....	Raymond H. Read
Mount Moriah“ 57	*Clarence Beers.....	.....	*Wesley E. Hunter
Wahoo“ 50	Frank L. McKlem...	Howard J. Hunter..	*Edwin R. Levin
Melrose“ 60	.....	.....	.....
Thistle“ 61	Eldon E. Hodges....	Ralph D. Bolen....	*Benjamin F. Menke
Keystone“ 62	Victor D. Hunt.....	.....	.....
Blue Valley“ 64	Henry V. Jellinek..	George Brock.....	.....
Osceola“ 65	*Phillip B. Campbell..	.....	Leonard E. Hanson
Edgar“ 67	Elmer H. Due.....	.....	.....
Aurora“ 68	John E. Shafer....	Floyd L. Bryan....	Raymond W. Douglas
Sterling“ 70	.....	.....	.....
Trowel“ 71	Vance L. Butler....	.....	.....
Hooper“ 72	.....	.....	.....
Friend“ 73	.....	.....	.....
Alexandria“ 74	.....	.....	.....
Frank Welch“ 75	Warren E. Cunningham	*Warren E. Cunningham	*Warren E. Cunningham
Nelson“ 77	.....	.....	.....
Albion“ 78	Ivan C. Caldwell....	*Albert N. Lamb.....	.....
Geneva“ 79	Ralph R. Reemts....	Ben D. Fussell....	*Gerald Walton
Composite“ 81	Louis L. Harris....	*Pearl C. Hillegass..	*Pearl C. Hillegass
Saint Paul“ 82	.....	.....	*Alfred L. Baliman
Corinthian“ 83	*Henning Hallin....	*Henning Hallin....	*F. Ray Dilts
Fairfield“ 84	Warren M. Wilson..	.....	*Warren M. Wilson
Doniphan“ 86	.....	.....	.....
Ionic“ 87	Elmer A. Jones....	Kirk H. Snowden..	.....
Star“ 88	Victor C. Major....	H. Bayard Johnson..	Wallie Deman
Cedar River... “ 89	Wayne H. Nicholls..	.....	*Paul E. Smith
Oakland“ 91	.....	.....	.....
Beaver City... “ 93	Frank R. Malone....	*Harold J. Oehlerking	.....
Bennett“ 94	*Conrad Leader	*Robert N. Stall....	*Roy Church, Sr.
Garfield“ 95	.....	.....	.....
Utica“ 96	Loren H. McMillen..	Lee M. Chapin.....	.....
Euclid“ 97	Clifford C. Cooper..	Clarence E. Norris..	.....
Republican“ 98	*Louis L. Kammerer.	.....	.....
Shelton“ 99	.....	.....	.....
Creighton“ 100	Howard W. Keck ..	.....	.....
Ponea“ 101
Waterloo“ 102	August E. Nordgen.	Forrest W. Noyes..	Theodore E. Denker

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
OrdNo. 103	Almond R. Brox....	John J. Wozab
Wymore " 104	O. Wayne Miller....	Clair Marshall.....	*Franklin W. Myers
Stella " 105	*William P. Saltzbaugh	Earl Hicks .....	.....
Porter " 106	.....	.....	.....
Table Rock... " 108	*Louis E. Fencl.....	Bruce McCourtney..	*Joe R. Binder
Pomegranate .. " 110	Carl W. Ziegenbein..	*Edward Nelson.....	*Frank M. Thompson
DeWitt " 111	*George H. Norton...	.....	Harold Zwonechek
Springfield ... " 112	Dewey Callaway....	Wilfred J. White...	Glen McCamley
Globe " 113	Sivern D. Peterson...	.....	.....
Wisner " 111	*Bernard J. Freese...*	Carl H. Freese.....	*Orville K. Nye
Harlan " 116	Horace J Egelston..	.....	.....
Hardy " 117	*Edward M. Leigh...	.....	.....
North Bend... " 119	Scott R. Beadle....*	Clinton J. Bauer....	.....
Wayne " 120	*Ralph M. Carhart...*	Archie Wert	Orville Sherry
Superior " 121	C. Ray Graham.....	Ira B. Leslie.....	.....
Auburn " 124	Fred A. Rothert....	.....	*Harry Weekly
Mount Nebo... " 125	.....	.....	.....
Stromsburg ... " 126	*Elmer M. Swanson..	.....	.....
Minden " 127	*Charles A. Chappell..	.....	.....
Guide Rock... " 128	*W. James Fulton...*	Clarence M. Taylor..	*Glen G. Ohmstede
Blue Hill..... " 129	Theron Fish .....	.....	.....
Tuscan " 130	.....	.....	*Earl M. Bolen
Scribner " 132	.....	.....	.....
Elm Creek ... " 133	.....	.....	.....
Solar " 134	.....	.....	.....
McCook " 135	Leo C. Horton.....*	George F. Moss.....	Edward J. Petersen
Long Pine ... " 136	Charles M. Frederick*	William C. Smith...*	O. B. White
Upright " 137	Jerome L. Cox.....*	Louis C. Borden....	.....
Rawalt " 138	Neal G. Rhynalds...	.....	.....
Clay Centre .. " 139	*Earl Fryar .....	.....	.....
Western " 140	Arthur J. Henry....	.....	.....
Crescent " 143	.....	.....	.....
Kenesaw " 144	*Resin G. Bennett...*	.....	.....
Bancroft " 145	Frank A. Wood.....	.....	*Lawrence H. Preston
Jachin " 146	William B. Walters..*	Arthur Anderson....	.....
Siloam " 147	.....	.....	.....
Emmet Crawford " 148	Carlos E. Schaper...*	Carlos E. Schaper...*	.....
Jewel " 149	.....	.....	.....
Cambridge ... " 150	Arthur E. Hulme...*	Arthur E. Hulme...*	Arthur E. Hulme
Square " 151	Willard J. Hansen..	Lawrence H. Jones..	*William R. Brightenberg

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Evergreen ...No. 153
Lily " 154	Arthur Jensby.....
Hartington ... " 155	.....	.....	.....
Pythagoras ... " 156	LeVern Van Conett	.....	.....
Valley " 157	.....	.....	.....
Samaritan ... " 158	John J. Helzer.....	*George A. Stevens..	*Wesley W. Williams
Ogalalla " 159	.....	.....	.....
Zeredatha ... " 160	*Henry H. Hansmire.	*Joseph A. Mosher...	.....
Mount Zion ... " 161	Willis M. McMeekin	Lloyd E. Scow.....	Louis R. Scow
Trestle Board.. " 162	Edward Bottcher...	.....	.....
Unity " 163	Emmett A. Landon.	.....	*Walter Marlof
Atkinson " 164	*Robert Horner.....	*Robert Horner.....	Robert Horner
Barneston ... " 165	*Frank Krottsch.....	*Roy W. Howell.....	.....
Mystic Tie ... " 166	.....	.....	.....
Elwood " 167	Herbert H. Hawley.	.....	.....
Curtis " 168	Glen E. Sehick.....	.....	.....
Amity " 169	*Clarence E. Benschoter.....	.....	.....
Mason City .. " 170	Claude I. Narragon..	.....	.....
Merna " 171	.....	.....	.....
Robert Burns.. " 173	Alvin J. Lorance....	*F. George Burchell..	Floyd Carlson
Culbertson ... " 174	.....	*Osborne P. Simon...	*Osborne P. Simon
Temple " 175	.....	Henry R. Miller....	.....
Gladstone ... " 176	.....	.....	.....
Hay Springs.. " 177	.....	.....	.....
Prudence " 179	.....	.....	.....
Justice " 180	.....	.....	.....
Faith " 181	Clarence W. Glossbrenner	*Clarence W. Glossbrenner	*Walter O. Barnes
Alliance " 183	Alton S. Mote.....	Robert G. Outman ..	*Reuben E. Knight
Bee Hive " 184	*John R. Hughes....	*Jerome Korisko	J. Harold Shainholtz
Boaz " 185	Raymond A. Parker.	*Charles E. Furman..	.....
Israel " 187	Ben R. Heard.....	.....	*Peter Smith
Meridian " 188	Louis Olnhausen ...	.....	.....
Granite " 189	*Jay Thompson.....	.....	.....
Amethyst " 190	George W. Wiley...*	Sherman A. Lloyd..	.....
Crystal " 191	.....	.....	.....
Minnekadusa .. " 192	*Earl E. Nicholas...	.....	.....
Signet " 193	Alan A. Dusatko...	.....	.....
Highland " 194
Arcana " 195
Morning Star.. " 197	Bernard N. Kunkel..	Stanley Hartman...

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
PurityNo. 198	Maynard W. Overboe
Gavel " 199	*James H. Bryant...	*James H. Bryant...	*James H. Bryant
Blazing Star.. " 200	Carroll D. Walker...	Herbert B. Auchmoedy .....	.....
Scotts Bluff... " 201	.....	.....	.....
Golden Sheaf.. " 202	*James O. Kimball..	*James O. Kimball..	James O. Kimball
Roman Eagle.. " 203	.....	*William McQuistan..	.....
Plainview " 204	Leroy P. Jensen....	.....	.....
Golden Fleece.. " 205	*Alfred G. Taylor...	*Alfred G. Taylor....	*Alfred G. Taylor
Naphthali " 206	Donald E. McKenzie.	Frank Cully.....	*James R. Hayes
Parian " 207	Grayston A. Cool...	*Grayson A. Cool....	*Grayston A. Cool
Gauge " 208	Arnold F. Tuning...	.....	*Harold D. Weddel
Canopy " 209	.....	W. J. Bryan McDonald	Orel Lupardus John W. Kruse
East Lincoln.. " 210	Gerald E. Miller....	Herbert A. Ronin...	.....
Cement " 211	.....	.....	.....
Compass and Square " 212	.....	.....	.....
Plumblineline .. " 214	*Clarence D. Gottula.	.....	.....
Occidental " 215	LeRoy F. Settles....	*Albert Albertson...	Ernest Beck
Palisade " 216	Martin J. Walker....	.....	.....
Wauneta " 217	Ai D. McCallum....	*Ai D. McCallum....	*Ai D. McCallum
Bloomfield ... " 218	.....	Leonard C. Kuhl...	Anton D. G. Hotes
Relief " 219	.....	.....	.....
Magnolia " 220	Fay P. Mattison....	.....	.....
Wood Lake " 221	J. Alfred Morris....	.....	.....
Landmark " 222	Roy L. Hart.....	Warren O. Wakefield	Kenneth B. Wachter
Eminence " 223	.....	.....	.....
Silver Cord ... " 224	Cecile W. Ripley....	Harold E. Hooker...	Robert H. Tyler
Cable " 225	.....	.....	.....
Grace " 226	.....	.....	.....
North Star.... " 227	Victor B. Musselman	Ralph E. Applequist.	*Roy W. Deal
Bartley " 228	Arthur C. Olson....	*Arthur C. Olson....	*Arthur C. Olson
Comet " 229	Rance Blodgett....	Willard G. Johnson.	Martin E. Johnson
Delta " 230	.....	.....	.....
Mount Hermon " 231	.....	.....	.....
John S. Bowen. " 232	*Fred N. Paulsen....	Charles Buell .....	.....
Gilead " 233	*William P. Wills....	.....	.....
Zion " 234	C. Eugene Thurston.	.....	.....
Fraternity " 235	George H. Farran...	.....	.....
Golden Rule... " 236	Don F. Schneider...	Wilmer E. Anderson.	*Don F. Schneider
Cubit " 237	Lester Dovel, Jr....	.....	.....

*Proxy.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Friendship . . . No. 239	.....	.....	.....
Pilot " 240	Morris C. Paine...	Arthur W. Crellin..	.....
George			
Armstrong.. " 241	*Frank F. McMullin..	*Frank F. McMullin.	Howard G. Curley
Tyrian " 243	.....	.....	.....
Hampton " 245	.....	.....	.....
Nehawka " 246	R. Loy Pell.....	Sheldon B. Mitchell.	George H. Rieke
Corner-stone.. " 247	*Alfred N. Lundstrom	.....	.....
Laurel " 248	.....	.....	.....
Gothenburg . . " 249	Ronald H. Patterson	Frank Kolb	*Ernest Van Wey
George			
Washington. " 250	C. Harold Lott....	*Rosco W. Roeder...	*Robert McKinney
Wausa " 251	.....	.....	.....
Beemer " 253	*Fred C. Buhk .....	.....	.....
Bassett " 254	Elmer E. Phillips..	.....	.....
Hickman " 256	Willard V. Williams.	Ervin E. Williams..	Elmer J. Etmund
Holbrook " 257	Samuel F. Davis...	.....	.....
Anselmo " 258	*Leonard V. Lindly..	.....	.....
Ornan " 261	Leonard F. Kinney..	.....	.....
Endeavor " 262	.....	.....	.....
Mitchell " 263	Paul Williams.....	*Paul Williams.....	*Paul Williams
Franklin " 264	*William S. Yates...	.....	.....
Robert W.			
Furnas " 265	Morace F. Smith...	Floyd C. Wisner....	*Bernard B. Harris
Silver " 266	Chalmer E. Daniel..	.....	.....
James A. Tulleys " 267	.....	.....	.....
George W.			
Lininger . . . " 268	Frank P. Dohn.....	.....	.....
Oasis " 271	*Arthur W. Kaman..	.....	.....
Lee P. Gillette. " 272	*James P. Baker.....	Oscar A. Weiler....	*Harry H. Moller
Crofton " 273	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch.. " 274	Vyrle E. Crowell..	Harold F. Hoar.....	Lauerence A. Peterson
Ramah " 275	*David Rowlands . .	*John H. Sutlief.....	.....
Antelope " 276	Rollie C. Huffman..	.....	.....
Sioux " 277	.....	.....	.....
Litchfield . . . " 278	Leslie E. Kramer...	Austin F. Bates....	.....
Wallace " 279	*Channing J. Lewis..	.....	.....
Swastika " 280	.....	.....	*John C. Green
Florence " 281	Forest W. Rorick...	Robert J. McDermott	*William A. Yoder
Mullen " 282	*Ross Hager.....	Wilbert Ericksen...	Donald A. Cox
Exeter " 283	.....	.....	Theodore C. Madsen

*Proxy.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Seneca .....No. 284	George B. Fortune..	*George B. Fortune..	*George B. Fortune
Camp Clarke.. " 285			
Oshkosh " 286	*Homer C. Hays.....		
Union " 287	Ray V. Dwinell.....	*Henry C. McKee....	Ray V. Dwinell
Omaha " 288	Fred E. Graham....	William O. Mains...	Guy H. Hobbs
Lotus " 289	Elwood R. Meek....		
John J. Mercer " 290	Elmo W. Phillips....	Earl H. Furman ...	
Diamond " 291			
Wolbach " 292		Hans A. Mathaisen.	
Monument " 293			
Kimball " 294	C. Delmer Larsen...		
Minatare " 295	John B. Tillman....	*John B. Tillman....	*John B. Tillman
Cotner " 297	Theodor J. Wilson..	Lyle J. Bryant.....	Marion A. Childress
Chester " 298	*James E. Woodward.		
Sutherland " 299		Jacob R. Haugland..	
Liberty " 300	Donald L. Felton...	Glenn W. Burnett...	*John S. Burley
Bayard " 301	*Charles H. Ninegar.	*Gordon F. Gardner..	*Ralph E. Townsend
Mizpah " 302	Elmer B. Nordell...	Dan W. Campbell...	
Right Angle.. "" 303	Irvin K. Leshovsky.	Orin A. Kennedy...	Leon G. M. Vosseler
Ruskin " 304	*William P. Krogh...	*Chris Q. Hansen....	*Carl M. Oellerich..
Newman Grove " 305			
Golden Rod... " 306	Morris L. Hernbloom	Floyd E. Wise.....	Ben H. Vacik
William E. Hill " 307	*Harry D. Abker....	*Harry D. Abker....	Joe Halterman
Perkins " 308			
Winnebago ... " 309		Paul E. Belt.....	
Victory " 310			Ward V. Whitaker
Polk " 311			
Oak Leaf..... " 312			
Potter " 313	Rudolph Dedie		
Craftsmen " 314	Theodore E. Spahnle	Raymond E. Waller.	Theodore J. Leacock
Alpha " 316	Lyle N. Johnson....	*John L. Hazelgrove.	
Mid-West " 317	George D. Murrish..	Cyril A. Heinrichs..	*William J. Breckenridge
Grand Island.. " 318	Vern Nicholas	Arnold H. Harvey..	
Bladen " 319	*William H. Vankirk.		
College View.. " 320	Claude J. Keller....		
Harmony " 321	Clarence A. Mellberg	*Clarence A. Mellberg	*Clarence A. Mellberg
Pioneer " 322	*Joseph H. Lawson..	*Joseph H. Lawson..	*Joseph H. Lawson
Lebanon " 323	Harry P. Kellogg...	*Elmer P. Baruth....	*Robert E. Lund
Cairo " 324	J. Samuel Butler....	*Wesley E. Sorensen.	Milton J. Veeder

*Proxy.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

W. Herbert T. White, 11, Chairman presented the report of the Committee on Grievances, which was adopted section by section, and then as a whole.

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

Your Committee on Grievances has carefully considered the various matters presented to it and submits the following report.

No. 1. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Humboldt Lodge 40, A. F. & A. M. for restoration be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason, and offers the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, that the petition of a former member of Humboldt Lodge 40, A. F. & A. M. be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 2. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member, designated as "A", of Grand Island Lodge 318, A. F. & A. M. for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason, and offers the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the petition of a former member, designated as "A" of Grand Island Lodge No. 318, be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 3. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member, designated as "B" of Grand Island Lodge 318, A. F. & A. M. for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason, and offers the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, that the petition of a former member designated as "B" of Grand Island Lodge 318 A. F. & A. M. be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 4. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Midwest Lodge 317, A. F. & A. M. for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason, and offers the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, that the petition of a former member of Midwest Lodge 317 A. F. & A. M. be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 5. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Cedar River Lodge 89, A. F. & A. M. for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason, and offers the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the petition of a former member of Cedar River Lodge 89 for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 6. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Jaclin Lodge 146 A. F. & A. M. for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason, and offers the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, that the petition of a former member of Jaclin Lodge 146 A. F. & A. M. be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 7. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Pomegranate Lodge 110 A. F. & A. M. for restoration, which was deferred at the 1948 session of this Grand Lodge until its next communication, be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason, and offers the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, that the petition of a former member of Pomegranate Lodge 110 A. F. & A. M. for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

Your committee has had referred to it for review sentences imposed by the Trial Commission on three brothers against whom charges have been filed and heard during the past year, with the request by the M. W. Grand Master that this committee review such sentences and report whether the committee thinks the penalties in each of these cases should be increased from indefinite suspension to expulsion. Your committee has considered these cases and make the following recommendations:

No. 1. With reference to the sentence imposed upon a former member of Grand Island Lodge No. 318 A. F. & A. M., your committee was unable to find any circumstances in this record which your committee felt would warrant any less penalty than expulsion. Your committee, therefore, makes the following recommendation:

"Be it Resolved, that the sentence imposed by the Trial Commission on a former member of Grand Island Lodge No. 318 A. F. & A. M. of indefinite suspension be changed to a sentence of expulsion."

No. 2. Your committee has carefully considered the record in the case of a trial of a former member of Porter Lodge No. 106 A. F. & A. M. and have been unable to find any circumstances in the record that would warrant a lesser penalty than expulsion, and therefore offer the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, that the sentence of indefinite suspension on a former member of Porter Lodge No. 106 A. F. & A. M., imposed by the Trial Commission be increased to a sentence of expulsion."

No. 3. Your committee has carefully considered the records in the case of the trial of a former member of Arcana Lodge No. 195 A. F. & A. M. and have reached the conclusion that the Trial Commission justifiably found such extenuating circumstances as would warrant them on imposing a sentence of indefinite suspension rather than expulsion, and therefore offer the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the sentence of the Trial Commission of indefinite suspension of a former member of Arcana Lodge No. 195 A. F. & A. M. be affirmed."

Your Committee has had referred to it an appeal by Nebraska Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., and an individual member of said lodge, from the judgment of a duly appointed trial commission. We recommend that the appeal of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 and an individual member thereof be dismissed, and that the judgment of the trial commission be affirmed, and offer the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the appeal of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 and an individual member thereof, be dismissed, and that the judgment of the trial commission be affirmed.

RESOLUTION

M. W. Earl J. Lee, Past Grand Master, presented the following Resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Sarah W. Holly, a member of Maple Leaf Chapter No. 152, Order of the Eastern Star, under her last will and testament, devised her property to the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, for the use of The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, with the proviso that if a new building were ever erected at the said Home the Grand Lodge was authorized to use the entire fund in the erection of said building, and

WHEREAS, there is now the sum of \$25,175.72 in the Sarah W. Holly fund, and

WHEREAS, The Nebraska Masonic Home is about to erect a building for the housing of its residents and the funds are being expended through The Nebraska Masonic Home Building fund,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, in annual communication assembled on the 8th day of June, 1949, that the Sarah W. Holly fund of \$25,175.72 be transferred to The Nebraska Masonic Home Building fund for the purpose of using said fund in the erection of said building and that the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of said Grand Lodge be authorized to make said transfer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on the completion of said building a suitable memorial plaque be erected therein commemorating the generous gift of Sarah W. Holly.

RESOLUTION

The following resolution, duly signed by the required number of brethren, was presented by Brother William O. Mains, Senior Warden of Omaha Lodge No. 288.

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

The undersigned do recommend and move that the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended to incorporate the following, to wit:

ARTICLE XIV

The physical qualifications for initiation into the rites of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be as follows: that the candidate be a man of lawful age, not maimed, crippled, blinded or deaf, except that the Grand Master may in his discretion grant a waiver for the initiation, passing, and raising of any candidate who has been accepted by a subordinate lodge who may be suffering from loss of any limb or part thereof, an ear or any other portion of his flesh which does not impair his manhood, or loss to some degree of sight and hearing provided that the candidate by use of an artificial appliance can amply see, hear and take part in the work of the lodge.

RESOLUTION

The following resolution, duly signed by the required number of brethren, was presented by Brother William O. Mains, Senior Warden of Omaha Lodge No. 288.

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

It is respectfully moved that Sec. 2-904 (106) of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended in the following manner, to wit:

That portion of the aforesaid section reading "nor one having physical imperfections which impair his ability to support himself and family, or by reason of which he is unable to conform to all of our peculiar rites and ceremonies" be changed to read substantially as follows "nor one having physical imperfections which impair his ability to support himself and family, or by reason of which he is unable to conform to all of our peculiar rites and ceremonies provided that if a candidate by use of an artificial appliance is enabled to earn an adequate living for himself and family and is enabled to communicate the proper signs and grips of our order in a satisfactory manner and is accepted by a subordinate lodge, then the Grand Master may in his discretion grant a waiver for the initiation, passing and raising of such candidate."

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master:

You have heard this proposed amendment to our Constitution and By-laws. The amendment to the constitution will lay over for one year, during which time it will be presented to your lodges for action. The amendment to the By-laws which was presented will lay over until the next annual communication, at which time it will be acted upon by the Grand Lodge.

At 4:05 o'clock p. m., June 8, 1949, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

At 9:30 o'clock a. m., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

W. John R. Hughes, 184:

I move that the report of the committee on the Robert Carrel Jordan Memorial be printed in full in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Seconded, Carried.

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master:

Brethren:

There was a Special Committee, appointed two years ago, to report to this Grand Lodge on Section 3-102, Paragraph D of our Masonic Code, which refers to the Masonic offense of engaging in the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor as a beverage.

This Committee has spent two years studying this particular section. Their report has been referred to the Jurisprudence Committee. It is a very difficult question, brethren, and the Jurisprudence Committee is studying it. I want to say that this Committee is composed of W. Brother Clarence E. Benschoter, 169, Chairman, W. Brother Edward C. Newland, 158, and W. Brother William E. Brooks, 158. I want to thank them for the work which they have done and the study they have made, and I now discharge them with the word "well done."

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master:

Brethren:

I have a paper which I would like to read. It concerns the amendment which was presented yesterday relating to physical qualifications. I burned a little midnight oil last night because the question was raised, as I say in my statement, as to the legality of the amendment. I do want to read the statement which I have here, I have it typewritten, so there cannot be any mistake about what I shall say.

The question of the legality of the proposed Amendment to the Constitution relating to physical qualifications, which was presented to this Grand Lodge yesterday afternoon, has been questioned by several members of this Grand Lodge.

I have made a hurried study of this Amendment. It seems to me that this Amendment conflicts with other parts of our Constitution and cannot be legally adopted unless these other parts of the Constitution are altered or repealed.

I refer particularly to the two following extracts:

1. From the preamble of the Constitution, "provided, always, That the ancient landmarks of the Fraternity be held inviolate."

2. Article IX, Section 1, "the powers and authority of the Grand Lodge shall be supreme in this State, possessing all the attributes of sovereignty and government—legislative, executive and judicial—limited only by the strict adherence to the ancient landmarks of the Fraternity, and by the provisions of its own statutes and regulations."

All authorities agree that physical perfection is one of the landmarks of the Fraternity. I quote from Albert Mackey, in his list of the landmarks, of which No. 18 reads in part: "these qualities are that he shall be a man—unmutilated, free-born and of mature age."

Since this is an ancient landmark of Masonry, it seems to me that the proposed Amendment would be illegal unless we remove the previously quoted parts of the Constitution, which provide that the ancient landmarks are the foundation of our Constitution.

Since time does not permit me to thoroughly study this Amendment and its legality, I recommend to the incoming Grand Master a careful study of Masonic authority and consultation with members of our Grand Lodge on the legality of this Amendment, before submitting it to the chartered lodges for their action.

(M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master, referred this to the following committee: M. W. Edward F. Carter, Walter R. Raecke, and Earl J. Lee. At the time of the printing of these proceedings no report had been made.)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

W. Everett M. Wood, 37, chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Returns which was adopted.

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

The following Report is respectfully submitted by your Committee on Returns:

The records of the Grand Secretary for the current year show 276 constituent lodges with charters in good standing in this Grand Jurisdiction. All returns are filed and all accounts paid in full.

Delinquent members have been reduced during the year from 1,793 to 1,513 and there are 73 lodges with no delinquent members, qualifying them for the Roll of Honor.

Improvement is being shown each year in the completion of returns and we commend the constituent lodges for the attention given to this important matter of lodge records.

However, further improvement will greatly assist the office of the Grand Secretary, attested to by the fact that 55 per cent of the returns were filed after February 1st and 14 per cent were filed after the delinquent date of February 10th.

It is regrettable to report that insubordination on the part of the officers of one lodge and failure to complete records, when due, necessitated the imposition of one fine.

We make the following recommendations:

First: That secretaries, preparing hand-written reports are urged to exercise greater care in the legibility of their reports.

Second: That greater effort be made to forward returns to the Grand Secretary during January.

Third: That more careful scrutiny of returns be given by secretaries to eliminate return of reports, emphasized by the fact that during the past year 34 letters were sent by the Grand Secretary to clarify reports, and 21 returns failed to bear the lodge seal.

We commend the Grand Secretary and his staff for the excellent and efficient records maintained in the office and the prompt and courteous service rendered.

V.·W.·Thomas A. Barton, Grand Chaplain:

M.·W.·Grand Master and Brethren:

Those of us that have served in the Grand Lodge family for this year are keenly conscious of the fact that we have been given a glorious opportunity to serve with and to know a little better our retiring Grand Master. So M.·W.·Sir and Brethren, I would like to move that a vote of thanks be extended to M.·W.·Elmer E. Magee for his untiring and efficient efforts and devotion to our great fraternity, during the past year.

Seconded and carried unanimously.

M.·W.·Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master:

Brethren:

It is hard to say anything after that wonderful demonstration. I appreciate it very much. As you know my heart and soul has been in Masonry the past year, and I will continue to do anything that I can do to be of service to this Grand Lodge. It has been a year of inspiration to me to work with these men, and, as I said on many occasions, there is no finer group of men to be found anywhere than in this

Grand Lodge, and the future of this Grand Lodge is assured by this marvelous group of Grand Officers. Thank you, Brethren.

RESOLUTION

M. W. Lewis E. Smith presented the following resolution, which was duly signed by the required number of Brethren and was adopted:

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

I offer the following proposed Amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge:

That Article II of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the language "Francis E. White as Grand Secretary Emeritus," so that said Article as amended will read in full as follows:

ARTICLE II

MEMBERS

The Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Orator, Grand Historian, 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 the 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.

RESOLUTION

M. W. Lewis E. Smith presented the following Resolution, which was adopted:

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

I offer the following Amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge: That Article V of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended by including in the list of officers a Grand Historian, and so that said Article as amended will read in full as follows:

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS

The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be styled and take rank as follows:

- The Most Worshipful Grand Master;
- The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master;
- The Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden;
- The Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden;

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary;
 The Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain;
 The Worshipful Grand Orator;
 The Worshipful Grand Historian;
 The Worshipful Grand Custodian;
 The Worshipful Grand Marshal;
 The Worshipful Grand Senior Deacon;
 The Worshipful Grand Junior Deacon;
 The Grand Tyler.

M. W. Lewis E. Smith:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

I move that the published proceedings of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, held June 8, 9, and 10, 1948, and all previous proceedings of the Grand Lodge, published by the Grand Secretary, be ratified and approved. Seconded and carried.

M. W. Lewis E. Smith:

M. W. Grand Master:

I have another small matter. When the Grand Lodge formerly met in the Old Temple down on 16th and Capitol Avenue, the Scottish Rite Bodies also met in that same Temple. The Scottish Rite Bodies built their building on 20th and Douglas Streets, and moved there, and then later the York Rite Bodies and the lodges in Omaha built this building, and moved in here. When I came to the office in 1922 I found in the basement a very nice painting of Albert Pike, who, of course, is the great Southern Jurisdiction Authority, and the man whom they look upon as their great leader. I would like to move that if the Grand Lodge has no interest in this picture that it be donated to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Bodies, and that the picture be presented to Ill. Brother Frank C. Patton, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, to use in such manner as he may desire.

Seconded and carried unanimously.

W. Charles F. Adams, Grand Marshal:

I would like at this time to call the Brethren's attention to the fact that again Omaha has been a very charming and gracious host to our Grand Lodge in our annual communication, and because of that fact I should like to move that a vote of thanks of our Grand Lodge be extended to the eleven lodges for their generous, fine hospitality, the Trustees of the Scottish Rite Cathedral, for their generosity in making it possible for us to have our dinner there in traditional form, and to the Scottish Rite Women's Association for serving such a bountiful dinner. I so move, M. W. Grand Master.

Seconded and carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PAY-ROLL

W. Erwin J. Imig, 37, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Pay-roll, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Pay-roll respectfully reports that the amount due for mileage and per diem for the Ninety-second Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, is as follows:

Mileage	\$2,564.16
Per diem	1,848.00
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Total	\$4,412.16

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master:

We have a new appointment which came about this year, W. Brother Harold H. Thom as Grand Historian. The purpose of the appointment of W. Brother Thom was to collect history and information of the Grand Lodge and of the various Constituent lodges, in order that when our Centennial arrives, which will be eight years from now, we will be prepared to present a thorough history of this Grand Lodge and its various Constituent lodges, and that it is his job to compile information, working under the direction of the Centennial Committee. It is an important job, and we thank you, Brother Harold Thom, for accepting this important and difficult job.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, in the absence of M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Chairman, presented the final report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted.

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

No. 3. We approve the action of the Grand Master as to the laying of Corner-stones and dedication of Masonic Halls, in the absence of any further information.

No. 4. We approve the action of the Grand Master as to by-laws approved.

No. 5. We approve the action of the Grand Master as to dispensations to elect and install.

No. 6. We approve the action of the Grand Master in regard to the Dispensations to Confer Degrees, but we desire to call the attention of future Grand Masters to the necessity of not granting dispensations

to confer degrees without regard to time, except under extraordinary circumstances.

No. 7. We approve the action of the Grand Master in regard to the Extension of Time for Proficiency.

No. 8. We approve the action of the Grand Master in regard to applications for reinstatement.

No. 9. We approve the action of the Grand Master in regard to Interpretations of the Law.

No. 10. We approve Decision No. 1.

No. 11. We approve Decision No. 2.

No. 12. We approve Recommendation No. 1.

No. 13. We disapprove Recommendation No. 3, and we also disapprove that suggestion in the paragraph entitled "The Masonic Service Association," that our Grand Lodge should give financial aid to the work of that Association.

No. 14. We approve the matters and report set forth in the first three paragraphs of the sub-heading entitled "State of the Craft" and recommend that they be referred to the incoming Grand Master.

No. 15. We approve the action of the Grand Master in appointing a Grand Historian, and we recommend that the Grand Historian be made a permanent officer by amending our Constitution as follows:

By inserting the words, "The Worshipful Grand Historian" immediately following the words, "The Worshipful Grand Orator" in Article V of the Constitution.

No. 16. (a) Since the report of the Special Committee appointed to make a study and survey Sec. 3-102, Paragraph D was referred to this Committee, we ask that we be given until the 1950 Annual Communication in which to continue our study and make report.

(b) Inasmuch as the Committee on the Robert Carrel Jordan Memorial has been asked to make its report direct to the Grand Lodge we assume that no action is required by our Committee.

No. 17. Our action in regard to Automatic Suspension is set forth in Paragraph 2 of this report.

No. 18. Whereas from the Address of the Grand Master it appears that a serious situation exists in Right Angle Lodge No. 303, we recommend that the matter be referred to the incoming Grand Master for careful consideration and for such prompt and speedy action as he may deem necessary.

No. 19. Under the section entitled "Miscellaneous", of the Grand Master's Address, he refers to a situation relating to Gavel Lodge No. 199, Carleton. Since this matter was before the Grand Master, the Liquor Commission has denied the application of the occupant under the lodge hall for a license to sell package liquor.

Therefore, no action with reference to a removal of the meeting place of this lodge is now necessary. The Grand Master concurs with this Committee that the order to remove should be rescinded.

No. 20. We recommend that the title of Honorary Past Grand Master be conferred upon W. Brother Roscoe Pound, and that the same be conferred upon him at the 75th Anniversary of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln.

M. W. Walter R. Raecke, Past Grand Master :

Most Worshipful Grand Master :

I have been asked to give some explanation of this recommendation on behalf of the Committee. Roscoe Pound today is recognized as one of the foremost, and possibly the foremost scholar on law in the United States. He has attained many honors in his chosen field. He served as Dean of the Nebraska College of Law some years, has served as professor and Dean of the Harvard Law College. We are not so much concerned with that, except to note that he has attained distinction in the field of law. Roscoe Pound was a member of, and served as Master of, Lancaster Lodge No. 54 at Lincoln, Nebraska. Since he left this State he has lived in Massachusetts, he has served as the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and would probably have served as Grand Master of that Jurisdiction had it not been that the duties of his other work made it impossible for him to put in the necessary time. He, I believe, organized one lodge back in Massachusetts; he has given distinguished service to the world and especially to China where he helped recodify, I believe it was, the Chinese law, and where he also took an active part in Masonry.

This coming October, Lancaster Lodge No. 54 is to observe its seventy-fifth anniversary. Dean Pound has already accepted an invitation to come to Lincoln and give the chief address at the time of that celebration. It is thought by some that this distinguished Mason, and I should say further that he is undoubtedly recognized today as the foremost scholar and writer on Masonic Jurisprudence. His writings are quoted repeatedly and cited whenever the questions of Masonic Law come up. So it was thought that on the visit to his original home that he ought to be given some honor by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. It was also thought that this honor, if given at all, should be something that would be worth while. He has already been signally honored by several other Grand Jurisdictions, including Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and I believe New York. So the suggestion was made, and has been approved by the Jurisprudence Committee that when he comes to Nebraska next fall, the title of Honorary Past Grand Master be conferred upon him.

This does not constitute the creation of any new office, but is merely an honorary title to be conferred, so in line with that, this recommendation has been brought in, and if the Grand Lodge approves the recommendation, then I have a resolution to follow which will carry that recommendation into effect.

It has been suggested that I should make it clear that the distinction conferred upon Brother Pound by the other Jurisdictions which I mentioned were of another nature, citations, medals, etc., and not the title of Honorary Past Grand Master.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Brother Roscoe Pound, a former member and Past Master of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, and Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has rendered distinguished and unusual service to the Masonic Craft throughout the world, and is recognized as the greatest living authority and writer on Masonic Jurisprudence, now,

Therefore, be it resolved by the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska that in recognition of such service by this Eminent Mason, the title of "Honorary Past Grand Master" be and hereby bestowed and conferred upon him, and

Be it further resolved that the Grand Master be and hereby is authorized and directed to cause a suitable and appropriate certificate to be prepared evidencing this recognition and that it be presented to W. Brother Pound during the observance of the 75th Anniversary of Lancaster Lodge No. 54.

The above resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

W. Harold M. Kelley, 302, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Codification of the Law, which was adopted:

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

Pursuant to the approved recommendations of the Committee on Jurisprudence and administrative action of the Grand Lodge, we recommend:

1. That Section 1-407 (31) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be amended to read as follows:

"The per capita tax of \$3.00 shall be divided as follows:

To The Nebraska Masonic Home	\$2.00
To the Maintenance Fund, Children's Home at Fremont ..	.15
To the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans .....	.20
To the General Fund .....	.65

The Initiation Fee of \$10.00 shall be allotted to the Funds of the Grand Lodge as follows:

To the General Fund	5.00
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To the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans 2.50

To the Maintenance Fund, Children's Home at Fremont . . . 2.50

The affiliation fee shall be allotted to the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.

Provided, that all funds in the Building and Improvement Fund on June 8, 1938, shall continue to be known as the Building and Improvement Fund, together with all accretions except as provided in Section 31-C (1940)."

2. That the original Section 1-407 (31) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be repealed.

3. That Section 2-602 (81) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be amended to read as follows:

"Each lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge on or before the 10th day of April, for each initiation, the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and for each member, the sum of Three Dollars (\$3.00). 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 petitioned for affiliation within one year after receiving his demit, or having petitioned for affiliation and having been rejected, has renewed his petition as often as once in each six months after each rejection.

Each lodge shall at the same time pay to the Grand Lodge for all supplies purchased from the Grand Lodge during the preceding year. 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 2-311(57), and pay their indebtedness to the Grand Lodge by the tenth of April.

When the complete returns of any subordinate lodge shall not have been received by the Grand Secretary by April 20th, he shall notify the Grand Master of that fact, and the Grand Master, shall, by himself, the Grand Custodian, or an Assistant to the Grand Custodian, or some other brother appointed by the Grand Master, make personal investigation of such lodge, and secure returns as complete as may be. And the Grand Secretary shall charge, upon the books of the Grand Lodge, the expenses of such visitation, to the lodge, unless the Grand Master, being satisfied that good reason existed for such delay, shall order otherwise.

All settlements shall be made in accordance with the account of the Grand Secretary, who shall base the same upon the table as printed

in the preceding year's proceedings of the Grand Lodge. Unaffiliated brethren formerly belonging to lodges now extinct shall annually pay the sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00) as Grand Lodge dues. Such dues, when paid, shall be used for the purpose of helping maintain The Nebraska Masonic Home. (1938)."

4. That the original Section 2-602 (81) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be repealed.

5. That a new section to be known as Section 2-607A to the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946, be adopted as follows:

"Section 2-607A. On or before thirty days before the last stated meeting of the lodge held before December 31 of each year, it shall be the duty of the secretary to notify each member in writing who may be in arrears for dues for the current year of such fact and request payment thereof before December 31, of that year; and if such member fails to pay his dues on or before December 31, of such year he shall stand automatically suspended for non-payment of dues and entry thereof shall be made in the minutes at the first subsequent stated meeting of the lodge. It shall be the duty of the secretary to notify by written notification all members automatically suspended for non-payment of dues, provided when the post office address of the suspended member is unknown notice shall be mailed to his last known post office address."

6. That Section 3-404 (161) be repealed.

7. That Section 3-405 (162) be repealed.

8. That Section 3-703 (183) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 3-703 (183)—SUSPENSION for non-payment of dues or other reasons, at once subjects the offender to the same consequences, during suspension, as expulsion, and, except for non-payment of dues, may be imposed at a special as well as at a regular meeting of the lodge; but the offender remains a member of his lodge and subject to his Masonic obligations. No dues accrue against him during the term of his suspension, even though the latter may have been unlawful. Membership in another Masonic body will not entitle him to recognition in his lodge."

9. That the original Section 3-703 (183) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be repealed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

W. Ernest E. James, 1, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Finance which was adopted section by section, and then as a whole.

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

Your Committee on Finance reports as follows:

We have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and the various committees and other units of the Grand Lodge having any part in the financial program of the Grand Lodge.

We have also carefully reviewed the report of the auditors, submitted by George Greenfield, and have examined all matters of finance which have in any way been referred to this Committee by the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and committees or individuals connected with the Grand Lodge, and respectfully report our findings and recommendations for your consideration.

GENERAL FUND COMPARISON

In accordance with the practice followed for the past several years, we have prepared a list showing a comparison between the General Fund Budget adopted last year and the actual expenses during this past year.

We submit, herewith, as a matter of permanent record, our findings.

**COMPARISON OF GENERAL FUND,
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES**

EXPENSE ANNUAL SESSION	Appro- priated	Expended or with- drawn	Savings	Over- draft
Payrolls	\$ 4,606.58	\$ 4,606.58		
Grand Lodge Dinner	862.00	957.50		95.50
Entertainment				
Distinguished Guests	250.00	465.00		215.00
Reporting and Transcribing	75.00	70.00	5.00	
Grand Tyler	15.00	15.00		
Grand Organist	10.00	10.00		
EXPENSE GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES				
Masonic Education	3,600.00	3,000.00	600.00	
Relief and Care				
of Orphans	600.00	600.00		
Trial Commission	100.00	100.00		
Grand Chaplain	100.00	100.00		
Grand Trustees	50.00	50.00		
Other Committees	100.00	100.00		
Unassigned incidental expense under direction of Grand Master	2,000.00	1,612.50	387.50	
TRAVELING EXPENSE				
Grand Master	2,500.00	2,000.00	500.00	
Grand Secretary	500.00	500.00		

Grand Custodian and Staff	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Other Grand Lodge Officers under direction of Grand Master	600.00	600.00	
Grand Secretary Emeritus	500.00	500.00	
SALARIES			
Grand Secretary	3,600.00	3,600.00	
Grand Secretary Clerical Staff ..	3,800.00	3,630.00	170.00
Grand Custodian	3,000.00	3,000.00	
FIXED EXPENSES			
Rent of Grand Lodge quarters....	2,200.00	2,200.00	
Cost of annual audit	100.00	100.00	
Grand Secretary Office Expense..	2,500.00	2,800.00	300.00
Cost of Jewel for retiring Grand Master	168.00	168.00	
PRINTING			
Certificates for Secretaries	150.00	150.00	
Proceedings 1948 Session including Advance copies of reports ...	1,650.00	1,770.00	120.00
List of Regular Lodges	160.00	160.00	
List of Masters and Secretaries (2 years 1948-1949)	250.00	237.00	12.50
INSURANCE AND ASSESSMENTS			
Workmen's Compensation and Em- ployment Liability Premium .	30.39	39.06	8.67
Dues of Masonic Relief Associa- tion 39,323 members	196.61	196.61	
Social Security Tax	210.00	191.96	18.04
Liability Insurance for Grand Master's Automobile	25.00	42.10	17.10
Surety Bond for Grand Lodge officers, committees and employees	275.00	280.80	5.80
Grand Lodge Furniture and Fixtures (3 years)	47.88	3.81	44.07
Grand Secretary's Office Equip- ment	1,149.50	1,361.20	211.70
Total	38,980.96	37,907.62	2,047.11 973.77

The foregoing tabulation shows a net saving of \$1,073.34 and we take this opportunity to again commend the Grand Lodge Officers and the various committees for their efforts in conserving on expense, which have resulted in the above savings.

The following is a list of unexpended balances from appropriations withdrawn which have, or will be, returned to the Grand Lodge General Fund.

GRAND CUSTODIAN AND DEPUTIES EXPENSE

The amount of \$3,000.00 was appropriated and withdrawn. Their expenses, according to the report filed, amounts to \$2,998.24, leaving a balance of \$1.76 which has been returned to the Grand Lodge.

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

The amount of \$3,600.00 was appropriated but \$3,000 only was withdrawn. Their report filed shows expenses of \$2,706.24 out of their appropriation, leaving an unexpended balance of \$293.76, which has been returned to the Grand Lodge.

TRAVEL EXPENSE, LEWIS E. SMITH,
GRAND SECRETARY EMERITUS

\$500.00 was appropriated and withdrawn. According to the expense report filed \$401.53 was expended, leaving a balance of \$98.47 which has been returned to the Grand Lodge.

GRAND CHAPLAIN EXPENSE

The amount of \$100.00 was appropriated and withdrawn. The report filed shows expenditures of \$72.00, leaving a balance of \$28.00 which has been returned to the Grand Lodge.

OUTSTANDING CHECKS IN PAY-ROLL ACCOUNT

There are several checks that have not been cleared that were drawn several years ago and which amount to \$221.43. We recommend this amount be returned to the General Fund to balance this account.

MASONIC SERVICE, ANNUITIES AND GIFTS

There is cash in this fund at the present time of \$491.98 and as the only obligation or annuity has been paid back and the Committee discharged we recommend this amount be returned to the General Fund.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION NO. 2 REGARDING
MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION VISITATION

In view of this not having been approved by the Jurisprudence Committee we are taking no action on this recommendation.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

We concur with this recommendation and are making proper provision in the Budget for the increased funds requested.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION NO. 8

After discussing this request with the Grand Custodian and the Chairman of the Work Committee we are in accord with same and are making provision in the General Fund Budget to cover the amount requested.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION NO. 7

No proposal having been received from The Nebraska Masonic Home for the sale of the car referred to in this recommendation, this Committee has taken no action on same. However, since the car will be used partly for Grand Lodge purposes, we recommend that the rate of 6 cents per mile be paid by the Grand Lodge for any use made by it.

In view of the present level of living costs, we concur with the Grand Master's recommendation No. 9, that additional compensation be paid to the Grand Secretary in the amount of \$900.00 and to the Grand Custodian \$1,200.00, without change in the existing Grand Lodge laws establishing the salary basis, to be paid in monthly amounts, and we are setting up the proper amounts in the General Fund Budget.

AUTOMOBILE FOR THE GRAND MASTER

It has been the practice for several years past for the Grand Master to use his own car for Grand Lodge work, and we understand that the incoming Grand Master intends to use his car this year.

We, therefore, recommend that he be authorized to charge 6c per mile for the expense thereof. We have set up a small amount in the General Fund to cover Public Liability and Property Damage insurance on the Grand Master's car for the protection of the Grand Lodge.

GENERAL FUND

There is cash in this Fund in the amount of \$37,600.94 on deposit in the Live Stock National Bank as of May 16, 1949. There is to be returned to the General Fund unexpended balances from various committees and other sources, amounting to \$1,535.40, which makes a total available for appropriation to cover the 1949 General Budget of \$39,136.34.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET — 1949

EXPENSE OF ANNUAL SESSION

Payroll 1949	\$ 4,412.16
Grand Lodge dinner	675.00
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests	500.00
Reporting and Transcribing Session	75.00
Grand Tyler	15.00
Grand Organist	10.00

\$5,687.16

EXPENSE OF GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

Masonic Education	3,600.00
Relief and Care of Orphans	600.00
Trial Commission	100.00
Grand Chaplain	100.00
Grand Trustees	50.00
Other Committees	100.00

Unassigned incidental expense under direction of Grand Master	2,000.00	
		6,550.00

TRAVELING EXPENSES

Grand Master	2,500.00	
Grand Secretary	500.00	
Grand Custodian and staff	4,000.00	
Other Grand Lodge Officers under direction of Grand Master	600.00	
Grand Secretary Emeritus	500.00	
Grand Master Elmer E. Magee's travel expense account of not having withdrawn proper amount from the appropriation set up last year	300.00	
		8,400.00

SALARIES

Grand Secretary	3,600.00	
Grand Secretary, additional compensation	900.00	
Grand Secretary, clerical staff	3,900.00	
Grand Custodian	3,000.00	
Grand Custodian, additional compensation	1,200.00	
		12,600.00

FIXED EXPENSES

Rent of Grand Lodge quarters to June 30, 1950	2,200.00	
Cost of Annual Audit	100.00	
Grand Secretary Office Expense	2,800.00	
Cost of Jewel for retiring Grand Master	168.00	
		5,268.00

PRINTING

Proceedings 1949 session, including advance reports	1,750.00	
Lists of Regular Lodges	125.00	
		1,875.00

INSURANCE AND ASSESSMENTS

Workmens Compensation and Liability Prem- ium to June, 1950	37.00	
Dues to Masonic Relief Association 40,621 members	203.11	
Social Security Tax	210.00	
Liability Insurance for Grand Master's Auto ..	25.00	

Surety Bond for Grand Lodge Officers, Committees and employees	275.00	
\$20,000 Insurance on Grand Lodge Property for 3-year term	95.72	

845.83

MISCELLANEOUS

For procurement of a suitable plaque conforming to report of the Robert Carrel Jordan Committee	100.00	
For purchasing Perpetual Care for the Robert Carrel Jordan Lot in Prospect Hill Cemetery, (to be matched by an equal amount from the Scottish Rite Bodies)	150.00	
For purchasing aprons for the Assistant Custodians, according to Grand Master Elmer E. Magee's Recommendation No. 8	250.00	500.00
Grand Total		\$41,725.99

In accordance with the previous action of this Grand Lodge we recommend that the amount of \$22,000 in the Permanent Reserve Fund be earmarked for the expense incident to the observance of the Centennial of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS
 MAINTENANCE FUND, MASONIC-EASTERN STAR
 HOME FOR CHILDREN

Estimated maintenance for the coming year (to be matched by an equal appropriation from the Grand Chapter of the Order of The Eastern Star)	\$ 19,000.00
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RELIEF FUND

Special appropriation to increase existing revenue to the Maintenance Fund of The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth	\$ 10,000.00
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ORPHAN'S EDUCATIONAL FUND

Special appropriation for the Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund (to be matched by a like amount from the Grand Chapter of the Order of The Eastern Star)	\$ 750.00
Special appropriation to amplify the amount in Maintenance Fund of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont....	\$ 5,000.00

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND

Special appropriation to amplify the General Fund to meet the 1949 Budget	\$ 2,750.00
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CONCLUSION

We are pleased to advise you that funds for all of the foregoing appropriations are available, and that all funds of the Grand Lodge are in order for the regular business of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

W. Morace F. Smith, 265, in the absence of W. Elmo W. Phillips, 290, chairman, reported that there was no unfinished business.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. William C. Schaper, Past Grand Master, was Installing Officer, assisted by M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Past Grand Master, as Marshal.

THE NEW GRAND MASTER

M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master:

I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful Brother Schaper and Most Worshipful Brother Benjamin F. Eyre, for the installation of the officers for the ensuing year. In being elected to the office of M. W. Grand Master it is with a feeling of humility that I accept this much honored position. I realize that with this privilege there comes a corresponding responsibility, and with the human failings and limitations we, as your Grand Officers, will do our best the coming year, and I want the members of this Great Fraternity to ever feel free to call upon your Grand Lodge Officers to render whatever service they can.

We adopted a policy last year, and I hope to carry it out this year, of bringing your Grand Lodge Officers closer to the membership of the Masons of Nebraska. We do not expect to visit every lodge, but we have adopted the policy, promulgated by M. W. Elmer E. Magee last year, and it has worked out quite successfully, to try and visit all the smaller lodges of the State, which means lodges that have a membership of 75 or less.

I would like to ask of you a personal privilege. This morning there are two groups that came down to see me installed as your Grand Master.

The first group that I would like to present to you is a group of my nephews. Will they stand, please.

The next group I want to present to you are Brethren from my own lodge. Will you please stand.

There is only one brother in this group who is an older member of the lodge than I am. He was a member when I came into the lodge more

than thirty-five years ago. Brethren, I certainly appreciate your presence here this morning.

W. Howard J. Hunter, 59:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Members of the Grand Lodge:

It is with a great deal of humbleness that I speak on behalf of the W. Master of Wahoo Lodge 59. You have honored us by electing our Past Master to such an eminent position, also Laurence R. Davis as Grand Chaplain. Both of these brethren have worked with us in the lodge over a great many years, and I feel that you will grant us the privilege of feeling very honored that we have performed somewhat our duties as a lodge of your Grand Jurisdiction in having builded men of their caliber to work for you in your Grand Lodge, and M. W. Grand Master, we are very, very proud of you.

M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master:

Thank you, Brother Hunter.

**PRESENTATION OF THE PAST GRAND MASTER'S
JEWEL TO M. W. ELMER E. MAGEE.**

M. W. Lewis E. Smith.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

Many times the presentation of the jewel to a Past Grand Master is just another little ceremony, and does not mean a lot. This morning I won't take but a minute, because it is late, but I do want to pay tribute to the man who has from the very beginning of his year as Grand Master exhibited a zeal for the fraternity. He desired to do something to better Freemasonry, to leave it just a little better than he found it, if that were possible. He has worked with fervor and fidelity, and no man can give more zeal or more desire to do the things for the Grand Lodge than he has. No doubt in his own mind there are things he wanted to do that he has not done, but that is the hope and aspiration of every man, who has served this Grand Lodge as Grand Master. There is always some unfinished business. No one has ever accomplished everything he desired to do, but this morning we pay tribute for a year of hard work, a year of intelligent work, a year of fraternal respect that he has had for the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge, and that he has tried to call to the attention of our brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction, and today our M. W. Grand Master finds himself in two positions, the first is that he stands here and sees another man sitting in his place. It is not an easy thing to step aside, and see another man step into your shoes, so to speak, and no man ever left the office of Grand Master that there was not a little tinge of regret, however happy he is to be relieved of the responsibilities, it grows into his heart, into his being. I know that our good friend Elmer Magee is going to step aside with that gracious manner of his, and be a real Past Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction.

The second position is he has been Grand Master for a year, and the longest day that he lives he is a Past Grand Master, and the responsibilities and reputation of Freemasonry rest heavily upon his shoulders with the other brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction who have had the privilege of serving this Grand Lodge. So today we say to him, we present you this little token as a visible evidence of our appreciation, but what we hope for you is that you have years on years to be a Past Grand Master, and to help spread the influence of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

M.'.W.'.Brother Elmer, it is a pleasure and a real privilege to invest you with your jewel, and may the Lord keep you.

M.'.W.'.Elmer E. Magee, Past Grand Master :

I thank you very much Brethren, and M.'.W.'.Brother Lew. It is a real pleasure for me to receive this jewel from your hands. The reason that I asked that you present this was because during this year you have been my counsellor, you have been where I could get to you easily, living there in Lincoln. You have had twenty-five years experience as Grand Secretary, and I did draw heavily upon that knowledge, and particularly upon the wonderful friendship we have had together.

Brethren, it is in a way hard to step down from this office, and yet I feel free to do so. If I have been of any service to the Craft I am very happy, and I pledge to you my continued loyalty and service so long as the Great Architect of the Universe shall let me live.

I thank you very much for the honors which you have given me, and I shall continue always to look back on this year as the greatest year of my life. Thank you very much.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS' APRON

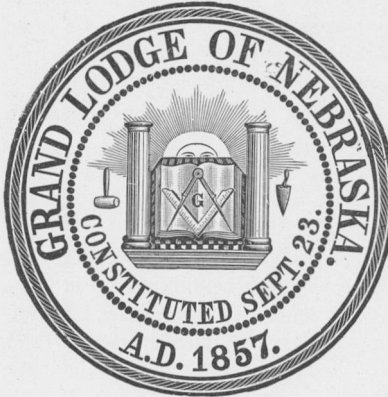
M.'.W.'.William B. Wanner, Past Grand Master :

M.'.W.'.Brother Magee, the Grand Secretary suggested to the Grand Lodge that the Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge were not properly clothed, and we presented to them a beautiful apron, so we don't want you to be improperly clothed, and we want to replace in some way the beautiful apron you have worn this past year, so it is now my pleasure to present you this beautiful Past Grand Master's apron, and may I express the hope that you will wear the apron to tatters.

M.'.W.'.Elmer E. Magee, Past Grand Master :

M.'.W.'.Brother Wanner, it was you that gave me the privilege to serve in our Grand Lodge by appointing me as your Grand Junior Deacon. I am deeply indebted to you for it. I hope that you have not been ashamed of your appointment, and that in the future we may spend many years together. I am very pleased to receive this apron at your hands, to be able to wear it as a Past Grand Master of this M.'.W.'.Grand Lodge.

At 12:20 o'clock p. m., no further business appearing, after prayer by V. W. Laurence R. Davis, Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.



Attest:

It is hereby certified that the above and foregoing is full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the Ninety-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held at Omaha, Nebraska, June 7, 8 and 9, 1949, and printed under my directions.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, this 2nd day of July, 1949.

Frank Feisen

Grand Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

This page is fraternally and affectionately
dedicated to the memory of
Six Hundred Eighty
Beloved Brethren
of this Grand Jurisdiction
who will be seen on earth no more.

*"Light rest the ashes upon thee and may the
sunshine of Heaven beam bright at thy waking."*

IN MEMORIAM

To the Distinguished Dead
of other
Grand Jurisdictions
This page is
Fraternally and Affectionately
Dedicated.

IN MEMORIAM

This page is inscribed

To the Memory of

Most Worshipful

HARRY A. CHENEY

Past Grand Master

Installed June 8, 1910

Born November 17, 1868

Died June 27, 1948

VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS

WHO HAVE ATTENDED GRAND LODGE 21 YEARS OR MORE.

Benjamin F. Pitman, 50 Years	1900-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30- 31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46- 47-48-49
Lewis E. Smith, 47 Years	1901-02-04-05-06-07-08-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18- 19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33- 34-35-36-37-38-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49
James R. Cain, 45 Years	1902-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17- 18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32- 33-34-35-36-37-38-39-43-44-46-47-48-49
Joseph B. Fradenburg, 40 Years	1910-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25- 26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40- 41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49
Charles A. Chappell, 37 Years	1912-13-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28- 29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43- 44-46-47-48-49
Chancellor A. Phillips, 35 Years	1914-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28- 29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42- 43-44-46-47-48-49
George Allen Beecher, 34 Years.	1902-03-04-05-06-07-08-10-11-12-13-14-21-22-23-28- 29-30-31-32-33-34-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44- 46-47
Earl M. Bolen, 33 Years	1913-14-15-16-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-29-30- 31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46- 47-48
Edwin D. Crites, 32 Years	1913-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28- 29-30-31-32-33-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44- 49
Earl W. Dean, 31 Years.	1914-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29- 30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-46-47- 48
Lute M. Savage, 31 Years	1918-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33- 34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48
John R. Tapster, 31 Years	1907-08-09-10-11-12-13-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29- 30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-44-49
George A. Stevens, 31 Years	1917-18-19-20-21-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33- 34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49
Jesse Lowther, 30 Years	1916-17-20-21-22-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34- 35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48
William F. Evers, 30 Years	1920-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35- 36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49
John R. Hughes, 29 Years	1919-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33- 34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49
Archie M. Smith, 28 Years	1922-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37- 38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49

Benjamin F. Eyre, 27 Years	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49
John S. Hedelund, 26 Years	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49
Raymond C. Cook, 26 Years	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36- 37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49
Carl R. Greisen, 26 Years	1922-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39- 40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49
C. Ray Macy, 26 Years	1924-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39- 40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49
William C. Smith, 23 Years	1926-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40- 41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49
William J. Breckenridge, 21 Years	1918-19-25-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43- 44-46-47-48-49

WE HAVE SET APART THIS PAGE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS WHO HAVE PASSED
BEYOND THE VEIL.

ROBERT C. JORDAN.....	Died Jan. 9th, 1899....(1st)..1857-58-59
GEORGE ARMSTRONG.....	Died Nov. 12th, 1896....(2nd)..1860-61-62
DANIEL H. WHEELER.....	Died Nov. 27th, 1912.....(3rd)..1863-64
ROBERT W. FURNAS.....	Died June 1st, 1905.....(4th)..1865-66
ORSAMUS H. IRISH.....	Died Jan. 27th, 1883.....(5th)..1867-68
HARRY P. DEUEL.....	Died Nov. 23rd, 1914.....(6th)..1869-70
WILLIAM E. HILL.....	Died Dec. 29th, 1917.....(7th)..1871-72
MARTIN DUNHAM.....	Died Feb. 18th, 1915.....(8th)..1873
FRANK WELCH.....	Died Sept. 4th, 1878.....(9th)..1874
ALFRED G. HASTINGS.....	Died July 10th, 1894.....(10th)..1875
GEORGE H. THUMMEL....	Died Feb. 5th, 1932.....(11th)..1876
GEORGE W. LININGER....	Died June 8th, 1907.....(12th)..1877
EDWARD K. VALENTINE..	Died April 11th, 1916.....(13th)..1878
ROLLAND H. OAKLEY.....	Died Feb. 2nd, 1904.....(14th)..1879
JAMES A. TULLEYS.....	Died Jan. 21st, 1901.....(15th)..1880
JAMES R. CAIN, Sr.....	Died Nov. 24th, 1920.....(16th)..1881
EDWIN F. WARREN.....	Died July 9th, 1923.....(17th)..1882
SAMUEL W. HAYES.....	Died Nov. 15th, 1913.....(18th)..1883
JOHN JAY WEMPLE.....	Died May 28th, 1943.....(19th)..1884
MANOAH B. REESE.....	Died Sept. 28th, 1917.....(20th)..1885
CHARLES K. COUTANT....	Died Aug. 23rd, 1910.....(21st)..1886
MILTON J. HULL.....	Died Sept. 18th, 1923.....(22nd)..1887
GEORGE B. FRANCE.....	Died Aug. 16th, 1914.....(23rd)..1888
JOHN J. MERCER.....	Died Feb. 25th, 1915.....(24th)..1889
ROBERT E. FRENCH.....	Died Feb. 16th, 1927.....(25th)..1890
BRADNER D. SLAUGHTER.	Died May 8th, 1909.....(26th)..1891
SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON....	Died Dec. 8th, 1928.....(27th)..1892
JAMES P. A. BLACK.....	Died Nov. 12th, 1918.....(28th)..1893
JOHN A. EHRHARDT.....	Died Nov. 1st, 1925.....(29th)..1894
HENRY H. WILSON.....	Died June 28th, 1941.....(30th)..1895

CHARLES J. PHELPS.....	Died Aug. 24th, 1915.....	(31st)..1896
JOHN B. DINSMORE.....	Died Oct. 6th, 1915.....	(32nd)..1897
FRANK H. YOUNG.....	Died Dec. 24th, 1917.....	(33rd)..1898
WILLIAM W. KEYSOR.....	Died Aug. 17th, 1922.....	(34th)..1899
ALBERT W. CRITES.....	Died Aug. 23rd, 1915.....	(35th)..1900
ROBERT E. EVANS	Died July 8th, 1925.....	(36th)..1901
NATHANIEL M. AYERS....	Died Nov. 19th, 1913.....	(37th)..1902
FRANK E. BULLARD.....	Died Jan. 31st, 1933.....	(38th)..1903
CHARLES E. BURNHAM...	Died May 29th, 1933.....	(39th)..1904
MELVILLE R. HOPEWELL.	Died May 2nd, 1911.....	(40th)..1905
ZUINGLE M. BAIRD.....	Died Dec. 17th, 1916.....	(41st)..1906
ORNAN J. KING.....	Died Dec. 26th, 1927.....	(42nd)..1907
WILLIAM A. DE BORD....	Died May 17th, 1916.....	(43rd)..1908
MICHAEL DOWLING	Died May 5th, 1921.....	(44th)..1909
HENRY GIBBONS	Died Aug. 22nd, 1923.....	(46th)..1911
HARRY A. CHENEY	Died June 27th, 1948.....	(47th)..1912
ALPHA MORGAN	Died April 17th, 1924.....	(48th)..1913
THOMAS M. DAVIS.....	Died Aug. 12th, 1919.....	(49th)..1914
SAMUEL S. WHITING.....	Died Aug. 11th, 1931.....	(50th)..1915
ANDREW H. VIELE.....	Died May 9th, 1941.....	(51st)..1916
FREDERIC L. TEMPLE....	Died Aug. 13th, 1944.....	(52nd)..1917
AMBROSE C. EPPERSON...	Died Mar. 16th, 1944.....	(53rd)..1918
JOHN J. TOOLEY.....	Died July 31st, 1934.....	(54th)..1919
EDWARD M. WELLMAN...	Died Aug. 31st, 1922.....	(57th)..1922
ROBERT R. DICKSON.....	Died June 18th, 1941.....	(59th)..1924
JOHN WRIGHT	Died Oct. 29th, 1936.....	(60th)..1925
ALBERT R. DAVIS	Died Mar. 7th, 1929.....	(62nd)..1927
FRANK H. WOODLAND....	Died Oct. 23rd, 1940.....	(63rd)..1928
IRA C. FREET.....	Died Oct. 13th, 1944.....	(64th)..1929
ORVILLE A. ANDREWS....	Died Oct. 16th, 1936.....	(65th)..1930
EDWIN B. JOHNSTON.....	Died Feb. 11th, 1933.....	(67th)..1932
WILLIAM C. RAMSEY.....	Died May 19th, 1938.....	(71st)..1935
WILLIAM A. ROBERTSON..	Died July 3rd, 1944.....	(73rd)..1937

PAST GRAND MASTERS
 PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE
 A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska

JAMES R. CAIN, JR.	(47th).....1912
Omaha National Bank, Omaha	
JOSEPH B. FRADENBURG	(55th)....1920
820 City National Bank Bldg., Omaha	
LEWIS E. SMITH	(56th)....1921
929 O Street, Lincoln	
CHARLES A. CHAPPELL	(58th)....1923
Minden	
EDWIN D. CRITES	(61st)....1926
Chadron	
JOHN R. TAPSTER	(66th)....1931
North Bend	
RALPH O. CANADAY	(68th)....1933
Hastings	
ARCHIE M. SMITH	(69th)....1933
Pender	
VIRGIL R. JOHNSON	(70th)....1934
Beatrice	
CHANCELLOR A. PHILLIPS	(72nd)....1936
Cambridge	
WALTER R. RAECKE	(74th)....1938
Central City	
WILLIAM J. BRECKENRIDGE	(75th)....1939
Hastings	
EARL J. LEE	(76th)....1940
Fremont	
EDWARD F. CARTER	(77th)....1941
State House, Lincoln	
GEORGE A. KURK	(78th)....1942
1909 Ryons St., Lincoln	
WILLIAM B. WANNER	(79th)....1943
2017 Stone St., Falls City	
WILLIAM C. SCHAPER	(80th)....1944-1945
1009 South D St., Broken Bow	
BENJAMIN F. EYRE	(81st)....1946
2001 Douglas Street, Omaha	
EDWARD HUWALDT	(82nd)....1947
Commercial National Bank, Grand Island	
ELMER E. MAGEE	(83rd)....1948
1201 O Street, Lincoln	

GRAND SECRETARIES

*GEORGE ARMSTRONG.....	Sept. 23, 1857 to June 2, 1858
*ROBERT W. FURNAS.....	June 2, 1858 to June 4, 1862
*ROBERT C. JORDAN.....	June 4, 1862 to June 24, 1863
*STEPHEN D. BANGS.....	June 24, 1863, to June 24, 1865
*J. NEWTON WISE.....	June 24, 1865, to Oct. 27, 1869
*ROBERT W. FURNAS.....	Oct. 27, 1869, to June 21, 1872
*WILLIAM R. BOWEN.....	June 21, 1872, to May 6, 1899
*FRANCIS E. WHITE.....	June 9, 1899, to June 11, 1925
LEWIS E. SMITH.....	June 11, 1925, to June 6, 1946
CARL R. GREISEN.....	June 6, 1946

GRAND SECRETARY EMERITUS

LEWIS E. SMITH

929 O Street

Lincoln, Nebraska



GRAND CHAPLAIN EMERITUS

GEORGE ALLEN BEECHER

Hastings, Nebr.



GRAND CUSTODIAN EMERITUS

LUTE M. SAVAGE

Plattsmouth, Nebraska

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

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
Alabama	C. H. Stubinger	Box 98, Montgomery
Alberta	George Moore	Calgary.
Arizona	Joseph A. E. Ivey	Box 1488, Tucson
Arkansas	Woodleif A. Thomas	Little Rock.
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Bahia	Aguinaldo M. Lobo	Bahia.
Brazil, Ceara	Luis Nepomuceno de Mattos	Box 76, Fortaleza, Ceara
Brazil, Minas Geras.	Paul de Miranda Pinto	Sede Provisoria, Avenida Olegario Magiel, 454 Box 5, Belo Horizonte
Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul	Jonas H. Py	Box 1824, Porto Alegre
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro	Jose Rodrigues	Box 2215, Rio de Janeiro
Brazin, Sao Paulo	O. M. DeFleury	Box 2611, Sao Paulo
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Paraiba	Augusto de Almeida Simoes	Joao, Pessoa.
British Columbia	W. R. Simpson	Vancouver.
California	Lloyd E. Wilson	Masonic Temple, San Francisco.
Canada	Ewart G. Dixon	Hamilton, Ontario.
Chile	Juan E. Pastene	Box 2867, Santiago.
Colorado	Harry W. Bundy	319 Masonic Temple, Denver
Colombia National Grand Lodge	Jose G. Fabre	Barranquilla
Connecticut	Earle K. Haling	Masonic Temple, Hartford.
Costa Rica	Enrique Chaves Bolanos	Apartado Y, San Jose
Cuba	Constantino P. Gutierrez	Apartado 72, Havana.
Czechoslovakia National Grand Lodge	P. Korbel, 8, Dorchester Court	London, S. W. 1, England
Delaware	Chester R. Jones	Wilmington.
Denmark	K. J. Nilsson	Freemasons Hall, 23 Blegdamsvej, Copenhagen
District of Columbia	Aubrey H. Clayton	Masonic Temple, Washington.
Ecuador	Augusto Jyon	Masonic Temple, Guayaquil.
Egypt	Mohamed Rifaat	P. O. Box 1714, Cairo.
England	Sydney A. White	Freemasons Hall, London.
Florida	George W. Huff	Jacksonville.
Georgia	Daniel W. Locklin	Macon.
Idaho	Clyde I. Rush	Masonic Temple, Boise.
Illinois	Richard C. Davenport	Harrisburg.
Indiana	Dwight L. Smith	Masonic Temple, Indianapolis.
Iowa	Earl B. Delzell	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland	Henry C. Shellard	Freemasons Hall, Dublin.
Italy	Guido Francocci	Via Savoia, Rome
Kansas	Elmer F. Strain	320 W. 8th, Topeka
Kentucky	Al. E. Orton	Shubert Bldg., Louisville.
Louisiana	D. Peter Laguens, Jr.	Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Maine	Convers E. Leach	Portland.
Manitoba	Harry Woods	Masonic Temple, Winnipeg.
Maryland	Claud Shaffer	Masonic Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Frank H. Hilton	Masonic Temple, Boston.
Mexico, (York Gr. Ldg)	William Webber	Apt. 1986, Mexico City
Michigan	F. Homer Newton	Masonic Temple, Grand Rapids
Minnesota	John H. Anderson	Masonic Temple, St. Paul.
Mississippi	Sid F. Curtis	Meridian.
Missouri	Harold L. Reader	Masonic Temple, St. Louis.
Montana	Luther T. Hauberg	Box 896, Helena.
Nebraska	Carl R. Greisen	Masonic Temple, Omaha.
Nevada	Edward C. Peterson	Masonic Temple, Carson City.
New Brunswick	R. D. Magee	St. John.
New Hampshire	J. Melvin Dresser	Concord.
New Jersey	Isaac Cherry	Masonic Hall, Trenton.
New Mexico	La Moine Langston	Albuquerque.
New South Wales	James S. Miller	Masonic Temple, Sydney.
New York	George R. Irving	Masonic Hall, New York
New Zealand	Henry A. Lamb	P. O. Box 543, Dunedin
Nicaragua	Sofonias Salvatierra	Apt. 102, Managua.
North Carolina	Wilbur L. McIver	Box 3068, Raleigh
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Box 1269, Fargo.

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OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—(Concluded)

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
Nova Scotia	Reginald V. Harris	Freemasons Hall, Halifax.
Ohio	Harry S. Johnson	Masonic Temple, Cincinnati.
Oklahoma	Claude A. Sturgeon	Masonic Temple, Guthrie.
Oregon	Harry D. Proudfoot	Masonic Temple, Portland.
Panama	Juliox Icoza	Box 84, Panama
Pennsylvania	Matthew Galt, Jr.	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Philippine Islands...	Antonio Gonzales	138 Kuano St., Manila
Prince Edward Island	L. A. McDougall	Charlottetown.
Puerto Rico	Angel M. Torres	Box 112, San Juan.
Quebec	W. W. Williamson	P. O. Box 3172, Montreal.
Queensland	Leslie P. Marks	Brisbane.
Rhode Island	N. Arthur Hyland.....	Freemasons Hall, Providence.
Saskatchewan	Robert A. Tate	Masonic Temple, Regina.
Scotland	W. King Gillies	Freemasons Hall, 96 George St., Edinburgh.
South Australia	F. J. Ellen	Freemasons Hall, North Terrace, Adelaide
South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia.
South Dakota	Elvin F. Strain	Sioux Falls.
Sweden	Eric Hallin	Stockholm 6, Sweden
Talmaluipas.....	Guillermo Vazquez Romellon.....	Apartado Postal No. 419, Tampico, Tamps., Mexico
Tasmania	H. A. Wilkinson	117 Macquarie St., Hobart
Tennessee	Thomas E. Doss	Nashville.
Texas	George H. Belew	Box 446, Waco.
Utah	Emery R. Gibson	650 So. Temple Street, Salt Lake City
Vermont	Aaron H. Grout	Masonic Temple, Burlington.
Victoria	William Stewart	Freemasons Hall, 25 Collins St., Melbourne.
Virginia	James N. Hillman	Masonic Temple, Richmond.
Washington	John I. Preissner	Masonic Temple, Tacoma.
Western Australia ..	F. W. M. Sanders	Freemasons Hall, Perth.
West Virginia	Ira Wade Coffman	Charleston.
Wisconsin	Paul W. Grossenbach.....	705 E. Wells St., Milwaukee
Wyoming	Irving E. Clark	Masonic Temple, Casper

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GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	Date Appointed
Alabama	Raymond C. Cook, 6	Plattsmouth	May 4, 1939
Alberta	Earl M. Bolen 130	Ulysses	May 2, 1924
Arizona	F. Ray Dilts, 83	Wakefield	June 22, 1937
Arkansas	Elmer E. Magee, 227	Lincoln	Aug. 24, 1944
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Bahia	Mainard E. Crosby, 32	North Platte	Sept. 19, 1936
Brazil, Ceara	George O. Sizemore, 32	North Platte	.....
Brazil, Minas Gerais	Ernest E. James, 1	Omaha	.....
Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul	John J. Helzer	Chadron	.....
Brazil, Sao Paulo	Nile O. Walthier	Wahoo	.....
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Paraiiba	Benjamin F. Eyre, 1	Omaha	Jan. 3, 1936
Brazil, Gr. Lodge of Rio de Janeiro	Cecil C. Gates, 227	Lincoln	Sept. 19, 1941
British Columbia	Thomas J. Aron, 37	Crete	July 10, 1947
Canada	Edward F. Carter, 201	Capitol Bldg., Lin- coln	June 22, 1937
Chile	Ralph O. Canaday, 285	Hastings	Feb. 17, 1930
Colombia Nat'l Grand Lodge	Fred G. Christensen, 33	Grand Island	July 2, 1938
Colorado	Carl R. Greisen, 32	Omaha	June 24, 1943
Connecticut	Chancellor A. Phillips, 150	Cambridge	Jan. 2, 1929
Costa Rica	Ward B. Schrack, 46	Kearney	July 2, 1938
Cuba	Fay Smith, 198	Imperial	Oct. 2, 1949
Czechoslovakia, Nat'l G. L. of	Charles A. Smith, 166	Lincoln	Feb. 15, 1930
Delaware	Ross Van Sickle, 184	Omaha	June 24, 1943
Denmark	John S. Hedelund, 268	Omaha	Sept. 10, 1946
Dist. of Columbia	Dwight P. Griswold, 195	Lincoln	Nov. 4, 1942
Ecuador	Guy W. Anderson, 36	Archer	May 12, 1939
Egypt	Emil H. Vierigg, 33	Grand Island	July 23, 1947
England	John R. Tapster 119	North Bend	Sept. 30, 1931
Florida	Charles B. Nicodemus, 15	Fremont	April 15, 1944
Georgia	William F. Evers, 6	Plattsmouth	Jan. 23, 1941
Idaho	David C. Spangler, 41	Stanton	Dec. 7, 1925
Illinois	Ernest S. Schiefelbein, 59	Wahoo	Dec. 20, 1944
Indiana	John R. Hughes, 184	Omaha	June 22, 1937
Ireland	Thomas T. Varney, 176	Ansley	Dec. 20, 1944
Italy	William G. Putney	Fremont	Aug. 23, 1949
Kansas	Henry H. Heiler, 50	Hastings	April 10, 1919
Kentucky	Barton H. Kuhns, 268	Omaha	Sept. 10, 1946
Louisiana	Norris Chadderdon, 146	Holdrege	June 22, 1937
Maine	Archie M. Smith, 203	Pender	June 25, 1927
Manitoba	Ernest C. Purdy, 195	Gordon	June 24, 1943
Maryland	George A. Kurk, 54	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Massachusetts	William B. Wanner, 9	Falls City	June 22, 1937
Mexico	Earl J. Lee, 15	Fremont	Apr. 9, 1934
Michigan	Lewis E. Smith, 136	Lincoln	Aug. 29, 1917
Minnesota	George A. Beecher, 268	Hastings	Mar. 17, 1904
Mississippi	Lamont L. Stephens, 106	Loup City	May 1, 1924
Missouri	Edward E. Carr, 32	North Platte	July 2, 1938
Montana	Benjamin F. Pitman, 158	Chadron	April 12, 1930
Nevada	Phil B. Campbell, 65	Osceola	May 4, 1939
New Brunswick	Mahlon C. Morgan, 322	Gering	Sept. 3, 1946
New Hampshire	Virgil R. Johnson, 26	Beatrice	Oct. 10, 1931
New Jersey	Wallace E. Linn, 1	Omaha	May 4, 1939
New Mexico	Harold D. Weddel, 208	Arcadia	Oct. 18, 1943
New So. Wales	Glen L. Rice, 3	Omaha	July 10, 1947
New York	George R. Porter, 11	Omaha	Oct. 19, 1931
New Zealand	Stanley P. Bostwick, 3	Omaha	Nov. 24, 1936
Nicaragua	Paul D. Fleming, 93	Beaver City	Dec. 9, 1941
North Carolina	John J. Wilson, 54	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
North Dakota	Austin F. Whitmire, 306	Sidney	Dec. 20, 1944
Nova Scotia	Jesse P. Entrekin, 295	Gering	July 10, 1941
Ohio	Eldridge G. Reed, 46	Kearney	Apr. 2, 1945
Oklahoma	Curry W. Watson, 210	Lincoln	May 26, 1941
Oregon	Varro E. Tyler, 2	Nebraska City	Dec. 9, 1941
Panama	Walter E. Raecke, 36	Central City	Apr. 8, 1935
Philippine Islands	John C. Green, 280	Sargent	Oct. 17, 1945

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P. Edward Island	Donald C. Smith, 1.....	Omaha	Jan. 17, 1945
Puerto Rico	Walter O. Barnes, 181 ...	Crawford	June 22, 1937
Quebec	Edwin D. Crites, 158 ...	Chadron	April 20, 1920
Queensland	Edward Huwaldt, 318. ...	Grand Island	Oct. 31, 1940
Rhode Island...	Edward A. Hoagland, 25..	Omaha	July 3, 1942
Saskatchewan	Harold H. Thom, 1.....	Omaha	July 10, 1947
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
Sweden	C. Walter Blixt, 3	Omaha	Feb. 19, 1940
Tamalupias.....	Robert D. Wilson.....	Omaha.....	Aug. 8, 1949
Tennessee	William O. Schaper, 148..	Broken Bow.....	May 4, 1939
Texas	Albert S. Johnston, 19....	Lincoln	June 27, 1941
Utah	William A. Kommers, 234..	Hyannis	Mar. 10, 1945
Vermont	Lute M. Savage, 3.....	Omaha	Aug. 28, 1944
Victoria	Charles H. Marley, 1.....	Omaha	May 4, 1939
Vienna	Henry H. Reese, 205.....	Chappell	May 1, 1946
Virginia	Wm. J. Breckenridge, 317..	Hastings	Nov. 24, 1936
Washington	Edward M. Knight, 183..	Alliance	June 27, 1941
West Australia..	Charles F. Adams, 68.....	Aurora	July 10, 1947
West Virginia ..	Alvin H. Miller, 19.....	Lincoln	May 4, 1939
Wisconsin	Osborne P. Simon, 174....	Culbertson	June 24, 1943

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Alabama	Arthur A. Wood, Sr.	Adamsville	Dec. 2, 1948
Alberta	F. Whitfield	Edmonton	Mar. 7, 1944
Arizona	John Fletcher Sills, Jr.	Prescott	Apr. 13, 1949
Arkansas	A. B. Arbaugh	Jasper	Feb. 19, 1942
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Bahia	Raul Ballalai de Carvalho.	Val. do Salvador..	Sept. 19, 1936
Brazil, Gr. Lodge, Ceara	Roumundo Nonato do Vale.	Ceara	Sept. 21, 1949
Brazil, Gr. Lodge of Minas Gerais	Jose Cesario Harto	Minas Gerais	Sept. 21, 1949
Brazil, Gr. Lodge of Rio de Janeiro	Guilherne Wittine	Rio de Janeiro	Dec. 2, 1944
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Rio do Sul .....	.....	.....	.....
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Paraiaba	Luiz Carrilho do Rego Barros	Joao, Pessoa	Dec. 30, 1935
Brazil Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo	Jose Cesario Horto	Minas Gerais	Sept. 21, 1949
British Columbia.	John Woolcock	Victoria	Apr. 12, 1949
Canada	C. M. Pitts	Ottawa	Apr. 15, 1944
Chile	Rodolfo C. Oliveira	Estado 62, Santiago	Mar. 18, 1930
Colorado	Thomas H. Cox	Olathe	Feb. 20, 1932
Colombia, Nat'l Grand Lodge..	Luis Alfredo Bernal	Barranquilla	Dec. 30, 1935
Connecticut	George S. Hull	Clinton	Sept. 22, 1948
Costa Rica	Cecilio Nieto Basoco	San Jose	Dec. 10, 1918
Cuba	Juan F. A. Del Rio	Camaguey	Oct. 23, 1946
Czechoslovakia, Nat'l G. L. of	James T. Chandler	Wilmington	Jan. 3, 1930
Delaware	Alex Troedsson	Copenhagen	Sept. 10, 1946
Denmark	John Linn McGrew	Washington, 3168 18th St. N. W.	July 6, 1917
Dist. of Columbia.	.....	.....	.....
Ecuador	F. E. Navarro Allende	Guayaquil	June 16, 1931
Egypt	Ibrahim F. K. Pacha	Alexandria	Oct. 10, 1933
England	Francis Kenelm Foster	Allt Dinas, Bayshill, Cheltenham	Sept. 19, 1936
Florida	Leon E. Forbes	Jacksonville	Apr. 15, 1944
Georgia	Wallace W. Bibb	Adairsville	Dec. 9, 1922
Idaho	Everett W. Rising	Nampa	Apr. 30, 1932
Illinois	William L. Sharp	245 W. 63rd St., Chicago	Mar. 8, 1920
Indiana	John P. Lippincott	South Bend	Feb. 26, 1949
Ireland	Wentworth A. King- Harman	Newcastle, Ballymahon	Nov. 14, 1924
Kansas	Homer B. Osborn	Wichita	Sept. 28, 1944
Kentucky	C. E. Tyree, Sr.	Beattyville	Apr. 20, 1945
Louisiana	Charles F. Ratcliffe	Baton Rouge	Sept. 18, 1936
Maine	James A. Sanker	Belfast	Sept. 14, 1948
Manitoba	Harry A. Kaplan	Winnipeg	Apr. 14, 1949
Maryland	William F. Broenning	Baltimore	July 25, 1919
Massachusetts	Roscoe Pound	Cambridge	May 1, 1929
Mexico	Horace Dillon	Torreón, Coah	Mar. 17, 1944
Michigan	Frank W. Richey	Dowagiac	Feb. 23, 1907
Minnesota	William Frank Holman	Minneapolis	Apr. 18, 1942
Mississippi	R. A. Pullen	Aberdeen	Mar. 12, 1931
Missouri	Edmund E. Morris	Kansas City	Jan. 9, 1929
Montana	Harry T. Thompson	Ophiem	May 14, 1949
Nevada	Harry H. Atkinson	Reno	June 19, 1911
New Brunswick..	LeBaron Wilson	St. John	Mar. 7, 1921
New Hampshire..	John O. Lovejoy	Bristol	April 14, 1934
New Jersey	John A. Stecker	62 Van Ness Terrace, Maplewood	Aug. 11, 1947
New Mexico	Thomas M. Novinger	Springer	Dec. 9, 1947
New So. Wales ..	F. Gillman Moon	Masonic Hall, Sydney	Aug. 9, 1934
New York	Max H. Ress	New York City	Aug. 26, 1944
New Zealand ...	William Grant Hay	Box 108, Dunedin...	Jan. 6, 1926

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Nicaragua	Gral. Anastasio Somaza...	Managua	Dec. 9, 1941
North Carolina ..	H. B. Leavitt	Asheville	Aug. 6, 1932
North Dakota ..	Theodore S. Henry	Valley City	Aug. 24, 1917
Nova Scotia	E. J. Vickery, Sr.	Halifax	Aug. 11, 1932
Ohio	B. Frank Thomas	Youngstown	Sept. 30, 1925
Oklahoma	Manford S. Runyan	Oklahoma City	Feb. 7, 1941
Oregon	Clarence D. Phillips	Portland	Sept. 4, 1937
Panama	Theodore Thompson	David	Apr. 5, 1935
Philippine Islands	Aurelio B. Aquino	Manila	Jan. 23, 1946
P. Edward Island	Roy C. McLean	Souris	Mar. 24, 1943
Puerto Rico	A. J. Lightbourn	Fajardo	May 9, 1945
Quebec	Alex Nickle	Montreal	Jan. 31, 1934
Queensland	Harry Hill	Brisbane	May 31, 1923
Rhode Island....	Grafton H. Willey, Jr.	Cranston	Jan. 24, 1947
Saskatchewan	Mark Musk	Prince Albert....	July 1, 1936
Scotland	Canon G. K. Sturrock Clarke	Edinburgh	Nov. 19, 1942
South Australia..	Frank Ernest Haddrick ..	Adelaide	June 9, 1910
South Carolina..	Horace Greeley Adams ..	Charleston	Aug. 7, 1942
South Dakota ..	Marshall R. Brown	Sioux Falls	Aug. 6, 1908
Sweden	G. A. E. Lagerfelt	Stockholm	Oct. 6, 1939
Tampaluipas	V. H. Samuel Rodriguez ..	Tampico	Sept. 8, 1949
Tennessee	P. D. Kersh	Jackson	Sept. 14, 1948
Texas	John Mc Kee	Dallas	Sept. 14, 1948
Utah	George F. Meissner	Ogden	Feb. 3, 1944
Vermont	D. Burleigh Smalley, Jr. .	Johnson	Feb. 4, 1943
Victoria	Farrin Webb	Melbourne	Mar. 23, 1946
Virginia	Harry K. Green	Clarendon	Aug. 19, 1927
Washington	Stewart E. Perry	Puyallup	July 18, 1946
West Australia..	R. H. G. Clark	Perth	Apr. 22, 1941
West Virginia...	Harry E. Hoffman	Clarksburg	Feb. 12, 1947
Wisconsin	George J. Schreiber	Milwaukee	Mar. 23, 1946

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- Acacia, 34.
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 Bancroft, 145.
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 Corinthian, 88.
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 Crescent, 143.
 Crete, 37.
 Crofton, 273.
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 Granite, 189.
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 Hastings, 50.
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 John S. Bowen, 232.
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Ashland, 110.
Atkinson, 164.
Auburn, 124.
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- Bancroft, 145.
Barneston, 165.
Bartley, 228.
Bassett, 254.
Bayard, 301.
Beatrice, 26.
Beaver City, 93.
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Burwell, 200.
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- Cairo, 324.
Callaway, 207.
Cambridge, 150.
Carleton, 199.
Cedar Bluffs, 215.
Central City, 86.
Ceresco, 229.
Chadron, 158.
Chapman, 239.
Chappell, 205.
Chester, 298.
Clarks, 134.
Clay Center, 139.
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Cortland, 194.
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Crawford, 181.
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Crete, 37.
Crofton, 278.
Culbertson, 174.
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- Dakota City, 5.
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- Danbury, 185.
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- Fairbury, 35.
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Decatur No. 7	Decatur	June 18, 1873
Columbus No. 8	Columbus	June 25, 1868
Nebraska City No. 12	Nebraska City	March 10, 1903
Eureka No. 16	Arago	December 23, 1875
Ashland No. 18	Ashland	August 17, 1881
Rock Bluff No. 20	Rock Bluff	July 16, 1884
Macy No. 22	Plattsmouth	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24	Lafayette Pct. (later Grant)	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45	Palmyra	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47	Salem	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58	Columbus	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66	Firth	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69	Ulysses	July 14, 1887
Joppa No. 76	Bloomington	October 18, 1934
Waco No. 80	Waco	January 31, 1885
Steele City No. 107	Steele City	August 13, 1902
Arapahoe No. 109	Arapahoe	June 8, 1904
Brainard No. 115	Brainard	September 5, 1903
Doric No. 118	Dorchester	June 4, 1930
Jasper No. 122	Odell	April 24, 1901
Indianola No. 123	Indianola	June 8, 1904
Ark & Anchor No. 131	Ainsworth	September 26, 1890
Summit No. 141	Johnson	February 5, 1900
Anchor No. 142	North Loup	June 5, 1901
Hesperia No. 178	Shickley	September 9, 1905
Plumb No. 186	Grant	November 15, 1897
Square & Compass No. 213	Miller	June 6, 1918
Ithmar No. 238	Crab Orchard	February 9, 1903
Orion No. 242	Ravenna	July 6, 1904
Sincerity No. 244	Battle Creek	June 6, 1928
Springview No. 260	Springview	August 6, 1920
Huntley No. 270	Huntley	June 7, 1939
Parallel No. 152	Liberty	Jan. 2, 1940
Cowles Lodge No. 296	Cowles	December 31, 1946
Grafton Lodge No. 172	Grafton	December 31, 1948
Joppa Lodge No. 76, Bloomington, was consolidated with Franklin Lodge No. 264, under name, number, and title of Franklin Lodge No. 264, Franklin, Nebraska, October 18, 1934.		
Parallel Lodge No. 152, Liberty, was consolidated with Barneston Lodge No. 165, under name, number and title of Barneston Lodge No. 165, Barneston, Nebraska, January 2, 1940.		
Tyre Lodge No. 85, Blue Springs, was consolidated with Wymore Lodge No. 104, under name, number and title of Wymore Lodge No. 104, Wymore, Nebraska, July 7, 1941.		
Level Lodge No. 196, Stockville, was consolidated with Cambridge Lodge No. 150, under name, number and title of Cambridge Lodge No. 150, Cambridge, Nebraska, June 4, 1942.		
Bradshaw Lodge No. 255, Bradshaw, was consolidated with Hampton Lodge No. 245, under name, number and title of Hampton Lodge No. 245, Hampton, Nebraska, May 21, 1942.		
Riverside Lodge No. 269, Belgrade, was consolidated with Cedar River Lodge No. 89, under name, number and title of Cedar River Lodge No. 89, Fullerton, Nebraska, June 5, 1942.		
Juniata Lodge No. 42, Juniata, was consolidated with Kenesaw Lodge No. 144, under name, number and title of Kenesaw Lodge No. 144, Kenesaw, Nebraska, July 15, 1942.		

Palmer Lodge No. 315, Palmer, was consolidated with St. Paul Lodge No. 82, under name, number and title of St. Paul Lodge No. 82, St. Paul, Nebraska, October 6, 1942.

Riverton Lodge No. 63 was consolidated with Franklin Lodge No. 264, under name, number and title of Franklin Lodge No. 264, Franklin, Nebraska, May 16, 1945.

Elk Creek Lodge No. 90 was consolidated with Tecumseh Lodge No. 17, under name, number and title of Tecumseh Lodge No. 17, Tecumseh, Nebraska, Nov. 11, 1944.

Hubbell Lodge No. 92 was consolidated with Hebron Lodge No. 43, under name, number and title of Hebron Lodge No. 43, Hebron, Nebraska, February 8, 1946.

Hildreth Lodge No. 252 consolidated with Grace Lodge No. 226, Wilcox, under name, number and title of Grace Lodge No. 226, Wilcox, Nebraska, October 11, 1945.

Incense Lodge No. 182, Ohiowa, was consolidated with Jewel Lodge No. 149, Tobias, under name, number and title of Jewel Lodge No. 149, Tobias, Nebraska, April 22, 1947.

Bee Lodge No. 258, Bee, was consolidated with Oliver Lodge No. 38, Seward, under name, number and title of Oliver Lodge No. 38, Seward, Nebraska, June 13, 1947.

EXTINCT NEBRASKA LODGES, U. D. OR CHARTERED

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| Adams, U. D., (extinct). | Crab Orchard, U. D., (238), ext. | Indianola, 123, (extinct). |
| Adoniram, 159, (extinct). | Crawford, U. D., (181). | Ithmar, 238, (extinct). |
| Ainsworth, U. D., (131), (extinct). | Cuming City, U. D., (21). | Jasper, 122, (extinct). |
| Allen, U. D., (236). | Custer, U. D., (148). | Jeptha, U. D., (264). |
| Anchor, 142, (extinct). | Dakota, (5). | Johnson U. D., 141, (ext.) |
| Arapahoe, 109, (extinct). | Danbury, U. D., (185). | *Joppa, 76, (Consolidated) |
| Ark and Anchor, 131, (ext.) | Davenport, U. D., (154). | *Juniata, 42, (Consolidated) |
| Armada, U. D., (extinct). | Decatur, 7, (extinct). | Lafayette, 24, (extinct). |
| Ashland, 18, (extinct). | Doric, 118, (extinct). | Lebanon, 58, (extinct). |
| Bannack City, U. D., (extinct). | Douglas, U. D., (237). | Leigh, U. D., (193). |
| Battle Creek, U. D., (ext.) | Elk Creek, 90, (consolidated) | *Level, 196 (Consolidated). |
| Beaver, U. D., (179). | Eureka, 16, (extinct). | Liberty, U. D., (152) |
| Beaver Valley, U. D., (230). | Ewing, U. D., (156). | Livingstone, 66, (ext.) |
| Bee, 259, (consolidated) | Exeter, U. D., (extinct) | Loup Fork, U. D., 8, (ext.) |
| Belgrade, U. D., (269). | Firth, U. D., 66 (ext.) | Mackey, U. D., (242). |
| Bell Creek, U. D., (241). | Fortitude, 69, (extinct). | Macey, 22 (extinct). |
| Benkelman, U. D., (180). | Genoa, U. D., (125). | Magie City, U. D., (194). |
| Benson, U. D., (290). | Gibbon, (see 46). | Miller, 213, (ext.) |
| Blue Springs, U. D., (85). | Gibbon, U. D., (189). | Monitor, U. D., (ext.) |
| *Bradshaw, 255, (Consolidated). | Giddings, (2). | Morrill, U. D., (271). |
| Brainard, 115, (extinct). | Grafton, 172, (extinct). | Nebraska City, 12 (ext.) |
| Bromfield, U. D., (ext.) | Grant, U. D., (34). | Norfolk, U. D., (55). |
| Bromfield, U. D., (223). | Grant, U. D., (186). | North Loup, U. D., (142), extinct. |
| Burchard, U. D., (137). | Greenwood, U. D., (163). | Odell, U. D., 122, (ext.) |
| Burnett, U. D., (166). | Gresham, U. D., (197). | Ohiowa, U. D., (182). |
| Butte, U. D., (233). | Hamilton, U. D., (68). | Orion, 242, (ext.) |
| Carleton, U. D., (199). | Harmony, U. D., (ext.) | Overton, U. D., (267). |
| Cedar, U. D., (13). | Hermon, U. D., (231). | Oxford, U. D., (198). |
| Cedar Bluffs, U. D., (215). | Hesperia, 178, (ext.) | Pacific, U. D., (310). |
| Cedar Rapids, U. D., (143). | Hildreth, 252 (consolidated) | *Palmer, (315), (consolidated) |
| Central City, U. D., (ext.) | Hillsdale, U. D., (29). | Palmer, (315), (ext.) |
| Ceresco, U. D., (229). | Holdrege, U. D., (146) | Palmyra, 45, (ext.) |
| Chadron, U. D., (158). | Hubbell, 92, (consolidated) | *Parallel Lodge No. 152, (extinct). |
| Chapman, U. D., (239). | Hyannis, U. D., (254). | Pawnee City, U. D., (23). |
| Columbus, U. D., (ext.) | Huntley, 270, (extinct). | Peru, U. D., (ext.) |
| Columbus, U. D., (54). | Idaho, U. D., (extinct). | Plumb, 186, (ext.) |
| Columbus, 8, (extinct). | Imperial, U. D., (198). | |
| Cowles, 296, (ext.) | Incense, 182, (consolidated) | |

Reynolds, U. D., (160).	Seward, U. D., (88).	Trenton, U. D., (ext.)
Rising, U. D., (81).	Shelby, U. D., (161).	Trilumular, U. D., (210).
Rising Star, U. D., 20, (extinct).	Shickley, U. D., 178, (extinct).	*Tyre, 85, (Consolidated)
*Riverside, 269, (Consolidated).	Silver Creek, U. D., (ext.)	Ulysses, U. D., (187).
Riverton, 63, (consolidated)	Sincerity, 244, (ext.)	
Rock Bluff, 20. (ext.)	Square & Compass, 213, ext.	Valentine, U. D., (113).
Rocky Mountain, 8, (transferred).	Stanton, U. D., (41).	Valparaiso, U. D., (151).
	Steele City, 107, (ext.)	
Salem, 47, (ext.)	Stockville, U. D., (196).	Waco, 80 (ext.)
Saline, U. D., (73).	Summit, 7, (transferred).	Weeping Water, U. D., (97)
Saline, U. D., (101).	Summit, 141, (extinct).	Wilcox, U. D., (226).
Saline, U. D., (118).	Syracuse, U. D., (57).	Winside, U. D., (235).
Samuel W. Hayes, U. D., (287).	Talmage, U. D., (162).	Winter Creek, U. D., (265)
Scotia, U. D., (191).	Temple, U. D., (5).	Wyoming, 28 (transferred)
	Tobias, U. D., (149).	Zeredatha, U. D., (98) (ext.)

- *Joppa Lodge No. 76, consolidated with Franklin Lodge No. 264.
- *Parallel Lodge No. 152, consolidated with Barneston Lodge No. 165.
- *Tyre Lodge No. 85, consolidated with Wymore Lodge No. 104.
- *Level Lodge No. 196 consolidated with Cambridge Lodge No. 150.
- *Riverside Lodge No. 269 consolidated with Cedar River Lodge No. 89.
- *Bradshaw Lodge No. 255 consolidated with Hampton Lodge No. 245.
- *Juniata Lodge No. 42, consolidated with Kenesaw Lodge No. 144.
- *Palmer Lodge No. 315, consolidated with St. Paul Lodge No. 82.
- *Riverton Lodge No. 63, consolidated with Franklin Lodge No. 264.
- *Elk Creek Lodge No. 90, consolidated with Tecumseh Lodge No. 17.
- *Hubbell Lodge No. 92, consolidated with Hebron Lodge No. 43.
- *Hildreth Lodge No. 252, consolidated with Grace Lodge No. 226.
- *Incense Lodge No. 182, Ohioa, consolidated with Jewel Lodge No. 149.
- *Bee Lodge No. 259, Bee, consolidated with Oliver Lodge No. 38.

LODGES ORGANIZED IN TERRITORY OTHER THAN NEBRASKA

NAME OF LODGE	LOCATION
Summit No. 7	Parkville, Colorado... Instituted May 6, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
Rocky Mountain No. 8....	Gold Hill, Colorado.. Instituted May 21, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
Central City, U. D.	Central City, Colorado. Instituted 1860 or 1861.
Bannaek City, U. D.	Bannaek City, Idaho.. Instituted April —, 1863, or June 21, 1863.
Monitor Lodge, U. D.	United States Army.. Instituted July 30, 1863. Became extinct, prior to 1867.
Idaho Lodge, U. D.	Nevada City, Idaho.... Instituted November 17, 1863. Became extinct June 23, 1864.
Wyoming Lodge No. 28....	South Pass City, Wyoming.... Instituted No- vember 24, 1869. Chartered June 23, 1870. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Wyoming, December 15, 1874.

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	MASTER	SECRETARY
Nebraska	No. 1	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Tuesday.....	Lyle L. Milhone.....	Felix A. Huggenberger
Western Star	" 2	Nebraska City..	Otoe.....	First Friday.....	Harry H. Winkleman...	Charles Ott
Capitol	" 3	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Monday.....	H. Irvin Deeter.....	Wallie W. Messick
Nemaha Valley	" 4	Brownville.....	Nemaha.....	Wednesday on or before O...	J. Adolf Wensien.....	Abe L. Lawrence
5 Omadi	" 5	Dakota City..	Dakota.....	Second Tuesday.....	Lloyd G. Stevens.....	Raymond H. Ream
Plattsmouth	" 6	Plattsmouth..	Cass.....	First Monday.....	Verner A. Meisinger...	Leslie W. Niel
Falls City	" 9	Falls City....	Richardson..	Second and fourth Thursdays	Richard A. Ketter.....	William B. Wanner
Solomon	" 10	Fort Calhoun..	Washington..	Tuesday on or before O...	Joseph Stratbucker...	Richard T. Sievers
Covert	" 11	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Wednesday.....	Paul L. Constant.....	George R. Porter
10 Orient	" 13	Rulo.....	Richardson..	First and third Mondays...	Cecil M. Morehouse...	Peter N. Frederick
Peru	" 14	Peru.....	Nemaha.....	Second Monday.....	Carroll Lewis.....	Wallace W. Barnes
Fremont	" 15	Fremont.....	Dodge.....	First Tuesday.....	Nowell M. Dickerson...	Roy S. Planck
Tecumseh	" 17	Tecumseh.....	Johnson.....	First and third Wednesdays.	Willis A. Garriss.....	Dale R. Bush
Lincoln	" 19	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Tuesday.....	S. Hugh Dillon.....	Perry J. Morton
15 Washington	" 21	Blair.....	Washington..	Second Tuesday.....	Harry E. Walker.....	Wayne H. Lambertz
Pawnee	" 23	Pawnee City..	Pawnee.....	First and third Tuesdays..	Joseph W. Dorrance...	J. Robert Minick
Saint Johns	" 25	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Thursday.....	Arthur W. Pinkerton...	Gustave E. Gran
Beatrice	" 26	Beatrice.....	Gage.....	Second Monday.....	DeVern A. Engberg...	Harry C. Price
Jordan	" 27	West Point..	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Harvey H. Sass.....	Guy A. Swanson
20 Hope	" 29	Nemaha.....	Nemaha.....	Friday on or before O.....	Donald M. Anderson...	Jay Burns
Blue River	" 30	Milford.....	Seward.....	First Thursday.....	Kenneth R. Jaeger.....	Clarence C. Wertman
Tekamah	" 31	Tekamah.....	Burt.....	Second Wednesday.....	Elmer Sells.....	Anton R. Kokes
Platte Valley	" 32	North Platte..	Lincoln.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Wilfred C. Boldt.....	David J. Fredrick
Ashlar	" 33	Grand Island..	Hall.....	Second Thursday.....	Stanley D. Kully.....	Fred G. Christensen
25 Acacia	" 34	Schuyler.....	Colfax.....	Third Tuesday.....	Alvan M. Muehlich.....	Louis J. Michaelson
Fairbury	" 35	Fairbury.....	Jefferson....	First and third Mondays.....	Henry W. Schrieber...	Leighton L. Nuckolls
Lone Tree	" 36	Central City..	Merrick.....	First and third Wednesdays.	Vernon J. Baker.....	Lee C. Coolidge
Crete	" 37	Crete.....	Saline.....	First Thursday.....	Charles Bailey.....	Everett M. Wood
Oliver	" 38	Seward.....	Seward.....	Third Thursday.....	John R. Hughes.....	Walter E. Beck
80 Papillion	" 39	Papillion.....	Sarpy.....	Second Wednesday.....	Frank A. Pflug.....	Fred R. Lamb
Humboldt	" 40	Humboldt... ..	Richardson..	Second and fourth Thursdays	John F. Frehse.....	Berton Mowry
Northern Light	" 41	Stanton.....	Stanton.....	Second Thursday.....	Walter H. Johnson...	Ralph H. Titus
Hebron	" 43	Hebron.....	Thayer.....	First Thursday.....	Claude L. Rowley.....	Harvey E. Barbee
Harvard	" 44	Harvard.....	Clay.....	First and third Tuesdays..	Harry H. Pursell.....	Ira F. Fishback
35 Rob Morris	" 46	Kearney.....	Buffalo.....	First Wednesday.....	Donald L. Gherman...	Silas A. Wilson

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	Fairmont	No. 48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	Second Tuesday.....	Robert L. Romans.....	James A. Rose
	Evening Star	" 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Thursdays	Wayne C. Rowilson.....	George Barnell
	Hastings	" 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	First Thursday.....	Roger L. Packer.....	Curtis L. Walters
	Fidelity	" 51	David City.....	Butler.....	First Tuesday.....	Bon L. Stahl.....	Eldon B. Johnson
40	Hiram	" 52	Arlington.....	Washington.....	Second Thursday.....	George E. Niebaum.....	Harry C. McClellan
	Charity	" 53	Red Cloud.....	Webster.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Donald G. Henderson..	Marion Bloom
	Lancaster	" 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Friday.....	Sidney S. Anderson.....	Victor Seymour
	Mosaic	" 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	First Tuesday.....	Forrest A. Swoboda.....	Clarence G. McNamee
	York	" 56	York.....	York.....	Last Friday.....	Lynne C. Moomey.....	Mervin Patterson
45	Mount Moriah	" 57	Syracuse.....	Otoe.....	Second Thursday.....	Louis R. Fey.....	Russell M. Joyce
	Wahoo	" 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	First Wednesday.....	Frank L. McKlem.....	Edwin R. Levin
	Melrose	" 60	Orleans.....	Harlan.....	Second & fourth Wednesdays	Harold G. Simons.....	Kenneth S. Albright*
	Thistle	" 61	Lexington.....	Dawson.....	Second Tuesday.....	Elden E. Hodges.....	Joseph E. Snyder
	Keystone	" 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton.....	Second Monday.....	Victor L. Hunt.....	Alexander S. Gilbert
50	Blue Valley	" 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	First and Third Tuesdays...	Henry V. Jelinek.....	Otto Novak
	Osceola	" 65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	First Friday.....	Ronal B. Peterson.....	I. Donald Huston
	Edgar	" 67	Edgar.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Elmer H. Due.....	Wayne Hunter
	Aurora	" 68	Aurora.....	Hamilton.....	First and third Tuesdays...	John E. Shafer.....	Claude A. Rennau
	Sterling	" 70	Sterling.....	Johnson.....	Second Monday.....	Harry E. Reutter.....	Arnold W. Feistner
55	Trowel	" 71	Neligh.....	Antelope.....	First and third Tuesdays...	Vance L. Butler.....	Lee R. Fleming
	Hooper	" 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	First Friday.....	Donald Shaffer.....	Norris W. Lallman
	Friend	" 73	Friend.....	Saline.....	First and third Thursdays...	Ray C. Miller.....	Joseph Ach
	Alexandria	" 74	Alexandria.....	Thayer.....	Second and fourth Tuesday.	John T. Bright.....	Guy B. Averill
	Frank Welch	" 75	Sidney.....	Cheyenne.....	First Tuesday.....	Warren E. Cunningham.	Harold K. Bond
60	Nelson	" 77	Nelson.....	Nuckolls.....	First Thursday.....	Irvin McCutchan.....	Warren O. Hall
	Albion	" 78	Albion.....	Boene.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Ivan C. Caldwell.....	James L. Papez
	Geneva	" 79	Geneva.....	Fillmore.....	First and third Tuesdays...	Ralph E. Reemts.....	Gerald Walton
	Composite	" 81	Rising City.....	Butler.....	First Tuesday.....	Louis L. Harris.....	Fredolph C. Chalquist
	Saint Paul	" 82	Saint Paul.....	Howard.....	Third Thursday.....	Frank L. Blazek.....	Fred R. Haggart
65	Corinthian	" 83	Wakefield.....	Dixon.....	Third Friday.....	August L. Pospisil.....	Carroll D. VanValin
	Fairfield	" 84	Fairfield.....	Clay.....	First and third Mondays...	Warren M. Wilson.....	Harmie L. Trobough
	Doniphan	" 86	Doniphan.....	Hall.....	First Friday.....	Harlo M. Treat.....	Charles L. Spellman
	Ionic	" 87	Niobrara.....	Knox.....	Thursday on or before O.....	Elmer A. Jones.....	George Skokan
	Star	" 88	Decatur.....	Burt.....	First Tuesday.....	Victor C. Major.....	Walter W. Small
70	Cedar River	" 89	Fullerton.....	Nance.....	First and third Mondays...	Wayne H. Nicholls.....	Louis Vaughn

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	Oakland	No. 91	Oakland	Burt	First Thursday	John Helzer	Charles W. West, Sr.
	Beaver City	" 93	Beaver City	Furnas	Second Monday	Frank R. Malone	Harold J. Oehlerking
	Bennett	" 94	Bennet	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Fay C. Blacker	Harry W. Burt
	Garfield	" 95	O'Neill	Holt	First and third Thursdays	John E. Davis	William W. McIntosh
75	Utica	" 96	Utica	Seward	Second Thursday	Loren H. McMillen	Fred H. Pieper
	Euclid	" 97	Weeping Water	Cass	First Monday	Clifford C. Cooper	Alvin C. Groesser
	Republican	" 98	Republican City	Harlan	Second Wednesday	Samuel E. Ely	Lennie E. Workman
	Shelton	" 99	Shelton	Buffalo	Third Tuesday	Alvin A. Jaeke	Ralph Soderstrom
	Creighton	" 100	Creighton	Knox	First Tuesday	Howard W. Keck	Carl I. Oppen
80	Ponca	" 101	Ponca	Dixon	Third Thursday	Forrest E. Davis	Dean H. Ehle
	Waterloo	" 102	Waterloo	Douglas	First Tuesday	August E. Nordgren	Herbert L. Johnson
	Ord	" 103	Ord	Valley	First Wednesday	Almond R. Brox	Duane E. Armstrong
	Wymore	" 104	Wymore	Gage	Second & fourth Wednesdays	O. Wayne Miller	Samuel E. Youds
	Stella	" 105	Stella	Richardson	First Thursday	L. Velmer Freed	William A. Pearson
85	Porter	" 106	Loup City	Sherman	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Frederick J. Leschinsky	Lamont L. Stephens
	Table Rock	" 108	Table Rock	Pawnee	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Marion C. Bonham	Orval O. Johnson
	Pomegranate	" 110	Ashland	Saunders	First Friday	Carl W. Ziegenbein	Paul I. Eaton
	DeWitt	" 111	DeWitt	Saline	Monday on or before O	Everett E. Dunn	James M. Norton
	Springfield	" 112	Springfield	Sarpy	Second Tues. and fourth Sat.	Dewey Callaway	William Ward
90	Globe	" 113	Madison	Madison	First Tuesday	Sivern D. Peterson	Thomas E. Farrell
	Wisner	" 114	Wisner	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Fred F. Blust	Bernard J. Fresse
	Harlan	" 116	Alma	Harlan	First and third Tuesdays	Horace J. Egelston	Thomas C. Rogers
	Hardy	" 117	Hardy	Nuckolls	First Thursday	Jerome Kohl	George B. McDowell
	North Bend	" 119	North Bend	Dodge	Second Tuesday	Scott R. Beadle	Leon J. Cherny
95	Wayne	" 120	Wayne	Wayne	Second and fourth Fridays	Everett E. Rees	Walter S. Bressler
	Superior	" 121	Superior	Nuckolls	Second Wednesday	C. Ray Graham	Merle P. Hayes
	Auburn	" 124	Auburn	Nemaha	First Tuesday	Fred A. Rothert	Charles Wrightsman
	Mount Nebo	" 125	Genoa	Nance	Second Tuesday	William B. Irwin	Keith D. Wheeler
	Stromsburg	" 126	Stromsburg	Polk	Second Tuesday	Kenneth H. Christensen	Kermit F. Hultgren
100	Minden	" 127	Minden	Kearney	Second Wednesday	Chris Sandahl	John C. Tarkington
	Guide Rock	" 128	Guide Rock	Webster	Thursday on or before O	Ira A. Pace	John H. Crary
	Blue Hill	" 129	Blue Hill	Webster	Second and fourth Mondays	Theron Fish	Oliver H. Martin
	Tuscan	" 130	Surprise	Butler	Second Thursday	Lloyd Smith	Roswell Ludden*
	Scribner	" 132	Dodge	Dodge	First Wednesday	Ernest Mueksch	Donald D. Hill, Sr.
105	Elm Creek	" 133	Elm Creek	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Floyd S. Worthing	John McMullen
	Solar	" 134	Clarks	Merrick	Second Tuesday	Billie B. Hoffer	Samuel C. Wallace
	McCook	" 135	McCook	Red Willow	First and third Tuesdays	Leo C. Horton	George F. Moss
	Long Pine	" 136	Long Pine	Brown	Third Tuesday	Charles M. Frederick	William C. Smith, Sr.
	Upright	" 137	Burchard	Pawnee	First and third Wednesdays	Jerome L. Cox	William Yarpe
110	Rawalt	" 138	Oxford	Furnas	Third Thursday	Neal G. Rhynalds	Elmer A. Blincow

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	Clay Centre	No. 139	Clay Center...	Clay.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Howard B. Huffaker...	George M. Porter
	Western	" 140	Western.....	Saline.....	Second Thursday.....	Arthur J. Henry.....	Lewis S. Winter
	Crescent	" 143	Primrose.....	Boone.....	Second Thursday.....	DeForest A. Jones.....	Harry P. Hansen
	Kenesaw	" 144	Kenesaw.....	Adams.....	Friday on or before O.....	Herbert Roeder.....	Edward E. Guilkey
115	Bancroft	" 145	Bancroft.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Frank A. Wood.....	Lawrence H. Preston
	Jachin	" 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	Third Thursday.....	William B. Walters.....	Elmer G. Brunzell
	Siloam	" 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	Friday on or before O.....	Mark N. Nelson.....	Harry L. Cowles
	Emmet Crawford	" 148	Broken Bow...	Custer.....	Third Wednesday.....	Carlos E. Schaper.....	Ross LeLa Cheur
	Jewel	" 149	Tobias.....	Salina.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Don A. Thornton.....	John L. Pfingston
120	Cambridge	" 150	Cambridge...	Furnas.....	First and third Tuesdays...	Arthur E. Hulme.....	Harley I. Simon
	Square	" 151	Valparaiso...	Saunders....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Willard J. Hansen....	Julius Petermichel
	Evergreen	" 153	Pierce.....	Pierce.....	Second Tuesday.....	Ezra E. Miller.....	Alfred L. Brande
	Lily	" 154	Davenport...	Thayer.....	Friday on or before O.....	Arthur Jensby.....	Gerald Voigt
	Hartington	" 155	Hartington...	Cedar.....	First Thursday.....	Robert L. Wagner.....	Rudolph H. Jenny
125	Pythagoras	" 156	Page.....	Holt.....	First Friday.....	LuVern Van Conett....	Harold L. Banta
	Valley	" 157	Wilsonville...	Furnas.....	Second Tuesday.....	Howard O. Ray.....	Lewis L. Skiles
	Samaritan	" 158	Chadron.....	Dawes.....	First and third Thursdays..	John J. Helzer.....	George A. Stevens
	Ogallala	" 159	Ogallala.....	Keith.....	First Tuesday.....	Thomas G. Hemmett....	Cyrus D. Sanders
	Zeredatha	" 160	Reynolds....	Jefferson...	First and third Thursdays..	August B. Hein.....	Paul C. Krause
130	Mount Zion	" 161	Shelby.....	Polk.....	Second Monday.....	Willis M. McMeekin....	Homer Brigham
	Trestle Board	" 162	Brook.....	Nemaha.....	First Tuesday.....	Edward Bottcher.....	Floyd Christy
	Unity	" 163	Greenwood...	Cass.....	First and third Tuesdays..	Emmet A. Landon.....	Benjamin P. Howard
	Atkinson	" 164	Atkinson.....	Holt.....	First and third Wednesdays.	Roy L. Dickerson.....	Harry A. Snyder
	Barneston	" 165	Barneston...	Gage.....	First Tuesday.....	George W. Mains.....	Frank Blaker
135	Mystic Tie	" 166	Tilden.....	Madison....	Third Thursday.....	George C. Horn.....	Thomas H. Thomsen
	Elwood	" 167	Elwood.....	Gosper.....	Second Monday.....	Herbert H. Hawley....	Anton T. Almquist
	Curtis	" 168	Curtis.....	Frontier...	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Glen E. Schick.....	Klyte Burt
	Amity	" 169	Rushville...	Sheridan...	First and third Tuesdays...	George A. Mills, Sr....	Clarence E. Benschoter
	Mason City	" 170	Mason City...	Custer.....	Second Tuesday.....	Claude L. Narragon....	William D. Redmond
140	Merna	" 171	Merna.....	Custer.....	First Thursday.....	Raymond T. Butler....	Sam W. Lyon
	Robert Burns	" 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock...	Second and fourth Mondays.	Alvin J. Lorange.....	Clyde H. Jones
	Culbertson	" 174	Culbertson...	Hitchcock...	First and third Wednesdays.	Conrad F. Herman.....	Arvene C. Eisenhart
	Temple	" 175	Filley.....	Gage.....	First and third Tuesdays...	Peter H. N. Anderson...	Clyde W. Bay
	Gladstone	" 176	Ansley.....	Custer.....	Thursday after O.....	Ernest E. Nelson.....	William Hein
145	Hay Springs	" 177	Hay Springs..	Sheridan....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Raymond F. Alcorn....	Roy T. Stiehl

	Prudence	No. 179	Beaver Crossing	Seward.....	Tuesday on or before O....	Robert E. Bissey.....	Grant E. Hansen
	Justice	" 180	Benkelman...	Dundy.....	Friday on or before O....	Kenneth E. Brown.....	William C. Hanson
	Faith	" 181	Crawford.....	Dawes.....	Second and fourth Thursdays	Clarence W. Glossbrenner	Walter O. Barnes
	Alliance	" 183	Alliance.....	Box Butte...	Thursday on or before O....	Alton S. Mote.....	William E. Edwards
150	Bee Hive	" 184	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Thursday.....	George W. Miller.....	John R. Hughes
	Boaz	" 185	Danbury.....	Red Willow...	First Wednesday.....	Raymond A. Parker...	Charles E. Furman
	Israel	" 187	Ulysses.....	Butler.....	Tuesday on or before O....	Ben Heard.....	Carl E. Diers
	Meridian	" 188	Cozad.....	Dawson.....	Third Tuesday.....	Louis Olnhausen.....	J. Harlan Peden
	Granite	" 189	Gibbon.....	Buffalo.....	First Tuesday.....	Ardin C. Patterson...	Calvin A. Gordon
155	Amethyst	" 190	Stapleton.....	Logan.....	First and third Wednesdays	George W. Wiley.....	Virgil K. Magnuson
	Crystal	" 191	Scotia.....	Greeley.....	Second Thursday.....	La Vern Jess.....	John V. Maddox
	Minnekadusa	" 192	Valentine.....	Cherry.....	Third Tuesday.....	Glen C. Smith.....	Luke M. Bates
	Signet	" 193	Leigh.....	Colfax.....	Friday on or before O....	Alan A. Dusatko.....	P. Otto Nelson
	Highland	" 194	Cortland.....	Gage.....	Second Tuesday.....	Donald F. Boessiger...	Carl P. Bonebright
160	Arcana	" 195	Gordon.....	Sheridan.....	First and third Mondays...	Louis H. Hardin.....	William G. Moss
	Morning Star	" 197	Gresham.....	York.....	First Friday.....	Bernard N. Kunkel...	Earl K. Husbands
	Purity	" 198	Imperial.....	Chase.....	First Friday.....	Clifford E. Bonner...	Siegfried L. Jacks
	Gavel	" 199	Carleton.....	Thayer.....	First Tuesday.....	Ralph E. Croft.....	James H. Brvant
	Blazing Star	" 200	Burwell.....	Garfield.....	Second Thursday.....	Carroll D. Walker...	John A. Beynon
165	Scotts Bluff	" 201	Gering.....	Scotts Bluff...	Second & fourth Wednesdays	Keith Dean.....	George Goldfain
	Golden Sheaf	" 202	Randolph.....	Cedar.....	Monday on or before O....	Henry A. Thaden.....	Anton B. Helms
	Roman Eagle	" 203	Pender.....	Thurston.....	First and Third Tuesdays..	William G. Cornwell...	Archie M. Smith
	Plainview	" 204	Plainview.....	Pierce.....	First Tuesday.....	Leroy P. Jensen.....	Frank Metschies
	Golden Fleece	" 205	Chappell.....	Deuel.....	First Thursday.....	Victor E. Dutton.....	Alfred G. Taylor
170	Napthali	" 206	Diller.....	Jefferson.....	Second and fourth Thursdays	Donald E. McKenzie...	Robert L. Upson
	Parian	" 207	Callaway.....	Custer.....	First Thursday.....	Grayston A. Cool.....	Allston Asmus
	Gauge	" 208	Arcadia.....	Valley.....	First and third Tuesdays..	Floyd F. Bossen.....	Percy E. Doe
	Canopy	" 209	Elmwood.....	Cass.....	Saturday on or before O....	Bert Muenchan.....	Bergil E. Sumner
	East Lincoln	" 210	Lincoln.....	Lancaster...	First Thursday.....	Gerald E. Miller.....	Charles F. Eberline
175	Cement	" 211	Wood River...	Hall.....	Thursday on or before O....	F. Louis Bald.....	John J. Carter, Jr.
	Compass & Square	" 212	Sumner.....	Dawson.....	Second Tuesday.....	Millard L. Graham...	Clarence W. George
	Plumblin	" 214	Adams.....	Gage.....	Second Monday.....	Howard H. Hansen....	Clarence D. Gottula
	Occidental	" 215	Cedar Bluffs..	Saunders.....	First Tuesday.....	LeRoy F. Settles....	August Wiegand
	Palisade	" 216	Palisade.....	Hitchcock...	First Tuesday.....	Martin J. Walker.....	Richard P. Ward
180	Wauneta	" 217	Wauneta.....	Chase.....	First and third Thursdays..	Ai D. McCallum.....	O. Robert Carlson
	Bloomfield	" 218	Bloomfield...	Knox.....	First Tuesday.....	Lee D. Baker.....	John R. Clements
	Relief	" 219	Coleridge.....	Gage.....	Second Friday.....	Henry F. Specht.....	William C. Mitchell
	Magnolia	" 220	Emerson.....	Dixon.....	Third Tuesday.....	Fay P. Mattison.....	Merlin D. Wagers
	Wood Lake	" 221	Wood Lake...	Cherry.....	Fourth Tuesday.....	J. Alfred Morris.....	Henry Lausen
185	Landmark	" 222	Herman.....	Washington...	Third Tuesday.....	Roy L. Hart.....	Wayne W. Loftis

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Eminence	No. 223	Giltner	Hamilton	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Rolland H. Kreutz	James C. Bierbower
Silver Cord	" 224	Ainsworth	Brown	Second Tuesday	Cecile W. Ripley	John K. Cassel
Cable	" 225	Arnold	Custer	First Tuesday	Fred T. Frosh	Charles M. Fisher, Jr.
Grace	" 226	Wilcox	Kearney	Second and fourth Mondays	John Popple	Arthur E. Newton
190 North Star	" 227	Lincoln †	Lancaster	First Wednesday	Victor B. Musselman	Roy W. Deal
Bartley	" 228	Bartley	Red Willow	Second Tuesday	Arthur C. Olson	August W. Teter
Comet	" 229	Ceresco	Saunders	First Thursday	Rance Blodgett	Otis Beaman
Delta	" 230	Saint Edward	Boone	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Leo K. Hall	Forrest B. Long
Mount Hermon	" 231	Cook	Johnson	Second Tuesday	William B. McIntyre	Eldo G. Tucker
195 John S. Bowen	" 232	Kennard	Washington	Third Thursday	Frank Timblin	Nic Friedrichsen
Gilead	" 233	Butte	Boyd	Second, 4th and 5th Mondays	Walter G. Sire	William J. Rinehart
Zion	" 234	Hyannis	Grant	Second Wednesday	C. Eugene Thurston	Howard J. Kommers
Fraternity	" 235	Winside	Wayne	Fourth Thursday	George H. Farran	Irving F. Gaebler
Golden Rule	" 236	Allen	Dixon	First and third Tuesdays	Don F. Schneider	Oliver W. Monev
200 Cubit	" 237	Douglas	Otoe	First Thursday	Lester Dovel, Jr.	C. Clyde Mayes
Friendship	" 239	Chapman	Merrick	Second Friday	Donald Frazier	Ed. Klingenberg, Jr.
Pilot	" 240	Lyons	Burt	Third Thursday	Morris G. Paine	Edwin A. Loppnow
George Armstrong	" 241	Craig	Burt	First Tuesday	Claude Hicks	Frank F. McMullin
Tyrian	" 243	Oak	Nuckolls	First Monday	Merton McCartney	Robert E. Montgomery
205 Hampton	" 245	Hampton	Hamilton	First and third Wednesdays	Ralph E. Curtis	Fred W. Christiansen
Nehawka	" 246	Nehawka	Cass	Second Wednesday	R. Loy Pell	Lyle L. Choat
Corner Stone	" 247	Osmond	Pierce	Second Friday	Anton M. Swanda	Joseph Cizek
Laurel	" 248	Laurel	Cedar	Second and fourth Thursdays	Ralph Gailey	Richard L. Herse
Gothenburg	" 249	Gothenburg	Dawson	Second Wednesday	Ronald H. Patterson	Ernest O. Van Wey
210 George Washington	" 250	Lincoln †	Lancaster	First Tuesday	C. Harold Lott	Otis W. Cave
Wausa	" 251	Wausa	Knox	First Thursday	Kenneth G. Berg	Melvin Lindahl
Beemer	" 253	Beemer	Cuming	First Tuesday	George E. Konopik	John E. Beaver
Bassett	" 254	Bassett	Rock	Second Thursday	Elmer E. Phillips	Merrell E. Morgan
Hickman	" 256	Hickman	Lancaster	Third Thursday	Willard V. Williams	Harold E. Williams
215 Holbrook	" 257	Holbrook	Furnas	Second and fourth Mondays	Samuel F. Davis	Raymond L. Wilmont
Anselmo	" 258	Anselmo	Custer	Second Tuesday	George A. White	Chauncey J. Sittler
Ornan	" 261	Spencer	Boyd	First and Third Mondays	Leonard F. Kinney	Jack B. Wells
Endeavor	" 262	Indianola	Red Willow	First and Third Thursdays	B. Adrian Quigley	Carl C. Nelson
Mitchell	" 263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	Second Monday	Paul Williams	A. Victor Bryan
220 Franklin	" 264	Franklin	Franklin	Second Monday	Walter C. Pollman	Maurice F. McAvoy
‡Havelock Station.		†University Place	Station.			

	Robert W. Furnas	No. 265	Scottsbluff . . .	Scotts Bluff . . .	First and third Mondays . . .	Morace F. Smith	Bernard B. Harris
	Silver	" 266	Silver Creek . . .	Marrick	Second Thursday	Chalmer E. Daniel	Floyd Buchanan
	James A. Tulleys	" 267	Overton	Dawson	Second Monday	Ora D. Russell	Russell M. Warren
	Geo. W. Lininger	" 268	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	Frank P. Dohn	Ernest W. Anderson
225	Oasis	" 271	Morrill	Scotts Bluff . . .	Second Thursday	Willard G. Brown	William M. Blough
	Lee P. Gillette	" 272	Dunbar	Otoe	First Monday	Glen D. Nidy	James P. Baker
	Crofton	" 273	Crofton	Knox	First Tuesday	Harold G. Hansen	John Merchen
	Olive Branch	" 274	Walthill	Thurston	Second Monday	Vyrle E. Crowell	William H. Plummer
	Ramah	" 275	Bertrand	Phelps	First Thursday	James H. Thompson	William B. Meeker
230	Antelope	" 276	Elgin	Antelope	First and third Tuesdays	Rollie C. Huffman	Donald S. Hinman
	Sioux	" 277	Harrison	Sioux	Second Monday	L. Bruce Corbin	John L. Wilson
	Litchfield	" 278	Litchfield	Sherman	Second Thursday	Leslie E. Kromer	Harve I. Lang
	Wallace	" 279	Wallace	Lincoln	First Tuesday	Gerald Phillips	Frank H. Whitlake
	Swastika	" 280	Sargent	Custer	First Wednesday	Glen E. Babcock	John C. Green
235	Florence	" 281	Omaha †	Douglas	First Monday	Forest W. Rorick	William A. Yoder
	Mullen	" 282	Mullen	Hooker	Tuesday on or before O	Paul T. Roseberry	William C. McIntyre
	Exeter	" 283	Exeter	Fillmore	First and third Fridays	Joe Kuska	Donald H. Johns
	Seneca	" 284	Seneca	Thomas	Second Wednesday	George B. Fortune	Alfred W. Franks
	Camp Clarke	" 285	Bridgeport	Morrill	First Tuesday	R. Lewellyn Gilbert	Edward K. Milmine
240	Oshkosh	" 286	Oshkosh	Garden	First Monday	Lonnie R. Spears	Glenn E. Mong
	Union	" 287	Palmyra	Otoe	First Friday	Roy V. Dwinell	Guy C. Burton
	Omaha	" 288	Omaha	Douglas	First Saturday	Frederick E. Graham	Frederick J. Bolshaw
	Lotus	" 289	Ravenna	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Ellwood R. Meek	Archie A. Meek
	John J. Mercer	" 290	Omaha †	Douglas	First Tuesday	Elmo W. Phillips	George J. Storms
245	Diamond	" 291	Orchard	Antelope	Second Thursday	Kenneth L. Bruce	Roy H. Knapp
	Wolbach	" 292	Wolbach	Greeley	First and third Wednesdays	Robert D. Miller	Edwin L. Johnson
	Monument	" 293	Arapahoe	Furnas	Second and fourth Mondays	Jacob S. Pool	Arlo A. Anderson
	Kimball	" 294	Kimball	Kimball	First Monday	C. Delmar Larsen	Bert W. Larson
	Minatare	" 295	Minatare	Scotts Bluff . . .	Second Friday	John B. Tillman	J. Clive Jull
250	Cotner	" 297	Lincoln †	Lancaster	First Monday	Theodore J. Wilson	Arthur L. Sawyer
	Chester	" 298	Chester	Thayer	First and third Mondays	Floyd C. Haifleigh	James E. Woodward
	Sutherland	" 299	Sutherland	Lincoln	First Wednesday	Robert H. Lewis	John F. Fleck
	Liberty	" 300	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Thursday	Donald L. Felton	John S. Burley
	Bayard	" 301	Bayard	Morrill	First and third Tuesdays	Frank H. Smith	Charles H. Ninear
255	Mizpah	" 302	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	Elmer B. Nordell	Elmo R. Clayton
	Right Angle	" 303	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Irvin K. Leshovsky	Henry M. Edwards
	Ruskin	" 304	Ruskin	Nuckolls	Second and fourth Thursdays	Carl N. Anderson	Chauncey O. Hull
	Newman Grove	" 305	Newman Grove	Madison	Second and fourth Monday	Merlyn C. Flood	Alexis R. Gustavson
	Golden Rod	" 306	Lodgepole	Cheyenne	Second Tuesday	Morris L. Hernbloom	Ralph R. Carleton
260	William E. Hill	" 307	Otoe	Otoe	Third Tuesday	Laurence E. Naffziger	Reuben Paap
	†Benson Station.		†Florence Station.		‡Bethany Station.		

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LODGE	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	MASTER	SECRETARY
Perkins	308	Grant.....	Perkins.....	First Monday.....	Donald V. Van Matre..	Otto E. Gauger
Winnebago	309	Winnebago..	Thurston.....	First Thursday.....	Harold R. Boyd.....	Floyd A. Taylor
Victory	310	Valley.....	Douglas.....	Second Thursday.....	Robert H. Hanson....	Francis A. Roberts
Polk	311	Polk.....	Polk.....	Second Monday.....	Albert E. Sundberg...	Neil E. McNaught
265 Oak Leaf	312	Lynch.....	Boyd.....	Second Thursday.....	Roger L. Woolf.....	Claude A. Rutledge*
Potter	313	Potter.....	Cheyenne....	Second Tuesday.....	Rudolph Dedic.....	Elmer H. Seyfang
Craftsman	314	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Tuesday.....	Theodore E. Spahne...	Curry D. Bryson
Alpha	316	SouthSiouxCity	Dakota.....	Second Thursday.....	Lyle N. Johnston.....	Clarence N. Stewart
Mid-West	317	Hastings.....	Adams.....	First Wednesday.....	George D. Murrish....	William J. Breckenridge
270 Grand Island	318	Grand Island..	Hall.....	First Tuesday.....	Vern Nicholas.....	Albert B. Osborn
Bladen	319	Bladen.....	Webster.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Howard R. James.....	William H. Vankirk
College View	320	Lincoln †....	Lancaster.....	First Wednesday.....	Claude J. Keller.....	Clarence V. Keller
Harmony	321	Dalton.....	Cheyenne....	Second Wednesday.....	Clarence A. Mellberg...	W. Carr Ross
Pioneer	322	Lyman.....	Scotts Bluff..	Second Tuesday.....	John C. Rincker.....	Joseph H. Lawson
275 Lebanon	323	Columbus....	Platte.....	Second Wednesday.....	Harry P. Kellogg.....	Carl H. Hoge
Cairo	324	Cairo.....	Hall.....	Second Monday.....	J. Samuel Butler.....	Wesley E. Sorensen

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†College View Station.

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									By Reinstatement	By Reinstatement	By Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes	Total Loss
		By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension					By Expulsion						Other Causes			Total Loss
Nebraska.....	1	46	85	45	16	17	479	1302	47	4	8	0	1361	13	28	17	...	58	1303	1	
Western Star....	2	15	35	11	6	3	77	256	11	5	5	...	277	3	3	...	...	6	271	2
Capitol.....	3	34	82	32	24	5	393	909	36	5	4	...	954	6	26	5	...	37	917	3	
Nemaha Valley..	4	1	5	1	1	1	46	45	1	...	1	...	47	1	1	1	...	3	44	4	
Omaha.....	5	5	34	2	5	...	57	119	2	...	1	...	122	4	...	...	...	4	118	5
Plattsmouth....	6	7	34	9	6	...	44	296	9	...	...	...	305	3	...	...	...	3	302	6
Falls City.....	9	6	27	9	3	...	95	218	11	5	1	...	235	1	7	...	...	8	227	9
Solomon.....	10	3	9	1	2	...	11	79	1	...	1	...	81	1	1	...	...	2	79	10
Covert.....	11	62	84	63	28	5	317	1422	68	3	3	...	1496	5	31	5	1	1	43	1453	11
Orient.....	13	4	6	4	4	...	24	32	2	...	...	...	34	3	1	...	...	4	30	13
Peru.....	14	1	12	1	...	2	32	95	2	...	1	...	98	3	1	2	...	6	92	14	
Fremont.....	15	26	32	21	8	...	131	503	18	7	2	...	532	8	6	...	...	14	518	15
Tecumseh.....	17	1	28	2	11	...	86	180	2	1	...	1	184	3	1	...	...	4	180	17
Lincoln.....	19	46	94	50	15	...	423	858	52	7	10	...	927	20	...	...	...	20	907	19
Washington....	21	6	13	3	6	1	43	160	5	1	...	...	166	1	1	1	...	3	163	21
Pawnee.....	23	6	14	9	10	...	51	118	4	3	...	...	125	1	1	...	...	2	123	23
Saint Johns....	25	42	102	40	24	6	482	865	39	10	11	...	925	5	14	6	...	25	900	25	
Beatrice.....	26	21	58	22	20	1	213	315	23	7	3	...	348	6	10	1	...	17	331	26	
Jordan.....	27	3	9	2	1	1	30	81	1	2	1	...	85	3	2	1	...	6	79	27	
Hope.....	29	1	10	1	1	...	32	46	1	...	...	...	47	1	1	...	...	2	45	29
Blue River....	30	4	7	7	1	...	47	68	7	3	1	...	79	1	...	...	...	1	78	30
Tekamah.....	31	8	5	8	6	2	47	129	4	2	3	...	138	3	5	2	1	11	127	31	
Platte Valley..	32	25	62	22	17	1	104	399	20	4	2	...	425	5	7	1	...	13	412	32	
Ashlar.....	33	11	43	14	13	6	235	523	16	6	4	...	549	4	7	6	1	18	531	33	
Acacia.....	34	6	11	7	2	...	43	163	7	1	...	...	171	1	3	...	...	4	167	34
Fairbury.....	35	7	37	10	6	...	54	232	10	2	...	...	244	4	4	...	...	8	236	35
Lone Tree.....	36	2	8	4	5	1	57	191	4	2	2	...	199	4	1	...	...	5	194	36
Crete.....	37	5	16	7	7	2	74	170	6	1	1	...	178	5	2	...	...	7	171	37
Oliver.....	38	12	17	10	5	...	93	172	7	1	4	...	184	8	2	...	...	10	174	38
Papillion.....	39	10	12	9	13	...	40	74	6	2	...	...	82	1	1	...	...	2	80	39
Humboldt....	40	3	12	3	3	4	21	121	4	2	1	...	128	3	2	4	...	9	119	40	
Northern Light	41	3	12	...	...	...	34	89	...	...	...	...	89	1	1	...	...	2	87	41
Hebron.....	43	8	36	7	9	...	78	116	7	3	1	...	127	3	2	...	...	5	122	43
Harvard.....	44	1	12	3	1	...	36	63	8	...	1	...	72	2	...	...	...	2	70	44
Rob Morris....	46	26	65	17	10	...	186	273	14	4	4	...	295	3	4	...	...	7	288	46
Fairmont.....	48	4	13	5	3	...	49	92	4	...	...	...	96	2	...	...	...	2	94	48
Evening Star..	49	1	5	1	5	...	31	89	1	...	2	...	92	1	3	...	...	4	88	49
Hastings.....	50	14	60	20	6	...	174	462	21	8	3	...	494	7	6	13	481	50	
Fidelity.....	51	5	22	2	4	...	69	144	2	1	1	...	148	1	3	4	144	51	

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Creighton.....	100	10	19	7	3	1	40	97	6	1	104	..	1	1	2	102	100
Ponca.....	101	1	5	2	4	..	35	83	84	..	1	1	83	101
Waterloo.....	102	9	12	11	5	..	46	115	9	1	..	2	..	127	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	124	102
Ord.....	103	4	19	7	2	..	66	125	7	1	..	1	..	134	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	132	103
Wymore.....	104	9	34	5	3	1	62	225	8	8	..	..	..	241	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	4	237	104
Stella.....	105	5	9	3	1	..	24	59	2	..	..	..	..	61	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	59	105
Porter.....	106	1	7	3	2	..	22	45	4	..	1	..	..	50	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	47	106
Table Rock.....	108	2	..	2	1	..	30	49	1	..	..	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	108
Pomegranate.....	110	12	10	11	6	1	45	170	10	2	..	2	..	184	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	4	180	110
DeWitt.....	111	1	14	1	2	2	50	56	1	1	..	..	..	58	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	4	54	111
Springfield.....	112	8	21	8	6	..	39	109	8	3	..	..	..	120	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	7	113	112
Globe.....	113	4	12	6	1	..	36	84	6	1	..	..	..	91	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	89	113
Wisner.....	114	11	19	3	1	..	49	85	5	1	1	..	..	92	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	5	87	114
Harlan.....	116	5	7	6	3	..	21	85	6	4	..	1	..	96	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	92	116
Hardy.....	117	5	3	4	..	..	22	21	4	2	..	2	..	29	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	27	117
North Bend.....	119	5	3	6	1	1	16	100	8	2	..	..	..	110	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	5	105	119
Wayne.....	120	11	8	12	2	..	35	164	13	3	..	2	..	182	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	8	174	120
Superior.....	121	4	18	6	2	2	61	150	8	3	..	..	..	161	3	3	2	..	..	..	..	8	153	121
Auburn.....	124	8	14	14	3	3	57	138	12	2	..	..	..	152	2	2	3	..	..	..	..	7	145	124
Mt. Nebo.....	125	6	15	3	4	..	53	87	4	3	..	1	..	95	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	93	125
Stromsburg.....	126	1	4	4	1	..	40	65	5	1	..	..	..	71	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	69	126
Minden.....	127	5	9	3	7	..	28	91	3	2	..	..	..	96	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	93	127
Guide Rock.....	128	7	3	10	1	1	6	43	9	1	..	..	..	53	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	50	128
Blue Hill.....	129	1	5	2	..	5	41	53	4	..	..	2	..	59	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	6	53	129
Tuscan.....	130	..	..	1	..	..	19	47	1	..	..	1	..	49	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	48	130
Scribner.....	132	..	6	..	2	..	28	57	1	..	..	..	..	58	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	57	132
Elm Creek.....	133	3	14	1	3	1	42	52	1	..	..	..	..	53	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	51	133
Solar.....	134	2	4	2	1	1	29	75	1	..	..	..	..	76	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	74	134
McCook.....	135	26	35	24	3	1	84	327	24	1	..	1	..	353	6	11	1	..	..	..	..	18	335	135
Long Pine.....	136	5	15	3	2	..	28	75	5	..	..	1	..	81	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	5	76	136
Upright.....	137	5	13	4	4	..	16	64	4	..	1	..	..	69	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	6	63	137
Rawalt.....	138	3	6	1	..	1	33	81	1	..	..	1	..	83	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	3	80	138
Clay Centre.....	139	6	7	4	2	2	32	82	3	..	..	..	..	85	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	5	80	139
Western.....	140	..	3	..	2	..	39	27	..	..	..	..	..	27	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	26	140
Crescent.....	143	14	8	12	8	..	37	51	6	..	..	2	..	59	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	57	143
Kenesaw.....	144	1	19	2	5	1	79	86	1	..	2	..	..	89	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	86	144
Bancroft.....	145	18	11	8	9	..	47	50	7	1	..	2	..	60	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	5	55	145
Jachin.....	146	7	18	7	2	..	79	177	10	2	..	..	..	189	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	6	183	146
Siloam.....	147	4	1	5	3	1	25	27	5	..	1	33	..	1	1	2	31	147
Emmet Crawford	148	10	21	10	3	2	48	177	10	2	189	3	2	2	7	182	148

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Jewel.....	149	3	5	1	1	49	79	1	1	81	1	1	1	1	1	81	1	1	1	1	1	2	79	149
Cambridge.....	150	6	9	8	1	47	120	8	3	131	4	2	2	2	2	131	4	2	2	2	2	6	125	150
Square.....	151	1	13	1	3	45	69	2	2	71	2	2	2	2	2	71	2	2	2	2	2	2	69	151
Evergreen.....	153	5	7	2	2	10	76	2	2	78	2	2	2	2	2	78	2	2	2	2	2	4	74	153
Lily.....	154	1	9	1	1	33	64	2	2	66	1	1	1	1	1	66	1	1	1	1	1	1	65	154
Hartington.....	155	30	2	2	45	82	82	1	1	83	2	2	2	2	2	83	2	2	2	2	2	2	81	155
Pythagoras.....	156	2	20	5	40	48	48	1	1	50	1	2	2	2	2	50	1	2	2	2	2	3	47	156
Valley.....	157	1	2	3	1	31	48	3	3	52	1	2	1	1	1	52	1	2	1	1	1	4	48	157
Samaritan.....	158	17	15	13	50	268	10	3	3	287	2	5	3	3	3	287	2	5	3	3	3	7	280	158
Ogalalla.....	159	9	21	7	10	62	148	3	1	153	2	2	3	1	1	153	2	2	3	1	8	145	159	
Zeredatha.....	160	3	1	1	15	39	1	2	40	1	1	1	1	1	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	40	160
Mount Zion.....	161	1	7	1	1	24	58	2	1	61	1	3	1	1	61	1	3	1	1	1	4	57	161	
Trestle Board.....	162	3	4	3	3	23	92	2	2	94	1	1	1	1	94	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	93	162
Unity.....	163	6	10	3	1	42	47	4	1	52	2	2	2	2	52	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	50	163
Atkinson.....	164	9	11	7	2	22	42	7	1	50	1	1	1	1	50	1	1	1	1	1	2	48	164	
Barneston.....	165	3	14	1	7	94	49	1	1	50	1	1	1	1	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	49	165
Mystic Tie.....	166	5	5	3	33	51	51	1	1	51	3	3	3	3	51	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	48	166
Elwood.....	167	1	7	3	3	39	45	2	2	47	2	2	2	2	47	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	45	167
Curtis.....	168	3	16	4	3	27	91	6	6	97	3	2	2	2	97	3	2	2	2	2	5	92	168	
Amity.....	169	5	9	6	1	35	99	6	1	106	1	1	1	1	106	1	1	1	1	1	2	104	169	
Mason City.....	170	1	4	3	1	32	47	2	1	51	1	1	1	1	51	1	1	1	1	1	2	49	170	
Merna.....	171	3	17	3	4	44	46	4	1	52	2	2	2	2	52	2	2	2	2	2	4	48	171	
Grafton.....	172	1	2	1	1	28	30	1	1	31	28	1	2	2	31	28	1	2	2	2	31	172		
Robert Burns.....	173	6	7	5	4	11	80	3	1	85	1	1	1	1	85	1	1	1	1	1	3	82	173	
Culbertson.....	174	2	6	1	5	24	56	4	1	61	3	3	3	3	61	3	3	3	3	3	3	58	174	
Temple.....	175	2	12	1	4	37	48	1	1	49	1	1	1	1	49	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	48	175
Gladstone.....	176	10	1	4	2	49	103	2	2	105	4	4	2	2	105	4	4	2	2	2	6	99	176	
Hay Springs.....	177	2	5	3	1	24	81	2	1	84	2	1	1	1	84	2	1	1	1	1	3	81	177	
Prudence.....	179	2	9	3	2	45	42	3	3	45	1	1	1	1	45	1	1	1	1	1	1	44	179	
Justice.....	180	7	11	11	2	50	107	10	10	117	1	4	4	4	117	1	4	4	4	4	5	112	180	
Faith.....	181	1	15	1	3	2104	140	1	1	143	5	2	2	2	143	5	2	2	2	2	9	134	181	
Alliance.....	183	7	47	6	10	1333	294	8	1	307	5	3	1	1	307	5	3	1	1	1	9	298	183	
Bee Hive.....	184	61	37	61	13	159	788	56	6	858	6	15	15	15	858	6	15	15	15	15	21	837	184	
Boaz.....	185	5	5	5	6	11	66	2	2	68	2	2	2	2	68	2	2	2	2	2	2	66	185	
Israel.....	187	2	5	1	1	42	33	3	3	33	2	2	1	1	33	2	2	1	1	1	3	30	187	
Meridian.....	188	3	19	1	50	132	1	1	136	1	1	1	2	136	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	135	188	
Granite.....	189	1	8	1	4	46	68	5	2	75	2	2	2	2	75	2	2	2	2	2	2	73	189	
Amethyst.....	190	2	9	4	1	19	49	4	4	53	2	1	1	1	53	2	1	1	1	1	3	50	190	
Crystal.....	191	2	19	5	2	36	76	9	9	85	1	2	3	3	85	1	2	3	3	3	6	79	191	

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		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1948	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1948	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1948	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1947	By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem' ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss
Minnekadusa...	192	8	19	10	9	1	54	120	6	1	...	...	127	1	2	...	...	4	123	192
Signet.....	193	2	11	3	1	...	24	57	5	...	...	64	...	2	...	...	...	2	62	193
Highland.....	194	1	7	3	3	...	33	33	2	1	...	...	36	1	2	...	...	3	33	194
Arcana.....	195	5	11	6	1	1	40	126	8	...	...	134	1	2	1	...	...	4	130	195
Morning Star...	197	3	6	2	2	...	23	67	2	...	1	...	70	3	1	...	...	4	66	197
Purity.....	198	13	26	10	9	...	37	128	5	2	...	...	135	...	1	...	...	1	134	198
Gavel.....	199	1	3	2	1	...	11	45	2	...	...	47	1	...	...	...	...	1	46	199
Blazing Star...	200	3	5	2	1	...	36	92	2	...	1	...	95	...	2	...	...	2	93	200
Scotts Bluff....	201	11	21	7	2	...	51	168	6	2	...	1	177	...	3	...	...	3	174	201
Golden Sheaf...	202	5	23	5	1	1	61	75	5	...	1	...	81	...	2	1	...	3	78	202	
Roman Eagle....	203	4	15	4	4	...	24	51	2	...	...	...	53	...	...	...	...	...	53	203
Plainview.....	204	2	8	4	5	2	41	105	3	1	...	4	113	3	...	2	...	5	108	204	
Golden Fleece..	205	12	8	19	8	...	26	165	14	4	1	2	186	1	1	...	...	2	184	205
Napthali.....	206	5	2	6	1	...	41	51	5	1	...	1	58	...	1	...	...	1	57	206
Parian.....	207	1	5	3	2	1	39	71	3	...	...	...	74	...	3	1	...	4	70	207
Gauge.....	208	4	11	1	5	...	19	46	...	1	...	...	47	2	1	...	...	3	44	208
Canopy.....	209	8	16	7	6	...	70	106	7	2	...	1	116	...	3	...	...	3	113	209
East Lincoln...	210	63	65	58	19	5	266	867	55	4	...	9	935	4	16	5	...	25	910	210	
Cement.....	211	1	3	1	...	...	10	91	1	...	...	...	92	2	2	...	...	4	88	211
Compass & Square	212	4	6	4	2	...	38	55	5	...	...	...	60	4	1	...	...	5	55	212
Plumbline.....	214	2	2	2	...	...	35	54	2	2	...	...	58	...	...	...	...	...	58	214
Occidental.....	215	6	5	7	2	...	38	75	7	...	1	...	83	...	1	...	...	1	82	215
Palisade.....	216	7	11	6	6	...	45	98	4	1	...	3	106	1	1	...	...	2	104	216
Wauneta.....	217	2	11	...	1	...	35	56	...	1	...	...	57	1	2	...	...	3	54	217
Bloomfield.....	218	2	16	2	2	...	47	83	2	...	...	...	85	2	3	...	...	5	80	218
Relief.....	219	1	5	1	...	...	14	43	2	...	...	...	45	...	3	...	...	3	42	219
Magnolia.....	220	4	4	5	1	...	20	69	5	...	...	...	74	2	1	...	...	3	71	220
Wood Lake.....	221	1	10	1	5	...	17	63	1	1	...	...	65	1	2	...	...	3	62	221
Landmark.....	222	2	3	5	5	...	30	98	6	...	...	...	104	...	...	...	...	...	104	222
Eminence.....	223	2	6	3	3	1	27	43	6	...	...	...	49	...	1	1	...	2	47	223
Silver Cord.....	224	6	12	12	4	...	16	145	10	...	...	...	155	2	...	...	...	2	153	224
Cable.....	225	7	9	7	5	1	26	99	6	1	...	...	106	1	4	1	...	6	100	225
Grace.....	226	6	17	4	4	...	49	72	3	...	1	...	76	1	2	...	...	3	73	226
North Star.....	227	14	35	13	10	5	82	371	12	1	...	3	387	5	4	5	...	14	373	227	
Bartley.....	228	5	2	7	...	...	12	60	7	...	...	...	67	1	...	...	...	1	66	228
Comet.....	229	1	2	1	2	...	38	82	1	1	...	1	85	1	1	...	...	2	83	229
Delta.....	230	2	11	2	1	...	21	43	1	1	...	...	45	1	1	...	...	2	43	230
Mt. Hermon....	231	...	4	...	1	...	23	35	...	...	...	...	35	1	...	...	...	1	34	231
John S. Bowen...	232	10	7	9	4	1	21	52	6	58	...	2	1	...	3	55	232	
Gilead.....	233	...	23	1	8	1	30	58	58	1	...	1	...	2	56	233	

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		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1948		No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1948		No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1948	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1947	By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Membership	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission			By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss
			No. on Rolls, December 31, 1948	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1948		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1948	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1948																	
Zion.....	234	2	11	5	5	43	90	5	1	1	1	96	1	1	1	95	234							
Fraternity.....	235	1	5	1	2	1	25	55	1	1	1	56	1	1	1	55	235							
Golden Rule.....	236	2	10	2	4	1	13	65	3	1	1	68	1	2	1	64	236							
Cubit.....	237	1	5	2	1	23	65	2	1	1	1	67	1	1	1	66	237							
Friendship.....	239	6	4	3	4	20	84	3	1	1	1	87	2	1	1	85	239							
Pilot.....	240	6	9	2	4	26	103	2	1	1	1	107	1	1	1	105	240							
George Armstrong	241	6	11	7	1	15	81	7	1	1	1	88	1	1	1	88	241							
Tyrian.....	243	5	5	1	1	12	29	1	1	1	1	29	1	1	1	28	243							
Hampton.....	245	2	14	2	3	38	75	2	1	1	1	77	1	1	1	76	245							
Nehawka.....	246	7	4	7	1	16	112	8	1	1	1	120	1	3	1	116	246							
Corner-Stone.....	247	3	17	1	1	50	35	1	1	1	1	37	1	2	1	34	247							
Laurel.....	248	2	21	1	2	54	100	3	1	1	1	103	4	1	1	103	248							
Gothenburg.....	249	3	12	2	1	30	114	2	4	2	2	122	2	1	1	119	249							
Geo. Washington	250	17	21	15	2	1	99	306	17	3	1	327	3	2	1	321	250							
Wausa.....	251	2	2	1	1	21	65	1	1	1	1	68	2	1	1	65	251							
Beemer.....	253	1	4	1	1	16	34	1	1	1	1	35	1	1	1	34	253							
Bassett.....	254	5	15	8	2	30	86	7	1	1	1	94	2	1	1	92	254							
Hickman.....	255	3	4	3	1	27	52	4	1	1	1	56	1	1	1	56	255							
Holbrook.....	257	1	6	1	1	23	25	1	1	1	1	28	1	1	1	27	257							
Anselmo.....	258	7	21	3	8	50	95	5	1	1	1	100	1	1	1	98	258							
Ornan.....	261	3	7	4	1	2	28	78	4	2	1	84	1	2	1	81	261							
Endeavor.....	262	11	8	13	1	1	17	60	12	3	1	75	2	1	1	72	262							
Mitchell.....	263	3	9	6	2	47	140	8	3	1	1	152	1	1	1	151	263							
Franklin.....	264	4	25	2	5	105	105	1	1	1	1	108	1	3	1	104	264							
Robert W. Furnas	265	19	21	24	6	2	67	321	22	1	2	346	5	5	2	334	265							
Silver.....	266	1	9	2	2	20	61	1	1	1	1	63	1	1	1	63	266							
James A. Tulleys	267	4	4	2	3	20	44	1	2	1	1	48	1	1	1	47	267							
Geo. W. Lininger	268	7	9	6	3	4	69	243	6	2	2	251	5	8	4	234	268							
Oasis.....	271	18	7	17	1	55	110	17	1	2	1	130	3	2	1	125	271							
Lee P. Gillette...	272	3	3	3	1	21	73	3	1	1	1	76	2	1	1	73	272							
Crofton.....	273	1	1	1	1	18	66	1	1	3	1	70	2	1	1	68	273							
Olive Branch.....	274	1	13	1	6	36	70	1	1	1	1	71	4	1	1	67	274							
Ramah.....	275	4	2	4	2	8	70	3	1	1	1	73	1	1	1	73	275							
Antelope.....	276	3	11	4	5	12	38	2	1	1	1	42	1	1	1	41	276							
Sioux.....	277	5	2	3	4	9	40	1	2	1	1	43	1	1	1	42	277							
Litchfield.....	278	4	4	3	1	25	41	3	2	1	1	46	1	1	1	46	278							
Wallace.....	279	1	4	2	2	20	36	2	1	1	1	39	1	1	1	37	279							
Swastika.....	280	12	11	10	4	25	61	7	1	1	1	69	1	1	1	69	280							
Florence.....	281	53	33	51	11	5	120	655	45	9	1	710	9	4	5	692	281							
Mullen.....	282	3	3	5	1	32	58	6	1	1	1	64	1	1	1	62	282							

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem' ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes	Total Loss		
Exeter.....	283	1	1				24	33	1		1		35									35	283	
Seneca.....	284	2	11	2	8	1	35	81	2	1	1		85	2	1	1						4	81	284
Camp Clarke.....	285	5	20	3	3		30	161	3	1	1		166	2	1							3	163	285
Oshkosh.....	286	13	17	9	4		32	91	8	2	2		103	1	4							5	98	286
Union.....	287		5	2			15	57	2				59		3							3	56	287
Omaha.....	288	26	28	21	3	2	196	521	22		6		549	3	12	2					17	532	288	
Lotus.....	289	3	6	2			26	153	4	1			158	1								1	157	289
John J. Mercer.....	290	78	33	77	6	10	152	997	77	7	12		1093	11	7	10					28	1065	290	
Diamond.....	291	4	7	3	2		29	63	3				67	2								2	65	291
Wolbach.....	292		5		3		24	43	2				45										45	292
Monument.....	293	2	9	1			21	58	3	1			62	1								1	61	293
Kimball.....	294	4	5	4	1	1	43	120	4	1	2		127	4	1	1					6	121	294	
Minatare.....	295	5	8	4	1		27	93	4	2	1		100		1							1	99	295
Cotner.....	297	9	15	10	6	6	48	208	6	1			215	1	3	6					10	205	297	
Chester.....	298	1	1	1			11	39	1				40	1	2							3	37	298
Sutherland.....	299	3	9	7	4		12	87	5	3			95		1							1	94	299
Liberty.....	300	33	23	27	7	1	128	322	33	5	3		363	1	2						4	359	300	
Bayard.....	301	8	8	7	6	2	23	100	5	1			106	1		2						3	103	301
Mizpah.....	302	60	39	61	21	5	199	982	62	6	5		1055	10	14	5					29	1026	302	
Right Angle.....	303	37	17	37	9	9	115	608	36	3	1	4	652	9	9	9					27	625	303	
Ruskin.....	304	3	6	2	2		16	35	3				38										38	304
Newman Grove.....	305	1	7		2		28	49		3	1		53										53	305
Golden Rod.....	306	6	1	7	4		8	73	5	1	1		80										80	306
William E. Hill.....	307	4	9	4	3		31	32	3				35		1							1	34	307
Perkins.....	308	4	8	4	1	1	22	103	4	1	1		109		1	1					2	107	308	
Winnebago.....	309	2	15		7		13	52	1	1	2		56										56	309
Victory.....	310	17	8	18	2		32	176	21	2	3		202	2	4						6	196	310	
Polk.....	311	5	4	6	1		13	50	5				55										55	311
Oak Leaf.....	312	5	7	6	1		8	38	7				45										45	312
Potter.....	313		4	2			18	95	2				97	1	1						2	95	313	
Craftsmen.....	314	45	27	42	8	2	60	404	45	8	4	1	462	3	2	2					7	455	314	
Alpha.....	316	16	20	9	5		7	111	11	3			125	2	2						4	121	316	
Mid-West.....	317	15	35	13	2	2	40	350	18	11	1		380	3	8	2					13	367	317	
Grand Island.....	318	18	8	17	3		46	167	17	2	6		192	4	2							6	186	318
Bladen.....	319	3	6	1			14	47	1				48		1							1	47	319
College View.....	320	9	8	9	2	2	12	143	7				150			2					2	148	320	
Harmony.....	321	1	6	4	2		5	64	5		1		70										70	321
Pioneer.....	322	5	4	4	1		9	68	3				71		1						1	70	322	

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Lebanon . . .	323	2	7	4	1	...	29	167	5	1	1	...	174	1	6	7	167	323
Calro . . .	324	2	...	3	1	...	1	41	4	1	...	46	46	324
Totals . . .	2090	4032	2007	1093	210	14421	39323	1975	371	19	291	341982	463	680	210	1	7	1361	40621		

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	No. 1	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	February —, 55...	Oct. 3, 55
	" 2	Nebraska City.....	Otoe.....	May 10, 55...	May 28, 56
	" 3	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 9, 57...	June 3, 57
	" 4	Brownville.....	Nemaha.....	December 15, 57...	June 2, 58
5	Omadi " 5	Dakota City.....	Dakota.....	January 18, 58...	June 2, 58
	" 6	Plattsmouth.....	Cass.....	January 18, 58...	June 2, 58
	" 9	Falls City.....	Richardson.....	October 4, 64...	June 23, 65
	" 10	Fort Calhoun.....	Washington.....	August 15, 65...	June 22, 66
	" 11	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	July 24, 65...	June 22, 66
10	Orient " 13	Rulo.....	Richardson.....	June 23, 66...	June 19, 67
	" 14	Peru.....	Nemaha.....	May 23, 67...	June 19, 67
	" 15	Fremont.....	Dodge.....	July 3, 66...	June 20, 67
	" 17	Tecumseh.....	Johnson.....	December 7, 67...	Oct. 28, 69
	" 19	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	May 4, 68...	June 25, 68
15	Washington " 21	Blair.....	Washington.....	February 24, 68...	June 25, 68
	" 23	Pawnee City.....	Pawnee.....	January 4, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
	" 25	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	May 28, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
	" 26	Beatrice.....	Gage.....	March 23, 70...	June 22, 70
	" 27	West Point.....	Cuming.....	December 25, 69...	June 23, 70
20	Hope " 29	Nemaha City.....	Nemaha.....	November 8, 69...	June 23, 70
	" 30	Milford.....	Seward.....	April 25, 70...	June 23, 70
	" 31	Tekamah.....	Burt.....	August 19, 69...	June 23, 70
	" 32	North Platte.....	Lincoln.....	January 15, 70...	June 23, 70
	" 33	Grand Island.....	Hall.....	August 11, 70...	June 22, 71
25	Acacia " 34	Schuyler.....	Colfax.....	July 18, 70...	June 19, 72
	" 35	Fairbury.....	Jefferson.....	June 30, 71...	June 19, 72
	" 36	Central City.....	Merriek.....	August 9, 71...	June 19, 72
	" 37	Crete.....	Saline.....	January 8, 72...	June 19, 72
	" 38	Seward.....	Seward.....	July 25, 71...	June 18, 73
30	Papillion " 39	Papillion.....	Sarpy.....	November 18, 72...	June 18, 73

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Humboldt	No. 40	Humboldt.....	Richardson.....	December 16, 72... June 18, 73
	Northern Light	" 41	Stanton.....	Stanton.....	January 20, 73... June 18, 73
	Hebron	" 43	Hebron.....	Thayer.....	March 10, 73... June 18, 73
	Harvard	" 44	Harvard.....	Clay.....	March 25, 73... June 18, 73
35	Rob Morris	" 46	Kearney.....	Buffalo.....	February 21, 73... June 26, 74
	Fairmont	" 48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	December 4, 73... June 26, 74
	Evening Star	" 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	December 22, 73... June 26, 74
	Hastings	" 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	January 3, 74... June 26, 74
40	Fidelity	" 51	David City.....	Butler.....	January 19, 74... June 26, 74
	Hiram	" 52	Arlington.....	Washington.....	February 26, 74... June 26, 74
	Charity	" 53	Red Cloud.....	Webster.....	March 2, 74... June 26, 74
	Lancaster	" 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	April 20, 74... June 26, 74
	Mosaic	" 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	October 1, 74... June 23, 75
	York	" 56	York.....	York.....	October 1, 74... June 23, 75
45	Mount Moriah	" 57	Syracuse.....	Otoe.....	November 7, 74... June 23, 75
	Wahoo	" 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	January 20, 75... June 23, 75
	Melrose	" 60	Orleans.....	Harlan.....	March 10, 75... June 24, 75
	Thistle	" 61	Lexington.....	Dawson.....	May 8, 75... June 21, 76
	Keystone	" 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton.....	January 1, 76... June 21, 76
50	Blue Valley	" 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	October 6, 76... June 20, 77
	Osceola	" 65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	November 23, 76... June 20, 77
	Edgar	" 67	Edgar.....	Clay.....	February 27, 77... June 20, 77
	Aurora	" 68	Aurora.....	Hamilton.....	February 10, 76... June 19, 78
	Sterling	" 70	Sterling.....	Johnson.....	July 16, 77... June 19, 78
55	Trowel	" 71	Neligh.....	Antelope.....	January 28, 78... June 19, 78
	Hooper	" 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	March 19, 78... June 25, 79
	Friend	" 73	Friend.....	Saline.....	May 4, 78... June 25, 79
	Alexandria	" 74	Alexandria.....	Thayer.....	December 26, 78... June 25, 79
	Frank Welch	" 75	Sidney.....	Cheyenne.....	December 26, 78... June 25, 79
60	Nelson	" 77	Nelson.....	Nuckolls.....	March 15, 79... June 23, 80

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Albion No. 78	Albion.....	Boone.....	August 1, 79...	June 23, 80
	Geneva " 79	Geneva.....	Fillmore.....	November 24, 79...	June 23, 80
	Composite " 81	Rising City.....	Butler.....	March 20, 80...	June 22, 81
	Saint Paul " 82	Saint Paul.....	Howard.....	April 15, 80...	June 22, 81
65	Corinthian " 83	Wakefield.....	Dixon.....	April 22, 80...	June 22, 81
	Fairfield " 84	Fairfield.....	Clay.....	September 3, 80...	June 22, 81
	Doniphan " 86	Doniphan.....	Hall.....	January 7, 81...	June 22, 81
	Ionic " 87	Niobrara.....	Knox.....	January 24, 81...	June 20, 82
	Star " 88	Decatur.....	Burt.....	September 17, 81...	June 20, 82
70	Cedar River " 89	Fullerton.....	Nance.....	January 19, 82...	June 20, 82
	Oakland " 91	Oakland.....	Burt.....	February 7, 82...	June 19, 83
	Beaver City " 93	Beaver City.....	Furnas.....	May 3, 82...	June 19, 83
	Bennett " 94	Bennet.....	Lancaster.....	May 5, 82...	June 19, 83
	Garfield " 95	O'Neill.....	Holt.....	June 28, 82...	June 19, 83
75	Utica " 96	Utica.....	Seward.....	July 14, 82...	June 19, 83
	Euclid " 97	Weeping Water.....	Cass.....	July 21, 82...	June 19, 83
	Republican " 98	Republican City.....	Harlan.....	July 27, 82...	June 19, 83
	Shelton " 99	Shelton.....	Buffalo.....	July 28, 82...	June 19, 83
	Creighton " 100	Creighton.....	Knox.....	August 19, 82...	June 19, 83
80	Ponca " 101	Ponca.....	Dixon.....	September 1, 82...	June 19, 83
	Waterloo " 102	Waterloo.....	Douglas.....	September 7, 82...	June 19, 83
	Ord " 103	Ord.....	Valley.....	September 14, 82...	June 19, 83
	Wymore " 104	Wymore.....	Gage.....	November 10, 82...	June 19, 83
	Stella " 105	Stella.....	Richardson.....	December 4, 82...	June 19, 83
85	Porter " 106	Loup City.....	Sherman.....	December 9, 82...	June 19, 83
	Table Rock " 108	Table Rock.....	Pawnee.....	January 24, 83...	June 19, 83
	Pomegranate " 110	Ashland.....	Saunders.....	February 13, 83...	June 19, 83
	DeWitt " 111	DeWitt.....	Saline.....	February 28, 83...	June 19, 83
	Springfield " 112	Springfield.....	Sarpy.....	March 30, 83...	June 19, 83
90	Globe " 113	Madison.....	Madison.....	February 16, 82...	June 24, 84

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Wisner No. 114	Wisner.....	Cuming.....	February 12, 83...	June 24, 84
	Harlan " 116	Alma.....	Harlan.....	July 12, 83...	June 24, 84
	Hardy " 117	Hardy.....	Nuckolls.....	July 18, 83...	June 24, 84
	North Bend " 119	North Bend.....	Dodge.....	September 5, 83...	June 24, 84
95	Wayne " 120	Wayne.....	Wayne.....	September 26, 83...	June 24, 84
	Superior " 121	Superior.....	Nuckolls.....	November 22, 83...	June 24, 84
	Auburn " 124	Auburn.....	Nemaha.....	December 25, 83...	June 24, 84
	Mount Nebo " 125	Genoa.....	Nance.....	January 1, 84...	June 24, 84
	Stromsburg " 126	Stromsburg.....	Polk.....	January 16, 84...	June 24, 84
100	Minden " 127	Minden.....	Kearney.....	January 22, 84...	June 24, 84
	Guide Rock " 128	Guide Rock.....	Webster.....	January 28, 84...	June 24, 84
	Blue Hill " 129	Blue Hill.....	Webster.....	February 18, 84...	June 24, 84
	Tuscan " 130	Surprise.....	Butler.....	February 20, 84...	June 24, 85
	Scribner " 132	Scribner.....	Dodge.....	July 9, 84...	June 24, 85
105	Elm Creek " 133	Elm Creek.....	Buffalo.....	August 8, 84...	June 24, 85
	Solar " 134	Clarks.....	Merrick.....	August 8, 84...	June 24, 85
	McCook " 135	McCook.....	Red Willow.....	October 6, 84...	June 24, 85
	Long Pine " 136	Long Pine.....	Brown.....	October 6, 84...	June 24, 85
	Upright " 137	Burchard.....	Pawnee.....	November 14, 84...	June 24, 85
110	Rawalt " 138	Oxford.....	Furnas.....	November 15, 84...	June 24, 85
	Clay Centre " 139	Clay Center.....	Clay.....	December 6, 84...	June 24, 85
	Western " 140	Western.....	Saline.....	December 6, 84...	June 24, 85
	Crescent " 143	Cedar Rapids.....	Boone.....	January 24, 85...	June 24, 85
	Kenesaw " 144	Kenesaw.....	Adams.....	January 28, 85...	June 24, 85
115	Baneroft " 145	Baneroft.....	Cuming.....	February 25, 85...	June 24, 85
	Jachin " 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	March 31, 85...	June 17, 86
	Siloam " 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	April 30, 85...	June 17, 86
	Emmet Crawford " 148	Broken Bow.....	Custer.....	July 13, 85...	June 17, 86
	Jewel " 149	Tobias.....	Saline.....	August 15, 85...	June 17, 86
120	Cambridge " 150	Cambridge.....	Furnas.....	August 10, 85...	June 17, 86

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Square No. 151	Valparaiso.....	Saunders.....	September 7, 85...	June 17, 86
	Evergreen " 153	Pierce.....	Pierce.....	November 27, 85...	June 17, 86
	Lily " 154	Davenport.....	Thayer.....	November 28, 85...	June 17, 86
	Hartington " 155	Hartington.....	Cedar.....	January 26, 86...	June 17, 86
125	Pythagoras " 156	Ewing.....	Holt.....	October 24, 86...	June 16, 87
	Valley " 157	Wilsonville.....	Furnas.....	February 22, 86...	June 16, 87
	Samaritan " 158	Chadron.....	Dawes.....	March 17, 86...	June 16, 87
	Ogalalla " 159	Ogallala.....	Keith.....	August 14, 86...	June 16, 87
	Zeredatha " 160	Reynolds.....	Jefferson.....	August 21, 86...	June 16, 87
130	Mount Zion " 161	Shelby.....	Polk.....	August 25, 86...	June 16, 87
	Trestle Board " 162	Brock.....	Nemaha.....	October 9, 86...	June 16, 87
	Unity " 163	Greenwood.....	Cass.....	December 18, 86...	June 16, 87
	Atkinson " 164	Atkinson.....	Holt.....	August 19, 86...	June 21, 88
	Barneston " 165	Barneston.....	Gage.....	August 20, 86...	June 21, 88
135	Mystic Tie " 166	Tilden.....	Madison.....	February 18, 87...	June 21, 88
	Elwood " 167	Elwood.....	Gosper.....	June 21, 87...	June 21, 88
	Curtis " 168	Curtis.....	Frontier.....	June 21, 87...	June 21, 88
	Amity " 169	Rushville.....	Sheridan.....	July 29, 86...	June 21, 88
	Mason City " 170	Mason City.....	Custer.....	August 1, 87...	June 21, 88
140	Merna " 171	Merna.....	Custer.....	August 2, 87...	June 21, 88
	Robert Burns " 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock.....	November 15, 87...	June 21, 88
	Culbertson " 174	Culbertson.....	Hitchcock.....	November 16, 87...	June 21, 88
	Temple " 175	Filley.....	Gage.....	December 9, 87...	June 21, 88
	Gladstone " 176	Ansley.....	Custer.....	February 18, 88...	June 21, 88
145	Hay Springs " 177	Hay Springs.....	Sheridan.....	February 20, 88...	June 21, 88
	Prudence " 179	Beaver Crossing.....	Seward.....	August 24, 88...	June 20, 89
	Justice " 180	Benkelman.....	Dundy.....	October 8, 88...	June 20, 89
	Faith " 181	Crawford.....	Dawes.....	December 13, 88...	June 20, 89
	Alliance " 183	Alliance.....	Box Butte.....	January 18, 89...	June 20, 89
150	Bee Hive " 184	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 22, 89...	June 20, 89

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Boaz	No. 185	Danbury.....	Red Willow.....	January 24, 89... June 20, 89
	Israel	" 187	Ulysses.....	Butler.....	February 2, 89... June 20, 89
	Meridian	" 188	Cozad.....	Dawson.....	February 4, 89... June 20, 89
	Granite	" 189	Gibbon.....	Buffalo.....	February 18, 89... June 20, 89
155	Amethyst	" 190	Gandy.....	Logan.....	August 5, 89... June 20, 90
	Crystal	" 191	Scotia.....	Greeley.....	August 7, 89... June 20, 90
	Minnekadusa	" 192	Valentine.....	Cherry.....	August 15, 89... June 20, 90
	Signet	" 193	Leigh.....	Colfax.....	September 3, 89... June 20, 90
	Highland	" 194	Cortland.....	Gage.....	September 21, 89... June 20, 90
160	Arcana	" 195	Gordon.....	Sheridan.....	October 17, 89... June 20, 90
	Morning Star	" 197	Gresham.....	York.....	December 16, 89... June 20, 90
	Purity	" 198	Imperial.....	Chase.....	December 24, 89... June 20, 90
	Gavel	" 199	Carleton.....	Thayer.....	July 20, 89... June 18, 91
	Blazing Star	" 200	Burwell.....	Garfield.....	August 5, 90... June 18, 91
160	Scotts Bluff	" 201	Gering.....	Scotts Bluff.....	August 8, 90... June 18, 91
	Golden Sheaf	" 202	Randolph.....	Cedar.....	August 29, 90... June 18, 91
	Roman Eagle	" 203	Pender.....	Thurston.....	August 30, 90... June 18, 91
	Plainview	" 204	Plainview.....	Pierce.....	September 1, 90... June 18, 91
	Golden Fleece	" 205	Chappell.....	Deuel.....	September 2, 90... June 18, 91
170	Naphthali	" 206	Diller.....	Jefferson.....	December 31, 90... June 18, 91
	Parian	" 207	Callaway.....	Custer.....	January 31, 91... June 18, 91
	Gauge	" 208	Arcadia.....	Valley.....	August 24, 91... June 16, 92
	Canopy	" 209	Elmwood.....	Cass.....	September 4, 91... June 16, 92
	East Lincoln	" 210	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	November 5, 91... June 16, 92
175	Cement	" 211	Wood River.....	Hall.....	November 27, 91... June 16, 92
	Compass & Square	" 212	Sumner.....	Dawson.....	December 12, 91... June 16, 92
	Plumblin	" 214	Adams.....	Gage.....	November 17, 91... June 15, 93
	Occidental	" 215	Cedar Bluffs.....	Saunders.....	July 16, 92... June 15, 93
	Palisade	" 216	Palisade.....	Hitchcock.....	July 18, 92... June 15, 93
180	Wauneta	" 217	Wauneta.....	Chase.....	December 7, 92... June 15, 93

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Bloomfield	No. 218	Bloomfield.....	Knox.....	January 18, 93... June 15, 93
	Relief	" 219	Coleridge.....	Cedar.....	January 19, 93... June 15, 93
	Magnolia	" 220	Emerson.....	Dixon.....	January 21, 93... June 15, 93
	Wood Lake	" 221	Wood Lake.....	Cherry.....	September 22, 92... June 21, 94
185	Landmark	" 222	Herman.....	Washington.....	March 1, 93... June 21, 94
	Eminence	" 223	Giltner.....	Hamilton.....	September 26, 93... June 21, 94
	Silver Cord	" 224	Ainsworth.....	Brown.....	October 17, 93... June 21, 94
	Cable	" 225	Arnold.....	Custer.....	November 17, 93... June 21, 94
	Grace	" 226	Wilcox.....	Kearney.....	January 20, 93... June 13, 95
190	North Star	" 227	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	July 28, 94... June 13, 95
	Bartley	" 228	Bartley.....	Red Willow.....	November 23, 94... June 13, 95
	Comet	" 229	Ceresco.....	Saunders.....	December 5, 94... June 13, 95
	Delta	" 230	Saint Edward.....	Boone.....	December 11, 94... June 13, 95
	Mount Hermon	" 231	Cook.....	Johnson.....	December 19, 94... June 13, 95
195	John S. Bowen	" 232	Kennard.....	Washington.....	February 6, 95... June 13, 95
	Gilead	" 233	Butte.....	Boyd.....	November 22, 94... June 10, 96
	Zion	" 234	Hyannis.....	Grant.....	July 19, 95... June 10, 96
	Fraternity	" 235	Winside.....	Wayne.....	August 2, 95... June 10, 96
	Golden Rule	" 236	Allen.....	Dixon.....	August 3, 95... June 10, 96
200	Cubit	" 237	Douglas.....	Otoe.....	August 9, 95... June 10, 96
	Friendship	" 239	Chapman.....	Merrick.....	October 7, 95... June 10, 96
	Pilot	" 240	Lyons.....	Burt.....	November 29, 95... June 10, 96
	George Armstrong	" 241	Craig.....	Burt.....	August 1, 95... June 17, 97
	Tyrian	" 243	Oak.....	Nuckolls.....	August 24, 98... June 8, 99
205	Hampton	" 245	Hampton.....	Hamilton.....	July 13, 99... June 7, 00
	Nehawka	" 246	Nehawka.....	Cass.....	January 2, 00... June 7, 00
	Corner-stone	" 247	Osmond.....	Pierce.....	January 3, 00... June 7, 00
	Laurel	" 248	Laurel.....	Cedar.....	February 12, 00... June 7, 00
	Gothenburg	" 249	Gothenburg.....	Dawson.....	June 20, 00... June 6, 01
210	George Washington	" 250	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	June 20, 00... June 6, 01

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	Wausa No. 251	Wausa.....	Knox.....	November 18, 00...	June 6, 01
	Beemer " 253	Beemer.....	Cuming.....	January 1, 02...	June 5, 02
	Bassett " 254	Bassett.....	Rock.....	October 8, 02...	June 4, 03
	Hickman " 256	Hickman.....	Lancaster.....	December 7, 03...	June 9, 04
215	Holbrook " 257	Holbrook.....	Furnas.....	January 11, 04...	June 9, 04
	Anselmo " 258	Anselmo.....	Custer.....	December 10, 04...	June 7, 05
	Bee " 259	Bee.....	Seward.....	February 11, 05...	June 7, 05
	Ornan " 261	Spencer.....	Boyd.....	March 5, 06...	June 5, 07
	Endeavor " 262	Indianola.....	Red Willow.....	June 28, 06...	June 5, 07
220	Mitchell " 263	Mitchell.....	Scotts Bluff.....	July 5, 06...	June 5, 07
	Franklin " 264	Franklin.....	Franklin.....	June 11, 07...	June 10, 08
	Robert W. Furnas " 265	Scottsbluff.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 21, 07...	June 10, 08
	Silver " 266	Silver Creek.....	Merrick.....	June 14, 07...	June 10, 08
	James A. Tulleys " 267	Overton.....	Dawson.....	December 26, 07...	June 10, 08
225	George W. Lininger " 268	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	February 26, 08...	June 10, 08
	Oasis " 271	Morrill.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 14, 09...	June 8, 10
	Lee P. Gillette " 272	Dunbar.....	Otoe.....	June 14, 09...	June 8, 10
	Crofton " 273	Crofton.....	Knox.....	July 10, 09...	June 8, 10
	Olive Branch " 274	Walthill.....	Thurston.....	September 20, 09...	June 8, 10
230	Ramah " 275	Bertrand.....	Phelps.....	November 8, 09...	June 8, 10
	Antelope " 276	Elgin.....	Antelope.....	January 12, 10...	June 8, 10
	Sioux " 277	Harrison.....	Sioux.....	June 10, 10...	June 6, 11
	Litchfield " 278	Litchfield.....	Sherman.....	December 19, 10...	June 6, 11
	Wallace " 279	Wallace.....	Lincoln.....	February 25, 11...	June 4, 12
235	Swastika " 280	Sargent.....	Custer.....	October 18, 12...	June 4, 13
	Florence " 281	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 17, 13...	June 4, 13
	Mullen " 282	Mullen.....	Hooker.....	July 22, 13...	June 9, 14
	Exeter " 283	Exeter.....	Fillmore.....	September 8, 13...	June 9, 14
	Seneca " 284	Seneca.....	Thomas.....	September 29, 13...	June 9, 14
240	Camp Clarke " 285	Bridgeport.....	Morrill.....	October 16, 13...	June 9, 14

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Oshkosh	No. 286	Oshkosh.....	Garden.....	November 25, 13... June 9, 14
	Union	" 287	Palmyra.....	Otoe.....	December 15, 13... June 8, 15
	Omaha	" 288	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	March 24, 14... June 8, 15
	Lotus	" 289	Ravenna.....	Buffalo.....	June 11, 14... June 8, 15
245	John J. Mercer	" 290	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 21, 14... June 8, 15
	Diamond	" 291	Orchard.....	Antelope.....	November 23, 14... June 8, 15
	Wolbach	" 292	Wolbach.....	Greeley.....	December 18, 14... June 8, 15
	Monument	" 293	Arapahoe.....	Furnas.....	December 18, 14... June 8, 15
	Kimball	" 294	Kimball.....	Kimball.....	June 10, 15... June 7, 16
250	Minatare	" 295	Minatare.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 10, 15... June 7, 16
	Cotner	" 297	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	June 15, 17... June 5, 18
	Chester	" 298	Chester.....	Thayer.....	June 27, 17... June 5, 18
	Sutherland	" 299	Sutherland.....	Lincoln.....	June 23, 17... June 5, 18
	Liberty	" 300	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	January 10, 18... June 5, 18
255	Bayard	" 301	Bayard.....	Morrill.....	January 19, 18... June 5, 18
	Mizpah	" 302	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 12, 18... June 4, 19
	Right Angle	" 303	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	September 24, 19... June 9, 20
	Ruskin	" 304	Ruskin.....	Nuckolls.....	January 5, 20... June 9, 20
	Newman Grove	" 305	Newman Grove.....	Madison.....	January 14, 20... June 9, 20
260	Golden Rod	" 306	Lodgepole.....	Cheyenne.....	August 19, 20... June 8, 21
	William E. Hill	" 307	Otoe.....	Otoe.....	November 8, 20... June 8, 21
	Perkins	" 308	Grant.....	Perkins.....	December 1, 20... June 8, 21
	Winnebago	" 309	Winnebago.....	Thurston.....	December 6, 20... June 8, 21
	Victory	" 310	Valley.....	Douglas.....	December 27, 20... June 8, 21
265	Polk	" 311	Polk.....	Polk.....	January 4, 21... June 8, 21
	Oak Leaf	" 312	Lynch.....	Boyd.....	June 23, 21... June 7, 22
	Potter	" 313	Potter.....	Cheyenne.....	September 10, 21... June 7, 22
	Craftsmen	" 314	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	March 22, 22... June 5, 23
	Alpha	" 316	South Sioux City.....	Dakota.....	January 27, 25... June 10, 25
270	Mid-West	" 317	Hastings.....	Adams.....	January 8, 25... June 10, 25

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Grand Island	No. 318	Grand Island.....	Hall.....	April 1, 25...	June 9, 26
Bladen	" 319	Bladen.....	Webster.....	January 11, 26...	June 9, 26
College View	" 320	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	July 1, 27...	June 6, 28
Harmony	" 321	Dalton.....	Cheyenne.....	February 21, 28...	June 5, 29
275 Pioneer	" 322	Lyman.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 28, 28...	June 5, 29
Lebanon	" 323	Columbus.....	Platte.....	November 14, 28...	June 5, 29
Cairo	" 324	Cairo.....	Hall.....	January 16, 36...	June 8, 37

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

Prepared by M. W. William B. Wanner, Past Grand Master

To the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:
Brethren:

For the second time, your Committee has been authorized to prepare a brief review of the proceedings of those Grand Lodges with which we are in fraternal relationship. The work of 59 Grand Jurisdictions, a list of whom is appended at the close of this report, was carefully examined by the Committee. We, at least, gained much from this experience.

As before, a very limited amount of space has been allotted to us; and we have again adopted the topical method of review, in the hope that we may present something of interest to the brethren. To those veteran reviewers, who spoke kindly of our initial effort, we extend our sincere thanks.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

General Conditions, among the English speaking jurisdictions, are again good. Finances seem to be in excellent circumstances. Candidates are still arriving in large numbers. From a table given in the Grand Lodge of Ohio, we find that at the beginning of the year, there were approximately, 3,240,000 Masons in the United States, a gain of about 189,000 over the preceding year. The total number of lodges is a little over 15,000, showing a slight gain; but the membership per lodge is growing much faster than new lodges are being established. The average number of members per lodge, varies from 99 in South Dakota to 475 in the District of Columbia. The national average of members per lodge is 193. Nebraska's average is given at 135.

Perhaps we have passed the peak of the wave and from now on may not be so busy. Still new jurisdictions are setting new highs in membership. If we are slipping, there will be more work for Committees on Education. Regardless of the motive that prompts men to join Masonry, we know this to be true—we have been too busy getting members into Masonry to have time to get Masonry into members. Many worthwhile plans were submitted to disseminate Masonic teaching and morality, but unfortunately few, if any, were such as can reach the great number of Masons who seldom attend lodge. Grand Lodge publications that go to every member seem to be the answer, but they are expensive and to find the right editor, that is the problem.

Much complaint is made of solicitation for the so-called higher degrees. Brother J. Walter Karsner of the District of Columbia says this: "Obviously good taste and common sense should fix the extension of invitations after the raising of a Master Mason, but we can see only one disadvantage to an early invitation. This is to the individual, not the

organization, in that the neophyte may be committed to one branch or body of Freemasonry before he has had sufficient time to intelligently view the structure and characteristics of the two rites, or of various bodies, and to unhurriedly select what he wants. In neither branch is the candidate required to display his "education" in the Lodge degrees, and the ability to recite a catechism is no indication of a philosophical mind. Conversely, men of the professions are frequently very poor ritualists, but naturally most capable of appreciation of the basic principals and high philosophies of the Rites as a whole. Men do not join the Fraternity primarily to place themselves under a strict pedagogical regime—they are often far better educated than their would-be self-appointed teachers, and far better judges of what phase of our fraternal life brings to them the greatest pleasure, the greatest comfort, the greatest development. In each body there is unlocked for the brother of capable mind and genuine interest a storehouse of symbolism and philosophy from which he may choose that which is in his capacity and best satisfies his thought. He has the material made available; HE has the right to select or reject."

Most Grand Masters still call attention to the fact that the large membership may be not altogether healthy, particularly the large lodge, and point out that a rainy day may be soon in arriving. Indeed some spirit of uncertainty seems to be present. Gains, both in initiations and reinstatements, are not as great as last year and suspensions are showing some increase.

COLORED FREEMASONRY

What I last year referred to as a "tempest in a teapot", has become much more serious a difficulty. It has raised a dark cloud in the heaven of harmony among the American Jurisdictions, that has existed for so many years. If either of the two factions developing in this strife will not recede from their stand, it may well threaten the very existence of Masonry in these United States.

At the December, 1948 Communication, the great jurisdiction of Texas withdrew all fraternal relationship with the state of Massachusetts and rumor has it that other states may also take a similar position.

In this connection, it is interesting to note that the Grand Master of Nova Scotia had this to say in his address: "Equity Lodge—On the petition of a number of Masons of Halifax and Dartmouth, and with the unanimous approval of the Advisory Board, I granted dispensation for the instituting of Equity Lodge for the purpose of initiating candidates of the colored race. This I was pleased to do. I could never reconcile with justice, the forfeiting of the warrant of Union Lodge No. 18—racial intolerance is an abominable thing." Incidentally, a number of white brethren have affiliated with this lodge, among them some Past Grand Masters and present Grand Officers.

New Jersey has had a colored lodge of their regular membership for a number of years, which is in a flourishing condition.

This situation is commented upon by most of the reviewers, even in the British Colonies. Some view with alarm, others belittle the situation, but it could develop into one of the worst situations in the past hundred years.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

Georgia, Tennessee and Nebraska are the only three jurisdictions that do not have a District Deputy Grand Master system. These officers are appointed annually, sometimes many times reappointed, in other states changed every year. They are the personal representative of the Grand Master in their District, which may be large or small. Their functions are to annually, at least, visit each lodge to observe the work of the lodge in general and to examine the records and proceedings of the lodge for regularity and to perform such special duties as may be assigned by the Grand Master. These duties are in some respects fulfilled by our Assistant Custodians and/or the Grand Custodian, but has the added advantage of being done every year in every lodge. These highly respected and much sought after positions are a reward for good service and often require quite an expenditure of time and money by the holder. Why these three states have never adopted this system, when such a great majority do have it, is a little strange. There could be a story here, if one took the time to investigate.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

We approve the action of the Grand Master in appointing Grand Representatives near other Grand Jurisdictions. We hope that they will take this as a serious responsibility and perform their duties to the utmost of their ability. The time may not be far distant, when these duties may be more than honorary. We hope they will be present at their respective roll-calls, proud that they represent a jurisdiction, which while not as large as some, is conservative, solvent, composed of men of high standing in their various communities and whose Grand Lodge is conducted with dignity and dispatch. Too often, we have regretted to note, that Nebraska's designate is absent from his Grand Lodge.

LIQUOR

No question bobs up more often or causes more trouble than this subject, which has been of concern since the world began. In this connection, I am happy to report that Kansas, our neighbor to the south, which in the past has rather ignored this problem, passed the following piece of legislation at their 93rd Communication: "The manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquor by any Mason shall be deemed an offense against the Body of Masonry." Attention was also called to a law already in existence: "The serving of beer or any other beverage having a recognized or indicated alcoholic content at any communication or social function held or sponsored by any lodge, by the lodge or by any member or individual brother shall be deemed an offense against the Body of Masonry." This latter law was sometimes overlooked.

NATIONAL MASONIC MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON

We approve the attendance of our Grand Master and his officers at the National Masonic Meetings held in Washington in February of each year. We recommend, if it is within our province to do so, that the custom be continued. Much valuable experience is gained through these associations. At the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association meeting, we were proud that Nebraska completed our quota of contributions toward the completion of this wonderful tribute to its most distinguished brother. Much work was done during the past year, about a half million dollars was spent or contracted to be spent. The elevator to the tower is still not in, but will be soon and the statue in the Memorial Hall, will be in place for the next meeting of the Association. \$262,000 was contributed by the states, the largest amount ever received, due in part to the fact that some delinquent states are catching up with the parade. On display were the rugs, the largest orientals ever made, contributed by an Illinois brother, who has since died, in appreciation of what America and Masonry had done for him.

At the Grand Secretaries Conference, our own Past Grand Master Lewis E. Smith presented an interesting and informative history of the Association from its beginning 21 years ago.

The Grand Master's Conference roll-call showed all 49 American Jurisdictions represented, five Grand Lodges from Canada, two from Mexico and one from Puerto Rico. M.'W.' Brother Harold E. Stacy of Vermont presided. M.'W.' Brother Carlyle D. Williamson, Grand Master of Wyoming, was elected chairman for the 1950 session and M.'W.' Brother Karl J. Mohr of Illinois, who visited us a few years ago, was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

The Masonic Service Association still carries on its work for men of all creeds in our Veterans' Hospitals; service to those for whom the war is not and never will be over. This work has been carried on in the past by volunteer donations; a method which seems to be running out. The cost of the service was 6¾c per capita for the entire masonic population of the United States and 13c per capita for the members of the Association. 31 states belong, representing 51½ per cent of the United States membership. Some speculation concerning the future of this work was present and definite decision will possibly be made next year.

DIGNITY

As one considers the proceedings of English, Scottish, Australian Grand Lodges and those of the Canadian Provinces, one cannot but be impressed with the dignity of their communications. Mileage and per diem is not generally paid as in America. The brethren generally bear their own expenses. Nothing seems to be left to chance, everything is carefully planned. No off-color stories are told there or vaudeville tactics indulged in.

Quoting from a Scottish Notice of Quarterly Meetings: "Dear Sir and Brother: I have to request your attendance at a Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Scotland, to be held here on Thursday, 6th May at 2:30 P. M. Brethren are requested to be in their seats at 2:20 P. M. Before entering the hall, members should sign the appropriate Attendance Sheet, they must present their tickets of Membership, which are not transferable under pain of forfeiture; they must be properly clothed, and should appear in their own regalia." Business to be considered follows.

"Theirs is a serious business, seriously conducted." Their Masonry is a way of life; not just something to belong to, another organization, as too many seem to regard it in this country. And it seems to pay, for history records the fact, that during our great loss period in the 30s, lodges in England were increasing in numbers and strength. They are still increasing.

BRIEFS

Arkansas started a Lodge of Research this year and is making the various papers and articles available to the general membership by printing them in the proceedings, taking the place of a review. This increases their circulation by a large degree.

After reading the "Masonic World" for a number of years, long before I started this work; the review published in the proceedings of Missouri and written by M. W. Brother Ray Denslow, I must express my appreciation of its contents. Following no set pattern, it presents a clear, authoritative picture of a great variety of subjects, written in a style that is unequalled. It will pay you to read it.

New York has two officers to aid their Grand Master, that we know nothing about, the Proctor and the Judge Advocate. The Proctor answers questions concerning existing law printed in their code books, that so many Masons fail to read. The Judge Advocate writes opinions on new queries, not covered by existing law or statute or interpretation of the law, where the meaning is not clear. They are big burden lifters in that large jurisdiction. This Grand Lodge and the whole Masonic world suffered a severe loss in the death of M. W. Brother Charles H. Johnson, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary for many years. Brother Johnson visited Nebraska on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of Royal Arch Masonry. He was known and loved thruout the world.

Texas is erecting a magnificent Grand Lodge Temple in Waco. It, like Texas, will be some building. It is financed by an assessment of \$8 per member and is not to exceed that cost. Large amounts are also raised by outside donations. Brother John J. Ray, perhaps the oldest Mason in the world, 103, was presented. Brother Ray conferred the Royal Arch degree on his 100th birthday and did a good job. Texas adopted a new expanded form of petition this year, calling for a great deal of information from the candidate.

The report from the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands for 1949, shows this Grand Lodge to be making one of the fastest come-backs in history. They are in good financial position, have paid off all their loans, had a net gain in membership of about 12%, practically completed the repair of their Temple in Manila and have erected dormitories, tennis courts, basket ball courts, etc., for the brethren. They now have 7,099 Master Masons. On January 15th and 16th, 1949, six lodges belonging to their jurisdiction; 3 in Shanghai, 1 in Nanking, 1 in Changtu and 1 in Canton, formed the Grand Lodge of China. We wish them well but have fear of the Bear. Brother David W. K. Au, District Grand Master for China, was elected Grand Master. I wish I had space to quote all his remarks in full, as they excel in fact most American Grand Masters. Briefly: "There may be some who will, with the best of intentions, question the wisdom and expediency of our organizing the Grand Lodge at a time when the political stability of our country is seriously at stake. Our answer is that it is precisely at a time like this when Masonry is most needed and it is at such times that Masonry can best serve under an indigenous organization. We have no illusions as regards the difficult task before us, but we cheerfully accept the challenge. We regard it as a test of what Masonry is and what Masons are made of." We hope they can do something for that stricken land. They were recognized by the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. The Grand Orator delivered a wonderful address.

Kentucky prints a 35 page long report by M. W. Brother John H. Cowles, Past Grand Master of that state, on the Universality of Freemasonry. It is really a report on the condition of Masonry in every foreign country and is worth reading.

The Grand Master of Western Australia, Dr. J. S. Battye, quotes from a circular sent out by the Grand Lodge of Portugal in 1869 on the aims and purposes of Freemasonry as follows: "As a product of the Mediterranean type of mind it is, perhaps, a little exuberant in language, but as it contains many valuable thoughts I make no apologies for reproducing it.—Freemasonry is a great association of men who have made it their task to live in perfect equality, intimately united by the bonds of mutual confidence, mutual esteem and friendship under the name of brothers—the sweetest and truest appellation they could attribute to themselves—and to stimulate each other to the practice of benevolence and charity. Freemasonry is great in the eyes of the generous, good and honest; nothing to the narrow-minded, the wicked, the faithless. It is sublime; it is everything to the wise and virtuous; it is nothing to the ambitious, the covetous, the false. It is great to the sensible man, the sincere, and the generous, who is conscious of the infirmities of man, and who feels the obligation of healing them. Freemasonry is neither a conspiracy nor a party affair; it neither serves ambition nor deceit. It is order and truth in all things. It hates all vices, it loves every virtue. It is the Godly voice which calls upon us to love and help each other. It is tranquility in storms, a beacon in shipwreck, and

consolation in misfortune; it is, in a word, the true union of nations. Freemasonry is august, it is everything to those who comprehend it; it is nothing to those whose soul and heart are dead. Freemasonry is an institution which allows no doubt, no contest as to its principles. It is the purest and simplest of all institutions. Its principles are such as to agree best with that reason so liberally bestowed on us by the G. A. O. T. U. Freemasonry is neither a religious sect nor a political party; it embraces, however, all parties, all sects, in order to unite all its disciples in a common brotherhood. Freemasonry is the touchstone for every truth. It is the torch of reason, serving to distinguish good from evil, truth from falsehood, courage from cowardice, and generosity from selfishness. It teaches us to conquer the obstacles which ignorance, fanaticism and prejudice oppose to it.'” Do you agree?

In this connection, Brother Joseph A Smith, Grand Orator of Mississippi, says: “Before the questions, What is Masonry? and What is the secret of its power?, I stand amazed and silent. My soul echoes the query: What is this experience that kindles aspiration for moral and spiritual excellence in the midst of our dull, drab lives and gives us a divine sense of eternity in time? Perhaps the true spirit of Masonry is indefinable, illimitable. Can you put a rim around the perfume of roses, or fence in a spring breeze blowing thru an apple orchard? Or imprison the glory of a sunset? Or sculpture the harmony of a mocking bird’s song? Or record in mere words the sweet, ecstatic fancies of a lover’s dream? Or measure the pulses of suffering love and vicarious sacrifice in a mother’s prayer? No. These are imponderables. They are realities that have little or no relation to the precise instruments of scientific enquiry. They are psychic, personal—they are vital, creative soul-values. This is true of Masonry. Its light is never seen on land and sea, but in the mind. Its greatest secrets are not in the ear but in the heart. Its spiritual values, realities of truth and righteousness are inarticulate, indefinable. After all our nicely turned phrases are uttered there remains a margin of mysticism that baffles speech.” Would the Grand Master of Western Australia call that language exuberant?

CONCLUSION

Quoting from Brother Elmer E. Beach of Illinois: “As we read the Reviews from all over the world, we have been impressed with two things, a closer sense of brotherhood and the universality of Freemasonry and an uneasy dread of the future. We rejoice at the first and find a challenge at the second. If we must choose one world we must choose between two ideologies, force or brotherly love. No thinking man of good will can choose the first, therefore it follows that the world must be lead along the path of the second. What teaching can better direct men along this path that that of our beloved Fraternity? Masonry must never be involved in politics in any way, but by engraving deeply on the heart of every Mason the true significance of every symbol, every part of the ritual, and the feeling that the design has been drawn by the

Great Architect, and going forward as brothers, shoulder to shoulder, we can help to bring into this world a new era of peace, honesty and faith among all men. What a glorious challenge! Dare we fail?

Altho it is a heavy task to read the many volumes of reports, we find the reward great. The problems of one Grand Lodge are, generally speaking, the problems of all. Altho they may be divided about many things, they are spiritually, all one. Each thinks their ritual, their way of doing things to be the best, but in the essentials, each is working toward the same end; the Brotherhood of Man and Teaching the Fatherhood of God.

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