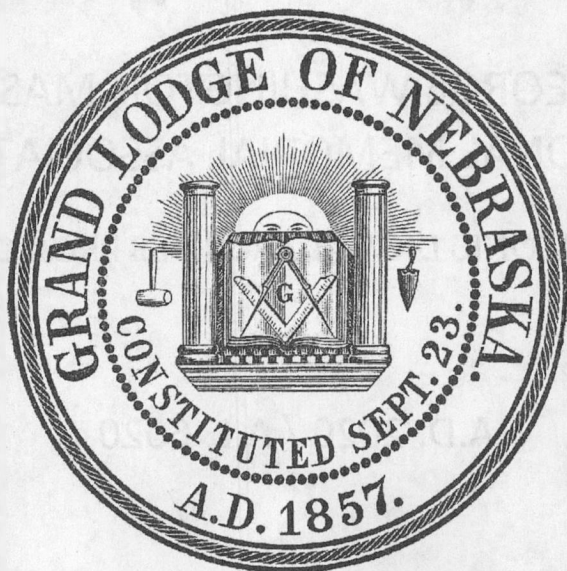


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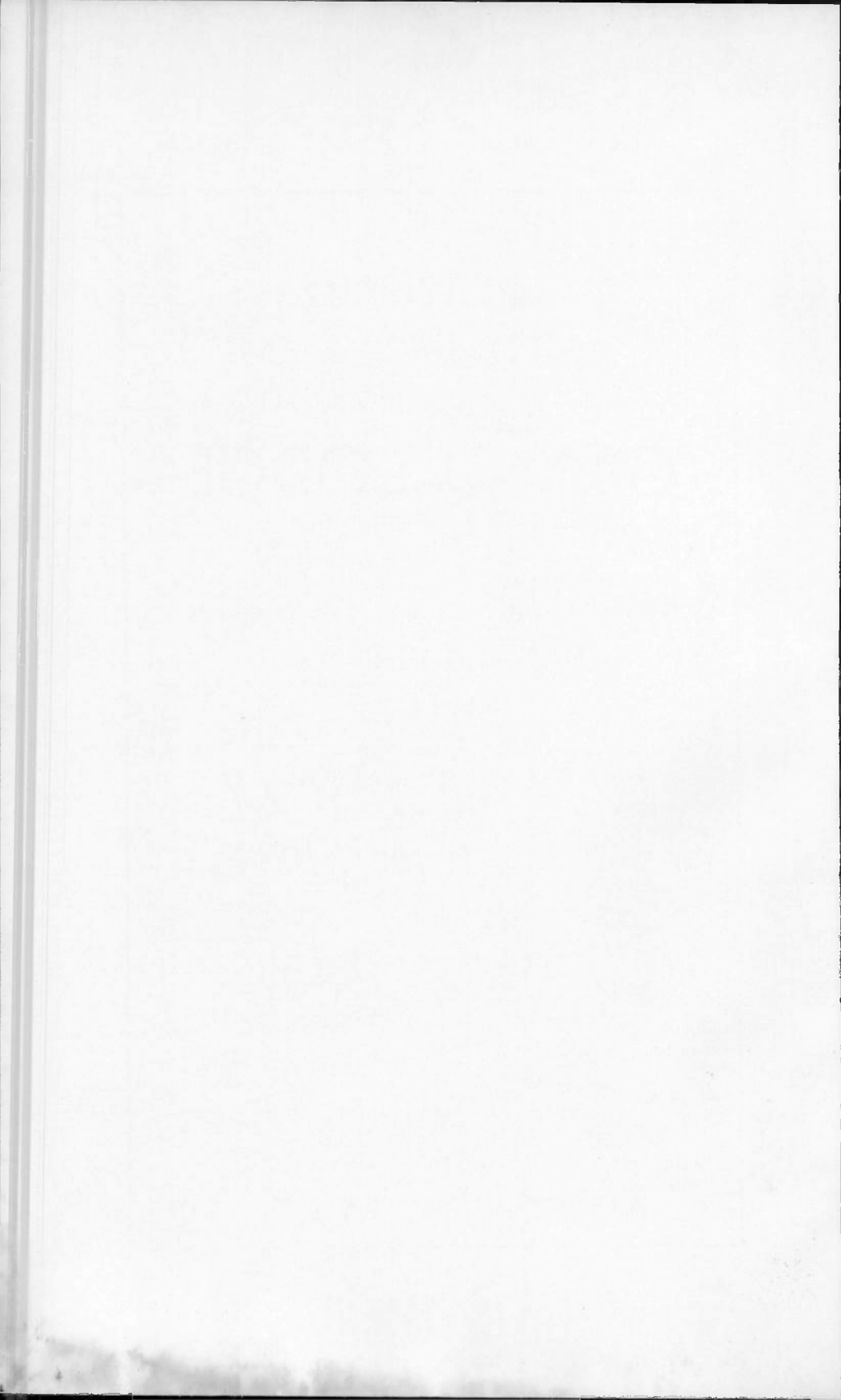
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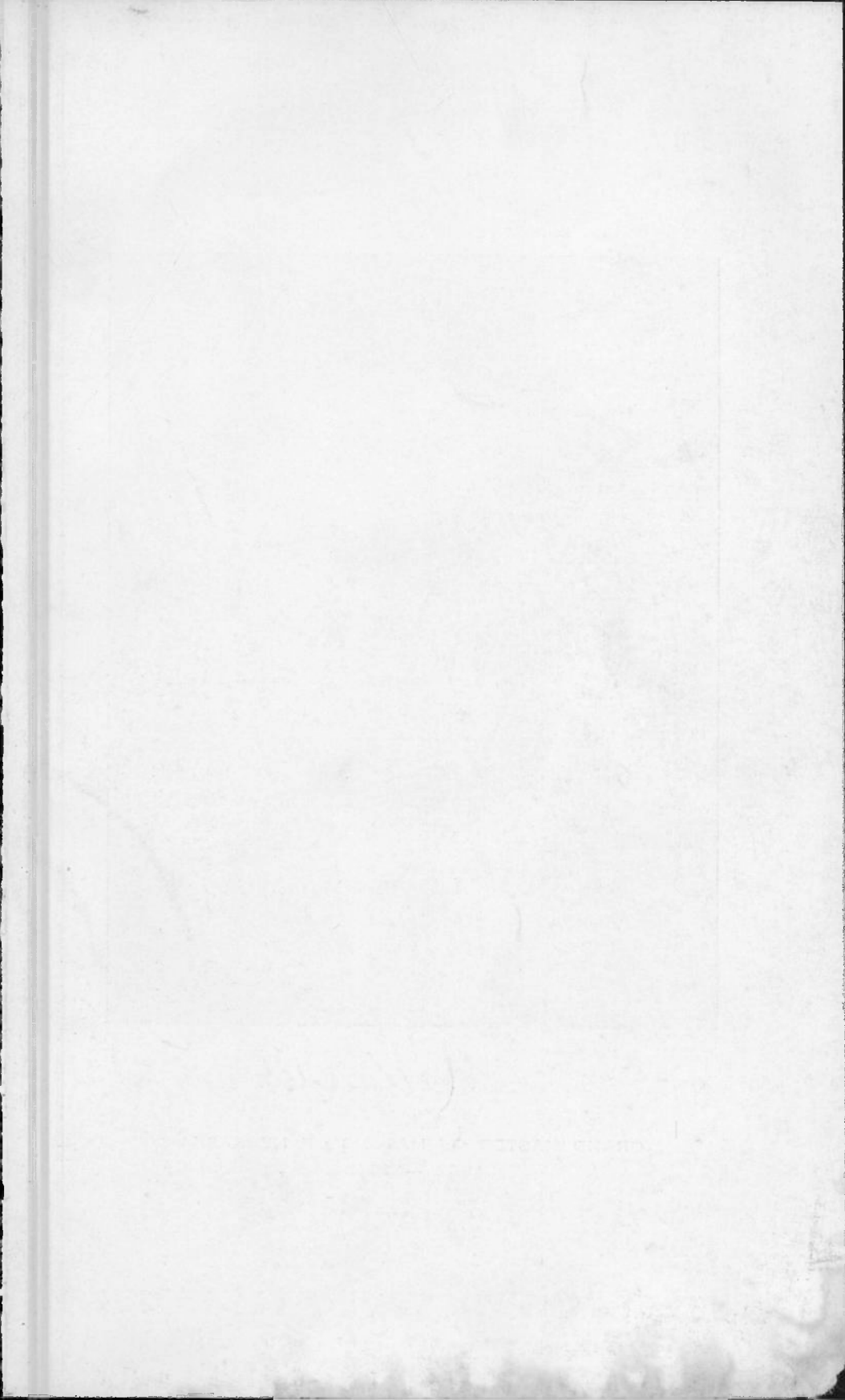
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*Ernest O Van Wey*

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA  
1962 — 1963



# Biographical

## Ernest O. Van Wey

Ernest O. Van Wey, 97th Grand Master, first saw the light of day on November 15, 1915, at Kearney, Nebraska. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Van Wey, moved to Gothenburg, where Ernest attended the public schools and was graduated from the Gothenburg High School in 1934.

M.·W.·Brother Van Wey and Miss Ethel Axthelm were married October 6, 1940. M.·W.·Brother "Ernie" is in the motion picture business in Gothenburg. The Van Weys are members of the First Presbyterian Church where he served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and is an Ordained Elder.

The 97th Grand Master is Past President of Gothenburg Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Cemetery Board. He served with the American Division in the South Pacific in World War II.

### MASONIC RECORD

Ancient Craft: Raised in Gothenburg No. 249 October 27, 1937, serving as W.·Master in 1946, and Secretary from 1949 to 1962.

Grand Lodge: Appointed Grand Junior Deacon by M.·W.·Roy I. Babbitt on June 6, 1957. Elected and installed M.·W.·Grand Master on June 6, 1962. Appointed Grand Representative of Virginia by M.·W.·Thomas J. Aron on January 28, 1952.

Capitular Masonry: Royal Arch Mason in Euphrates Chapter No. 15, North Platte, on February 12, 1962.

Cryptic Masonry: Member of Zabud Council No. 6, North Platte.

Chivalric Masonry: Received the Order of the Temple March 8, 1963 in Palestine Commandery No. 13, North Platte.

Other Masonic Bodies: Member of Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association since December 5, 1962; Scottish Rite, Valley of Hastings in 1949; member of Tehama Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. May 5, 1949; Gothenburg Chapter No. 274, OES May 10, 1948.

Honorary Membership: Received Honorary Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay, April 5, 1962.

M·W· Brother Ernest O. Van Wey had all the necessary qualifications to progress through the various offices of his high responsibility as Grand Master, serving the Craft with great credit to himself and honor to the Fraternity.

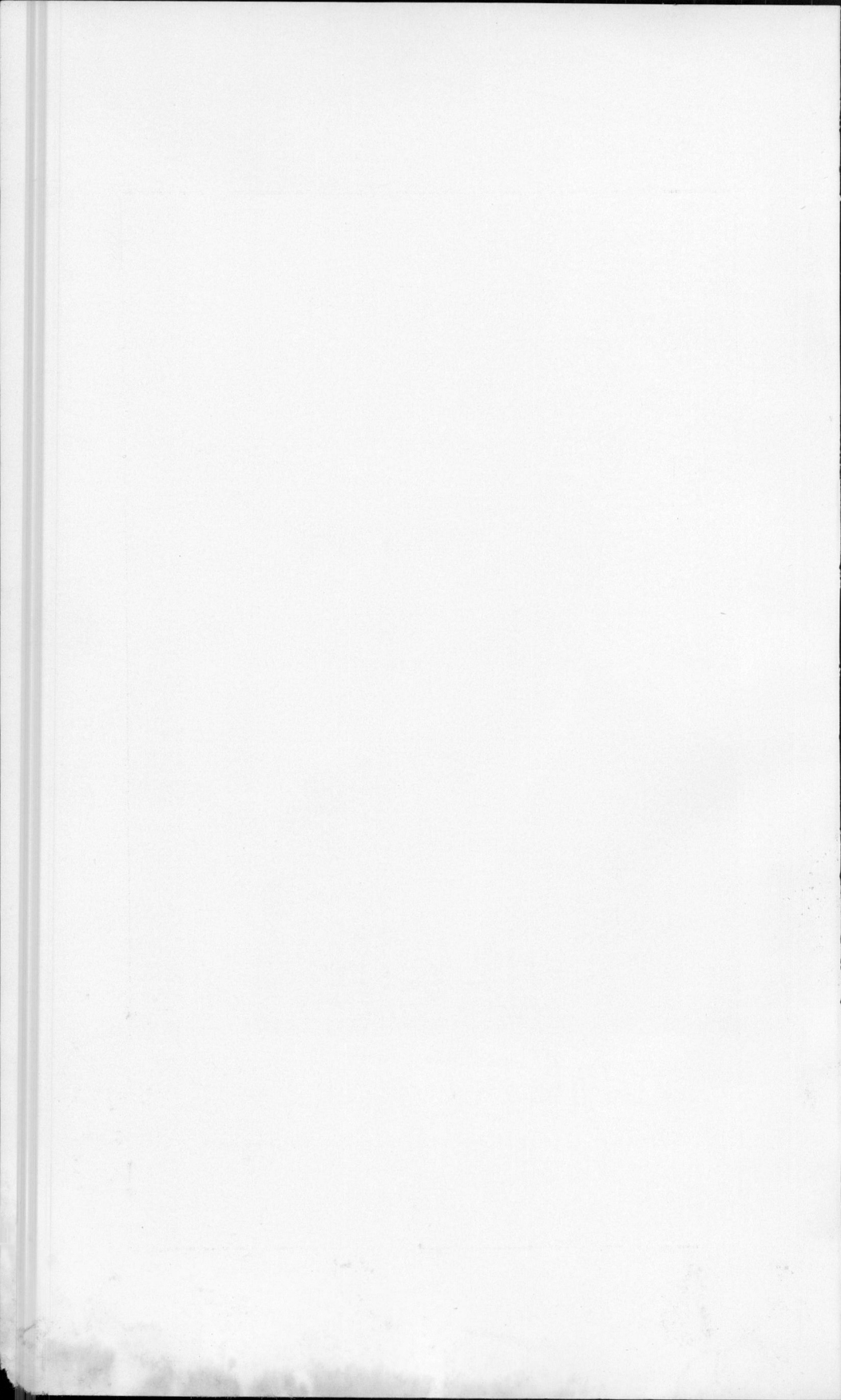




*Ralph M. Cahoon*

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

1963 — 1964



# PROCEEDINGS

*of the*

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

### ONE HUNDRED SIXTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

*Held in Lincoln, June 4 and 5, 1963*



#### FIRST DAY — MORNING SESSION

*Tuesday, June 4, 1963*

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska met in Annual Communication in the Pershing Municipal Auditorium, 15th & M Streets, Lincoln, at 9 o'clock a. m. on Tuesday, June 4, A.D. 1963, A. .L. .5963.

M. .W. .Ernest O. Van Wey, 249.....	Grand Master
R. .W. .Ralph M. Carhart, 120.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. .W. .Harry A. Spencer, 227.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. .W. .Louis V. Sylvester, 281.....	Grand Junior Warden
R. .W. .Carl R. Greisen, 32.....	Grand Secretary
V. .W. .Levi B. Williams, 1.....	Grand Chaplain
W. .Milo P. Bail, 268.....	Grand Orator
W. .George W. Rosenlof, 314.....	Grand Historian
W. .Raymond C. Cook, 6.....	Grand Custodian
W. .Alfred B. Saum, 46.....	Grand Marshal
W. .Lewis R. Ricketts, 19.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W. .John A. Bottorf, 49.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W. .Charles H. Ninegar, 301.....	Grand Tyler

Promptly at 8:45 a.m. a lodge of Master Masons was opened in form by R. .W. .Ralph M. Carhart, Deputy Grand Master, the invocation being given by V. .W. .Levi B. Williams, Grand Chaplain.

M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Master, was escorted to the East by M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, 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 Lodges represented, the Grand Master declared the 106th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska opened in ample form and directed the Grand Marshal to make proclamation thereof.

The Grand Master directed the Grand Marshal to escort V. W. Levi B. Williams to the altar for the purpose of Prayer.

#### PRESENTATION OF THE FLAGS

Presentation of the Flag of the United States and the Flag of the State of Nebraska was made by Sir Knights of Mt. Moriah Commandery No. 4.

#### RECEPTION AND WELCOME OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

W. Lewis R. Ricketts, Grand Senior Deacon, presented the following Past Grand Masters, according to seniority:

Lewis E. Smith.....	(56th)	1921
Charles A. Chappell.....	(58th)	1923
Ralph O. Canaday.....	(68th)	1933
Chancellor A. Phillips.....	(72nd)	1936
Earl J. Lee.....	(76th)	1940
Edward F. Carter.....	(77th)	1941
George A. Kurk.....	(78th)	1942
William B. Wanner.....	(79th)	1943
William C. Schaper.....	(80th)	1944-45
Benjamin F. Eyre.....	(81st)	1946
Edward Huwaldt.....	(82nd)	1947
Elmer E. Magee.....	(83rd)	1948
Edward M. Knight.....	(87th)	1952
Fay Smith.....	(88th)	1953
Charles F. Adams.....	(89th)	1954
Herbert T. White.....	(90th)	1955
Merle M. Hale.....	(91st)	1956
Roy I. Babbitt.....	(92nd)	1957
John E. Beaver.....	(93rd)	1958
Joseph C. Tye.....	(94th)	1959
John F. Futcher.....	(95th)	1960
Herbert A. Ronin.....	(96th)	1961

M. W. Thomas J. Aron was ill in the hospital and unable to be present.

The Past Grand Masters were given a most cordial welcome, conducted to the East and given grand honors.

M. W. John E. Beaver gave the response.

### RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The Committee on Entertainment of Distinguished Guests introduced the following: M. W. Martin B. Dickinson, Grand Master of Missouri; R. W. Ralph E. Whipple, Grand Secretary of Iowa; R. W. Frank E. Edey, Senior Grand Warden and Personal Representative of M. W. Edwin W. Toms, Grand Master of Minnesota; M. W. Ben W. Graybill, Grand Master of Kansas; M. W. Clarence L. Bartholic, Grand Master of Colorado; M. W. Hugh Brower, Grand Master; W. Clark I. Perry, Grand Orator of Wyoming; M. W. Allen P. Stoddard, Grand Master, M. W. John S. Rowe, Grand Secretary of South Dakota.

W. Roy L. Smith, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, O. E. S. of Nebraska; Ill. Joseph W. Seacrest, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Nebraska A.A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction; Brother William F. Patterson, President, The Nebraska Masonic Home; W. Archie W. Campbell, President, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children; W. Robert E. Lund, Active Member Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay and Executive Officer in Nebraska; W. John D. Cunningham, Executive Secretary, Masonic Service Association.

M. E. Willard I. Lewis, Jr., Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska; M. I. Archie W. White, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. M. in Nebraska; M. P. Charles F. Adams, General Grand Marshal, General Grand Council, R. & S. M.; Sir Knight Ralph R. Carleton, R. E. Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska.

Speaking for and on behalf of the Distinguished Guests, M. W. Allen P. Stoddard, Grand Master of South Dakota, responded to the cordial welcome of M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Master.

W. Roy L. Smith, Worthy Grand Patron, presented a beautiful basket of flowers for and on behalf of the Grand Chapter, O.E.S. of Nebraska, with their good wishes for a profitable communication.

### INTRODUCTION OF GRAND CUSTODIAN AND ASSISTANTS

M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Master, introduced the Grand Custodian, his Assistants and Assistant Custodians Emeriti.

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

M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Master, requested the Grand Secretary to call the roll of Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges. The Grand Master extended to them a hearty welcome and suggested that they convey his greetings to the Grand Lodge they represent. All Grand Lodges that are in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Nebraska were represented except Austria, Belgium, Ceara of Brazil, British Colombia, Denmark, Georgia, Germany, Idaho, Illinois, Israel, Kentucky, Montana, Netherlands, Oregon, Philippines, Prince Edward Island, Rhode Island, South Australia, Sweden, Switzerland.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, 54, Grand Representative of Minnesota, gave the response.

### ADDRESS OF WELCOME AND RESPONSE

W. John P. Rasmussen, Master, North Star No. 227, gave the Address of Welcome and W. Ernest A. Rutledge, Master, McCook No. 135, gave the Response.

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEES

**Application for Reinstatement:** W. Brothers La Verne J. Smith, 288, Chairman; Earl H. Furman, 290; Robert J. McDermott, 281.

**Appropriations,** W. Brothers Fred D. Moshier, 281 (1967) Chairman; Walter Truex, 55 (1963); Richard L. Wait, 19 (1964); R. Wayne Wilson, 302 (1965); Melvin E. Johnson, 112 (1966).

**Charters and Dispensations:** Brothers J. Robert Keifer, 121, Chairman; Judson M. Meier, 114; George F. Schell, 32.

**Codification of the Law:** W. Brothers Bernard T. Pipher, 31, Chairman; Marvin M. Fink, 50; Hugh Eisenhart, 150.

**Credentials:** W. Brothers Pearl C. Hillegass, 81, Chairman; Clyde H. Jones, 173; Richard L. McCall, 169; Dean E. Taylor, 59; Leonard B. Woods, 103; Homer C. Davey, 317.

**Doings of Grand Officers:** W. Brothers La Verne J. Smith, 288, Chairman; Phil B. Mossman, 32; Byron C. Jenkins, 325.

**Entertainment of Distinguished Guests:** M. W. Brothers Herbert A. Ronin, 210, Chairman; Charles F. Adams, 68; Fay Smith, 198.

**Finance:** W. Brothers Norris W. Lallman, 72 (1966) Chairman; Ralph R. Carleton, 306 (1963); Robert E. Lund, 323 (1964); Elmo R. Clayton, 302 (1965); Phillip G. Johnson, 19 (1967).

**Fraternal Dead:** W. Brothers Frank L. Balderson, 75, Chairman; Nelson C. Burham, 217; V. W. Levi B. Williams, 1.

**Fraternal Relations:** R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9; W. J. Lee Douglass, 159.

**George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association:** W. Brothers Cary W. Dresslar, 32; Elmer P. Baruth, 323; Robert L. Page, 1.

**Grand Lodge Business Affairs:** W. Brothers William A. Pettengill, 25 (1967) Chairman; James M. Paxson, 302 (1965); John M. Douglas, 268 (1964); Vernon H. Wood, 290 (1963); M. W. Merle M. Hale, 54 (1966).

**Grand Lodge Office:** M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210, Chairman; W. Ernest E. James, 1; M. W. Thomas J. Aron, 37.

**Grand Trustees:** W. Brothers Alfred E. Geschke, 25 (1965) Chairman; Harold E. Gabrielson, 302 (1963); Carl D. Ganz, 209 (1964); William E. Moor, 102 (1967); M. W. John F. Futcher, 302 (1966).

**Grievances:** W. Brothers Clarence M. Pierson, 19, Chairman; William A. Bottom, 265; J. Max Johnson, 320.

**Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund:** M. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227, Chairman; W. Brothers Lyle J. Bryant, 297; Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314.

**Masonic Education:** W. Howard J. Hunter, 59 (1963) Chairman; R. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1963); M. W. John E. Beaver, 253 (1964); W. Brothers Roy W. Deal, 227 (1964); Floyd C. Wisner, 265 (1965); W. Upton Dawson, 135 (1965).

**Nebraska Work:** M. W. Brothers Edward F. Carter, 201 (1964) Chairman; Chancellor A. Phillips, 150 (1965); Herbert T. White, 11 (1963).

**Relief and Care of Orphans:** M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1 (1966) Chairman; W. Brothers John S. Burley, 300 (1963); Arthur A. Gregory, 265 (1964); Otto W. Burkhardt, 55 (1965); Brother Paul L. Toombs, 290 (1967).

**Returns:** W. Brothers Harry M. Green, 25, Chairman; Floyd Christy, 162; George M. Porter, 139.

**Temple Building Advisory:** W. Brothers Otto Nelsen, 300 (1964) Chairman; E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1963); Donald G. Hafer, 306 (1965).

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**Public Relations:** W. Alfred B. Gorman, 54, Chairman; Brother John S. Savage, 11; W. Floyd C. Wisner, 265.

## ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

Brethren:

Now that many of the formalities of the opening session of this 106th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska are over, it is now my privilege to make a report of my activities as your Grand Master. May I say at the outset that I have endeavored to the best of my ability to serve you, the members of this Grand Lodge, in every way for the best interest of our beloved Fraternity.

Many of you will recall that a year ago when I was installed as Grand Master, I used this quotation, "No matter how steep the hill may seem, it levels out as you come to it". Since Masonry uses a lot of symbolism, I feel it is fitting to think of this past year as a symbolic hill of responsibilities, rich and rewarding experiences. In one sense I am glad that this hill is almost "leveled out". However, I know that I will miss the many wonderful opportunities to meet and visit the brethren of this great Jurisdiction of Nebraska.

Like other Grand Masters, I have not accomplished many of the things that I was sure I would get done during the year just ending. One of the points I wanted to accomplish was to keep the report of the Grand Master as short as possible. Now that I have tried, I realize how difficult a task that is. How does one make a report of a year full of busy schedules, keep it short, and yet give a full accounting of the many important details that you, the members of this Grand Lodge, should know about.

Let me remind you, the Delegates to this Grand Lodge, that this is your Grand Lodge and you control it by your vote. It is therefore necessary, and I charge each of you to pay attention to the reports of the Committees so that you can vote intelligently on all issues that are brought to the floor. In each instance vote for what you feel is for the best interest of Masonry. Let me caution each of you to be careful of the ballot you were given when you registered. Pay particular attention to the two bottom numbered portions of these ballots. They are the only official ballot that will be counted whenever there is a written ballot called for. Don't leave them attached to the ballot when you vote for the Grand Lodge Officers.

It is most pleasing that we have so many distinguished guests with us. Your presence does add luster to our Communication, and we are glad that you have found time in your busy schedules to be with us. We have tried in every way to make your stay with us as comfortable and enjoyable as if you were 'home' because we want you to always remember your visit to Nebraska.

## NECROLOGY

It is with grateful heart that I am able to report that our Grand Lodge has not been saddened by the death of any of our Past Grand Masters, or of our Grand Lodge Officers. We are indeed mindful of His goodness to us and offer our prayers of thankfulness to Him who is



maker and ruler of all things on earth and in Heaven. We fully realize that all of our subordinate Lodges and 'sister' Jurisdictions have not been blessed as have we in our Grand Lodge and that they have had some of their brethren called from earthly existence to That Celestial Lodge above. Later in this Communication the Committee on Fraternal Dead will have appropriate tribute to the memory of these departed brethren.

#### VISITATIONS

I feel that it was my good fortune to have so many invitations to visit subordinate Lodges in Nebraska. This meant a lot of tight scheduling, but in almost every instance I was able to work out the dates asked for, or by cooperation from the subordinate Lodge, we worked out another date so that I could make the visit. It was my main purpose to visit as many of the small Lodges as I could possibly work into my schedule. It was my thinking that if a visit from a Grand Master, not me personally, but any Grand Master, could give to these smaller Lodges a new spark of interest to help them keep going, I was willing to work these visits out. It is gratifying to me to know that these small Lodges are not afraid to invite the Grand Master, or any Grand Lodge Officer for a visit.

I was pleased that my schedule afforded me the opportunity to visit my own Eastern Star Chapter on two occasions. I also visited our Bethel of Job's Daughters twice. It was indeed a humbling experience to be received in each of these 'home' organizations. The Bethel of Job's Daughters surprised me with a gift of \$25.00 for The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont. This gift was given to the Home in recognition of the honor that had come to the Bethel for my serving as Grand Master. This was indeed an exemplification of the teachings of this fine youth organization.

This address of the Grand Master would certainly not be complete without my expression of sincere appreciation to my own Lodge, Gothenburg No. 249, for the wonderful reception they gave in my honor as Grand Master. It was a well planned affair and nothing left undone to make it a most memorable occasion. It was gratifying to have all but one of the Grand Lodge Officers present, and I want to express my appreciation to them for their loyalty in making the extra effort to attend this reception. I especially want to thank my Grand Orator, Dr. Milo Bail, for his stimulating message. I also want to acknowledge the gift of the picture of me, beautifully framed and hung in the reception room of the Temple. It makes me feel very humble in this great honor that has come to me, and I am happy that my Lodge can share in this honor.

In summarizing the many visits of my schedule this year, I will condense as much as possible, yet give an account so that you will know that the Grand Master's schedule is a busy one. This year I made fifty-one visits to subordinate Lodges for many varied events. There were meetings for such things as Fifty Year Pin Presentations, honoring

Twenty-five year Masons, mortgage burning ceremonies, Installation of Officers and social evenings with programs. I had the rare privilege of presenting on behalf of two subordinate Lodges, a Sixty-year Pin and a Sixty-five Year Pin. I visited three Lodges for Temple Dedications, two Lodges for Corner-stone Ceremonies for buildings other than Masonic Temples, and eight visits to Lodges that were hosts to Area Meetings on Masonic Education. Another meeting that I attended which I feel should have special note was the Assistant Custodian's School at Grand Island.

As Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, I was invited to attend many activities of affiliated Bodies and because there is a harmonious relationship between all these bodies, I accepted many of these invitations. I herewith list the visits that were made to these affiliated Bodies:

- Scottish Rite Bodies of Lincoln, Reception for the Grand Master,  
Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies.
- Grand Assembly of Rainbow .....Lincoln
- State Conclave of DeMolay .....Grand Island
- Shrine Bowl Game .....Lincoln
- Tangier Shrine Dinner for Imperial Potentate .....Omaha
- York Rite Festival .....Scottsbluff
- O.E.S. Grand Officers visit to Meridian Chapter .....Cozad
- Co-host Chapters, Gothenburg, Lexington, Cozad
- Tehama Shrine Ceremonial .....Hastings
- Scottish Rite Fall Reunion Dinner .....Omaha
- Sesostri Shrine Ceremonial .....Lincoln
- Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters .....Omaha
- Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons .....Omaha
- Royal Arch Area Meeting .....Kearney
- Grand Commandery K. T. of Nebraska .....Alliance
- Scottish Rite Dinner .....Omaha
- Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star .....Lincoln
- Sesostri Shrine Ceremonial .....Lincoln
- Tangier Shrine Ceremonial .....Omaha
- Tehama Shrine Ceremonial .....Hastings

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to each of these affiliated Bodies for the many courtesies extended to my wife and me. In every case I was afforded all the honor and recognition that the Office of Grand Master should receive. I was invited to attend the Grand Guardians Council, International Order of Job's Daughters, however, a conflict of dates made it impossible for me to accept this invitation. I was pleased to have W. Ralph R. Carleton, Past Grand Marshal, to represent me at this meeting.

It was my privilege to attend the Annual Communications of the following sister Grand Jurisdictions: South Dakota at Yankton, Montana at Helena, Wyoming at Casper, Iowa at Davenport, Colorado at Denver, Kansas at Wichita, and Minnesota at St. Paul. I could not accept the

invitation to attend the Communication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri because of visits scheduled in our own Jurisdiction, so I asked W. Louis V. Sylvester, Grand Junior Warden, to represent me at that Communication.

Visiting these Grand Jurisdictions was a rewarding experience not only in the fellowship of these meetings, but in hearing and understanding the problems that other Jurisdictions are having that are very similar to our problems. The warm hospitality and many courtesies shown my wife and me certainly added to our enjoyment in these visits.

It was again my privilege to attend the Mid-West Conference on Masonic Education, held in Chicago, Illinois this year. I was pleased to accept the invitation of the Chairman of our Grand Lodge Committee, W. Howard J. Hunter, and along with W. Roy W. Deal, a member of the Committee, and R. W. Ralph M. Carhart, Deputy Grand Master, we had an enjoyable and informative trip to Chicago. The exchange of problems, ideas, and possible solutions to these problems does make this Conference worthy of our support.

The experience of attending the Conference of Grand Masters of North America is something that one doesn't seem to be able to put into words. To visit the historic city of Washington, D. C. and the magnificent George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia, is in itself a gratifying and rewarding experience. Then add to this the fellowship with Masons from all over the world, you truly are at a loss for words to express your emotions. Those attending from Nebraska this year were: M. W. Charles F. Adams, Past Grand Master; R. W. Ralph M. Carhart, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Robert E. Lund, Active Member, Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay and myself. I do wish to mention that this Conference will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, next year. With this Conference being moved right next door, so to speak, I hope that much consideration will be given by our Grand Lodge Officers and other interested Masons to attend this Conference so there will be a good representation from the mid-west states.

#### CORNER-STONES

The Grand Lodge was invited to lay two corner-stones during this Grand Lodge year. On November 5th an occasional Communication was called at Kearney for the purpose of laying the corner-stone for the new Library building at Kearney State Teachers College. The oration for this ceremony was given by Brother Carl C. Spelts, a member of the Board of Education of the State Normal Schools. The following day, November 6th, the Grand Lodge again convened in an occasional Communication at Aurora, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone for the Memorial Hospital. The oration for this ceremony was given by Dr. William R. Brandenburg, President of Wayne State Teachers College and Past Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge.

## DEDICATIONS

Three occasional Communications of the Grand Lodge were called for the purpose of dedicating new Masonic Temples. On September 6th, it was my privilege, along with other Grand Lodge Officers, to participate in the Dedication Ceremony for Pilot No. 240, of Lyons. Of special interest to those concerned was the dedicatory address which was given by Rev. John Magyar, Past Master of the Lodge, and Past Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge. The other two Communications were on November 28th for the purpose of dedicating the new Temple of Union No. 287, and on April 10th to dedicate the new Temple of Guide Rock No. 128. M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, Past Grand Master was the dedicatory speaker for each of these ceremonies. The continued interest in Masonry was displayed in these dedications by the crowded Lodge rooms for the ceremonies. It is reassuring to know that Masonry is still a living, vital influence in these communities and that these new Temples will be an inspiration to all for everything that is good.

In conclusion of my report on Dedications and Cornerstone ceremonies, I would certainly be remiss if I did not express my own personal thanks and sincere appreciation to W. Alfred B. Saum, Grand Marshal, for his capable and efficient arrangements in each of the ceremonies. On behalf of the Grand Lodge I want to commend him for his continued devotion and service to this Grand Lodge as Grand Marshal.

## DISPENSATIONS

This year I was called upon to issue Special Dispensations for a variety of situations. There were four dispensations issued to install a Lodge Officer that for various reasons was not present at the time of the regular Installation of Officers. Three dispensations were issued to elect just one Lodge Officer after the regular election meeting in December; two dispensations to hold election of all Lodge Officers because there was not a quorum present at the regular election meeting in December. Dispensation to set aside the by-laws so that election of Officers could be held at an earlier date than that set forth in their by-laws, was not granted. I ruled that the Grand Master did not have the power to give these dispensations before the emergency existed.

Special Dispensations were granted in fifteen cases so that the degrees could be conferred without regard to time or proficiency. There were twelve cases being made necessary because the candidate or brother was either being called into or already in the Military Service of our Country. In each of these cases the dispensation fee was waived. I did grant Special Dispensation to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on a brother who was a Government employee and was being transferred out of this jurisdiction. The dispensation fee was waived in this case. Two other Special Dispensations were granted that were not in the nature of Military Service or Government work and in these cases the dispensation fee was not waived. One was for a school

teacher who was going to Colorado to teach and there was no Lodge in the town. I granted dispensation to confer the Master Mason Degree on this brother. The other dispensation was to a Lodge to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on two brothers. One worked in California and the other was a student at the University and both were home for the Christmas holidays.

Special Dispensations were granted in two cases to extend the time for proficiency in the Master Mason Degree and to examine at the earliest possible time.

#### PERMISSION TO MOVE CHARTERS

Permission was granted to Newman Grove No. 305, to move their Charter to the location of their new Temple, and to hold election of Officers. Pilot No. 240, Union No. 287, and Euclid No. 97, were granted permission to move their Lodge Charters to new Temples. Square No. 151 requested permission to move their Charter to the Methodist Church basement to hold a regular Communication for the purpose of voting on the surrendering of their Charter. This permission was granted. The building which Evening Star No. 49 was using for their Lodge quarters was condemned and a fire in the building of Washington No. 21 made it necessary to give permission to each of these Lodges to move to temporary quarters. Oakland No. 91 requested permission to move their Charter to the City Auditorium for the purpose of a joint installation of Officers. Permission was granted.

#### BY-LAWS APPROVED

Requests from twenty-seven Lodges for approval of amendments to their By-laws were received. All amendments were carefully gone over and after some suggested changes had been made in some cases, all amendments were approved. There were amendments for varied reasons, such as change in meeting nights, raises in annual dues, increase of Secretary's salary, to make provision for a Temple Craft and in one case to lower the amount charged for fees.

#### REINSTATEMENTS

There were fifty-five applications for reinstatement to good standing where a brother had been suspended for non-payment of dues and three for affiliation on a demit that was more than three years old. The Committee on Reinstatements, Advisory to the Grand Master carefully investigated each of the applications and forwarded them to me for final approval or disapproval. I was pleased to approve all but three of the fifty-one applications. To the Committee on Reinstatements, I want to express my sincere thanks for the good job they are doing in checking and investigating all these applications.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED

The following brethren were recommended to M. W. Grand Masters of other Jurisdictions to be Grand Representatives near our Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska: Belgium, Leonard Wood, 103; Costa Rica, George W. Rosenlof, 314; Honduras, Gordon Chard, 240; New Zealand, Carl D. Ganz, 209; North Carolina, Levi B. Williams, 1; Santa Catarina, Wallace E. Moffett, 312; Saskatchewan, Robert E. Lund, 323; Scotland, Harold H. Thom, 1.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES COMMISSIONED

On recommendation of M. W. Grand Masters of other Grand Lodges, the following brethren were commissioned as Grand Representatives of Nebraska near these Jurisdictions: Gerhard Lehnert, Columbia; Angez Gabriel Guzman, Honduras; Columbus J. Hyde, Kentucky; Ellis W. Howard, New Hampshire.

## ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

It was my pleasure and privilege to commission two new Assistant Custodians. W. Gordon Chard, a member of Pilot No. 240, Lyons, received his Commission at the time of the Dedication Ceremony of the new Temple. Due to a conflict in my schedule, the Grand Senior Warden, R. W. Harry A. Spencer, made the trip to Neligh and on my behalf Commissioned W. Harold A. Tilton, a member of Trowel No. 71, as an Assistant Custodian.

It was with regret and understanding that I accepted the resignation of one of the very devoted Assistant Custodians. The Lodges in the Norfolk area will miss the service of W. Clarence G. McNamee, a member of Mosaic No. 55. However, we know that even though he has the distinction of Assistant Custodian Emeritus he will, in a limited capacity, continue to give of his time to furthering the principals and precepts of Masonry.

## GIFT OF LAND

Our Grand Lodge has been offered a generous gift of land by Brother and Mrs. Glen F. Foner of Niobrara. This land is located on the Nebraska side of Lewis and Clark Lake, just north and east of Niobrara. There is approximately 50 acres, with the northern boundry adjacent to Government owned land around the lake. This gift of land is offered by the Foners to the Grand Lodge for the purpose of developing it into a Masonic Retreat, where Masonic families could vacation, or for summer camps for our youth organizations including the children from The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. The Deputy Grand Master, Ralph M. Carhart, made a personal inspection of this land, and I made a trip to Niobrara to visit with the Foners as to their desires in the way of developing this project. I had hoped that we might have a more comprehensive report to give at this Grand Lodge Communication, but to date there

has been very little accomplished in the way of definite ideas or facts concerning costs of future development. I, therefore, after talking with the Deputy Grand Master, suggest that the incoming Grand Master appoint a suitable Committee to make further investigation and bring a report to the next Grand Lodge Communication.

#### NEW MONITOR AND CEREMONIES

During my year as Grand Master the Committee on Work completed the work on the new Monitor. At the last Annual Communication the Committee on Work presented the revised edition of the new Monitor and Ceremonies. This revised edition was adopted as presented and the Committee was authorized to proceed with the printing and distribution of the new revised Monitor and Ceremonies. Printing and distribution was completed so that as of December 31, 1962 the new revised Monitor and Ceremonies, including the Funeral Ceremony, would be the only approved work in this Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge is indebted to the Committee on Work for their devoted labors in the revision, and to the Grand Custodian, and to all who helped in any way, with the tedious and tiring work of proof-reading this new Monitor and Ceremonies.

#### CORNER-STONE LAYING: FROM 1869 to 1962

Our Grand Historian, W.'.George W. Rosenlof, has been doing further research into the history of our Grand Lodge. This research has resulted in some very interesting facts in relation to Cornerstone layings. At W.'.Brother Rosenlof's suggestion, I gave approval to the preparation of a mimeographed publication of these facts, and for distribution at this Communication. This is another wonderful piece of work done by our devoted and capable Grand Historian. I urge you to read the information about Cornerstone laying, I am sure you will find it interesting and informative. Again to you W.'.Brother Rosenlof we say "thank you" for another "chapter" in the history of our Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

#### MASONIC HOMES

Nebraska Masons can be proud of our two wonderful 'Homes', The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont and The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. Both of these fine institutions are doing an outstanding job of helping the Masons of Nebraska live up to our Masonic obligations. Our elderly brothers and sisters are getting the very best care at our Plattsmouth Home and the Children's Home at Fremont is doing excellent work in caring for those children there. The two superintendents of these Homes are to be commended for the love and devotion they are giving to our brothers, sisters and children. Our Grand Lodge is indeed indebted to the members of the two Boards of Trustees of the Homes for the time and service they give in looking after the business affairs of our Homes. They are always confronted with rising costs, and the problem of where the money is going to come from

to meet these expenses. The 'stamp plan', started two years ago, will eventually help solve some of this problem. The contributions for the stamps are most gratifying and it is wonderful how the Masons of Nebraska are practicing the teachings of Masonry by their gifts through the stamp plan. May each of you that have given, have that inner-peace of knowing that you have helped someone less fortunate than yourself.

#### MASONIC MANOR

There has been much progress on Masonic Manor since the last Grand Lodge Communication. The last piece of steel was placed in position, with quite a ceremony, on May 17th. Masonic Manor is now a familiar sight in the skyline of Omaha. Construction is moving along at a very fast pace and it is hoped that by mid-fall some of the lower floors will be ready for occupancy by those who have apartments on the lower floors. To say that this project is going along without problems would not be a true statement. There are problems and since this apartment building is a 'pilot' project, many of these problems have to be worked out as they appear. There is no other building like this to use as a guide for actual facts concerning some of these problems. As a whole I feel that the Board of Directors are solving these problems and that when the building is completed the residents will realize that they have much in the way of economical, and comfortable apartments. The Grand Lodge will lay the Corner-stone for this outstanding building on June 15th. All Masons in Nebraska are invited to attend this ceremony.

#### BUILDING LOAN APPROVED

Stromsburg Lodge No. 126, Stromsburg, requested permission to borrow funds to complete their new Temple building. Upon recommendation from the Temple Building Advisory Committee, and from information contained in this report, I granted this request. I feel that much too often we take for granted and don't appreciate the work and efforts the Grand Lodge Committee do for the good of our Fraternity. The Temple Building Advisory Committee is one of these Committees that is doing a real fine job in handling the requests for help and guidance for Lodges that are building new Temples or for suggestions to Lodges that want to do some remodeling of their Lodge quarters.

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Temple Building Advisory, approval was granted to Evening Star No. 49 to proceed with construction of their new temple, and to borrow locally such funds as will be needed not to exceed \$8,000. to complete their new Temple for occupancy as soon as possible.

#### LODGE CONSOLIDATION

Approval of the consolidation of Tuscan, No. 130, Surprise, with Composite, No. 81, Rising City, was given because I feel that it is for the best interest of Masonry to have one strong Lodge rather than two weaker Lodges.



## SURRENDER OF LODGE CHARTER

Square No. 151, Valparaiso, voted to surrender their Charter and upon a thorough investigation of the problems of this Lodge it seemed the best solution in this case and I therefore gave my approval of the surrender of the Charter. The Grand Secretary, R.'W.'.Carl R. Greisen; the Grand Junior Warden, R.'W.'.Louis V. Sylvester and W.'.Harold H. Thom and I made a trip to the home of the Secretary and picked up all necessary records along with the Charter.

## MEMORIAL LODGE U.'.D.'. .

It was with much regret that I accepted the resignation of W.'.Ralph S. Tully, Master of Memorial Lodge of Omaha U.'.D.'. . On behalf of the Grand Lodge and the Masonic Lodges in Omaha, I want to express our grateful thanks and appreciation to W.'.Brother Tully for the many years of devoted service he gave to Masonry through Memorial Lodge, U.'. D.'. . It was my pleasure to appoint W.'.Robert D. Cresap to serve as Master of Memorial Lodge of Omaha, U.'. D.'. .

## TRIAL COMMISSIONS

It is an unpleasant duty for any Grand Master to have to appoint Trial Commissions for the purpose of taking action in cases where a member of our Masonic Fraternity has violated a section of our Grand Lodge Code under Masonic Offenses. I feel fortunate that during my year as Grand Master, there were only a few cases that required the appointment of a Trial Commission. I found it necessary to dismiss a previously appointed Trial Commission, for failure to take action on the case assigned to them. One other previously appointed Commission had not taken action until the Grand Secretary and I had written the Chairman of the Commission and requested that immediate action be taken. Both of these cases were for violation of Sec. 3-102 (a). It was necessary that I appoint three other Trial Commissions. One for violation of Sec. 3-102 (a) and two for violation of Sec. 3-102 (d) of our Masonic Code. In all but two of these cases the Trial Commissions have taken action and recommended expulsion for un-Masonic conduct. The other two Commissions were recently appointed and at the time this report was written there had been no action taken.

## DECISIONS

My year as Grand Master has been no different that that of other Grand Masters when it comes to decisions in regard to many varied problems and questions. Some of these decisions are easy and only require application of the Masonic Code. However, others are not so simple and need 'thinking through' and then the use of 'common sense.'

So that the records will be clear, I herewith as briefly as possible enumerate the decisions I have been called upon to make.

1. In the matter of an appeal from Humboldt No. 40, asking that the sentence of six-months suspension for a brother convicted of a felony, imposed by the Trial Commission be disapproved. After going over the details of this case, I ruled that the case be referred to the Committee on Grievances. I further ordered that the Masonic privileges of this brother be suspended until his case was disposed of by action of Grand Lodge at this Communication.

2. The Master of Robert W. Furnas No. 265 requested a decision in the matter of an interruption of the ballot on a petition for initiation. The Master feeling there was a chance for error in the first ballot proceeded with a second ballot. A brother objected to the re-ballot. The Master declared the ballot closed. Following the meeting the objector explained that he had objected to this re-ballot because the Master had asked for and received the reports from the South and West and had made the announcement of "Dark in the East". I ruled that it would be an irregularity to hold a 'special meeting' and re-ballot on this petition. I suggested and recommended that the Master contact the petitioner and explain that there was a technicality in the action of the Lodge and that it was suggested that he re-petition in six months, which is permissible under our Masonic Code.

3. In the case of an erroneously issued demit, in place of a Certificate of Transfer, I ruled that the demit be made null and void, and that a Certificate of Transfer be issued to replace the demit that accompanied the application for affiliation. I further ruled as soon as the petitioner was elected to membership in the Lodge he had petitioned for affiliation, that a new demit with the correct date, be issued and that the Secretary of each Lodge make amendments to their minutes explaining the action and that the Grand Secretary be notified so that the brother's Masonic record would show a continuous membership.

4. An inquiry from Fidelity No. 51, asking if the Masters and Wardens Club of their Lodge could sponsor a room in the local hospital. Funds would be raised by voluntary contribution. I ruled there was nothing in our Masonic Code that prohibited this kind of sponsorship as long as there was no Lodge funds used.

5. Lotus No. 289, wanted to know if a Job's Daughter's float in a parade could have the name of 'Masons' on it as the sponsoring organization. I ruled that Sec. 2-508 prohibited this kind of wording.

6. Alpha No. 316 had two requests for decisions. The first was a request for a decision in regard to residence. A man who had previously lived in the jurisdiction of the Lodge had moved back and had only been living within the jurisdiction this time for a period of four months. Did his previous residence still hold so that he could petition for initiation? I ruled that he was not eligible to petition on his previous residence and that he would have to live in the jurisdiction again for a period of twelve months. The second inquiry pertained to using the newspaper for Lodge announcements of meetings. I advised that in my opinion there was nothing in our Masonic Code that prohibited this type of notice.

7. A brother in Omaha called me to see if it would be a Masonic violation to subscribe to a service that would publish all Masonic meetings in the Omaha World Herald. I advised him that I could find nothing in our Masonic Code that prohibited such announcements.

8. Cotner No. 297, asked if it might be possible to use the basement of their Temple as a Fallout Shelter. I could find nothing in our Code that prohibited this sort of thing, but did recommend that they thoroughly check and investigate all the details before they got involved with Government agencies.

9. Chester No. 298 asked if they could rent the lower portion of their building to a barber shop in which there would be snooker tables for the use of the customers while they were waiting for haircuts. I ruled that I found nothing in our Masonic Code that prohibited such rental as long as there was no gambling in connection with the snooker tables. In this ruling I pointed out that the Lodge would be held responsible to see that there was no gambling allowed.

10. The Secretary of Lincoln No. 19 asked for a decision in the matter of a petitioner asking for the return of his petition. The petition had not been read in Lodge. I ruled that the Lodge had no control over the petition until it had been read in Lodge and some action taken on it.

11. The Master of Covert No. 11 requested a decision from me as Grand Master in the matter of how soon the Lodges were to comply with the newly-adopted funeral ceremony. I advised that the Grand Master had no power or authority to give permission to any Lodge to use any other ceremony than that prescribed by our Masonic Code. I did explain that it was understandable that in some cases the new funeral service could not be given due to the fact that some of the older brethren did not give it, however, it was expected that all Lodges would comply as quickly as possible.

12. East Lincoln No. 210, requested a decision in regard to a blind man who wanted to petition their Lodge. I ruled that with our amended Sec. 2-904, this matter was left to the discretion of the Master and Lodge. I did give my opinion that this man would be eligible to petition and that if elected could receive the degrees of Masonry. It was my thinking that even though this man is blind he would get much from our degrees and would 'symbolically' be brought to 'light'. If he was a good moral man he could give a great deal to Masonry.

13. George Washington No. 250 asked if a man who has an artificial leg, below the knee, was eligible to petition their Lodge. Again I referred the Lodge to our amended Sec. 2-904 and gave my opinion that this man was eligible to petition.

14. Mosaic No. 55, wanted to know if a man who had lost the two middle fingers of his right hand and the index finger at the second joint was eligible to petition. Again I referred the Lodge to the amended Sec. 2-904 and gave my opinion that he would be eligible to petition.

15. The Master of McCook No. 135, requested a decision in regard to three liquor problems. The first one was: A brother who owns and rents a building with a liquor store in it. I ruled that this brother was subject to having charges filed. It is my opinion that the amendment to our Masonic Code, Sec. 3-102, was intended to save a brother Mason, who as an employee had to handle liquor as part of his work. This amendment did not change the law in regard to renting a building for the purpose of the sale of liquor. The owner of a building has the control of his building so that he can make the decision if it is going to be rented for a liquor store. The other two cases are similar in nature. A member of McCook Lodge who lives in California is now operating a liquor store. I ruled that he is a member of a Nebraska Lodge and subject to the law of our Grand Jurisdiction. The other case is a member of an Iowa Lodge, and is working in a liquor store in Nebraska. It is my opinion that even though this is not a violation of the Iowa Masonic Code this brother is in violation of the Masonic law in whose Jurisdiction he is living and therefore is subject to our law. I recommended charges be filed and Trial Commissions appointed in each of these cases.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. I am sure that most Masons in Nebraska are aware of the problem we are having in regard to loss in membership. Our Committee on Masonic Education has been and is continuing to do a fine job in regard to educational programs and meetings. I feel that the Area Meetings this Committee conducts each year is one of the programs that we must continue and give our support to. From a report at the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington, D. C. we learn that there are only about 5% of our Masonic membership in the U.S. that ever attend a Lodge meeting. This means that 95% of our members have lost interest in Masonry. We have been endeavoring to build our membership by trying to get our non-Masonic friends interested in Masonry so that they will want to know more about it and eventually ask for a petition. It seems to me that with 95% of our membership never attending a Lodge meeting, we should start an educational program aimed at those who are already Masons. If our Committee on Masonic Education had more support and help in every Lodge, I know that there can be more effective educational programs that will get some of our 'lost' membership re-interested in Masonry. Then we will stop this loss we are suffering from suspensions from non-payment of dues. In order to accomplish to the fullest value the work and efforts of our Committee on Masonic Education, I feel we need a Committee appointed in each Lodge.

I therefore recommend that a new Section under Administration be added to our Grand Lodge By-laws. This PROPOSED SECTION would be:

Sec. 2-515 MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE — The By-laws of each subordinate Lodge, as provided by Section 2-512, shall contain a provision providing for a Committee on Masonic Education consisting

of not less than three members to be appointed annually by the Master of each Lodge. The duties of the Committee shall be as follows:

(a) To assist the Master to provide means and occasions in cooperation with the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education to disseminate Masonic Light and information for the purpose of bringing the craft to a higher and fuller understanding of the ideals and purposes of the Fraternity.

(b) To provide not only primary instruction and information for candidates and new members but to establish and promote continuing Masonic education and information.

2. Each Grand Master sees things in the operation of Grand Lodge that to him needs some attention and correction. After serving as Grand Master and having had a closer observation of the operation of our Grand Lodge Office, I feel there should be a different method of handling the expenses that are caused by the use of our Grand Lodge Office, equipment, space, and personnel for the Grand York Rite Bodies. I do want it understood, and so that all will know the Grand York Rite Bodies do pay certain expenses and some salaries to the Grand Lodge Office personnel, and I am not in any way suggesting that they are not paying their just share of the expenses. My concern is, that we as a Grand Lodge should know what expenses are incurred and what the receipts are to meet these expenses. I feel that it is just good business if we as a Grand Lodge are going to 'sub-let' our Grand Lodge Office, such as equipment and personnel that we should be allowed to set the charges for services rendered.

I, therefore, recommend that the Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs make a thorough study of the services rendered by the Grand Lodge Office to the various Bodies. After this study is completed, I recommend further that this Committee have the authority to fix charges to be paid by each Body using the Grand Lodge Office, equipment, space and personnel and immediately set up whatever accounting system that will be necessary so that the annual report of the Grand Secretary will show Grand Lodge Office expenses and receipts for the various Bodies.

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICE COMMITTEE

3. The By-laws of this Grand Lodge provide under Sec. 1-301, that the Grand Master shall appoint various Standing Committees. One of these Committees, known as "GRAND LODGE OFFICE", is a most important Committee and one of those Committees that I feel should have a continuity of knowledge kept within the Committee. At present there is no continuity in this Committee because each Grand Master can appoint an entire new Committee each year, and therefore all knowledge and experience of the old Committee is lost.

I, therefore, with the approval of the incoming Grand Master, make the following recommendations:

That the Standing Committee known as "GRAND LODGE OFFICE" hereafter be appointed on a staggered plan. With one member being appointed for a three-year term, one for a two-year term, and one for a one-year term. Each year hereafter the Grand Master shall immediately after taking office appoint one member for a term of three years to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of one member and, in the case of a vacancy on the Committee the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a member to fill the unexpired term.

The Committee on Grand Lodge Office shall examine the equipment of the Grand Secretary's office and the Grand Custodian's office and shall make recommendations for any improvements needed for the same and for additional furniture and facilities required for the more convenient and efficient work of the offices.

I further recommend, with the approval of the incoming Grand Master, that two members of the present Committee be re-appointed as follows: M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, for a one-year term, and W. Ernest E. James, for a two-year term.

4. Another recommendation that I feel is worthy of consideration is in regard to the title of the Grand Custodian and Assistant Custodians. I have had to explain the duties of the Grand Custodian and Assistant Custodians to many people in the past because the title "Custodian" doesn't really define what the office of Grand Custodian or Assistant Custodian is for. We in the Grand Lodge and subordinate Lodges know and understand that the work of the Grand Custodian and his Assistant Custodians is to supervise the degree work in our Lodges, but I feel this word, "Custodian" to many doesn't give the right impression of the work these men do.

I, therefore, make the following recommendation:

"That the Committee on Work give consideration to, and present to this Grand Lodge for its adoption, a more appropriate title for the Grand Custodian and Assistant Custodians."

#### STATE OF THE CRAFT

In concluding my report as Grand Master, there are several things that come to my mind that I feel should be made a part of this account of my visits, dispensations, decisions and recommendations.

As I have traveled our great State and visited the Lodges of this Jurisdiction, I am sure that Masonry is gaining. Not by any big increases, but a slight gain is better than no gain at all. Through the continued efforts of our Committee on Masonic Education, under the capable leadership of the Chairman, Howard J. Hunter, our Lodges are having more activities which will keep them living, working Lodges. This will eventually pay off I am sure. Our Custodian department under the able supervision of our Grand Custodian, Raymond C. Cook, is doing an excellent job of keeping the esoteric and fundamental principles of our

degrees at the highest point of perfection. This phase of Masonry is definitely necessary if we are to accomplish the main purpose and reason for the existence of our Fraternity.

To each member of the Grand Lodge Committees, those Committees that have been working through the year and the Committees that have been working on reports for this Grand Lodge Communication, I want to say "thank you". Your contribution of labor and service is reflected in the reports you gave at our Communications. It is through these reports that the Delegates are properly informed as to the functions and business of this Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

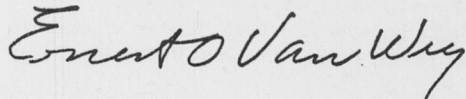
To the Grand Secretary, Carl; the Past Grand Masters; my Grand Lodge Officers; Committee members and my brother Masons throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, I say "thank you" for your helpful counselling and always willing cooperation.

As Grand Master, I would be remiss in my duties if I did not, personally and on behalf of the Grand Lodge, express the deep sense of gratitude we have for the Chamber of Commerce of Lincoln for all the courtesies extended to us for this Grand Lodge Communication, especially for providing, at no cost to the Grand Lodge, the use of the Pershing Municipal Auditorium for our convenience and enjoyment. To the Auditorium personnel and the Masters and Wardens Club of Lincoln, our thanks and appreciation for the wholehearted and complete cooperation that has added to the success of this Communication. Our "thanks" to the High School for their willingness to inconvenience themselves so that we could hold the Grand Lodge Banquet in the lower dining area.

In a few hours, my year as Grand Master will end and I will be turning the Gavel of authority over to a new Grand Master. It has been a personal privilege to have worked with R. W. Ralph M. Carhart as we have come up through the Grand Lodge offices, and from this close association I am confident that he is well qualified and capable of performing the duties of the Grand Master. I know that his devotion to the principles and precepts of Masonry will assure this Grand Lodge the kind of leadership that all Masons can be proud of.

And now to you, the members of this Grand Lodge, may I in humbleness, express my most sincere and deep appreciation for the honor you have given to me by allowing me to serve you as your Grand Master. It is my earnest prayer that all my actions have been for the good of Masonry and that they have met with your approval.

Fraternally Submitted,



Grand Master

## REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary presents his report as follows:

## RETURNS

Complete returns have been received from 275 Lodges and all dues and fees for the year 1962 have been paid in full.

## GRIEVANCES

A petition for restoration has been received and referred to the Committee on Grievances for consideration and report at the Annual Communication.

## FIFTY-YEAR BUTTONS

There were 207 Fifty-year buttons presented this year. Many Lodges have made a special event of the presentation. A number of these presentations were made in other jurisdictions as a courtesy to Nebraska.

## JORDAN MEDALS

There were 15 special meetings and ceremonies held this year at which time the senior member of a Lodge was presented with the Robert Carrel Jordan Bronze Medal.

## GOLD JORDAN MEDAL

Brother William Manning of Geneva No. 79 wears the Gold Jordan Medal.

## MEETINGS OF LODGE SECRETARIES

In co-operation with the Committee on Masonic Education we have held eight Secretaries' meetings this year. The meetings have been well attended. We have thirty to thirty-five new Secretaries each year and these meetings afford an opportunity for information, questions and personal acquaintance.

## LOCAL MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION

We express our thanks to the Brethren of the Omaha and Lincoln Relief Associations. These brethren work around the clock in assisting sojourning Masons, their widows and orphans.

## MEMORIAL LODGE OF OMAHA, U. D. D.

Memorial Lodge of Omaha, U. D. D. is called upon many times each year to conduct the funeral of a sojourning brother. Our thanks and appreciation to W. Robert D. Cresap, his Officers and Brethren. W. Ralph S. Tully, who had been Master of Memorial Lodge since its inception, retired this year. Thank you, Brother Tully, for a job well done.

## CHARTERED LODGES

Monument No. 293 has failed to be represented at the last two Annual Communications and has been cited to appear before the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.



On October 9, 1962 Square Lodge No. 151, Valparaiso, voted to surrender their Charter. The building in which they were meeting collapsed and with no suitable meeting place or prospects of obtaining one, declining membership and fourteen resident members were the reasons for their action. Tuesday, November 27, 1962, accompanied by M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, and R. W. Louis V. Sylvester, Grand Junior Warden, we drove to the farm home of Ivan N. Nord, Secretary, picked up the Charter, books and records of Square No. 151.

December 13, 1962, Tuscan Lodge No. 130, at Surprise, voted to consolidate with Composite Lodge No. 81 at Rising City. There were ten resident members, eight of whom were able to attend Lodge. The matter of consolidation was presented to Composite Lodge No. 81 and on February 5, 1963 they voted unanimously to accept Tuscan Lodge No. 130 in consolidation. The action was approved by the Grand Master.

Last year we listed the Lodges in a given bracket with membership. We have one Lodge this year with a membership of twenty-six, otherwise they remain about the same. Eighty-three Lodges failed to raise a Master Mason.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

We would hope that in the near future the Grand Lodge will secure a room in the Masonic Temple to have the museum pieces we now have for display and a room for a small library. Such space will be made available by the Temple Craft in the spring of 1964.

FINANCIAL REPORT

SPECIAL ACCOUNT

May 10, 1963

Receipts

45,863 members @ \$4.00.....	\$183,452.00
1,121 initiations @ \$10.00.....	11,210.00
6 affiliations @ \$10.00.....	60.00
Surety bond premium.....	639.90
Supplies .....	5,515.30
Liability insurance.....	3,669.04
For George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association 1,092 Master Masons @ \$1.00.....	1,092.00
Interest on securities.....	1,090.99
Dues on fees in excess.....	85.40
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$206,814.63</b>

Disbursements

The Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$ 91,726.00
Relief Fund.....	9,172.60
Orphans Educational Endowment Fund.....	98,628.83

Supply Account.....	6,155.20
George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association...	1,092.00
Keystone Lodge No. 62.....	10.00
Golden Sheaf Lodge No. 202.....	10.00
Bladen Lodge No. 319.....	20.00
Total .....	<u>\$206,814.63</u>

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND  
May 10, 1963

## RECEIPTS

Cash, United States National Bank, May 10, 1962.....	\$111,065.96
Receipts .....	245,579.27
Total .....	<u>\$355,645.23</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements .....	\$250,623.74
Cash, United States National Bank, May 10, 1963.....	105,021.49
Total .....	<u>\$355,645.23</u>

## SUPPLY ACCOUNT

May 10, 1963

## RECEIPTS

Cash, United States National Bank of Omaha, May 10, 1962...\$	8,753.36
Supplies Sold.....	6,092.51
Bond Premium.....	639.90
Total .....	<u>\$ 15,485.77</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS

Bond Premium.....\$	639.90
Supplies .....	2,729.24
Cash, United States National Bank of Omaha, May 10, 1963....	12,116.63
Total .....	<u>\$ 15,485.77</u>

## RELIEF FUND

May 10, 1963

## RECEIPTS

Cash, Stock Yards National Bank, May 10, 1962.....\$	10,989.28
From Special Account.....	9,172.60
Interest on Securities.....	571.13
Total .....	<u>\$ 20,733.01</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.....	\$ 3,000.00
Securities Purchased.....	7,935.83
Cash, Stock Yards National Bank, May 10, 1963.....	9,797.18
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 20,733.01</b>

CENTENNIAL CONTINGENT FUND

May 10, 1963

RECEIPTS

Cash, United States National Bank of Omaha, May 10, 1962...\$	94.93
Receipts .....	9,196.50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 9,291.43</b>

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements .....	\$ 8,011.48
Cash, United States National Bank of Omaha, May 10, 1963....	1,279.95
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 9,291.43</b>

RETURNS

Number of Chartered Lodges last year.....	275
Less charters surrendered.....	2
<b>Number of Chartered Lodges this year.....</b>	<b>273</b>
Number initiated.....	1,121
Number passed.....	1,086
Number raised.....	1,092
Number affiliated.....	225
Number dual members.....	21
Number reinstated.....	310
Number gained by other causes.....	8
<b>Total gross increase.....</b>	<b>1,656</b>
Number demitted.....	288
Number deceased.....	949
Number suspended.....	615
Number expelled.....	6
Number lost by other causes.....	8
<b>Total loss.....</b>	<b>1,866</b>
Net loss for year ending December 31, 1962.....	210
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1961	45,863
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1962	45,653

Fraternally submitted,

*Frank R. Feisen*  
Grand Secretary

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		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1962	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1962	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1962	GAIN					Total	LOSS								
								By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem' ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes	Total Loss	
Nebraska	1	15	4	15	1	0	7	1206	19	3	0	0	0	1228	4	41	0	0	0	45	1183	1
Western Star	2	6	9	6	3	4	10	296	5	2	0	9	0	312	1	7	4	0	0	12	300	2
Capitol	3	12	3	11	2	14	44	845	8	2	0	8	0	863	9	26	14	0	0	49	814	3
Nemaha Valley	4	0	0	1	1	0	2	50	1	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	4
Omadi	5	0	4	3	1	1	2	114	4	0	0	1	0	119	1	1	1	0	0	3	116	5
Plattsmouth	6	5	3	9	0	4	3	321	10	1	0	4	0	336	0	4	4	0	0	8	328	6
Falls City	9	2	5	5	4	7	16	267	5	0	1	1	0	274	4	5	7	0	0	16	258	9
Solomon	10	2	0	0	0	5	4	107	0	0	0	1	0	108	0	1	5	0	0	6	102	10
Covert	11	73	9	81	1	1	16	1634	105	12	0	1	0	1752	7	43	1	0	0	51	1701	11
Orient	13	1	1	1	0	1	4	52	3	0	1	1	0	57	0	1	1	0	0	2	55	13
Peru	14	4	0	4	0	30	28	93	5	0	0	6	0	104	0	1	30	0	0	31	73	14
Fremont	15	19	12	16	2	12	36	635	15	5	1	5	0	661	5	11	12	0	0	28	633	15
Tecumseh	17	4	3	5	2	2	2	159	3	1	0	2	0	165	4	2	2	0	0	0	157	17
Lincoln	19	17	13	16	5	18	37	968	18	3	0	3	0	992	10	22	18	0	0	50	942	19
Washington	21	2	1	2	1	1	1	146	1	0	0	2	0	149	0	4	1	0	0	5	144	21
Pawnee	23	1	0	2	2	0	0	111	0	2	1	3	0	117	2	7	0	0	0	9	108	23
Saint John	25	24	4	26	8	8	15	973	23	1	0	4	0	1001	4	28	8	0	0	40	961	25
Beatrice	26	17	4	18	1	2	10	361	18	2	0	4	0	385	6	11	2	0	0	19	366	26
Jordan	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	0	1	0	0	0	79	1	2	0	0	0	3	76	27
Hope	29	1	0	1	0	0	1	43	1	0	0	0	0	44	0	1	0	0	0	1	43	29
Blue River	30	0	3	0	2	1	1	94	0	0	0	2	0	96	1	1	1	0	0	3	93	30
Tekamah	31	11	5	10	1	0	2	176	11	0	0	0	0	187	0	4	0	0	0	4	183	31
Platte Valley	32	16	23	18	4	1	3	579	16	3	1	5	0	604	2	11	1	0	0	14	590	32
Ashlar	33	16	12	11	2	7	26	627	11	2	0	2	0	642	3	18	7	0	0	28	614	33
Acacia	34	8	12	1	2	0	3	180	4	2	0	0	0	186	1	5	0	0	0	6	180	34
Fairbury	35	1	4	0	0	5	7	238	2	3	0	4	0	247	0	5	5	0	0	10	237	35
Lone Tree	36	3	5	2	0	5	15	216	3	3	0	1	0	223	1	6	5	0	0	12	211	36
Crete	37	7	6	4	0	8	8	182	7	1	0	11	0	201	1	3	8	0	0	12	189	37
Oliver	38	5	2	4	2	1	10	179	2	0	0	0	0	181	0	5	1	0	0	6	175	38
Papillion	39	20	8	18	8	0	3	210	12	0	2	1	0	225	1	0	0	0	0	1	224	39
Humboldt	40	5	2	4	0	0	7	107	4	0	0	4	0	115	1	0	0	1	0	2	113	40
Northern Light	41	0	2	0	0	0	2	79	0	0	0	1	0	80	3	2	0	0	0	5	75	41
Hebron	43	2	3	1	1	0	1	138	2	1	0	0	0	141	2	5	0	0	0	7	134	43
Harvard	44	0	2	0	0	2	3	82	0	0	0	0	0	82	1	0	2	0	0	3	79	44
Rob Morris	46	8	4	11	4	5	19	350	14	2	0	2	0	368	2	4	5	1	0	12	356	46
Fairmont	48	0	0	0	0	2	3	92	0	0	0	0	0	92	1	0	2	0	0	3	89	48
Evening Star	49	1	2	3	0	0	0	98	3	1	0	3	0	105	1	2	0	0	0	3	102	49
Hastings	50	10	20	9	6	10	30	543	12	2	0	6	0	563	2	11	10	0	0	23	540	50
Fidelity	51	3	5	4	3	4	7	146	2	2	0	1	0	151	0	4	4	0	0	8	143	51



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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes			
Creighton.....	100	0	1	0	0	3	3	103	0	0	0	3	0	106	0	2	3	0	0	5	101	100
Ponca.....	101	1	3	3	1	1	5	90	3	1	0	0	0	94	0	1	1	0	0	2	92	101
Waterloo.....	102	2	3	3	2	0	11	165	1	0	0	1	0	167	3	3	0	0	0	6	161	102
Ord.....	103	2	2	1	0	0	1	162	1	0	0	0	0	163	1	4	0	0	0	5	158	103
Wymore.....	104	4	7	3	3	1	2	214	2	1	0	0	0	217	3	7	1	0	0	11	206	104
Stella.....	105	8	0	9	5	0	2	56	4	0	0	0	0	60	0	2	0	0	0	2	58	105
Porter.....	106	0	0	0	0	0	1	60	1	0	0	0	0	61	1	0	0	0	0	1	60	106
Table Rock.....	108	1	2	0	0	2	6	40	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	2	2	0	0	4	36	108
Pomegranate.....	110	10	8	7	0	4	4	226	8	2	0	1	0	237	1	3	4	0	1	9	228	110
DeWitt.....	111	1	2	1	1	2	3	48	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	2	2	0	0	4	44	111
Springfield.....	112	1	0	3	1	1	3	117	3	0	0	0	0	120	0	1	1	0	0	2	118	112
Globe.....	113	4	5	2	2	1	1	88	0	1	0	0	0	89	1	3	1	0	0	5	84	113
Wisner.....	114	1	2	1	1	0	5	109	1	1	0	1	0	112	0	6	0	0	0	6	106	114
Harlan.....	116	2	2	2	2	6	11	93	2	0	0	0	0	95	0	3	6	0	0	9	86	116
Hardy.....	117	2	1	1	0	2	2	51	1	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	2	0	0	2	50	117
North Bend.....	119	1	1	2	1	1	3	114	2	0	0	0	0	116	2	3	1	0	0	6	110	119
Wayne.....	120	6	5	3	3	9	2	198	7	0	0	8	0	213	3	3	9	0	0	15	198	120
Superior.....	121	4	0	4	2	2	4	186	3	1	0	1	0	191	3	4	2	0	0	9	182	121
Auburn.....	124	6	2	5	1	7	27	136	4	0	0	2	1	143	0	3	7	0	0	10	133	124
Mt. Nebo.....	125	2	6	2	2	0	2	102	2	0	1	0	0	105	1	2	0	0	0	3	102	125
Stromsburg.....	126	4	5	0	0	0	1	75	2	0	0	0	0	77	0	4	0	0	0	4	73	126
Minden.....	127	0	4	0	0	2	5	107	1	1	0	0	0	109	0	3	2	0	0	5	104	127
Guide Rock.....	128	3	1	3	2	0	2	69	1	0	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	128
Blue Hill.....	129	0	1	0	0	1	3	55	0	1	0	0	0	56	0	0	1	0	0	1	55	129
Tuscan.....	130	0	1	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	1	0	0	0	1	36	130
Scribner.....	132	2	0	3	0	1	2	49	4	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	1	0	0	1	52	132
Elm Creek.....	133	1	2	1	0	5	1	50	1	0	0	4	0	55	0	0	5	0	0	5	50	133
Solar.....	134	0	5	0	0	0	3	73	0	2	0	0	0	75	1	1	0	0	0	2	73	134
McCook.....	135	1	1	3	2	8	12	362	6	1	0	0	0	369	1	5	8	0	0	14	355	135
Long Pine.....	136	0	2	1	0	1	2	56	1	0	0	0	0	57	0	1	1	0	0	2	55	136
Upright.....	137	1	1	1	0	5	78	1	0	0	0	0	0	79	2	1	0	0	0	3	76	137
Rawalt.....	138	1	3	2	3	12	12	84	0	0	0	5	0	89	2	0	12	0	0	14	75	138
Clay Centre.....	139	0	2	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	61	0	1	0	0	0	1	60	139
Western.....	140	3	2	4	3	0	4	34	1	0	0	0	0	35	1	0	0	0	0	1	34	140
Crescent.....	143	0	0	0	0	0	1	43	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	4	0	0	0	4	39	143
Kenesaw.....	144	2	1	1	1	1	3	65	0	0	2	0	0	67	1	1	1	0	0	3	64	144
Banoroft.....	145	1	2	2	0	0	0	58	2	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	145
Jachin.....	146	1	4	1	0	1	5	203	3	3	1	0	0	210	2	5	1	0	0	8	202	146
Siloam.....	147	1	4	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	1	0	0	0	1	30	147
Emmet Crawford.....	148	8	8	3	1	8	21	219	3	0	0	0	0	222	0	5	8	0	0	13	209	148

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Jewel.....	149	0	1	0	2	2	4	57	0	0	0	0	0	57	2	3	2	0	0	7	50	149
Cambridge.....	150	0	0	0	0	3	3	113	0	0	0	3	0	116	0	4	3	0	0	7	109	150
Square.....	151	1	1	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	1	0	0	0	1	55	151
Evergreen.....	153	1	1	2	1	1	1	67	1	0	0	1	1	70	1	2	1	0	0	4	66	153
Lily.....	154	1	1	0	0	2	2	72	0	0	0	0	0	72	0	1	2	0	0	3	69	154
Hartington.....	155	1	2	1	0	1	5	68	1	0	1	0	0	70	1	0	1	0	0	2	68	155
Pythagoras.....	156	6	1	2	1	0	3	35	1	0	0	0	0	36	1	2	0	0	0	3	33	156
Valley.....	157	1	1	0	0	0	3	52	0	0	0	2	0	54	1	0	0	0	0	1	53	157
Samaritan.....	158	3	4	5	1	9	14	285	5	3	1	3	1	298	4	12	9	0	0	25	273	158
Ogalalla.....	159	7	16	2	2	4	8	169	2	0	0	1	0	172	1	4	4	0	1	10	162	159
Zeredatha.....	160	0	1	1	1	0	1	39	0	1	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	160
Mount Zion.....	161	0	0	0	0	0	1	53	1	0	0	0	0	54	0	1	0	0	0	1	53	161
Trestle Board.....	162	0	0	0	0	1	5	81	0	0	0	0	0	81	0	2	1	0	0	3	78	162
Unity.....	163	9	3	6	1	0	0	79	5	0	0	1	0	85	0	1	0	0	0	1	84	163
Atkinson.....	164	0	5	1	4	1	1	54	0	1	0	0	0	55	1	0	1	0	0	2	53	164
Barneston.....	165	0	1	0	0	1	4	58	0	0	0	3	0	61	0	3	1	0	0	4	57	165
Mystic Tie.....	166	0	2	0	1	0	1	47	0	0	0	0	0	47	1	0	0	0	0	1	46	166
Elwood.....	167	0	2	2	0	0	0	53	2	0	0	1	0	56	0	2	0	0	0	2	54	167
Curtis.....	168	0	1	1	0	4	7	89	0	0	0	0	0	89	0	0	4	0	0	4	85	168
Amity.....	169	5	1	4	1	5	8	101	3	1	0	2	0	107	3	1	5	0	0	9	98	169
Mason City.....	170	1	0	2	0	1	4	30	4	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	1	0	0	1	33	170
Merna.....	171	0	2	0	0	1	3	59	0	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	1	0	0	1	58	171
Robert Burns.....	173	2	0	5	2	2	6	86	4	0	0	1	0	91	1	1	2	0	0	4	87	173
Culbertson.....	174	4	2	3	1	0	2	66	3	0	0	1	0	70	2	1	0	0	0	3	67	174
Temple.....	175	0	0	0	0	0	1	42	0	0	0	1	0	43	1	2	0	0	0	3	40	175
Gladstone.....	176	0	0	0	0	1	4	94	0	0	0	0	0	94	0	2	1	0	0	3	91	176
Hay Springs.....	177	2	2	2	1	1	3	121	1	1	0	0	0	123	2	2	1	0	0	5	118	177
Prudence.....	179	1	2	1	0	0	0	48	1	0	0	0	0	49	0	2	0	0	0	2	47	179
Justice.....	180	5	6	4	1	4	7	141	4	0	0	0	0	145	0	0	4	0	0	4	141	180
Faith.....	181	2	3	2	0	2	4	117	2	2	0	0	0	121	1	2	2	0	0	5	116	181
Alliance.....	183	9	4	4	6	9	11	374	14	0	0	1	0	389	2	7	9	0	0	18	371	183
Bee Hive.....	184	29	13	27	6	20	49	1032	31	1	0	12	0	1076	2	20	20	1	0	43	1033	184
Boaz.....	185	3	1	2	1	0	2	68	1	0	0	0	0	69	0	1	0	0	0	1	68	185
Meridian.....	188	1	1	4	1	1	4	150	3	4	2	0	0	159	1	2	1	0	0	4	155	188
Granite.....	189	0	3	1	0	4	5	84	1	0	0	0	0	85	0	1	4	0	0	5	80	189
Amethyst.....	190	1	0	1	2	0	1	51	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	1	0	0	0	1	50	190
Crystal.....	191	1	0	1	0	0	5	80	2	0	0	0	0	82	3	0	0	0	0	3	79	191

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Minnekadusa . . . . .	192	7	1	8	3	0	2	164	8	1	0	0	0	173	1	2	0	0	0	3	170	192
Signet . . . . .	193	1	2	2	1	0	0	63	2	0	0	1	0	66	1	1	0	0	0	2	64	193
Highland . . . . .	194	5	3	3	1	3	3	39	2	0	0	0	1	42	0	3	3	0	0	6	36	194
Arcana . . . . .	195	3	3	2	2	0	3	155	1	1	0	0	0	157	0	0	0	0	0	0	157	195
Morning Star . . . . .	197	1	0	1	0	3	4	67	1	0	0	1	0	69	0	2	3	0	0	5	64	197
Purity . . . . .	198	1	1	2	2	0	11	141	2	1	0	1	0	145	0	3	0	0	0	3	142	198
Gavel . . . . .	199	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	2	0	0	0	2	48	199
Blazing Star . . . . .	200	0	4	0	0	0	2	91	0	0	0	2	0	93	0	1	0	0	0	1	92	200
Scotts Bluff . . . . .	201	3	8	3	2	3	4	196	3	2	0	3	0	204	3	6	3	0	1	13	191	201
Golden Sheaf . . . . .	202	1	0	1	0	0	0	90	1	0	0	0	0	91	2	4	0	0	0	6	85	202
Roman Eagle . . . . .	203	2	5	1	2	1	1	67	0	0	0	0	1	68	0	0	1	0	0	1	67	203
Plainview . . . . .	204	1	3	0	0	2	7	109	0	0	0	0	0	109	0	1	2	0	0	3	106	204
Golden Fleece . . . . .	205	1	2	0	0	0	9	179	0	1	0	1	0	181	0	2	0	0	0	2	179	205
Naphtali . . . . .	206	0	0	0	1	5	9	56	0	0	0	1	0	57	0	0	5	0	0	5	52	206
Parian . . . . .	207	0	1	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	1	0	63	2	2	0	0	0	4	59	207
Gauge . . . . .	208	0	2	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	1	0	0	0	1	44	208
Canopy . . . . .	209	0	2	0	1	0	1	123	0	0	0	0	0	123	0	2	0	0	0	2	121	209
East Lincoln . . . . .	210	54	21	58	18	16	42	1218	49	3	1	5	0	1276	11	27	16	0	0	54	1222	210
Cement . . . . .	211	2	2	3	2	0	3	82	3	1	0	0	0	86	1	3	0	0	0	4	82	211
Compass & Square . . . . .	212	2	0	2	2	0	3	47	1	0	0	0	0	48	0	3	0	0	0	3	45	212
Plumblin . . . . .	214	0	2	0	0	1	2	39	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	1	1	0	0	2	37	214
Occidental . . . . .	215	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	0	1	0	0	0	73	0	1	0	0	0	1	72	215
Palisade . . . . .	216	4	0	4	0	2	4	103	4	1	0	0	0	108	1	1	2	1	0	5	103	216
Wauneta . . . . .	217	4	4	2	1	2	3	60	2	0	0	0	0	62	0	1	2	0	0	3	59	217
Bloomfield . . . . .	218	4	2	2	3	0	0	72	1	1	0	0	0	74	0	2	0	0	0	2	72	218
Relief . . . . .	219	2	3	0	1	0	1	59	0	0	0	0	0	59	0	1	0	0	0	1	58	219
Magnolia . . . . .	220	0	1	0	1	2	8	65	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	2	2	0	0	4	61	220
Wood Lake . . . . .	221	2	1	1	0	1	1	77	1	0	0	0	0	78	0	3	1	0	0	4	74	221
Landmark . . . . .	222	0	3	0	1	0	1	106	0	0	0	0	0	106	0	1	0	0	0	1	105	222
Eminence . . . . .	223	0	3	1	0	0	0	66	1	0	0	0	0	67	2	2	0	0	0	4	63	223
Silver Cord . . . . .	224	3	3	5	3	5	19	141	2	0	0	5	0	148	1	2	5	0	0	8	140	224
Cable . . . . .	225	2	3	0	1	0	5	97	0	1	0	0	0	98	0	3	0	0	0	3	95	225
Grace . . . . .	226	3	3	3	3	0	4	59	3	0	1	1	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	226
North Star . . . . .	227	14	9	15	4	5	18	519	15	1	0	0	0	535	4	11	5	0	0	20	515	227
Bartley . . . . .	228	1	2	1	1	0	0	60	0	1	0	0	0	61	0	1	0	0	0	1	60	228
Comet . . . . .	229	8	4	5	1	2	4	97	5	1	0	2	0	105	0	4	2	0	0	6	99	229
Delta . . . . .	230	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	1	0	0	0	0	34	1	2	0	0	0	3	31	230
Mt. Hermon . . . . .	231	0	2	1	0	2	3	39	2	0	0	0	0	41	2	0	2	0	0	4	37	231
John S. Bowen . . . . .	232	0	1	1	0	0	7	71	1	0	0	0	0	72	0	4	0	0	0	4	68	232
Gilead . . . . .	233	2	1	1	1	5	3	59	0	0	0	3	0	62	0	0	5	0	0	2	57	233



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Zion	234	1	3	3	1	2	2	102	3	0	0	2	0	107	1	4	2	0	0	7	100	234
Fraternity	235	0	1	0	0	0	1	67	0	0	0	0	0	67	0	1	0	0	0	1	66	235
Golden Rule	236	3	4	2	0	0	3	64	2	1	0	1	0	68	0	1	0	0	0	1	67	236
Cubit	237	0	1	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	2	0	0	0	2	48	237
Friendship	239	1	0	1	1	10	5	87	1	1	0	6	0	95	1	2	10	0	0	13	82	239
Pilot	240	1	2	1	1	1	1	117	2	2	0	0	0	121	1	1	1	0	0	3	118	240
George Armstrong	241	0	5	0	0	0	0	84	0	0	0	0	0	84	0	2	0	0	0	2	82	241
Tyrian	243	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	28	1	1	0	0	0	2	26	243
Hampton	245	0	2	0	0	3	5	51	1	0	0	0	0	52	0	1	3	0	0	4	48	245
Nehawka	246	1	1	0	3	0	0	116	0	0	0	0	0	116	0	4	0	0	1	5	111	246
Corner-Stone	247	3	1	3	3	1	1	27	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	2	1	0	0	3	124	247
Laurel	248	4	6	2	0	0	1	97	2	1	0	1	0	101	1	1	0	0	0	2	99	248
Gothenburg	249	6	3	5	3	3	3	155	6	1	0	0	0	162	0	4	3	0	0	7	155	249
Geo. Washington	250	10	13	8	0	3	9	357	9	2	0	0	0	368	3	9	3	0	0	15	353	250
Wausa	251	2	1	2	2	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	251
Beemer	253	1	0	1	1	0	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	50	1	0	0	0	0	1	49	253
Bassett	254	2	2	2	2	3	3	88	1	1	0	1	0	91	2	1	3	0	0	6	85	254
Hickman	256	0	2	0	0	0	0	64	1	0	0	0	0	65	0	3	0	0	0	3	62	256
Anselmo	258	2	2	2	0	2	3	99	2	0	0	2	0	103	0	6	2	0	0	8	95	258
Ornan	261	0	1	0	1	2	4	80	0	0	0	1	0	81	0	0	2	0	0	2	79	261
Endeavor	262	1	1	1	0	7	11	99	1	0	0	2	0	102	0	2	7	0	0	9	93	262
Mitchell	263	6	2	5	1	7	17	157	4	0	1	0	0	162	0	4	7	0	0	11	151	263
Franklin	264	2	3	2	0	0	1	96	2	1	1	3	0	103	1	0	0	0	0	1	102	264
Robert W. Furnas	265	8	6	6	0	1	7	467	6	0	0	2	0	475	3	3	1	0	0	7	468	265
Silver	266	1	0	1	0	0	0	68	1	0	0	0	0	69	0	4	0	0	0	4	65	266
James A. Tulleys	267	1	1	2	1	0	0	55	1	0	0	0	0	56	1	2	0	0	0	3	53	267
Geo. W. Lininger	268	5	3	5	1	0	7	259	4	2	0	0	0	265	1	3	0	0	0	4	261	268
Oasis	271	7	0	7	0	0	2	130	8	3	0	2	0	143	0	3	0	0	0	3	140	271
Lee P. Gillette	272	1	0	2	0	0	3	65	2	0	0	0	0	67	0	1	0	0	0	1	66	272
Crofton	273	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	57	0	1	0	0	0	1	56	273
Olive Branch	274	1	2	0	1	0	1	46	0	1	1	5	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	274
Ramah	275	1	1	0	0	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	67	0	1	0	0	0	1	66	275
Antelope	276	2	2	0	0	2	6	72	1	0	0	0	0	73	0	2	2	1	0	5	68	276
Sioux	277	1	1	2	0	0	0	49	2	0	0	0	0	51	1	1	0	0	0	2	49	277
Litchfield	278	0	1	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	278
Wallace	279	0	0	0	2	0	1	41	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	279
Swastika	280	3	4	1	3	1	1	89	0	1	0	1	0	91	0	2	1	0	0	3	88	280
Florence	281	23	5	27	4	9	28	988	26	3	0	1	0	1018	2	19	9	0	0	30	988	281
Mullen	282	0	2	1	0	2	2	77	1	0	0	0	0	78	1	0	2	0	0	3	75	282

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Seneca.....	284	2	1	1	1	0	1	71	1	0	0	3	0	75	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	73	284	
Camp Clarke.....	285	3	2	1	0	5	14	168	1	0	0	4	0	173	1	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	9	164	285	
Oshkosh.....	286	2	3	2	0	3	4	111	4	0	0	0	0	115	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	109	286	
Union.....	287	2	1	2	0	0	1	66	3	0	0	0	0	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	287	
Omaha.....	288	13	8	13	3	5	12	574	14	2	0	7	0	597	7	16	5	0	0	0	0	0	28	569	288	
Lotus.....	289	5	3	7	1	2	4	170	6	0	0	0	0	176	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	168	289	
John J. Mercer.....	290	38	16	34	3	15	35	1531	37	11	1	3	0	1583	5	21	15	0	0	0	0	41	1542	290		
Diamond.....	291	0	1	0	0	0	3	73	1	0	0	0	0	74	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	71	291	
Wolbach.....	292	6	1	4	0	0	0	41	5	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	292	
Monument.....	293	1	3	2	2	0	0	65	2	0	1	0	0	68	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	65	293	
Kimball.....	294	4	12	3	2	1	2	188	5	5	0	1	0	199	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	6	193	294		
Minatare.....	295	2	4	3	1	5	7	95	2	0	0	5	1	103	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	8	95	295		
Cotner.....	297	9	11	8	3	4	16	265	10	5	0	4	1	285	2	5	4	0	0	0	0	11	274	297		
Chester.....	298	0	1	0	1	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	49	298		
Sutherland.....	299	1	5	0	0	0	6	93	0	0	1	0	0	94	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	88	299		
Liberty.....	300	11	8	10	2	11	27	482	8	0	0	4	0	494	3	7	11	0	0	0	0	21	473	300		
Bayard.....	301	1	2	1	1	0	4	92	0	0	0	0	0	92	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	90	301		
Mizpah.....	302	30	17	30	5	19	53	1237	28	1	0	4	0	1270	10	19	19	0	1	49	1221	302				
Right Angle.....	303	12	5	11	4	0	28	598	9	0	0	9	0	616	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	15	601	303		
Ruskin.....	304	0	4	2	1	0	1	36	1	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	304		
Newman Grove.....	305	2	2	4	0	2	4	61	4	2	0	2	0	69	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	65	305		
Golden Rod.....	306	2	1	0	0	0	1	86	0	0	0	0	0	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	306		
William E. Hill.....	307	0	1	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	35	307		
Perkins.....	308	3	4	4	2	0	12	105	3	0	0	0	0	108	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	107	308		
Winnebago.....	309	1	1	1	1	2	2	55	1	0	0	2	0	58	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	5	53	309		
Victory.....	310	3	3	3	0	6	13	212	4	0	0	1	0	217	1	2	6	0	0	0	0	9	208	310		
Polk.....	311	2	3	1	0	0	0	66	3	0	0	0	0	69	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	67	311		
Oak Leaf.....	312	1	1	1	0	0	1	57	2	0	0	1	0	60	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	59	312		
Potter.....	313	4	8	2	2	1	2	98	2	0	0	0	0	100	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	97	313		
Craftsmen.....	314	16	12	14	3	0	12	616	12	2	0	0	0	630	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	13	617	314		
Alpha.....	316	4	5	5	5	0	5	200	7	0	0	0	0	207	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	202	316		
Mid-West.....	317	13	20	9	4	5	16	485	8	13	0	1	0	507	3	8	5	0	0	0	0	16	491	317		
Grand Island.....	318	9	11	7	2	5	7	351	8	4	0	4	0	367	3	1	5	1	1	11	356	318				
Bladen.....	319	0	0	2	0	0	0	42	2	0	0	1	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	319		
College View.....	320	7	7	6	1	4	5	164	6	0	0	3	0	173	0	1	4	0	1	6	167	320				
Harmony.....	321	0	1	2	0	1	3	76	2	0	0	2	0	80	1	2	1	0	0	4	76	321				
Pioneer.....	322	1	0	1	1	0	2	78	0	0	0	0	1	79	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	76	322		

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Lebanon..	323	9	12	10	5	5	8	199	10	6	0	1	0	216	1	7	5	0	0	13	203	323
Cairo . . .	324	5	3	2	4	0	2	70	3	0	0	0	0	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	324
Bellevue..	325	21	8	24	3	4	5	298	28	2	0	1	0	329	2	2	4	0	0	8	321	325
Centennial	326	30	24	26	7	2	5	292	24	16	0	0	0	332	3	0	2	0	0	5	327	326
Totals..		1121	895	1086	339	615	1564	45863	1092	225	21	310	8	47519	288	949	615	6	8	1866	45653	

### VETERAN SECRETARIES

Who have served 25 years or more.

Fred R. Haggart.....	St. Paul No. 82.....	42 years
Archie A. Meek.....	Lotus No. 289.....	41 years
Arvene C. Eisenhart.....	Culbertson No. 174.....	40 years
Siegfried L. Jacks.....	Purity No. 198.....	34 years
Earl K. Husbands.....	Morning Star No. 197.....	31 years
Raymond H. Ream.....	Omadi No. 5.....	31 years
Fredolph C. Chalquist.....	Composite No. 81.....	31 years
Carl H. Hoge.....	Lebanon No. 323.....	31 years
C. Robert Carlson.....	Wauneta No. 217.....	30 years
Leon J. Cherny.....	North Bend No. 119.....	30 years
Roy T. Stiehl.....	Hay Springs No. 177.....	26 years
Anton B. Helms.....	Golden Sheaf No. 202.....	26 years
Fred R. Lamb.....	Papillion No. 39.....	25 years
William E. Edwards.....	Alliance No. 183.....	25 years
Harve I. Lang.....	Litchfield No. 278.....	25 years
Frank F. McMullin.....	George Armstrong No. 241.....	25 years

### REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

The Annual Report of the Grand Custodian is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

A normal Nebraska winter season has given our department the results of a routine year.

One of our Assistant Custodians who last year had been the victim of a serious injury is recovering slowly and has been able to perform most of his duties this year. Another, who earlier suffered a coronary thrombosis, has been able to give us some of his time and energy. He, too, is making slow but steady progress toward recovery.

The Grand Custodian's health is considerably improved. After our new monitor went to press in the latter part of October, I was able to attend one or more sessions of most of the remaining Central Schools. It was wonderful to meet and work again with so many of my Nebraska brethren.

### CENTRAL SCHOOLS

The trend of lessening attendance apparent at most types of Masonic meetings has finally caught up with our Central School attendance in some localities. Where there is an area of much Masonic interest and activity our Central School attendance was even above normal. Four of these areas each had 300 registrations or more; three had 200 or more; two had 175 while the other two had attendance that was much below normal.

Of the eleven Central Schools held, five were the four evening sessions at four different lodges. The remaining were the familiar two day and two evening variety, making a total of six sessions at the one host lodge.

### THE MIDDLE CHAMBER MEETING

The meeting for the Middle Chamber ceremony was held at Superior and took the place of the twelfth Central School. This meeting was scheduled as the result of the many requests for a repeat performance of one of the most interesting and instructive types of ritual education offered to Nebraska Masons.

W. Brother David Menagh who has given so much time to research and study of this Masonic ceremony, was present to give explanations and interpretations of this gem of Masonic ritualism.

### INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS

The Individual School is an all-purpose vehicle for the salvation of Masonic Lodges. Because there has grown up a situation that may be peculiar to Nebraska only, the individual school, through the process of evolution has divided into two kinds of schools; the orthodox school and the "examination-school". The latter is used exclusively by a large

list of excellent lodges that keep up their work year after year and take pride in doing so. These lodges are the pride and joy of the Grand Custodian and his Assistants. The Officers of these Lodges are examined annually by going through the Ceremonies and esoteric ritual in all three degrees in their entirety, together with the esoteric portions of all the lectures. The results obtained from this form of instruction have been highly pleasing and very satisfactory. Only rarely do lodges using this method "fall from grace" by missing their annual certificate. Excellent work in these lodges is the rule rather than the exception. There have been 139 "examination-schools" held this Masonic year.

The orthodox Individual School is used by the smaller half of Nebraska Lodges that have not become sufficiently interested in Masonic ceremonies and ritual to put forth the effort to become proficient. There are an ever-increasing number of these Lodges that are asking for schools of instruction every year. If they will persist in their efforts long enough, we know that their loyalty and zeal will be rewarded and thus another certified Lodge is born. Three lodges moved from this list to the certified Lodges this year.

The rules of this department of the Grand Lodge require that Individual Schools be assigned to Nebraska lodges a minimum of once every other year. Long experience has shown that a Lodge will retrogress into oblivion if this is continued indefinitely. What is gained one year in a school will be lost the next without one. Again, we strongly recommend the annual Lodge school.

#### LODGE CERTIFICATION

For the fourth consecutive year we have had 50% or more of our Nebraska Lodges on the certified list. This year there is a gain of three, making 143 certified proficient lodges. Cairo Lodge No. 324 was certified for the first time while Cement Lodge No. 211 certified for the first time in 20 years or more. We welcome them with sincere pleasure to the ranks of the elite.

#### INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATION

For the first time since 1948, the Individual Certification list will fail to show a gain. In fact, it will show a small loss. There are now 731 certified men.

Thirty-five have been examined and were certified for the first time this year — exactly the same number as last year. Yet we show a net loss of six men.

I have tried to analyze the cause of this loss. The reason is not hard to find. An unusually large number of our aging brethren whose names have graced this distinguished list have passed to their eternal reward. Others are retiring to homes in more pleasant climate or nearer the homes of their children. Few, indeed, have voluntarily abandoned their proficiency because of boredom or lethargy.

LIVING RITUALS

I am of the opinion that we do not sufficiently appreciate our proficiency brethren. When our forefathers gave us our system of promotion and promulgation of the work, our certified brethren were intended to take the place of the keys, ciphers and rituals used by other organizations, clubs and lodges. Because of our Masonic obligation to secrecy, the eager ears of Nebraska Masons have received the lessons and truths of Masonry from the instructive tongues of these "Living Rituals", the certified men of the Craft. Without them we, too, might have violated our covenant before God regarding Masonic secrecy. They have amply justified the trust that was reposed in them through the years. They are the flower of the Craft and the only hope of good Masonic work.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

A Nebraska Mason who has held a proficiency card for 20 consecutive years or more is awarded a Certificate of Merit by this Grand Lodge.

The following have received this award during this Masonic year: Lyle H. Smith, Charles F. May, 54; Allen B. Connell, 265; Gerald E. Miller, Leonard Barnes, 210; Thomas A. Foy, 290.

STATISTICS

The battle of statistics is a hard fought contest every year with positions changing often in both races. It is a healthy rivalry.

Largest Number	Highest percentage
East Lincoln, 210.....38	Cable, 225.....10.30%
Lancaster, 54.....36	Golden Rod, 306..... 9.30%
Bee Hive, 184.....31	Merna, 171..... 8.47%
Lincoln, 19.....23	Keystone, 62..... 8.33%
Craftsmen, 314.....19	Comet, 229..... 6.18%
Robert W. Furnas, 265.....18	Victory, 310..... 6.14%
Ashlar, 33.....18	Sioux, 277..... 6.12%
Alliance, 183.....15	Atkinson, 164..... 5.55%
Nebraska, 1.....14	Nelson, 77..... 5.37%
Florence, 281.....14	Minatare, 295..... 5.15%
Liberty, 300.....13	
Victory, 310.....13	

Merna, 171, came from nowhere into 3rd place. They can go places!

THE NEW MONITOR

The Custodians are very pleased with, and very genuinely grateful for, the new Nebraska Monitor adopted by this Grand Lodge last June. It is now in general use and has been very well received by the officers of the lodges.

Those responsible for teaching the work and lectures to the Craft appreciate the indication of the way our esoteric work flows into the monitorial. This was badly needed in both degree work and lectures. Almost as badly needed were the new art sketches which are not now in conflict with the form and ceremonies of Nebraska work. The few repetitions and errors have been corrected. We commend the new monitor to our brethren.

May we call attention to the fact that it is a replacement monitor. By edict of the Grand Master and in accordance with the provisions of its adoption by this Grand Lodge, the use of any monitor including our former monitor after December 31, 1962, is strictly forbidden and prohibited.

#### ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

It is pleasing to note that more and more attention and recognition is given to the work and the responsibilities of the Assistant Custodians. No longer are they the forgotten men of the Grand Lodge. I am most grateful that credit is now going to those to whom credit is most due.

We can be profoundly thankful that God has spared all of them this year for their continuing labors and for the years to come.

Two Assistant Custodians were appointed by M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey. Both had the approval of the Committee on Nebraska Work. They are: W. Brothers Gordon Chard, 240, Lyons and Harold A. Tilton, 71, Neligh. Brother Tilton replaced one of our veteran Custodians, Clarence G. McNamee of Norfolk, who was given the rank and title of Assistant Custodian Emeritus by Grand Master Van Wey. Brother McNamee requested retirement after 22 years of service because of failing health.

#### ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS' EXPENSE FUND

This is the second year in which this fund has been collected and held in trust by the Grand Custodian for appropriation by the Grand Lodge Committee on Appropriations to be used for Assistant Custodians expenses only.

This fund was created and earmarked by action of the Grand Lodge in amending Section 1-202 of the law to provide a more equitable way in sharing the mileage and expense of Assistant Custodians as they performed the duties of their office.

Since the law established the Grand Custodian as the agent to receive these payments I, therefore, report the total collection of \$690 and certify that it is the proper and legal amount to be collected.



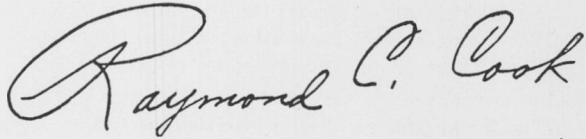
## OBSERVATIONS

We live in a world of change and decay. We can only hope that we can adjust to the changes and arrest the moral decay we see on every side. We pray that it does not invade our beloved fraternity.

Masonry was not meant for all men. All men are not attracted to it. The voteries of Masonry are a particular type of men. They are thoughtful, truth-searching, loyal, moral, God-fearing, God-loving men. Such men put first things first. With the leadership of our Craft in the hands of this type of men, we will weather the storms our present problems bring.

In closing my 14th Annual report, I express grateful thanks to all who have helped in any way to make possible the accomplishments of this year.

Fraternally Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond C. Cook". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned centrally on the page, below the typed name.

Grand Custodian

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF  
GRAND OFFICERS

The report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers was presented by W. Byron C. Jenkins, 325, which was adopted.

The Committee respectfully submits as its report that the Address of M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Master, in part be referred as follows:

- To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:
  - The Paragraph on "Necrology".
- To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:
  - The Paragraph on By-laws Approved.
  - The Paragraph on Lodge Consolidations.
  - The Paragraph on Surrender of Charters.
  - The Paragraph on Permission to move Charters.
  - The Paragraph on Dispensations.
- To the Committee on Jurisprudence:
  - The Paragraph on Trial Commissions.
  - The Paragraph on Decisions.
  - The Paragraph on Gift of Land.
  - The Paragraph on Building Loan Approved.
  - The Paragraph on the State of the Craft.
  - The following Recommendations:
    - Relating to Section 2-515 of the Law.
    - Relating to Section 1-301 of the Law.
    - New Title for "Custodians"
- To the Committee on Nebraska Work:
  - The Paragraph on New Monitor.
- To the Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs:
  - The Paragraph on Allocation of Expenses with Affiliated Bodies.

The report shows untiring devotion to the work of the Grand Lodge in the past year. The visitations are numerous and doubtless encouraged many Lodges to increase their activities. The Committee recommends that all matters not herein specifically referred to Committees, be approved and ratified.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

We recommend the following actions relating to the sections of this report:

- The Financial Report to The Committee on Finance.
- The Section on Returns to The Committee on Returns.
- The Paragraph on Chartered Lodges to The Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The Paragraph on Library and Museums to The Committee on Business Affairs.

The Committee recommends that all other matters not herein specifically referred, be approved and ratified.

#### REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

We recommend that the entire report be referred to the Committee on Nebraska Work.

With the passing of the years the attendants at the Grand Lodge have come to expect a full report and continual progress from this Department and this year is no exception, as we find the same steady dedication to duty shown by last year's results as in previous times.

#### REPORT OF MASONIC MANOR

M. W. John E. Beaver, 253, President, presented the report of Masonic Manor, which was accepted.

Our Grand Master, in his message, referred to the progress being made on the Masonic Manor, and I appreciate the privilege of adding to that report. Many of the problems connected with the undertaking are being worked out. No doubt others will present themselves.

We are grateful to the Grand Master and the other members of the Board for their guidance and patience in meeting and resolving the problems that have come up. As the Grand Master has reported, all the steel is in place, the brick work is progressing, and all in all, everything is close to schedule.

Estimates as to the cost of the different apartments have been carefully reviewed several times and we believe we now have arrived at a figure that will be in accordance with the best judgment of the architect, the contractor and the Board of Directors.

As in any project of this magnitude, estimates must be made in the beginning and as it progresses some of the estimates must be revised. Because of the fact that we have had no pattern to follow, we made some errors in our figures, which had to be corrected. But most of that is behind us and things are going pretty much according to plan and schedule. When the lower ten floors are completed the tenants may move in while the balance of the building is being completed.

We are pleased to report that the necessary funds for the project were made available by the Pennsylvania Teachers Retirement Fund of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Because of deaths and some removals, we still have a few choice apartments available.

The Board is optimistic about the future of Masonic Manor and we invite you to visit the site whenever possible. If you are interested in the Manor as your future home, you may contact our Grand Secretary

or Clarence Wiesner, whose office is located at the building site, or any member of the Board of Masonic Manor.

We have learned that Masons from other states have been watching our project with a great deal of interest. No doubt other Masonic Manors will be planned and built by Masons in various other Grand Jurisdictions.

We have invited the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska to lay the corner-stone for this magnificent structure. The Grand Master has scheduled June 15, 1963 at 2:30 p. m., for this very special occasion. Dr. Freeman B. Decker, former Commissioner of Education, will deliver the dedicatory address. The services will be conducted at 52nd and Leavenworth Streets and all are invited and urged to attend.

### PARLIMENTARIAN

M. W. Charles F. Adams was chosen as Parliamentarian of the 106th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

At 12:00 noon the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

### FIRST DAY — AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:00 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

M. W. William B. Wanner, 9, presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations which was adopted.

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations respectfully reports that there has been no change in our fraternal relations with other jurisdictions, with whom we are now exchanging Representatives, during the past Masonic year.

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

The Grand Lodge of India, New Delhi, Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Turkey, and Istanbul.

I reported in some detail the formation last year of the Grand Lodge of India. It is of course fully regular, since it was formed from English, Scottish and Irish Lodges and has been recognized by all three of its parent Grand Lodges. I, therefore, move that recognition and exchange of Representatives be made with the Grand Lodge of India.

Freemasonry has existed in various forms and rites in Turkey for centuries, mostly in lodges from other jurisdictions. It is really only since 1948, forty years after the overthrow of absolute monarchy in

this country, that the reconstitution of the Symbolic Lodges, as we know them today, occurred. In April of 1957, a concordat was signed with the Scottish Rite Bodies giving the Grand Lodge undisputed and exclusive authority over the Symbolic Lodges. The practice of Freemasonry has been totally free since 1909 and there are no governmental controls of any kind over the work of the Lodges. Their list of established principles and practices agrees with ours. They have today some 2,900 members in 36 Lodges, mostly in their three principal cities; Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir. Four conduct their affairs in French; one in German; two in Greek and two in English. This information is taken from a 200-page volume, part of which is printed in English, French, German and Greek. Some forty pages are given over to pictures of Grand Officers and of their 36 Lodge Officers, all in aprons and regalia — generally speaking, a fine-looking group of men. The Grand Lodge of Scotland recently granted recognition to Turkey. We believe that these Brethren are worthy of recognition and I now move that recognition and exchange of Representatives be made with the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Turkey.

Last year I reported on the formation of two new Grand Lodges, India and South Africa. Jumping clear across the world to another continent, we find the baby Grand Lodge this year in South America in the country of Brazil. Brother Erwin Seignemartin, Foreign Relations Secretary of the State of Sao Paulo, who has done so much for the recognition of Brazilian Masonry, sent us the information that the Grand Lodges of Sao Paulo and Bahia, both of whom we recognize, have released the Lodges of their obedience in the State of Mato Grosso, nine in all, to form the Grande Loja Simbolicado Estado De Mato Grosso, Campo Grande, Brazil. It was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo. This is the seventeenth State Grand Lodge out of a total of 22 states in Brazil. Mato Grosso is situated in the southern part of Brazil in a fertile area, the great plateau of Mato Grosso fills most of the state. We have not as yet received anything but this information. The Washington Conference reports that in regularity it ranks with the other State Grand Lodges in this country. We must remember that Brazil is one of the largest populated Roman Catholic countries in the world.

In Scotland an interesting incident occurred. Lord Bruce, the new Grand Master, was invested and placed on the Throne by his father, the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, himself a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Lord Bruce was presented with the apron and gauntlets belonging to and used by his father forty years ago, which had reposed in their private museum and now returned to further active life in the service of this great Grand Lodge.

The situation in France remains practically the same as a year ago. The National Grand Lodge of France, which we recognize, also has five Lodges in Iran, formally Persia and this year they added an English-speaking Lodge in order to properly welcome British and American Brethren visiting Teheran. It is called Avicenna No. 76. Hope has

almost been abandoned for the union with the Grand Lodge of France because of the practical impossibility of a real separation between the Grand Lodge of France and the Grand Orient. The ties between these two are so close and have existed for so long that decrees are almost completely useless in effecting a separation. In many parts of France Lodges of both of these groups meet in the same Lodge hall and inter-visitation seems to be the rule rather than the exception.

Maine has now recognized the Grand Lodge of Japan, thus making complete the recognition by every one of the United States of America of this jurisdiction. This was done not without considerable hesitation and a complete portrayal of the real weakness of any Grand Lodge in Japan. If and when the United States Forces are withdrawn from that country, they would indeed be in serious difficulties. This last year one Lodge was closed due to the closing of a base but was later reactivated at another base. To offset this particular item at their last G. L. Communication, a motion was passed to set aside 10% of their income to provide a building fund to assist Lodges to remove themselves from military bases and relocate should it become necessary. The principal flaw in Japan is the fact that while quite a few very prominent Japanese have become Freemasons, the general population show little or no interest in the Fraternity, due to their religious background and there is not much hope for any change. More than 90% of their members are American service men. They claim a 4% gain for the past year. Their charity is tremendous, the sum contributed from all sources runs close to a half-million dollars.

The troubles in Costa Rica and Guatemala, while not settled, seem to be nearer a solution than for some time and we hope the two factions in both countries will soon come to terms.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippines continues to advance despite many difficulties. Five new Lodges were constituted with a good gain in membership. They operate a hospital for crippled children. This Grand Lodge has a wide-spread jurisdiction with Lodges in Japan, Guam and Okinawa. They are in a much better financial position than formally. Their Plaridel Temple in Manila has outgrown itself and they have an ambitious plan to replace it with a twelve-story building containing six Lodge rooms, one seating 1,200. The Temple now, and I suppose the projected one, is a combination of offices, bowling alleys, cafe, dormitory and Lodge facilities.

The Grand Lodge of Greece seems to be progressing slowly but surely, at least they are continually being recognized by more Grand Lodges throughout the world. I cannot reconcile their membership claims with figures given which seem to indicate a heavy loss, but I am not certain. At least the Lodges continue their extraordinary program of charitable acts, greater than any other Grand Lodge in the world, so far as I can observe. Schools, orphanages, feeding programs, pilgrimages, school books, are only some of the projects carried on by many individual Lodges. Their Grand Master makes this remarkable statement in his

address for 1962: "The two legs of Masonic compass touching as they are, on the head (mind, knowledge, wisdom) and on the heart (sentiment, passions, love) symbolize the man-mason who holds the scales of wisdom and honesty in equal poise."

I mentioned last year that the York Grand Lodge of Mexico had issued a dispensation for a Spanish-speaking lodge in Baja, California. Information now at hand indicates that this dispensation has been returned and the Lodge in question has been chartered by the Grand Lodge of Baja, California. Their treaty with the Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico was signed by the York G. L., but the new officers of the Valle de Mexico refused to sign, but prospects are that further negotiations will produce harmony. In York's 1962 proceedings, announcement was made that the Grand Lodge of Hidalgo had entered into full relations with York. But in the second quarterly report of the G. M. of York, he regrets that Hidalgo has withdrawn its recognition and ended their fraternal relations. On the other hand the Grand Logia Occidental offered free quarters to the York Guadalajara Lodge No. 5, which was accepted with rent payment however. I do not particularly like the attitude of this very small Grand Lodge (York) in claiming that they are allowed to charter any Lodge anywhere they wish, either Spanish or English, as they have never surrendered any part of their sovereignty over any portion of the territory of the United States of Mexico.

Cuba remains a question mark as before. The lodge at Guantanamo Bay voted to affiliate with the Grand Lodge of Cuba leaving the Grand Lodge in Exile with no one left to govern. However the Castro government has now more clearly shown its hand. Grand Master Calvo has been arrested with some other officers and the Grand Lodge quarters were taken over by the Government. The Grand Master was confined by illness in a military hospital, but has now been released and resides in Havana, under house arrest. On the 9th of February, 1963, M. W. Brother Tarajano suspended the members of Caribbean Naval Lodge. The claim is made that Communists have infiltrated many lodges and that many Lodges are failing to meet due to fear of what could happen. Your Committee still feels that it would be wise to let more time elapse before making any final commitments on the Cuban situation. Eventually Castro may be deposed which is our hope, but in the meantime nothing is lost by waiting.

Belgium continues to gain recognition by a number of states whose consent had been held over last year for further study. We do not have any information at this time as to their internal progress.

The Grand Lodge of Bolivia recently issued a lengthy statement of their position in regard to Communism. This is one of the best presented articles of its kind that I have ever read, pointing out in detail all the evils and terrors of such government. We have on file for further study an application for recognition from this Grand Lodge. The first lodge in Bolivia was chartered in 1875 and only four others came into being up to 1922. These all came from Peru. Then Chile

came into the picture and by 1929 seven had been chartered by that country. They early adopted the standards of regularity of the State of North Carolina. They became a Grand Lodge under the auspices of Chile in 1931. It is recognized by England, Scotland, Ireland and 31 Grand Lodges in the United States. Recent efforts to suppress Masonry in the Bolivian Congress were defeated. They have had to fight their way against the strongest kind of Church opposition. They are small numerically but enthusiastic Masonically. I, therefore, move that recognition and exchange of Representatives be made with the Gran Logia De Bolivia.

Hoping that this brief account of some other Jurisdictions in the World is of some interest to the Brethren, your Committee now recommends that all past applications for recognition, be continued for further study, without prejudice, until the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

I move the adoption of this report and the recommendations contained therein.

BROTHER HARRY R. FOLLMER, 77

M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Master:

R. W. Grand Secretary, I believe you have a communication from Brother Harry R. Follmer, 77, which you will read at this time.

The Grand Secretary read the following letter:

Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Master  
Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska  
Gothenburg, Nebraska

M. W. Brother Van Wey:

In reference to your letter of May 27, concerning my presentation at Grand Lodge of volumes of material on General John J. Pershing that I am presenting to the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

These volumes are reviews of previous presentations, that have been approved by General John J. Pershing and the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

1. Documentary Revise of the Pershing Memorial Auditorium
2. Historical Memorandum of the General John J. Pershing Monument Movement.
3. Footprints on The Sands of Time
4. A Great American

(Prepared, Compiled, Designed and Edited)

By

HARRY R. FOLLMER, 32°

Harry R. Follmer

Nelson Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.

Biographer of Pershing

Carl R. Greisen, Witness



M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Master:

Brother Follmer, we accept these volumes of material on General John J. Pershing and we not only thank you for these volumes but for those previously presented to the Grand Lodge. Brother Follmer, will you please stand and receive the thanks of the Brethren of Nebraska? (Long applause.)

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

W. Nelson C. Burham, 217, presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead which was adopted.

When we learn of the passing of friends and Brethren, we are prone to reflect on the mortality of all men. It is, therefore, fitting that we should attempt to console the bereaved and pay tribute to those who dedicated at least a portion of their lives toward the betterment of mankind through their active participation in the Masonic Fraternity; because we know that at some time in the future we, too, will pass on, and that our loved ones will appreciate such recognition of our Masonic efforts down through the years. It is with this thought in mind that we of the Committee report the deaths of Masonic Brethren occurring since our Grand Lodge of June, 1962.

During the past year, the office of our Grand Secretary has received notice of the passing of 31 Past Grand Masters and 10 other Past Grand Officers in a total of 22 other Grand Jurisdictions. To the Brethren in these other Grand Jurisdictions, and especially to the bereaved families, we wish to extend our sympathy. We also wish to recognize that without leaders such as they were, Masonry would not be the living and dynamic institution which it is today throughout the free world. We know that these men took pleasure in their Masonic work, else they would not have made the sacrifices which such leadership requires. We also know that their families made sacrifices; and to the survivors of these Masonic leaders, we can only say that we are grateful for the services which have so ably been performed.

We regret also having to report of the deaths of 949 Nebraska Masons during the past year. Although these men may never have had the opportunity to serve as an officer of the Grand Lodge, we still know that, as Masons, they were leaders in their respective communities, and, as such, perhaps more important to the ultimate betterment of mankind than those holding high positions can ever be; for it is a fact that young people the world over will follow wheresoever they are led, and it is therefore well to set before them examples of the kind of life which Masonry teaches us to live. To these Brethren, therefore, we owe the

highest degree of gratitude. And to their families and friends we extend our deepest and sincerest sympathy.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain, V. W. Levi B. Williams.

## ORATION

W. Milo P. Bail, 268, Grand Orator:

It is indeed a high honor and a very special privilege to have a small part in this, the 106th Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska. At the end of a very busy year of hard work for the improvement of Masonry in Nebraska, I am certain the Grand Master is thrilled and gratified with the response which he has received from Nebraska Masonry. Yet, at the same time, I am certain he is also appalled by the size of the job that remains to be done if Masonry in Nebraska is to accomplish its task and to bring about the great achievements which Masonry throughout the years has set for itself.

Over the years, I have used the title, "Education faces the Future" dozens of times. The title remains the same year after year, but the content changes because education must always change as it "Faces the Future." In the words of John Gardner, president of the Carnegie Foundation, "Inevitably education is attempting to shape the future."

So it is with Masonry. So it is with every institution which has as one of its major purposes — a program of education for the improvement of the individual. Such an institution must always "Face the Future" and must always be engaged in shaping the future.

For the past several weeks, I have been meeting with a Committee whose purpose is to reevaluate, redetermine, redefine the goals and purposes of the Omaha Y.M.C.A. Modern life has made so many changes in our behavior patterns that continuous attention must be given to the goals and purposes of the "Y" — and of every other institution, Masonry included — if that institution is to survive to shape the future, and thus, effectively, to serve society.

To the problems of the classroom, and to the improvement of the individuals in the school and college, I have devoted my life. To the problems of the urban university and its relationship to the city of which it is a part, I have given the most of my time and effort during these past 15 years. Here, too, the improvement of the individual is our major goal.

The university began in the city — every great city of the past had its university. In the early days of the United States, however, we had no great cities, hence the university developed as in England at Cambridge and Oxford, as an ivory-towered institution in the rural areas. Now, with the rapid growth of the city, the university has returned to its original setting on main street, in the regular flow of traffic and not in an ivory tower, but the major problem remains the same — the improvement and strengthening of the individual man.

With a faculty of knowledgeable men and women, people who know things about everything from art to zoology, and all the way stations in between, the problem remains. How best can these knowledgeable people be used to help solve the problems of the city? How best can they use their knowledge to shape the future of the men and women who will decide the fate of the city in the decades ahead?

The land grant universities established a century ago have shaped the agricultural areas of this nation and now are turning their attention to a new research area and its application to the space age. Just so, the faculties and facilities of the urban university must be utilized to the maximum in solving the many problems of life and living which are peculiar to the environment of the city. Their efforts must be directed to the land uses, property values, the function of the city with respect to the mobility of its people and their problems of housing, transportation, communication, of vocations and professions, of their recreational, cultural, and religious activities and their effects upon the lives of the citizens who are responsible for the future of the city. Here, too, this institution must continuously give its attention to the improvement of the individual. Our Masonic brotherhood has as a major principle: "Through the improvement and strengthening of the character of the individual man, Freemasonry seeks to improve the community."

In other words, Freemasonry to serve its purpose must always "Face the Future", must always attempt to "Shape the Future." Since the days when the stone was quarried for King Solomon's Temple, the purpose of Freemasonry has remained the same: To take an individual man — not just any man but one as good as you can find — one who offers promise of becoming a good man — that is all there is to it. Through a process which involves education, learning, teaching, practicing, performing, day after day, the lessons of Freemasonry, we attempt to make a better man and through him a better community.

This is a most difficult process; in fact, the most difficult process that we know anything about. It is easy to quarry the stone, cut it, square it, raise it, fit it; It is easy to work with other materials — steel, copper, glass, brass — and to make new materials; Because they all react to certain conditions of temperature, stress, strain, bending, twisting, the forces we put upon them; They react according to the properties which they possess. But MAN does not react predictably — man reacts in many ways — Some men always, some men never, some men sometimes. Through education we hope to be able to predict but as yet our efforts have not had the success that we have hoped for.

Finley Peter Dunne, a Will Rogers at the turn of the century, and his foil — Mr. Dooley — after discussing the necessity for reorganizing the House of Representatives has Mr. Dooley reply: "But Mr. Dunne, there will still be people in the House." In business, in industry, in the professions, in the home, school, church, yes, in Masonry, there are always people in the house.

IF we are to continue and I know that we will — because man will always strive for a better day, IF we but prepare the way. But, there are barriers in the way. What are the BARRIERS that prevent us from developing a society, a nation, a state, that will continuously renew itself instead of falling by the wayside as principalities, countries, nations, states, have always done? Civilizations have risen to power, served for a time, grown weak, then withered and died. Some of these barriers to the renewal of society, in the words of John Gardner, are tradition, vested interests, and loss of vitality. Quite obviously, custom, convention, tradition, do stand in our way on many occasions. Creative ideas, not necessarily spring from custom, convention, tradition, or from the way we have always been doing things.

In fact, creative ideas many times come from individuals outside the regular pattern. For example, the land grant colleges were different than the old academic college or university. Motels were certainly not accepted as hotels until finally they made such an inroad and were so well accepted by people that now the hotels are in the motel business. We find this in many of the other areas where people are working, whether it is in art or architecture, music or drama, the avant garde always comes forth with new things which are not as well received as the traditional. Ultimately, however, bicycles, automobiles, TV sets, and even today, the missile and the space machine have been accepted. But to these I think there is a barrier that is even stronger than custom, convention and tradition, and that is Fear. We say that "fools rush in where only angels fear to tread." But, nonetheless, many times we are fearful to try the new, and would rather continue performing in the same old way rather than to venture out onto thin ice and possibly a breakthrough into a new medium.

There is still another barrier that I think has a great deal to do with custom and convention and that is sheer arrogance, sheer arrogance, which grows out of looking in the mirror too much at Exhibit "A". We look at our own successes and we become proud and arrogant and say with all honesty and sincerity, "This is the way to do things." You have heard the story, of course, of the old gentleman who was told that during his lifetime there were hundreds of changes which had taken place, to which he replied, "Yes, and I've been agin every one of 'em."

We must remember, for example, that creative ideas of the past twenty-five years have given us new vistas, new scenes, new actions, and we must remember the old adage, "Be not the first by whom the new is tried nor the last to lay the old aside."

A second barrier, vested interests, is a constant problem of aging societies. Every one of you thought immediately of wealth when I mentioned "vested interests" but it is not only wealth. Everyone is involved in "vested interests," every organization, every institution, every person in society. Wealth, management, labor, farming, manufacturing are all involved. Practices continue in every society and every community remains unchanged because change would jeopardize the

special privileges and advantages which one person, or several persons, which one group or another group exercises over other persons or groups of persons. And, consequently, we maintain the status quo.

A third barrier which is more important than either of the others is loss of vitality. Our motivation ceases to function, we do not continue to put all of our energy into a project and hence it deteriorates. We fall asleep at the switch. We were once motivated and goaded and needled but we have now lost our drive. We've grown fat and feeble, we've grown soft, we accept conformity, we accept custom, we accept convention, because we do not want to jeopardize our vested interests. And so new generations, new workers — 'the barbarians from the north' — invade and another society joins Toynbee's parade of 'fallen civilizations'. As Toynbee says, "Institutions need a constant challenge."

And to maintain a constant challenge it is essential that we continue the education of mankind: the education of mankind in the home, the church, the school, the institutions, yes, in Masonry which is dedicated to the improvement of man.

Every institution dedicated to the improvement of man must always face the future. It must always attempt to shape the future because of the many demands made upon these institutions. People have always made demands upon institutions engaged in the improvement of man and we are concerned with these institutions, particularly in the renewal of society and the renewal of mankind, and the development of behavior patterns. For example, let me confine my remarks to education, which I know better than any other area. But you may apply them to Masonry, or to the home, or to the church, or apply them to any of the other institutions that you know of, accepting these, as we all should as a personal attack.

There are individuals who demand of the schools everything from art to zoology, from technical education to liberal education, professional and vocational education, institutional education, business education. Why? Well, primarily, today, the demands are placed upon the institutions because we want the things that we want.

We stand today at the confluence of two great streams. One stream, the increase of knowledge which is doubling every twelve years, the other stream, the tremendous increase in population. Through our increase in knowledge which comes from the increase in research, we are remaking the economy of the United States.

The heavy demands which people place upon all of these institutions make heavy impacts. These impacts are upon the farm, upon labor, upon management, upon the behavior of man, his homes, his schools, and his churches. The impacts on the farms which have been made by research in the land-grant colleges by research in machinery, and in manufacturing have resulted in making the farm and its farming a new enterprise. It is not the same as it was fifty years ago.

The same is true of labor and its problems of automation. The same is true of management and the problems of production and distribution of goods. The same is true of the behavior of man. These new things cause us to change our behavior patterns as we try to keep up with progress which has grown out of research and new knowledge.

The increase in population, of course, has made a heavy demand upon homes, and upon housing, upon schools, and upon churches, and all too often we forget, particularly those of us who live in the agricultural bread basket of the world, that people, people, people, are increasing in vast numbers. They are changing, changing, changing, in vast numbers.

In 1956, for the first time, 50% of the workers were white-collar workers. By 1970, white-collar workers will far outnumber the blue-collar workers. The impact on the farm, on business, on manufacturing, made by research which is being conducted in the universities and in business, and in the government has been tremendous. In 1960-61 alone, \$100,000,000 was spent by business in research activities, \$150,000,000 was spent by universities in research activities, while the government spent \$879,000,000 in research. And we hear on all sides the people say, they will have nothing to do with federal aid to business, to farms, to manufacturing, to schools, to hospitals, when the fact of the matter is that government is clear up to its neck in these businesses and in the economy of the United States. Whether it is research activities which lead to the increased production on the farm or increased production in the factory, or whether it is better medical attention, or whatever it is, the government is spending millions and millions, as I have just said, in the research activities, helping to double knowledge every twelve years. Not only do we have demands by individuals but we have demands by groups.

All of the groups that we have, whether a farm group, or a labor group or a group in education, real estate, retailing, insurance, manufacturing, all of these groups are making demands which result in impacts on society. Impacts that we might measure by gears and wheels and foam rubber. These advances in knowledge take people away from the home and change the home and home life and increase the mobility of population. They put people in the schools, they take people out of the schools, they put people in the churches, they take people out of the churches, they put people in the Lodges, they take people out of the Lodges.

When we think of the influence of radio and TV, of the automobile, of the recreational activities, of all of the sports programs, whether football, baseball, basketball, or bowling, when we think of all the discoveries of science, the space agencies and the missiles and the planes, all of the new models year after year and their influence upon the institutions which are attempting to improve man's behavior, we must not forget that people remain the same old model. Not a new model every year, but the same old Adam; hence, with all this wealth we grow soft, we lose vitality, we lose motivation, we lose the spirit of "I'll show 'em", we become engrossed in custom, engrossed in convention,

engrossed in conformity, and arrogant in looking in the mirror at exhibit "A". Consequently, the nation falls.

In the words of Woodrow Wilson, "Nations are renewed from the bottom up." The beauty of the rose depends upon the vitality of the root. The nation is renewed from the soil. It is renewed by a discovery of creative abilities. It is renewed by self-criticism, by a resolution of conflicts.

From the individual as he is shaped, and as he is trained, and as he is educated, we select one man, one individual, then he is shaped, trained, and twisted, and buffeted about by all of these forces acting upon him. Just as the stone is cut, as the stone is hewn, as the stone is squared, so it is with man. Here we have the answer for the renewal of nations, for the renewal of cities, and for the renewal of Lodges and for the renewal of homes, schools, and churches. They are renewed from the bottom up — up from the soil, up from the hearts and minds of individuals. The lessons that have to be taught the individual are the same as ever. "Honesty is the best policy."

Hard work is the answer. The law of conservation of energy has not been repealed. There is no free lunch. We must learn to share with others.

We must learn to help the widow and the orphan. "In God we trust" is the motto of this nation and every basic lesson in our Freemasonry teaches these old, old symbols which are necessary in the behavior of mankind and necessary to the improvement of the individual man.

Why do we not try it? It is difficult but the message which is contained in Masonry has the answer for the improvement of the basic lessons of survival. We depend upon the best stone for our best sculpture. We depend upon the best individual in Masonry, and upon his training and his teaching just as we depend upon the best sculptor to fashion the stone. If we fall by the wayside because we forget and the enemy from the north takes over our government, our churches, our schools, and our homes, it will be because we have too long looked in our mirrors with satisfaction and have lost our vitality and our motivation to move forward.

May I recall with you Irving Stone's great volume, "The Agony and the Ecstasy" which I have quoted many times in the past few years. To Bartoldo, the great Florentine sculptor, there comes a lad who possesses the potential of becoming the greatest sculptor — to outdo even Bartoldo — the young lad who has the potential of doing the great "David", Michaelangelo himself. At 19, he appears before Bartoldo to learn sculpturing from this great master. And Bartoldo, after he has shown him how to make the tools and use the tools, and fashion the stone, and to produce the pieces of his own says to this young lad, "I am not a great sculptor. But with you as my pupil I may become a great teacher."

Think of that philosophy, gentlemen, as we are thinking about the days ahead, as we think of the improvement of mankind to solve the problems of life and living, through Masonry, if you will, "with you as my pupil, I may become a great teacher."

Is there any good reason why there should not be assigned to each man as he is raised, the individual who can say to him, "With you as my pupil I may become a great teacher."

Or, again, a few years ago, in going up through northern Canada, north of Banff and on to Jasper, we passed through the valley of the ten peaks each 10,000 feet high, and as I looked at these majestic mountains extending to the sky, there came to me that verse from Psalm 61, "Lead Thou me to a rock which is higher than I."

This is the thing that Freemasonry needs today. Take a man, an individual man, to shape him and fashion him, in all of the lessons we have. Not only the ritual of the Lodge, but to teach him to be generous and friendly, to be a brother. (We say brotherhood, yet how do we act? Not always in a true brotherly manner.) Teach him to apply these lessons to our everyday life, in our business, industry and manufacturing, in the church, in all our life and living, in the brotherhood of man.

This is the thing that we must do if nations are renewed from the bottom. We must remember that the joy of learning is the great message to get across today. And, if we look for this joy of learning, we must have on the other hand the joy of teaching.

We must take our strength from our heritage, renew our faith in mankind, support our public schools, and renew our vows of brotherhood that we may find that "rock which is higher than I", that we may find that teaching of the Great Lessons that Masonry has to teach, we may improve mankind and thereby achieve our goal and objective of "Through the improvement and the strength of character of the individual man we aim to improve our community."

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Master:

We will now consider the amendment to Section 1-304 which was proposed last year and laid over for action at this Communication.

R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, read the following Proposed Amendment:

"That the first sentence of Sec. 1-304 as amended be repealed and the following language adopted in lieu thereof:

"The Committee on Jurisprudence shall consist of the four living immediate Past Grand Masters, with the senior thereof as Chairman



and one other Past Grand Master to be selected by the said four Past Grand Masters.

"All living Past Grand Masters shall constitute an advisory committee to the Jurisprudence Committee, to the Grand Master and to the Grand Lodge. Such advisory committee shall be subject to call by the Grand Master or the Jurisprudence Committee."

M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Master:

Brethren, this is an important amendment to our By-laws and we will vote by ballot. You will now prepare your ballot and I will ask the Assistant Custodians to act as tellers with W. Harold D. Weddell, 61, as Chairman.

(W. Forest A. Lape, 183; and M. W. Edward F. Carter spoke against the amendment. No one spoke for the amendment. The amendment was defeated.)

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Master:

We have another proposed amendment to the By-laws which the Grand Secretary will read.

R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, read the following Proposed Amendment:

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

"Sec. 2-301 — Election and Appointment. — The officers of a Lodge shall consist of a Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Senior and Junior Deacons, Senior and Junior Stewards, and Tiler. The first five shall be elected by ballot by a majority vote at the first meeting in December of each year, and one so elected should, if possible, accept the office. An election cannot be reconsidered by the Lodge. All officers not elective shall be appointed by the Master."

M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Master:

Brethren, you will now ballot on the proposed amendment and I will again ask the Assistant Custodians to act as tellers with W. Harold D. Weddell, 61, as Chairman.

(M. W. Edward F. Carter spoke for the amendment. M. W. Herbert T. White spoke against it. The amendment was defeated.)

#### REPORT OF GRAND TRUSTEES

The report of the Grand Trustees was presented by W. Alfred E. Geschke, 25, Chairman, which was adopted.

Last year I reported to you that we were pursuing the investment policies which had been evolved several years earlier. We have not changed our course, and are still employing the procedures which have proved so successful in the past.

I should like to report to you that our portfolio of securities is being thoroughly reviewed from time to time. If we find it expedient and advisable to make changes, we do so at our first opportunity.

There were no outright sales of securities during the last fiscal year. However, some items were called for redemption by the issuing agencies. The net profit on these items amounted to \$8,208.50 in the Grand Lodge account and to \$12,312.75 in the combined accounts of The Nebraska Masonic Home.

The accounts of the Grand Lodge have been credited with interest and dividend income amounting to \$27,157.49, for a net return on our invested assets of 4.40%. Likewise, the combined accounts of The Nebraska Masonic Home received \$81,024.32, for a net return of 4.33%.

Total invested assets in the Grand Lodge are \$617,637.12. These securities have a present market value of \$709,812.54, or an appreciation of \$92,175.42 over their book value. The combined invested assets of The Nebraska Masonic Home are \$1,870,387.06. These have a market value of \$2,206,311.06, or an appreciation of \$335,924.00 over their present book value.

The statement of comparative assets and liabilities and the analysis of surplus and fund balances reflect the financial condition of both the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home. These statements have been prepared by our Certified Public Accountant and will be published in the annual proceedings.

Now, I would like for you to meet my colleagues on this Committee. Some of you may know of them, others, no doubt, will know them personally. They are all fine fellows and gentlemen, and it is a real joy to work with them. Their thorough knowledge of all phases of investment matters is of vital and inestimable value to this Grand Lodge. First, W. Carl D. Ganz, a semi-retired banker from Lincoln and a member of Canopy No. 209; W. William E. Moor, a banker from Elkhorn and a member of Waterloo No. 102; Brother Harold E. Gabrielson, Vice President and Treasurer of the Guarantee Mutual Life Company of Omaha and a member of Mizpah No. 302; and M. W. John F. Fletcher, Vice President and Investment Manager of the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society of Omaha and also a member of Mizpah No. 302. And then there is the most efficient secretary to the Committee, our own Grand Secretary, R. W. Carl R. Greisen.

All of us continue to pledge our utmost efforts for the preservation of our resources.

GRAND LODGE A.'F.' & A.'M.' of NEBRASKA

BALANCE SHEET

May 10, 1963

Assets

Cash on deposit with banks:

General Account .....	\$ 4,271.99
Exchange Account .....	200.00
Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund .....	105,021.49
Supply Account .....	12,116.63
Relief Fund .....	9,797.18
Centennial Contingent Fund .....	1,279.95

132,687.24

Bonds and Stocks .....	617,637.12
Stock in The Nebraska Masonic Home — nominal value.....	1.00
Stock in The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children — nominal value .....	1.00
Furniture and fixtures — nominal value .....	1.00
Supply inventory .....	13,075.40

\$763,402.76

Liabilities

Surplus or Fund Balances:

Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund .....	\$704,295.87
Supply Account .....	25,192.03
Relief Fund .....	32,634.91
Centennial Contingent Fund .....	1,279.95

\$763,402.76

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

May 10, 1962, and May 10, 1963

ASSETS	May 10, 1962	May 10, 1963	Increase (Decrease)
Cash on deposit with banks .....	\$135,482.60	\$132,687.24	\$( 2,795.36)
Bonds and stocks .....	589,736.36	617,637.12	27,900.76
Stock in The Nebraska Masonic Home .....	1.00	1.00	
Stock in The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children .....	1.00	1.00	
Furniture and fixtures .....	1.00	1.00	
Supply inventory .....	3,412.50	13,075.40	9,662.90
	<u>\$728,634.46</u>	<u>\$763,402.76</u>	<u>\$ 34,768.30</u>

## LIABILITIES

Surplus or Fund Balances.....	728,634.46	763,402.76	34,768.30
	<u>728,634.46</u>	<u>763,402.76</u>	<u>\$ 34,768.30</u>

## ANALYSIS OF SURPLUS OR FUND BALANCES

May 10, 1962, to May 10, 1963

## ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND:

	Beginning Balance	Additions (Deductions)	Ending Balance
Balance — May 10, 1962 .....	\$681,263.92		
Add:			
Excess of receipts over disbursements .....		\$ 23,031.95	
Balance — May 10, 1963 .....			\$704,295.87

## SUPPLY ACCOUNT:

Balance — May 10, 1962.....	12,584.43		
Add:			
Excess of receipts over disbursements .....		12,607.60	
Balance — May 10, 1963 .....			25,192.03
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## RELIEF FUND:

Balance — May 10, 1962.....	25,891.18		
Add:			
Excess of receipts and disbursements .....		6,743.73	
Balance — May 10, 1963 .....			32,634.91

## CENTENNIAL CONTINGENT FUND:

Balance — May 10, 1962 .....	8,894.93		
Deduct:			
Excess of disbursements over receipts .....		( 7,614.98)	
Balance — May 10, 1963 .....			1,279.95
Totals .....	<u>\$728,634.46</u>	<u>\$ 34,768.30</u>	<u>\$763,402.76</u>

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Assets and Liabilities

May 10, 1963

ASSETS	Totals
Cash on deposit:	
The Omaha National Bank:	
General Fund .....	\$ 16,771.98
General Investment Fund .....	135,539.89
Endowment and Bequest Fund .....	88,816.14
Plattsmouth State Bank, Plattsmouth, Nebraska .....	13,034.26
National Bank of Commerce, Lincoln, Nebraska .....	10,167.01
United States National Bank of Omaha .....	18,143.21
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	282,472.49
Bonds and Stocks .....	1,830,216.11
Real estate mortgages .....	40,170.68
Buildings and grounds — Masonic Home .....	1.00
Buildings and grounds — Infirmary .....	1.00
Furnishings — Masonic Home .....	1.00
Furnishings — Infirmary .....	1.00
Payments on building construction .....	27,648.88
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	\$2,180,512.16
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH</b>	
Balance in Entertainment Fund .....	\$ 1,979.63
Balance in Memory Fund .....	16,345.90
Balance in Thanksgiving Fund .....	5,637.48
Balance in Perpetual Room Fund .....	775.00
Balance in Room Furnishings Fund .....	6,018.57
Balance in Edwards Memorial Fund .....	299.00
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	31,055.58
Net Worth:	
Capital stock .....	1.00
Surplus or Fund Balances .....	2,149,455.58
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	\$2,180,512.16

## THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

## Comparative Assets and Liabilities

May 10, 1962, and May 10, 1963

ASSETS	May 10, 1962	May 10, 1963	Increase (Decrease)
Cash on deposit:			
The Omaha National Bank, Omaha, Nebraska:			
General Fund .....	\$ 10,989.82	\$ 16,771.98	\$ 5,782.16
General Investment Fund .....	95,857.45	135,539.89	39,682.44
Endowment and Bequest Fund .....	338.40	88,816.14	88,477.74
Plattsmouth State Bank, Plattsmouth, Nebraska .....	13,311.92	13,034.26	( 277.66)
National Bank of Commerce, Lincoln, Nebraska .....	2,502.86	10,167.01	7,664.15
United States National Bank of Omaha .....	29,435.21	18,143.21	( 11,292.00)
	152,435.66	282,472.49	130,036.83
Bonds and stocks .....	1,787,875.33	1,830,216.11	42,340.78
Real estate mortgages .....	43,299.22	40,170.68	( 3,128.54)
Buildings and grounds — Masonic Home .....	1.00	1.00	
Buildings and grounds — Infirmary .....	1.00	1.00	
Furnishings — Masonic Home .....	1.00	1.00	
Furnishings — Infirmary .....	1.00	1.00	
Building construction .....		27,648.88	27,648.88
	\$1,983,614.21	\$2,180,512.16	\$196,897.95
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH</b>			
Balance in Entertainment Fund .....	\$ 1,605.61	\$ 1,979.63	\$ 374.02
Balance in Memory Fund .....	14,952.15	16,345.90	1,393.75
Balance in Thanksgiving Fund .....	5,637.48	5,637.48	
Balance in Perpetual Room Fund .....	775.00	775.00	
Balance in Room Furnishings Fund .....	5,859.61	6,018.57	158.96
Balance in Edwards Memorial Fund .....	309.00	299.00	( 10.00)
	29,138.85	31,055.58	1,916.73
Net Worth:			
Capital stock .....	1.00	1.00	
Surplus or Fund Balance .....	1,954,474.36	2,149,455.58	194,981.22
	\$1,983,614.21	\$2,180,512.16	\$196,897.95

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME  
 Analysis of Surplus or Fund Balances  
 May 10, 1962, and May 10, 1963

GENERAL FUND:	Beginning Balance	Additions (Deductions)	Ending Balance
Balance — May 10, 1962 .....	\$ 320,883.41		
Deduct:			
Excess of receipts over disbursements .		\$ 43,507.22	
Income from temporary investments reflected in Room Furnishings			
Fund account .....		( 114.96)	
Balance — May 10, 1963 .....			\$ 364,275.67
	<hr/> 320,883.41	<hr/> 43,392.26	<hr/> 364,275.67
ENDOWMENT AND BEQUEST FUND:			
Bequests:			
Balance — May 10, 1962 .....	640,970.33		
Additions during year .....		81,353.28	
Balance — May 10, 1963 .....			722,323.61
Mortgages previously transferred from General Fund .....	99,950.00		99,950.00
Surplus:			
Balance — May 10, 1962 .....	576,295.97		
Add:			
Excess of receipts over disbursements .		96,464.58	
Deduct:			
Cost of \$25,000 principal amount Ada County Grange Supply Co. bonds written off books .....		( 25,000.00)	
Balance — May 10, 1963 .....			647,760.55
	<hr/> 1,317,216.30	<hr/> 152,817.86	<hr/> 1,470,034.16
PERMANENT BUILDING FUND:			
Balance — May 10, 1962 .....	288,826.93		
Add:			
Receipts .....		10,224.06	
Balance — May 10, 1963 .....			299,050.99
	<hr/> 288,826.93	<hr/> 10,224.06	<hr/> 299,050.99
SEAL FUND:			
Balance — May 10, 1962 .....	27,547.72		
Deduct:			
Excess of disbursements over receipts .		( 11,452.96)	
Balance — May 10, 1963 .....			16,094.76
	<hr/> 27,547.72	<hr/> ( 11,452.96)	<hr/> 16,094.76
 Totals .....	 \$1,954,474.36	 \$194,981.22	 \$2,149,455.58

## REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Brother William F. Patterson, 25, President, presented the report of The Nebraska Masonic Home which was adopted.

Brethren, I would like to preface my report by a prayer which was reputed to be dedicated to King Solomon by the Queen of Sheba.

"May your twilight of life be golden with pleasant memories of yesteryears.

"May no strife agitate your days, no sorrows disturb your nights, and may the pillow of peace kiss your cheek, and the pleasures of imagination attend your dreams;

"and when at last your length of years has made you tired of earthly joys, and the lamp of life is burning low, and the curtains of death are gently closing around the scene of your existence,

"may the angels from Heaven attend your bed to bring you the blessings of the Sovereign Creator and to wash you free from all impurities in preparation for your entrance into the garden of everlasting felicity."  
(From the New Age.)

Your Home has had a good year and as usual, a busy one. Several things are working specially good in the life of the Home. First, the new addition. Bids were taken during the year and the contract let. Work is now well under way.

We told you last year that we expected to do this work at no extra burden to the Brethren. We still feel the same way and particularly if you continue to be as generous as you have in the past. This wing not only provides the needed heating and laundry plant but additional space for our Residents. It's none too soon. We closed the calendar year with 105 residents which is an all-time high and dangerously near capacity.

During the year, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. F. Heumann gave us a beautiful new pulpit for our chapel. It adds charm and dignity. We needed it.

The film "Next to Paradise" has had an additional fifteen minutes added and is as popular as ever. The extra fifteen minutes brings many new items. It is worth seeing.

The year was especially good to our Endowment and Bequest Fund. It has been increased most agreeably and indicates that more of our Brethren and friends are remembering us in their wills and leaving bequests.

We are still averaging three out of five coming to the Home as bed patients who will remain so the rest of their lives. This doesn't help budgets with \$17,000.00 going for medicine alone last year.



It, however, is in my mind our finest hour when our doors swing wide to a stretcher with a cool bed and kind and patient nurses waiting. You can almost see the cares of a tough world melt away. Did you know that your Home pioneered the care of bedfast cases? It did. We're still ahead of most of them in attitude, care and knowledge. You should be very proud.

I am happy to again report that the Seal Campaign is going well. This is a better year than last. We've transferred sizeable funds to Endowment and Bequest and expect now to do so regularly each year. Your splendid response is making this possible. The credit is all yours.

Have you joined the Sidewalk Superintendents? If you carefully read the last issue of the Home News, you saw a picture of the card. A dollar bill to the secretary is all it takes. All Residents at the Home are complimentary members and spend much of the day watching the new construction. Many of our friends have sent for their cards. R. W. Carl R. Greisen has a supply should you wish one. The dollar? It goes to the Home, of course. It helps!

I mention the Home News. That is our only newspaper. We feel it is a valuable means of keeping you informed twice a year on happenings at the Home. The Store, Beauty Shop, Dress and Craft Shops operate as before to the delight of our residents. I'm sure you remember that not one dime to operate these comes from our budget. It is all from the Entertainment Fund and originates in the kind hearts of friends who remember that such things are as necessary as bread.

It's time here to say thanks to those friends who remember the Home in so many ways. Far too many to specifically mention. Please let me on behalf of the Officers and Trustees express our gratitude to each individual, group, Lodge and Chapter. Without your gifts of time, abilities and material possessions we could not operate.

I speak to you each year of money matters. It is necessary to inform you of these things. We urge you to buy Seals, the Superintendent Card. We mention the Endowment Fund which we ask you to help build to someday total Endowment. We aren't worth our salt if we don't accomplish that one. If all this seems a little monotonous year after year, let me remind you that your per-capita tax pays less than half of what it costs to operate the Home.

Where do your trustees find the balance? — for find it we must. Well, here it is. Some comes from interest. The balance must come from giving. Gifts from wills and living gifts. Throughout the year they come. Some send the change from paying their dues. Some in very small change, but all help and somehow we get the job done and face a still larger budget the next year in spite of all we can do.

That's the story and your Trustees love the job even if it isn't easy sometimes. We do, however, in all sincerity, in all the love a Brother has for a Brother, ask you to join with us in a re-examination of our obligations. Have you given — even a small part to help in this struggle?

Help us in keeping this Home in such shape that if the fortunes of life placed us there tomorrow, as a Resident, we'd have no recriminations.

The yardstick of attitude of a people can be measured by their giving to provide the security of those of their society less fortunate. You measure up Brethren. Thank you.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICE

M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 19, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office which was adopted.

Your Grand Lodge Office Committee submits its report of its activity.

In recent years additional duties have been assigned to our Grand Lodge Office, which have added to the cost of its operation. Last year the expense of the office, not including salaries or rent, amounted to \$3,990.67; an itemization of these expenses being attached and made a part of this report. The sum expended is just under the \$4,000 budget which had been increased \$400 last year. Our office equipment is quite adequate and no new major purchases are contemplated for next year. We have recommended the same sum of \$4,000 to the Appropriations Committee for next year's Budget.

The duties of the Grand Lodge Office Committee are prescribed in Sec. 1-322. An analysis of this section discloses that our committee's duties are restricted to the examination of the equipment of the Grand Lodge Office, and to make recommendations for any needed improvements, and for additional furniture and facilities required for the more efficient work of the office. We believe that our office has adequate furniture and equipment and is efficiently operating.

In accordance with the usual custom of the past, our Grand Secretary has recommended to our Committee an additional appropriation of \$300 for salary raises for our Clerical Staff. We find no provision in our Code for any Committee having any duties or power over the employees of our office. This Committee recommends that Sec. 1-322 be amended to include the general supervision of the employees of our Grand Lodge Office, including the power to employ and discharge, to set salaries, vacations and working conditions of all personnel in the Grand Lodge Office, and further that all other matters relating to the Grand Lodge Office not specifically granted to another Committee shall be vested in the Grand Lodge Committee. The purpose of this recommendation is to cover this deficiency in our Code and to prescribe duties to this Committee which were assumed but not granted in our Code.

We generally support the recommendation of the Grand Master that a study and power to act authority be given to the Grand Lodge Business Affairs Committee relative to the use of our office equipment, and use of our employees by other organizations. This Committee further suggests that the same analysis be employed with reference to the use of our

Grand Lodge Office employees and office expense by the Masonic Manor Corporation, as its approval by our Grand Lodge was expressly conditioned that there was to be no expense of Grand Lodge.

In addition to these operations, the business records of our Masonic Home, including the entire Seal Program, are maintained at the Grand Lodge Office, all of which increases the traffic and work of our personnel. It is generally our opinion that the activities and work assignment of our Grand Lodge Office be reduced for proper and efficient operation, and that our office Budget must remain at its present figure until some adjustment is made in its work load.

We wish to commend the efficient and businesslike methods of our Grand Secretary and his staff of fine employees. Our clerical staff is loyal and devoted and your committee recommends a small salary increase for them. We recommend that the clerical staff's salary appropriation be increased \$300 over last year, and that the approval of this report shall empower this Committee to grant salary adjustments at the time in such sums within the appropriation limitations as it deems proper during the year.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

W. Howard J. Hunter, 59, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic Education which was adopted.

We were pleased with the attendance at the eight Grand Lodge Area Meetings conducted during the Masonic year of Grand Master Ernest O. Van Wey. Grand Lodge officers were very cooperative and went out of their way to be present so that the general membership was better able to get acquainted with them and be prepared for the annual communication. We started the year with fall meetings in October, at Grant and Scottsbluff, in western Nebraska and Central City and Broken Bow, in central Nebraska. Our spring meetings started at Lyons, in late April, followed by meetings at Wahoo, Fairbury and Nebraska City.

The Committee was particularly pleased this year with the good attendance at the afternoon sessions. It would seem the line officers of the local lodges are getting more and more good out of these Area Meetings and appreciate the opportunity to discuss their problems and make plans for the future with the Grand Lodge officers and the Committee members. It is becoming very apparent that we cannot make much more progress without active local committees on Masonic Education in order to keep programs going from year to year instead of breaking off sharply with each annual change of lodge administration. Another hopeful sign is the realization by many of the larger lodges, as well as the small lodges, that they must do more in the way of activity and fraternal fellowship besides degree work for the membership. It was also apparent from the informal discussions that some of the small lodges would best consolidate with stronger lodges and that some of the larger lodges could well foster new lodges especially in outlying areas of their cities in the larger centers

of population as we are not getting the gains in membership that we should where the population has increased and where the best potentiality for high-grade Masonic candidates reside. It would seem the large city lodges where the population is dwindling and where the problems are too well aware and these affect Grand Lodge seriously. The small town lodges where the population is dwindling and where the problems are more apparent are more apt to take corrective measures than the large lodges where the trouble is hidden by size and fairly active degree work. When individual lodges show losses year after year more than their raisings, it is past time for remedial action.

This year we had special dinner speakers in addition to the Grand Master. Our Grand Historian W. George W. Rosenlof gave the dinner addresses at Central City, Broken Bow, Wahoo and Fairbury; our Past Grand Master Joseph C. Tye at Scottsbluff; our Grand Chaplain V. W. Levi B. Williams at Grant and at Lyons; and our Grand Orator W. Milo P. Bail was the dinner speaker at Nebraska City. The Committee is very appreciative of these fine addresses and they were enjoyed by the brethren and the ladies who were in attendance at all of the Area dinners. Our Deputy Grand Master R. W. Ralph M. Carhart was Master of Ceremonies at these dinners.

Your Committee wishes to thank the host lodges and the attending lodges for their fine cooperation and participation and it is to this we give credit for the success of these Area Meetings that have become so much a part of Nebraska Masonry.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE BUSINESS AFFAIRS

M. W. Merle M. Hale, 54, presented the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs, which was adopted.

The Committee on Business Affairs was authorized in June, 1956 as a special committee to study the accounting procedures of the Grand Lodge and to make recommendations to provide for more accurate records of appropriated funds. In general, this Committee has the responsibility of seeing to it that the financial transactions of the body are administered in a manner consistent with sound business practices.

An examination of the quarterly statements prepared by the Grand Secretary indicated that the various spending bodies are staying within their appropriations, and in several instances will end the year with unexpended balances. This reflects the sincere effort of the Committees which have the management of our money matters, namely the Grand Trustees, Appropriations, Finance, and Grand Lodge Office Committees.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

M. W. Edward F. Carter, 301, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Nebraska Work which was adopted.

Your Committee has examined and approved the report of the Grand Custodian to the Grand Lodge for the year 1962. The report reflects the excellent manner in which degree work is being carried on in this Grand Jurisdiction. We compliment the Grand Custodian for the manner in which the instructional work is being administered. We likewise express our gratitude to our Assistant Custodians for their dedicated work and their cooperative assistance in making our esoteric and monitorial work in the Blue lodges the fine work that it is. These brethren make a fine contribution to the success of Freemasonry in Nebraska for which we are truly grateful.

Your Committee has recommended the appointment of Harold A. Tilton, 71, to be an Assistant Custodian. The appointment was made by the Grand Master pursuant to the recommendation.

The Committee has filed our proposed budget with the Committee on Appropriations by which we requested the sum of \$6,800 for operating the Grand Custodian's department, exclusive of the salary of the Grand Custodian. The Committee requested the appropriation of \$75 to cover its expenses.

The Grand Custodian has collected \$15 from each of 46 lodges pursuant to the 1961 amendment to Section 1-102 of the law. By the law this money is earmarked for the use of the Grand Custodian's department. We have worked out a plan for the use of this money by which the money is to be used for the specific purpose specified in the law and at the same time is to be treated as within the appropriation made by the Grand Lodge to sustain the Grand Custodian's department.

Upon the approval of the revised monitor by the Grand Lodge at last year's Annual Communication, the Committee proceeded to have it printed. It submitted the manuscript to three responsible printing firms for bids. The Barnhart Press was the low bidder and its bid was accepted. The Committee concluded to print 10,000 copies and fixed their price at \$1.50 per copy. According to the Grand Secretary, as of May 21, 1963, 388 copies were delivered as follows: one each to each subordinate Lodge, and one each to the Grand Lodge officers, Past Grand Masters, Assistant Custodians, and standing committees. There have been 4,403 monitors sold to Lodges and members, leaving 5,597 monitors on hand. This number should be adequate for a number of years since the preliminary demand has been satisfied.

Upon request of Beeman's Proficiency Club, East Lincoln No. 210, the Committee gave consideration to the issuance of certificates of proficiency without examination to members who have been certified for 25 years or more. The Committee unanimously adopted the following motion: "Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Nebraska Work, the Grand Master and the Grand Custodian are hereby authorized to issue an honorary certificate of proficiency without examination to any Master Mason who has been certified for twenty-five years or more. Such honorary certificate shall be upon a form prescribed by the Committee on Nebraska Work."

It is our opinion that the purposes of the Grand Custodian's department are being expeditiously and economically administered. Your Committee has handled all matters coming to its attention as speedily as possible.

M. W. Edward F. Carter:

I move that the Recommendation No. 4 which was referred to this Committee be held over until the 107th Annual Communication. (Motion seconded and carried.)

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

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

To the annual Memorial meeting of February 22, 1963, came Masonic-minded men from 48 States and from 9 other Countries. The other Countries were Canada, Belgium, Cuba, France, Germany, Guatemala, Israel, Japan and the Philippines. We like to say "Another Country" rather than "Foreign Country", because the language of Masonry is universal and any man who speaks its language, in any tongue, is not a foreigner, he is a brother.

It must be pleasing to the "Great Architect of the Universe" to see His Sons assemble in Universal Brotherhood and there make declarations to enshrine the name of a "Selected Son" and for the good of mankind. The contributions for this year are as follows:

Endowment Fund .....	\$131,269.75
Maintenance & Operation Fund .....	53,716.34
Building Fund .....	2,624.00
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Total .....	\$187,610.09

There is now in the Endowment Fund \$1,729,475.77. Income from this fund amounted \$61,144.50.

Any individual or Lodge may contribute to this fund and many of them have. Should any of you be so inclined, contact a member of this Committee.

The activity this year has not been exciting. A few Lodges have used the colored slides. These slides do tell a beautiful story of the Memorial and we feel that the Brethren of every Nebraska Lodge should see them and be familiar with the affairs of the Memorial. All you need to do is to ask for them, we will be glad to send them to you.

The affairs of the Memorial are now running on schedule and public relations can now be promoted. People of all Nations are to know more about "Our Masonic Light set high on a Hill".

It is well for us to remember, that this Memorial is erected in loving and grateful remembrance of him whose patriotism should be an inspiration and whose life a benediction to all who revere righteousness and integrity. It is the Masons prayer — that all who see "This Temple" may be reminded of Freemasonry's ideals of conduct and righteousness, of its striving against injustice and oppression, and be moved to aid in the attainment of its purpose to create a universal tie of Brotherhood, a new life of opportunity and service.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIEF AND CARE OF ORPHANS

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, which was adopted.

It is not our intention or desire to impose upon your time with a long detailed report of the activities of this Committee for the past year. The reason is very simple. It appears that we are gradually going out of business. The continuing or permanent cases on our docket for the past year are the same as those reported a year ago. There are five such cases, three of which are classified as annuitant cases, for former employees of the Grand Lodge. If and when this Grand Lodge adopts a retirement or pension plan for its salaried employees, it is our recommendation that these annuitant cases be transferred to and receive the benefits of the retirement plan. The two remaining permanent cases are for widows of Master Masons, and in our judgment will continue indefinitely.

We do receive inquiries from time to time and have handled several cases on an emergency basis.

The total expense during the past year for all cases handled, both continuing and emergent is \$3,824.85 or 08.4 cents per capita. This is the lowest per capita during our years of experience as Chairman of this Committee.

A complete audit for all records and accounts maintained by this Committee for the past year has been made by L. A. Nelson, Certified Public Accountant, and his report is attached hereto and made a part of this record.

M. W. Grand Master, prior to asking or approving the adoption of this report, in as much as this is the last opportunity that I will have to present the Committee that I have worked with so many years. I would like to call on W. Otto W. Burkhardt, also Brother Paul L. Toombs and W. John S. Burley. W. Brother Gregory from Scottsbluff is not present today. Brethren, I appreciate the work that you have done for me.  
(Applause.)

W. . Otto W. Burkhardt, 55:

M. . W. . Grand Master and Brother Ben, your resignation as Chairman of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans came as a shock to the members of the Committee. You have worked so many years on this very important Committee as its Chairman that it seems to us that the position now vacant is almost impossible to fill.

You have worked through hard years, you have worked through better years, but regardless of the year, your work was always done in a very efficient manner, and your judgment in the many cases handled through the years was at all times, the very best judgment that any Chairman could contribute to the cause.

Ben, we certainly thank you for your labors and we are indeed happy to learn that you are not leaving the Committee, that you will continue on as one of its members and that we can still continue with our work and have your very valuable advice and experience. May you serve with us for many more years. Thank you, Brother Ben, for a job well done.

M. . W. . Benjamin F. Eyre:

Brother Burkhardt, I appreciate your thoughts on this matter. It has been a wonderful experience, one gets to meet people and know what their problems are. It has been the richest experience in my life.

M. . W. . Sir, I have just been handed your Past Grand Master's Card which I am happy to present to you as the 97th Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

W. . Pearl C. Hillegass, 81, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Credentials, which was adopted.

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all Grand Officers are present. All Lodges are represented except the following: Nos. 5, 14, 57, 73, 74, 84, 86, 87, 95, 126, 129, 149, 156, 157, 161, 170, 171, 197, 208, 215, 239, 241, 247, 251, 262, 272, 313, 316, 319, 326.

Total number of lodges 273. Number not represented 30. Lodges not represented for the last two annual Communications, 170, 171, 262.



REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska . . . . .No. 1	*Theodore J. Janing.	*Ernest E. James. . . .	*Albin Bergstrom. . . .
Western Star. . . . . 2	.....	Donald K. Phillips. . . .	E. L. Wheatcraft. . . .
Capitol . . . . . 3	Delmar E. Ohlman. . . .	*Rudolph Melchior. . . .	*Wm. Von Kroge, Jr.
Nemaha Valley " 4	*J. Adolf Wensien. . . .	*J. Adolf Wensien. . . .	*J. Adolf Wensien. . . .
Omadi . . . . . 5	.....	.....	.....
Plattsmouth . . . . . 6	C. J. Rhylander. . . . .	*C. J. Rhylander. . . . .	*C. J. Rhylander. . . . .
Falls City . . . . . 9	Vern A. Malich. . . . .	*Vern A. Malich. . . . .	*Vern A. Malich. . . . .
Solomon . . . . . 10	.....	Paul C. Kruger. . . . .	Clarence L. Doty. . . .
Covert . . . . . 11	Joseph G. Geisler. . . .	*Joseph G. Geisler. . . .	*Joseph G. Geisler. . . .
Orient . . . . . 13	.....	Marvin E. Yoesel. . . .	Charles Vogele, Jr.. . . .
Peru . . . . . 14	.....	.....	.....
Fremont . . . . . 15	Ralph J. Hershey. . . .	*Gerald A. Moller. . . .	Rolland Olsen. . . . .
Tecumseh . . . . . 17	Charles N. Rickman. . . .	*Merle F. Henry. . . . .	*Ormal K. Richardson
Lincoln . . . . . 19	Joseph W. Sherwood	Kenneth M. Shull. . . .	Otto H. Jonscher. . . .
Washington . . . . . 21	Garland L. Runyon. . . .	*Willard L. Gustin. . . .	*T. H. Blanchard. . . .
Pawnee . . . . . 23	Vern A. Hunzeker. . . .	*Glenn L. Deweber. . . .	.....
Saint Johns . . . . . 25	*Alfred E. Geschke. . . .	*Wm. F. Patterson. . . .	Harold W. Langdon. . . .
Beatrice . . . . . 26	*Joseph E. Maines. . . .	James M. Verno. . . . .	*James D. Logan. . . . .
Jordan . . . . . 27	*Wm. H. Hasebroock. . . .	.....	.....
Hope . . . . . 29	Norman B. Kennedy	Kenneth C. Rhoades	.....
Blue River . . . . . 30	.....	Clel E. Schwab. . . . .	*Clarence C. Wertman
Tekamah . . . . . 31	.....	Roger L. Loerch. . . . .	.....
Platte Valley. . . . . 32	John C. Tucker. . . . .	Henry L. Hanson. . . . .	C. J. Underwood. . . .
Ashlar . . . . . 33	H. Lewis Coleman. . . .	.....	.....
Acacia . . . . . 34	Marvin S. Faltys. . . . .	.....	*C. K. Longacre. . . . .
Fairbury . . . . . 35	Charles L. Schultz. . . .	George W. Holloway	Donald E. Mayhew. . . .
Lone Tree . . . . . 36	Morris W. Johnson. . . .	*Morris W. Johnson. . . .	*Leo Stines. . . . .
Crete . . . . . 37	Jerald J. Pomajzl. . . .	F. E. Krivohlareek. . . .	*Fred A. Guggenmos. . . .
Oliver . . . . . 38	Robert L. Briggs. . . . .	.....	.....
Papillion . . . . . 39	Wesley H. Turtscher	Harold Hultman. . . .	*Wesley H. Turtscher
Humboldt " 40	Homer H. Fishwood	*Homer H. Fishwood. . . .	.....
Northern Light " 41	.....	D. Dean Dunham. . . . .	*D. Dean Dunham. . . . .
Hebron . . . . . 43	Lyle L. Davis. . . . .	.....	*Lyle L. Davis. . . . .
Harvard . . . . . 44	Everett C. England. . . .	Robert E. Ormsby. . . .	Ernest F. Johnson. . . .
Rob Morris . . . . . 46	Warren E. Stenback	*Joseph C. Tye. . . . .	*John M. McCune. . . . .
Fairmont . . . . . 48	H. E. McClellan. . . . .	Lewis E. McCreath. . . .	Paul A. Whorlow. . . .
Evening Star " 49	Robert X. Reighter. . . .	Curtis J. Griess. . . . .	A. R. Scheierman. . . .
Hastings . . . . . 50	Charles H. Hoff. . . . .	*Charles H. Hoff. . . . .	Erwin A. Siemoneit. . . .
Fidelity . . . . . 51	Ivan E. Long. . . . .	Richard J. Bruner. . . .	*Ivan E. Long. . . . .
Hiram . . . . . 52	Lloyd E. Marshall. . . .	.....	.....
Charity . . . . . 53	*Roger M. Smith. . . . .	Roger M. Smith. . . . .	*Roger M. Smith. . . . .
Lancaster . . . . . 54	Donald R. Swanson. . . .	Ross R. Robinson. . . .	R. L. Middleswart. . . .

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Mosaic .....No. 55	Kenneth W. Hoppel.	Jesse B. Beaton....	Merle B. Rix.....
York ..... " 56	Robert R. Braasch..	Raymond E. Gray..	Victor E. Junge....
Mount Moriah " 57	.....	.....	.....
Wahoo ..... " 59	Douglas D. Duey...	Burton A. Johnson..	*Howard J. Hunter..
Melrose ..... " 60	Stanley C. Peak....	.....	.....
Thistle ..... " 61	Floyd E. Housel....	Overton E. Hundley	.....
Keystone .... " 62	B. K. Heuermann...	Donald R. Schuster.	.....
Blue Valley .. " 64	Leonard L. Freouf.	Kenneth A. Marisha	Clarence M. Maca..
Osceola ..... " 65	Carl R. Johnson....	*Lowell D. Hanson..	.....
Edgar ..... " 67	Aubrey A. Wilson..	.....	.....
Aurora ..... " 68	John H. Lord.....	*Wm. Pscherer.....	Homer Smith.....
Sterling ..... " 70	*Harry E. Reutter..	Robert L. Albrecht.	.....
Trowel ..... " 71	Eugene E. Wittrock.	Vernon P. Hansen..	*J. Gilbert Wiese...
Hooper ..... " 72	Chris E. Ruwe.....	George N. Luther...	*Norris W. Lallman..
Friend ..... " 73	.....	.....	.....
Alexandria .. " 74	.....	.....	.....
Frank Welch. " 75	.....	Wesley E. Jensen...	*Earl W. Schultz....
Nelson ..... " 77	Ralph M. Aikin....	*Harry E. Weekly...	Paul E. Hattan.....
Albion ..... " 78	Dale M. Ballentine..	.....	*Harold D. Bolin....
Geneva ..... " 79	*Wm. Henry Foster..	.....	*Wm. Henry Foster..
Composite ... " 81	F. Louis Wilch....	*Leonard C. Davis...	Lester Selden.....
Saint Paul .. " 82	Clement J. Suchanek	John W. Rojewski..	.....
Corinthian .. " 83	Raymond Paulsen..	*V. H. Robert Hanson	*V. H. Robert Hanson
Fairfield .... " 84	.....	.....	.....
Doniphan .... " 86	.....	.....	.....
Ionic ..... " 87	.....	.....	.....
Star ..... " 88	Clinton C. Blevins..	.....	.....
Cedar River .. " 89	Wm. C. Cornwell...	Leslie L. Boardman.	.....
Oakland ..... " 91	Windsor H. Uehling.	Roger C. Maller....	*Harry L. Scheffel..
Beaver City.. " 93	Charles W. Harman.	*Charles W. Harman.	*Charles W. Harman.
Bennett ..... " 94	Dale E. Church....	.....	Charles J. Douglass.
Garfield .... " 95	.....	.....	.....
Utica ..... " 96	Dale E. Sampson, Jr.	.....	Robert O. Rhodes...
Euclid ..... " 97	Eugene E. Domingo	*Oscar E. Domingo..	Henry I. Hoffman..
Republican .. " 98	*Louie L. Kammerer.	*Louie L. Kammerer.	*Louie L. Kammerer.
Shelton ..... " 99	Dwight M. Gangwish	Leslie F. Rice.....	*Harold D. Liggett..
Creighton ... " 100	*Charles S. Clark....	*Charles S. Clark....	*Charles S. Clark....
Ponca ..... " 101	*Darrel G. Curry....	.....	.....
Waterloo .... " 102	Dean W. Sander....	Warren G. Zietlow.	.....
Ord ..... " 103	*E. D. Ahlschwede...	.....	Richard Prien.....
Wymore ..... " 104	Myron E. Trout....	.....	.....
Stella ..... " 105	*C. Harold Edwards..	*C. Harold Edwards..	Herbert A. Chism...

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Porter .....No. 106	*Don F. Phelps.....	*Don F. Phelps.....	*Don F. Phelps.....
Table Rock .. " 108	*Fred J. Jelinek.....	.....	Roger Sandusky....
Pomegranate . " 110	Carl F. Poggemeyer.	*James C. Bryant....	Robert H. Berggren.
De Witt ..... " 111	Everett C. Wilkens.	Ralph E. DeFol.....	*Carl Wilkens.....
Springfield .. " 112	John R. Fleck.....	*Carl C. Hurlbut.....	Gordon D. Grell....
Globe ..... " 113	James Kilgore, Jr..	.....	.....
Wisner ..... " 114	J. Fred Mesmer, Jr..	*Judson M. Meier...	*Judson M. Meier...
Harlan ..... " 116	*Leonard J. Meredith	.....	.....
Hardy ..... " 117	*Erza Olsen.....	.....	.....
North Bend .. " 119	H. J. Lechtenberger	Leonard Dahleim...	Walter Johnson....
Wayne ..... " 120	Jimmie L. Thomas..	Carl Haas.....	L. W. McNatt, Jr..
Superior ..... " 121	J. Robert Keifer...	*J. Robert Keifer...	*J. Robert Keifer...
Auburn ..... " 124	*Edward C. Yates...	*Edward C. Yates...	*Edward C. Yates...
Mount Nebo .. " 125	Everette Dannelly..	Clifford L. Peterson	*Rolland Clark.....
Stromsburg .. " 126	.....	.....	.....
Minden ..... " 127	*Charles A. Chappell.	*Charles A. Chappell.	*Charles A. Chappell.
Guide Rock .. " 128	Glenn Ohmstede....	.....	*Richard L. Ely.....
Blue Hill .... " 129	.....	.....	.....
Scribner ..... " 132	Harold C. Mueksch.	*Sidney G. Spurling.	*Harold C. Mueksch.
Elm Creek ... " 133	Curtis Lindstrom...	.....	.....
Solar ..... " 134	Ronald D. Glasser..	Jay R. Burruss.....	.....
McCook ..... " 135	Ernest A. Rutledge.	*Ernest A. Rutledge.	*Ernest A. Rutledge.
Long Pine ... " 136	*Paul R. Sellars.....	.....	.....
Upright ..... " 137	*Joe Crosier.....	*Clay E. Cox.....	.....
Rawalt ..... " 138	.....	Kenneth A. Burden.	.....
Clay Centre .. " 139	Frank B. Tice.....	.....	.....
Western ..... " 140	William J. Krajnik.	.....	Ben L. Jiskra.....
Crescent ..... " 143	Thomas G. McBride.	.....	.....
Kenesaw ..... " 144	*Lloyd Ernst.....	.....	*Lloyd Ernst.....
Bancroft ..... " 145	*Gerald J. Havekost.	Gerald J. Havekost.	*Gerald J. Havekost.
Jachin ..... " 146	*Arthur Anderson...	*Arthur Anderson...	*Arthur Anderson...
Siloam ..... " 147	.....	.....	*Fred O. Zink.....
Emmet Crawford " 148	Harvey Kleeb.....	*J. C. Kellenbarger..	*Harvey Kleeb.....
Jewel ..... " 149	.....	.....	.....
Cambridge ... " 150	Edward J. Taylor...	Perry W. Phillips...	.....
Evergreen ... " 153	Gordon J. Rapp.....	.....	.....
Lily ..... " 154	Larry O. Spurling..	.....	Paul E. Wieckhorst.
Hartington ... " 155	Jack W. Samelson..	*Jack W. Samelson..	*Jack W. Samelson..
Pythagoras ... " 156	.....	.....	.....
Valley ..... " 157	.....	.....	.....

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Samaritan ..No. 158	George D. Barker...	*George D. Barker...	*George D. Barker...
Ogalalla ..... " 159	*Harry J. Linch.....	Harry J. Linch.....	.....
Zeredatha .... " 160	Richard Gregory...	*Ben F. Priefert.....	*Joe T. Thaller.....
Mount Zion .. " 161	.....	.....	.....
Trestle Board. " 162	Lawrence H. Rogge.	Robert C. Harkins..	*Lawrence H. Rogge.
Unity ..... " 163	*Elmer E. Mathis....	Wendell Bratt.....	.....
Atkinson ..... " 164	Ernest R. Brinkman	.....	*Carroll C. Raymer..
Barneston .... " 165	Norbert C. Weyer..	*Norbert C. Weyer..	*Oscar F. Fredrickson
Mystic Tie ... " 166	*George O. Mills....	.....	*Roy R. Barkdoll....
Elwood ..... " 167	Richard W. Marshall	*Perry J. Umberger..	*Eldon W. Marshall.
Curtis ..... " 168	Frank W. Hainey...	.....	.....
Amity ..... " 169	Max L. Hensley....	Charles E. Finkey..	*Max L. Hensley....
Mason City .. " 170	.....	.....	.....
Merna ..... " 171	.....	.....	.....
Robert Burns " 173	Daniel J. Rife.....	Roy R. Rains.....	Clifford D. Lambert
Culbertson ... " 174	Wendell Wertz.....	*Wendell Wertz.....	*Wendell Wertz.....
Temple ..... " 175	*Henry R. Miller....	*Henry R. Miller....	Henry R. Miller....
Gladstone .... " 176	*Delbert O. Grim....	.....	.....
Hay Springs .. " 177	William C. Gibson..	*William C. Gibson..	*William C. Gibson..
Prudence .... " 179	Ralph W. Crawford.	.....	.....
Justice ..... " 180	Warren B. Jackson.	Kent F. Nehrbooss..	*Mason Jones.....
Faith ..... " 181	John M. Paris.....	*John M. Paris.....	*John M. Paris.....
Alliance ..... " 183	Neil Colerick.....	Harry C. Knight....	*Carl A. Johnson, Jr.
Bee Hive .... " 184	*James P. Nielsen...*	*James P. Nielsen...*	*James P. Nielsen...*
Boaz ..... " 185	R. J. Remington....	*Tippo R. Harris....	*Kenneth O. Zink...
Meridian .... " 188	Everett McNulty...	Hoyt T. Griffin....	.....
Granite ..... " 189	James R. Ganz.....	.....	.....
Amethyst .... " 190	Ivan A. Jones.....	.....	.....
Crystal ..... " 191	Matelyn K. Harris..	.....	.....
Minnekadusa " 192	E. D. Hoisington...	.....	*U. Wesley Fox.....
Signet ..... " 193	*F. Otto Nelson.....*	*Merlin C. Phillips..	.....
Highland .... " 194	Eric R. Miller.....	*Eric R. Miller.....	Verne M. Focken...
Arcana ..... " 195	Edward L. Prentice.	.....	.....
Morning Star. " 197	.....	.....	.....
Purity ..... " 198	Bryce G. Shopp.....	Norval D. Norman..	Don F. Welch.....
Gavel ..... " 199	Milford K. Brinegar	*Milford K. Brinegar	*Milford K. Brinegar
Blazing Star.. " 200	B. W. Wagner, Jr...	.....	.....
Scotts Bluff.. " 201	James L. Corr.....	*James L. Corr.....	*Donald E. Jones....
Golden Sheaf. " 202	*Dallas V. Phillips..*	*Dallas V. Phillips..*	*Dallas V. Phillips..*
Roman Eagle.. " 203	*Elias G. Conger....*	.....	.....
Plainview .... " 204	*LeRoy P. Jensen...*	.....	.....

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Golden Fleece No. 205	Robert E. Richards.	*Robert E. Richards.	*Robert E. Richards.
Napthali ..... " 206	Ray J. Thomsen....	*Arthur C. Vieths...	.....
Parian ..... " 207	*Allston Asmus.....	*Allston Asmus.....	*Allston Asmus.....
Gauge ..... " 208	.....	.....	.....
Canopy ..... " 209	Valjean Stall.....	.....	.....
East Lincoln.. " 210	Francis O. Pike....	N. W. Rittenburg...	*D. A. Kyckelhahn..
Cement ..... " 211	Lyle W. Fairbanks.	.....	.....
Compass and Square ..... " 212	Maurice L. Eutsler.	*J. Dan Shadley.....	.....
Plumbline ... " 214	*Clarence D. Gottula.	.....	.....
Occidental ... " 215	.....	.....	.....
Palisade ..... " 216	Roy V. Miller.....	*Roy V. Miller.....	Hugh H. Houchin...
Wauneta ..... " 217	Chester A. Graves..	Robert G. Walgren.	Harold L. Maris....
Bloomfield ... " 218	Norman B. Case....	*Norman B. Case....	*Norman B. Case....
Relief ..... " 219	.....	*Seth T. Anderson...	.....
Magnolia .... " 220	*Wynn W. Carter....	Wynn W. Carter....	*Wynn W. Carter....
Wood Lake ... " 221	Robert B. Ormesher.	.....	.....
Landmark .... " 222	Charles C. Broderson	Eugene R. Husk....	Allen E. Iverson....
Eminence .... " 223	*James C. Bierbower.	Dale P. Creech.....	Dale T. Obermeier..
Silver Cord ... " 224	Gale Q. Whitney....	Frazier Gilchrist...	*Gale Q. Whitney....
Cable ..... " 225	George J. Halstead.	*John J. Halstead...	*Charles A. Blowers.
Grace ..... " 226	Morris A. Rechman.	Irving Brooks.....	.....
North Star ... " 227	John P. Rasmussen.	S. P. Brown, Jr....	Max L. Lovejoy....
Bartley ..... " 228	*Alvin E. Trucano...	*Alvin E. Trucano...	*Alvin E. Trucano...
Comet ..... " 229	Theodore A. Bulling	*Fred J. Olson.....	.....
Delta ..... " 230	*Roy L. Smith.....	*Earl Meredith.....	.....
Mount Herman " 231	.....	*Jens B. R. Miller...	*Jens B. R. Miller...
John S. Bowen " 232	Enno Mueller.....	Robert F. Wilkins..	Donald J. Gottsch..
Gilead ..... " 233	*Chester M. Larsen..	.....	Chester M. Larsen..
Zion ..... " 234	E. Lovelle Stoddard	*E. Lovelle Stoddard.	Bernard M. Klase..
Fraternity ... " 235	Enos G. Williams...	*Gail Axen.....	.....
Golden Rule... " 236	Robert H. McCord..	.....	.....
Cubit ..... " 237	Donald D. Brownlee	Thomas A. Pound..	.....
Friendship ... " 239	.....	.....	.....
Pilot ..... " 240	Garland O. Ramsey.	Willis Kroger.....	.....
George Arm- strong ..... " 241	.....	.....	.....
Tyrian ..... " 243	Victor W. Meyer....	.....	.....
Hampton ..... " 245	*William D. Gordon..	.....	*William D. Gordon..
Nehawka .... " 246	*Charles E. Morris..	.....	.....
Corner-stone .. " 247	.....	.....	.....
Laurel ..... " 248	Harold E. Burns....	*Clarence E. Ross....	*H. Everard Burns..

\* Proxy.

## REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Gothenburg No. 249	Engaard E. Lynn...	*Alvin M. Bringelson	*Engaard E. Lynn...
George Wash- ington ..... " 250	John I. Hobbs.....	.....	O. Robert H. Beezley
Wausa ..... " 251	.....	.....	.....
Beemer ..... " 253	*Fred C. Buhk.....	.....	Harry Z. Jackson...
Bassett ..... " 254	Wayne E. Peterson..	Dallas R. Bennett..	R. E. Kincanon.....
Hickman ..... " 256	Glen A. Tiedeman..	James A. Mulder...	*Ralph I. Berry.....
Anselmo ..... " 258	.....	.....	*J. C. Kellenbarger..
Ornan ..... " 261	*C. Curtis Nelson...	*C. Curtis Nelson...	*C. Curtis Nelson...
Endeavor ..... " 262	.....	.....	.....
Mitchell ..... " 263	Raymond E. Strey..	.....	.....
Franklin ..... " 264	*Earl R. Tuers, Sr...	.....	.....
Robert W. Furnas ..... " 265	Reuben Coppom....	Allen B. Connell....	.....
Silver ..... " 266	William A. Bryan...	John A. Carlson....	Floyd Frizzell.....
James A. Tulleys ..... " 267	*Russell M. Warren..	.....	.....
George W. Lin- inger ..... " 268	*Milo P. Bail.....	.....	.....
Oasis ..... " 271	*Robert L. Montz...	*Robert L. Montz...	*Robert L. Montz....
Lee P. Gillette " 272	.....	.....	.....
Crofton ..... " 273	Malcom McShannon	.....	.....
Olive Branch.. " 274	Robert L. Robertson	*Lewis H. Dunn....	*Lester Hrdy.....
Ramah ..... " 275	*Robert L. Davis....	*Robert L. Davis....	.....
Antelope ..... " 276	*Donald S. Hinman..	*Donald S. Hinman..	*Donald S. Hinman..
Sioux ..... " 277	Frank E. Cherry....	Jess J. Locker.....	*Frank E. Cherry....
Litchfield ..... " 278	Floyd H. Holm.....	.....	.....
Wallace ..... " 279	*Dwight C. Jameson.	.....	.....
Swastika ..... " 280	George C. Haynes..	Paul L. Christensen.	.....
Florence ..... " 281	Winfield C. Oviatt..	David O. Kipling...	*Ralph W. Gerry....
Mullen ..... " 282	*John A. Gibson, Jr..	John A. Gibson, Jr..	*John A. Gibson, Jr..
Seneca ..... " 284	R. Fred Arnholt....	*James R. Pound....	.....
Camp Clarke.. " 285	*Joe Paris.....	*Joe Paris.....	*Joe Paris.....
Oshkosh ..... " 286	Duane B. Smith....	Edwin P. Williams..	.....
Union ..... " 287	*Robert E. Miller....	*Robert R. Miller....	*Robert R. Miller....
Omaha ..... " 288	George W. Douglas.	E. L. Petterson....	Vivian O. Rinn....
Lotus ..... " 289	Robert M. Svanda..	.....	.....
John J. Mercer " 290	Edward L. Straka..	Donald E. Peterson.	William A. Blake...
Diamond ..... " 291	Duard O. Dempster..	H. Holbrook, Jr....	.....
Wolbach ..... " 292	Frederick W. Frost.	.....	.....
Monument ... " 293	John A. Whitbeck..	*John A. Whitbeck..	Gordon D. Francis..

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REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Kimball ....No. 294	Donald D. Maxted..	C. Lyle Barrett.....	F. Berton Linn.....
Minatare .... " 295	.....	.....	*Roy I. Babbitt.....
Cotner .... " 297	Leslie M. Shaw.....	Roy O. Wilson.....	Dale P. Voller.....
Chester .... " 298	Fred E. Thompson..	*William L. Larkins..	*William L. Larkins..
Sutherland ... " 299	Ellis A. Pullen.....	Walter Coker.....	Gary M. Trego.....
Liberty .... " 300	Fred Legler.....	George D. Isaac....	Andrew Beltz, Jr...
Bayard .... " 301	*James L. Tillman..	James L. Tillman...	*James L. Tillman...
Mizpah .... " 302	E. G. Mortensen....	*E. G. Mortensen....	*E. G. Mortensen....
Right Angle .. " 303	Byron F. Bergman..	Herbert Egerer....	*Wendell W. George..
Ruskin .... " 304	.....	.....	*Marvin L. Thayer..
Newman Grove " 305	Kenneth L. Hansen..	*Kenneth L. Hansen..	*Kenneth L. Hansen..
Golden Rod .. " 306	Russell M. Lindley..	Ernest H. Meyer....	Sydney G. Finch....
William E. Hill " 307	*Carl D. Halverson..	.....	*F. Robert Halverson
Perkins .... " 308	Forrest L. Benge...*	Otto E. Gauger.....	.....
Winnebago ... " 309	Walter Albrecht....	*Carl O. Swanson....	*Neal D. Nelson.....
Victory .... " 310	Melvin C. Hickerson	William C. Abel....	*Samuel A. Harrison..
Polk .... " 311	Elden Johnson.....*	Earl Stevens.....	.....
Oak Leaf .... " 312	Russell L. Moffett..	.....	.....
Potter .... " 313	.....	.....	.....
Craftsmen ... " 314	Roy J. Martin.....	Robert R. Johnson..	John C. Thomas....
Alpha .... " 316	.....	.....	.....
Mid-West .... " 317	Carl M. Eggers.....	Arthur S. Dye.....	Curtis M. Maynard..
Grand Island.. " 318	Steadman D. Cox...	Augustus W. Clark..	Robert G. Freeman..
Bladen .... " 319	.....	.....	.....
College View.. " 320	William C. Baker...*	Oliver E. Heater...*	D. E. Schaufelberger
Harmony .... " 321	Jesse R. Allen.....*	Jesse R. Allen.....*	.....
Pioneer .... " 322	*David E. Boodry...*	*David E. Boodry...*	*David E. Boodry...*
Lebanon .... " 323	Wilbur L. Johnson..*	*Robert E. Lund....*	.....
Cairo .... " 324	Harold J. Southard..	Rollin F. Rolofson..	*Edward T. Swanson..
Bellevue .... " 325	Byron C. Jenkins...*	Lee A. Bellair.....*	Melvin J. Kissler...
Centennial ... " 326	.....	.....	.....

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REINSTATEMENTS

W. La Verne J. Smith, 288, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Reinstatements which was adopted.

The Committee reviewed fifty-nine petitions this year, resulting in the following actions:

Age Group	Number of Petitions				1961	1962
	Received	Recommended	Rejected	Returned		
50 Years or Less	15	15			17%	25%
51-60 Years	7	7			27	12
61-70 Years	22	20	1	1	38	37
71-80 Years	14	12	2		18	24
Over 80 Years	1	1			0	2
Totals	59	55	3	1	100%	100%

Petitioners not recommended showed an average membership of 13 years with 30 years out of the fraternity.

We recommend a very careful investigation of returnees because of their age and the possibility of their having a misunderstanding about the benefits they anticipate. There are some desirable applicants who having now retired from active business are seeking an outlet for their abilities and such persons should be encouraged.

At 4:15 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

## SECOND DAY MORNING SESSION

At 9 a. m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor as at the preceding session.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

W. Alfred B. Saum, 46, Grand Marshal, presented the report of the Committee on Returns, which was adopted.

Your Committee on Returns has checked the reports of the Subordinate Lodges for the year 1962. The Office of the Grand Secretary is to be congratulated for the outstanding and efficient manner in which it has compiled and maintained these records. The members of this committee thank the Office of the Grand Secretary for its fine cooperation.

The following suggestions, if followed by the Secretaries of the subordinate Lodges, will aid the Office of the Grand Secretary in keeping the membership records, accurate and up to date.



BE PROMPT IN GETTING YOUR MONTHLY RETURN TO THE GRAND SECRETARY.

BE SURE IT IS SIGNED.

ON AFFILIATIONS SHOW DATE OF ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP, NOT DEMIT DATE.

ON DEMISSIONS SHOW WHAT LODGE THE BROTHER DEMITTED TO.

BE ACCURATE IN CARRYING FORWARD THE BALANCE OF ENTERED APPRENTICE, FELLOW CRAFT AND MASTER MASONS FROM THE PRECEEDING MONTH.

AFFIX LODGE SEAL TO GRAND LODGE ANNUAL RETURN.

GIVE AMOUNT OF DUES AND FEES IN GRAND LODGE ANNUAL RETURN

MAKE CERTAIN JORDAN MEDAL INFORMATION IS IN RETURN

The Members of the Committee on Returns commend the Secretaries of the Subordinate Lodges for their diligence in making out the Grand Lodge returns. We find them to be very satisfactory.

### REPORT OF THE MASONIC - EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

W. Archie W. Campbell, 281, President, presented the report of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children which was adopted.

It is again a great pleasure for me to appear before the Grand Lodge of Nebraska to make the report of the Board of Trustees for our Home for Children at Fremont. As you know the Board consists of 14 members, — 7 ladies and 7 men and operate with five standing committees. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. It is through the excellent work of the Committees with the cooperation of the Superintendent that the Board can operate for the best interests of the children of the Home. The members of the Board are loyal and dedicated people and the attendance at all meetings is remarkable.

We now have 44 children, 26 boys and 18 girls who live in separate homes on the grounds. Three of the Homes now have house-parents instead of house-mother only. This is a comparatively new plan and is working out very successfully. There are 12 in the Junior Boys' Home, 13 in the Senior Boys' Home and 8 in the Junior Girls' Home, all under the care of House-parents. There are 11 in the Senior Girls' Home and have a House-mother only. In all, we have 24 teen-agers with the accompanying problems of becoming adults. To see that they have the proper guidance is a real and challenging program in itself.

I would like to cite a problem that recently confronted the Superintendent and Staff. In one week they took in 10 children — 5 from one family, 4 from another and a High School girl from another. Twin 4-year old boys came from one family and one 4-year old boy from the other. It was a big problem getting all of them oriented with the other children in the Home. I must say that the Superintendent and House-parents accomplished this in a fine way.

The children have taken part in a complete spectrum of young peoples' activities in their various churches, their school and in their 4-H Club work. Many programs have been given by the children at Eastern Star Chapters and Masonic Lodge meetings over the eastern part of the state. We still have the 4-H Club under the leadership of Earl Lipp. The 4-H boys and girls are very much interested in the care of the calf or lamb which is assigned to them. The 4-H Achievements Day held last summer was a fine success with many donors to the program in attendance. We are most grateful to all who gave calves for this project.

The major improvements during the past year are as follows: Paving of the drive through the grounds and entrance to Highway No. 30 with the lawn re-seeded on both sides of the drive. A drainage system of the area was laid previous to the installation of the drive. Combination storms and screens have been put on the three remaining houses, thus completing the project. A 32x42 ft. metal building was constructed at the farm for the storage of machinery and equipment. The kitchen in the Junior Boys' Home was completely remodeled and rebuilt. The "Phantom Tea" project of the Past Worthy Grand Matron, Margaret Worthman and Past Grand Patron Merle M. Hale provided the money for this project. One bathroom in the Junior Boys' Home and two in the Superintendent's Home have been remodeled with new fixtures. Another fire detection system was purchased for the Senior Girls' Home upon the recommendation of the State Fire Marshal's office. A new jungle gym type of play equipment has been added to the gym section of the Administration building. A new inter-communication system has been installed connecting all the homes by telephone, which adds much in the convenience and control of the telephones. Plans are under way to construct a storage area for clothing to relieve the crowded space in the Administration Building. This room will be 14x42 ft. and will aid in accepting much more used clothing and a better distribution of both new and used clothing coming to the Home.

The Educational Fund Committee of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter have visited the graduating seniors and will provide support for them in their advanced schooling. We do sincerely thank the publicity committee of our Board for the Mothers' Day letter sent to all members of the Eastern Star and Masonic Bodies telling of the Home and its activities, inviting them to have a share in its upkeep and improvement. There has been an excellent response already. We wish to thank R. W. Carl R. Griesen, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Masons, for his wonderful assistance and cooperation in getting out the letter and for his cooperation

during the entire year. We also want to thank our Board Secretary, Mrs. Wilma Harms, who is abundantly helpful in giving freely of her time and talent; and to all who have sent gifts and memorials at the Christmas season and the whole year 'round.

We are proud that the Fraternity of Masonry and Eastern Star has found it possible to support such a worthy cause without government support or intervention for so many years and will continue to do so in the future. You are to be encouraged, congratulated and commended for your support. We urge you to visit the Home at any time so that you may know the full breadth of Masonry and Eastern Star work in Nebraska.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY

W. Otto Nelsen, 300, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Temple Building Advisory, which was adopted.

Your Temple Building Advisory Committee submits herewith the following report of its activities during the past year, regarding dedications, and recommendations made by this Committee on new construction plans and financing.

On September 22, 1962, we recommended that plans and financing of Union No. 287, be approved. Palmyra lost their old lodge building and all contents by fire in August, 1961. The Lodge had good insurance coverage, which gave them a nice nest egg with which to proceed, but like many smaller lodges, did not have a large surplus of funds, therefore, it was necessary to go to the membership for additional contributions to the fund. The new Temple was dedicated on November 28, 1962. What Palmyra was forced to do, other Lodges can do. For smaller Lodges, we recommend this new Temple for your inspection.

On December 3, Newman Grove No. 305 was granted permission to purchase an existing 22 x 60 foot one-story brick building with basement, to be remodeled for Lodge purposes. The Lodge had sufficient funds, so no debt was incurred.

In October, 1961, Euclid No. 97 sponsored an oyster stew feed, together with a fine program, for members of the Lodge and members of the Eastern Star Chapter. An invitation was extended to Grand Master Ronin, and also to your Chairman of the Temple Building Advisory Committee. This was the beginning of a building program which has culminated in a new Lodge Temple, and which was put to service early this year. The building, estimated to cost \$14,000 was financed by contributions and a small loan in excess of the \$6,000 on hand.

On February 5, 1963, Stromsburg No. 126 was granted final permission to proceed with construction and financing of a new business-lodge building. The business portion of this building was rented for a minimum term of ten years. The rental income is to be used to amortize

principal and interest of a substantial loan made for this purpose. No part of the rental income is to be used for Lodge purposes and is to be kept separate from Lodge funds. Taxes, insurance and other maintenance expense of the business part of the building may be paid from rental income.

Garfield No. 95, is proceeding with plans and financing of a new Masonic Temple to cost approximately \$20,000. Some of the requirements before proceeding with construction are — additional contributions, an increase in annual dues and an arrangement to borrow money to complete the program. Progress is very satisfactory for a new building in the near future.

On May 27, we recommended that Evening Star No. 49, be granted permission to proceed with construction of a new Masonic Temple, with permission to borrow a stipulated amount on a temporary basis to maintain working capital during construction, pending collection of further contributions. It is anticipated that the building will be debt free when construction is completed and the building ready for occupancy. The new building will be one-story brick and steel, size 36 x 102 feet, on a plot of ground 72 x 140, located one-half block south of main street. The building complete, is estimated to cost \$26,000. Evening Star Lodge has 100 members. They are presently meeting in temporary quarters, since the old building has been in the process of being dismantled since early this year. A Lincoln firm of architects prepared the plans and specifications.

Wayne No. 120 is working on plans for a new Masonic Temple patterned after the plans prepared by and available from the Temple Building Advisory Committee. This plan, a two-story building, provides Lodge facilities above, and dining and recreation below. Entrance to each is by a divided flight of stairs 4½ feet either up or down.

Finally, as will be noted from above report, the activities of this Committee have dropped sharply, which should be discouraging to Masonry in general. There are 273 Lodges in Nebraska. Our files indicate correspondence with only 8 Lodges during the year. That's standing still, brethren, and while our brethren are standing still, we know your buildings are not. They are going down hill rapidly through deterioration, and we find very little is being done about it until the final collapse. As an example, we were invited to inspect a Lodge building. The condition of this building leads us to believe the building could well be condemned by state authorities. Would you like your son brought to Masonry in a shack like that? Members of the Lodge mentioned above had been aware of this. What were they doing about it — they had \$115.00 in the bank. Draw your own conclusions. Most of the answer is quite simple — raise local dues to provide a little left-over to cover that hidden building expense — \$12.00 per year will do it or at least help. Masonry should be worth \$1.00 per month. Lay aside a good portion of these dues to draw interest, promote other activities to raise additional funds. It's your duty as Officers of the Lodge.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

W. Alfred B. Gorman, 54, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Public Relations, which was adopted.

The Public Relations Committee prepared and released news stories on various activities of the Grand Lodge. These were sent to newspapers, radio and television stations, and to the news services.

Stories were written for eight area meetings held by the Committee on Masonic Education at Broken Bow, Central City, Scottsbluff, Grant, Lyons, Wahoo, Fairbury and Nebraska City. These stories were sent to 266 news media in the counties represented in the meetings as well as to statewide media.

Stories were released for dedications of Temples at Guide Rock, Palmyra and Lyons. Also released were stories of corner-stone layings by the Grand Lodge at the Memorial Hospital at Aurora, and Kearney State Teachers College. Stories were also written and released on a number of Central Schools of Instruction.

The committee also writes and issues news stories for the York Rite bodies concerning the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery at Alliance, and the annual meeting of York Rite Masons at Omaha.

A story of the outcome of the election and appointment of Grand Lodge officers will be released to news media today. Printing mats of Deputy Grand Master Ralph M. Carhart will be furnished to all newspapers in the state and photographs will be sent to all television stations. Altogether the story will be released to 255 newspapers, 41 radio stations and 13 television stations, in addition to the news services.

A story announcing this annual communication of the Grand Lodge was released two weeks ago for news media in the state and subsequent stories of public interest have been or will be released concerning the proceedings of this Annual Communication.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 227, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence which was adopted section by section as amended.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has considered all matters referred to it and submit the following report with recommendations:

Referring to the Grand Master's Address:

### DECISIONS

1. We recommend that No. 1 be approved with the modification that the words, "except right of appeal" be inserted between the words "the Masonic privileges" and the words "of this brother." (Adopted)

2. (a) We recommend that the Grand Master's decision holding against a special meeting to rebalot on this petition be approved. To do so would not only be irregular but it would be illegal. (Adopted)

(b) Referring to the brother objecting to the W. Master ordering the ballot spread a second time, this objection was completely out of order unless the objection was to the petitioner; he could not legally object to the W. Master calling for a second or for a third ballot, Section 2-1003 of the law giving the authority to call for such ballots any time during the same communication and before any of the brethren have retired. (Adopted)

(c) We recommend that the last sentence of this decision be disapproved. (Adopted)

3. We recommend that No. 3 be approved. (Adopted)

4. We recommend that No. 4 be approved. (Adopted)

5. We recommend that No. 5 be approved. (Adopted)

6. We recommend that the answer to first inquiry in No. 6 be approved, with notation that it was the understanding of the Grand Master that change of residence had been made. (Adopted)

We recommend that the answer to second inquiry in No. 6 be approved. (Adopted)

7. We recommend that No. 7 be approved. (Adopted)

8. We recommend that No. 8 be approved. (Adopted)

9. We recommend that No. 9 be approved down to and including the words "prohibiting such rental", and that the remainder of No. 9 be stricken out. (Adopted)

10. We recommend that No. 10 be approved. (Adopted)

11. We recommend that No. 11 be approved. (Adopted)

12. We recommend that the first two sentences of No. 12 be approved, and that the remainder of No. 12 be stricken out. Attention is called to the fact that total blindness would make one unable to conform to all our peculiar rights and ceremonies, as required by Masonic law. (Adopted)

13. We recommend that No. 13 be approved. (Adopted)

14. We recommend that No. 14 be approved. (Adopted)

15. (a) We recommend that the first ruling in No. 15 be disapproved. (Adopted)

(The Grand Master relinquished the Chair to the Deputy Grand Master.)

M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Master:

I would like to speak briefly in regard to this. Being contrary to the Jurisprudence Committee, I do want to explain my thinking in regard to this. In this particular case, this man is the sole owner of the building and he is the one that is renting the building, he has full control of that building and it is my thinking that we are getting off the deep

end if we start allowing our brother Masons to rent buildings for strictly the sale of liquor. That is what this particular deal is. I would call for a substitute motion that this section of the Jurisprudence Committee report be disapproved and that my decision be approved.

(W. Ernest A. Rutledge, Master, McCook No. 135, and M. W. Charles F. Adams, Aurora No. 68, spoke to the question. The substitute motion was defeated. The original motion of the Committee on Jurisprudence to disapprove was adopted.)

(The Deputy Grand Master relinquished the Chair to the Grand Master.)

(b) We recommend that the second ruling in No. 15 be approved.  
(Adopted)

(c) We recommend that the third ruling in No. 15 be approved.  
(Adopted)

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that No. 1 relating to Masonic Education be disapproved, with suggestion that Committee on Masonic Education in subordinate Lodges be left on a voluntary basis.

The Jurisprudence Committee urges all Lodges to give increasing consideration to the subject of Masonic Education and co-operate with the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education. We commend the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education upon the work it has been doing.

(R. W. Brothers Ralph M. Carhart, 120, Deputy Grand Master; Louis V. Sylvester, 281, Grand Junior Warden; Harry A. Spencer, 227, Grand Senior Warden, M. W. Brothers Charles A. Chappell, 127; Herbert T. White, 11; Elmer E. Magee, 227 and W. Howard J. Hunter, 59, spoke to the question. M. W. John F. Futcher, 302, made a substitute motion that this section of the Jurisprudence Committee Report on Masonic Education be referred back to the Committee on Jurisprudence with the instructions to bring in the proper by-law for consideration or adoption. Motion seconded and carried.)

2. We recommend that No. 3, relating to Grand Lodge Office Committee be amended by striking therefrom all of the last paragraph, and that as so amended the recommendation be adopted.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

M. W. Herbert A. Ronin:

I now ask unanimous consent to amend Section 3-122 to conform with the recommendation you have just adopted.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Section 1-322 of the By Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows: "Sec. 1-322 GRAND LODGE OFFICE — The Committee on Grand Lodge Office shall examine the equipment of the

Grand Secretary's office, and shall make recommendation for any improvements needed for the same, and for additional furniture and facilities required for the more convenient and efficient work of the office. The Grand Lodge Office Committee shall have general supervision of all employees of our Grand Lodge Office, including the power to employ and discharge, to set salaries and working conditions for such employees, and to have authority and jurisdiction over all other matters relating to the Grand Lodge Office not specifically vested in another Committee of the Grand Lodge."

2. That the original section 1-322 be repealed.

(Unanimous consent being granted the amendment was adopted by two-thirds vote.)

3. We recommend that the recommendation of the Grand Master under the paragraph entitled, "Gift of Land" be approved. (Adopted)

4. We recommend that the paragraph in Grand Master's Address under the title "Trial Commissions" be approved. (Adopted)

5. We recommend that the paragraph in the Grand Master's address entitled "Building Loan Approved" requires no action by this Committee. (Adopted)

We report that the paragraph in Grand Master's Address entitled "State of the Craft" requires no action by this Committee.

### ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Master, announced that the hour had arrived for the election of Grand Officers and appointed as tellers the Assistant Custodians with W. Harold D. Weddell, 61, as Chairman.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

Brother Ralph M. Carhart, 120.....	M. W.	Grand Master
Brother Harry A. Spencer, 227.....	R. W.	Deputy Grand Master
Brother Louis V. Sylvester, 281.....	R. W.	Grand Senior Warden
Brother Lewis R. Ricketts, 19.....	R. W.	Grand Junior Warden
Brother Carl R. Greisen, 32.....	R. W.	Grand Secretary

Later in the session appointment was made of:

Brother Levi B. Williams, 1.....	V. W.	Grand Chaplain
Brother Freeman B. Decker, 19.....	W.	Grand Orator
Brother George W. Rosenlof, 314.....	W.	Grand Historian
Brother Raymond C. Cook, 6.....	W.	Grand Custodian
Brother Alfred B. Saum, 46.....	W.	Grand Marshal
Brother John A. Bottorf, 49.....	W.	Grand Senior Deacon
Brother Norris W. Lallman, 62.....	W.	Grand Junior Deacon
Brother Charles H. Ninegar, 301.....	W.	Grand Tyler



## GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES 1963 - 1964

**Application for Reinstatement:** W. Brothers La Verne J. Smith, 288, Chairman; Earl H. Furman, 290; Charles O. Baker, 11.

**Appropriations:** W. Brothers Fred D. Moshier, 281 (1967) Chairman; Richard L. Wait, 19 (1964); R. Wayne Wilson, 30 (1965); Melvin E. Johnson, 112 (1966); Walter Truex, 55 (1968).

**Finance:** W. Brothers Robert E. Lund, 323 (1964) Chairman; Elmo R. Clayton, 302 (1965); Phillip G. Johnson, 19 (1967); Ralph E. Carlson, 11 (1966); Ralph R. Carleton, 306 (1968).

**Fraternal Dead:** W. Brothers Gail Axen, 235, Chairman; Oliver B. Proett, 120; Byron C. Jenkins, 325.

**Fraternal Relations:** R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9; W. Gordon L. Nuernberger, 83.

**George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association:** W. Cary W. Dresslar, 32, Chairman; W. Elmer P. Baruth, 323; W. Robert L. Page, 1.

**Grand Lodge Business Affairs:** W. James M. Paxson, 302 (1965) Chairman; M. W. Merle M. Hale, 54 (1966); W. William A. Pettengill, 25 (1967); W. John M. Douglas, 268 (1964); W. Vernon H. Wood, 290 (1968).

**Grand Lodge Office:** W. Herman G. Reinholz, 3 (1966) Chairman; M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210 (1964); W. Ernest E. James, 1 (1965).

**Grand Trustees:** W. Alfred E. Geschke, 25 (1965); W. Carl D. Ganz, 209 (1964); M. W. John F. Fatcher, 302 (1966); W. William E. Moor, 102 (1967); W. Harold E. Gabrielson, 302 (1968).

**Grievances:** W. Brothers Clarence M. Pierson, 19, Chairman; Ralph J. Hershey, 15; Edward L. Straka, 290.

**Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund:** M. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227, Chairman; W. Lyle J. Bryant, 297; W. Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314.

**Masonic Education:** W. Howard J. Hunter, 59 (1966) Chairman; R. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1968); M. W. John E. Beaver, 253 (1964); W. Roy W. Deal, 227 (1964); W. Floyd C. Wisner, 265 (1965); W. W. Upton Dawson, 135 (1965).

**Nebraska Work:** M. W. Brothers Edward F. Carter, 201 (1964) Chairman; Chancellor A. Phillips, 150 (1965); John E. Beaver, 253 (1966).

**Public Relations:** W. Brother Alfred B. Gorman, 54, Chairman; Brother John S. Savage, 11; W. Floyd C. Wisner, 265.

**Relief and Care of Orphans:** Brother Paul L. Toombs, 290 (1967) Chairman; W. John S. Burley, 300 (1968); W. Otto W. Burkhardt, 55 (1964); M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1 (1966); W. Earl W. Schultz, 75 (1964).

**Temple Building Advisory:** W. Brothers Otto Nelsen, 300 (1964) Chairman; Donald G. Hafer, 306 (1965); E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1966).

**Foner Land:** W. Philip C. Robinson, Sr., 155, Chairman; W. Vac Randa, 87; R. W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19.

**M. W. Charles F. Adams, Past Grand Master:**

M. W. Grand Master, may I have the floor while we are voting to make a comment on some statements that have been made that I would like to clarify. I am not the Historian, I am not a Committee on Public Relations, but I do like accuracy. It has been said a good many times that we are meeting in Lincoln for the first time and I think for the sake of accuracy we ought to say we are meeting in Lincoln for the first time in a long time.

This Grand Lodge may be interested to know that in the early days the Grand Lodge met in different places. Following the year 1866, the first nine years we met in Omaha. Since that time this is what actually happened. In 1868 we met in Bellevue, 1870 we met in Plattsmouth, 1883 we met in Beatrice. Nebraska City in 1869 and 1873, and we have met in Lincoln 1871, 1872, 1875, 1876, 1879, 1881, 1882, 1884, 1888, 1897 and 1899. This is the first time since 1900, but for the sake of accuracy I would like to correct the Press to say that we are coming back to Lincoln after an absence of some 63 years.

## RESOLUTION

M. W. Edward F. Carter presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption.

It is the opinion of the undersigned that the Grand Secretary and Grand Custodian should have an increase in salary in the amount of \$300 per year. This will increase the salary of the Grand Secretary to \$8,100 per annum and the Grand Custodian \$6,600. Signed by M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210; M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201 and W. Fred D. Moshier, 281.

(Motion was seconded and carried.)

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

W. J. Robert Keifer, 121, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations which was adopted.

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations respectfully submits the following report relative to the sections of the address of the M. W. Grand Master and R. W. Grand Secretary, which has been referred to it.

According to instruction, the Committee reviewed certain actions of the M. W. Grand Master and R. W. Grand Secretary and correspondence pertaining to those actions and find that in the address of the

M. W. Grand Master we approve the paragraph on By-laws approved; we approve the paragraph on Lodge consolidations; we approve the paragraph on Surrender of Charters; we approve the paragraph on Permission to Move Charters; we approve the paragraph on Dispensations. In the address of the R. W. Grand Secretary, we approve the paragraph on Chartered Lodges.

As directed, your Committee met with the W. Master, Junior Warden and Secretary of Monument No. 293 relative to the failure of that Lodge to be represented in Grand Lodge the last two years. Satisfactory reasons explaining this non-attendance were advanced by the representatives of Monument Lodge and since this Lodge apparently has a healthy solid foundation and have their affairs under more satisfactory control, we, therefore, recommend that no further action be taken relative to the forfeiture of the Charter of Monument No. 293.

This Committee has examined the report of the Credential Committee and find that Mason City No. 170, Merna No. 171 and Endeavor No. 262 have failed to be represented in Grand Lodge for two successive years.

We submit that these three aforementioned Lodges be cited to appear before this Committee at the next annual communication to show cause why their charters should not be forfeited.

### REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

W. George W. Rosenlof, 314, Grand Historian, presented his report which was adopted.

M. W. Grand Master, Grand Officers, Brethren, I have no formal presentation to make this morning. The Grand Historian decided since there was an increasing interest in this matter of the laying of corner-stones that he would prepare an historical account of the Laying of Corner-stones by the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska. This particular document which will be distributed to you is not in its final form. It is preliminary.

Since this report was compiled we have found some additional documents relative to the laying of corner-stones and some pictures have become available to us all of which will be appended to this original brochure.

M. W. Grand Master, I should like to present to you officially the document that we have prepared and suggest that they be distributed to the Lodges of Nebraska as well as other Jurisdictions or Masonic bodies interested.

M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Master:

Thank you, W. Brother Rosenlof, for presenting me this History of Corner-stone Layings in Nebraska.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

W. Leonard M. Pierson, 19, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grievances which was adopted.

Your Committee on Grievances reports that an investigation was made into the merits of the Petition for Restoration of a former member of Wayne No. 120 and recommends that the Petition be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.

Your Committee finds from its investigation that this former member was expelled from membership on August 4, 1945; that he petitioned for restoration in Wayne No. 120; that the investigating committee reported favorably for restoration and that on February 14, 1963, his Petition for Restoration was granted and your Committee offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Petition of a former member of Wayne No. 120 for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.”

Your Committee reports that an investigation was made into the merits of the Petition for Restoration of a former member of Humboldt No. 40 and recommends that the Petition be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.

Your Committee finds from its investigation that this former member was expelled from membership on October 30, 1954; that he petitioned for restoration in Humboldt No. 40; that the investigating committee reported favorably for restoration and that on May 23, 1963, his Petition for Restoration was granted and your Committee offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Petition of a former member of Humboldt No. 40 for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.”

Your Committee reports that a member of Humboldt No. 40 was suspended from membership on May 5, 1962, for a period of six months after a trial held on said date on a complaint of un-Masonic conduct; that an appeal was taken from the decision of the Trial Commission by Humboldt No. 40; that on the date of the complaint, to-wit; on July 11, 1961, said member had violated Section 3-102, Sub-paragraph (a), having been found guilty by the District Court of the First Judicial District of Nebraska on a charge of embezzlement; that the findings of the Trial Commission of suspension for six months is not commensurate with the severity of the offense committed and should be modified and your Committee offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption;

“BE IT RESOLVED that the findings of the Trial Commission be modified and that the former member of Humboldt No. 40 be expelled.”

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC - EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund which was adopted.

Your Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund Committee is pleased to make its report to you of its activities during the past year and those future plans which come under its direction.

During the past year, we had a graduate from our Masonic-Eastern Star Home who entered Midland College as a freshman. Unfortunately, she did not make her grades and dropped out of school by the end of the first semester.

We were also financing the attendance of a senior high school student at a beauty school. She completed her course at this school at the same time that she graduated from high school and is now employed in a beauty salon as an operator.

Since we did not have both of these students in school for the entire year, it was necessary for us to use only a part of the funds allotted to our committee and the balance has been returned to the Grand Lodge.

This fall there will be only one graduate from Fremont High School who will be under the direction of this Committee. This young man has decided to attend Midland College and will enter as a freshman this fall. We are requesting from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska \$550.00 which will be matched by an equal amount from the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star to finance this year at Midland.

We on the Committee wish to express our appreciation for the opportunity which we have in working with these young people who have been residents of our Home. It's a pleasure for us to be able to become better acquainted with the young people and to assist them with counsel and Grand Lodge funds to pursue their education.

At 11:45 a. m. the Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment.

### SECOND DAY — AFTERNOON SESSION

M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Master:

Brethren, I have the great pleasure of presenting to you the Worthy Advisor of Rainbow for Girls, Janine Christensen.

Janine Christensen:

M. W. Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and members of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

It is my distinct honor as Grand Worthy Advisor of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska, to bring greetings and best wishes for a most successful session.

Rainbow Girls learn upon initiation that it is the Service they perform that turns into pure gold, and it is through their many and varied projects that each and every Rainbow Girl in the State of Nebraska has had a part in our endeavors. Among these are: People to People — an international step toward creating peace and helping to stamp out Communism through the Youth of other countries; our newly established Rainbow Scholarship Fund; The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, as well as The Nebraska Masonic Home.

It is my pleasure to present to you this check for \$210.00 to go toward furthering your wonderful work at the Plattsmouth Home.

I wish to extend a cordial invitation to you personally, Mr. Van Wey, as well as to all Master Masons, to attend our Grand Assembly Session June 13, 14 and 15 in Omaha.

M. . W. . Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Master :

On behalf of the Grand Lodge I do accept this gift and our sincere thanks and good wishes for the wonderful work that Rainbow for Girls are doing.

M. . W. . Brother Hale, you will present the Job's Daughters.

M. . W. . Merle M. Hale :

Brethren, it is a real pleasure to introduce and present to you Ruth Chestnut, Honored Queen.

Ruth Chestnut, Honored Queen :

M. . W. . Grand Master, on behalf of the 74 Bethels of Nebraska, I would like to present this check in the amount of \$300 for use at The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. This has been possible through contributions from each Bethel.

M. . W. . Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Master :

Thank you, Ruth, for this check and I assure you it will be put to the very best of use.

W. . Robert E. Lund, 323, Executive Officer of DeMolay in Nebraska :

M. . W. . Grand Master, it is a great pleasure for me to introduce James Bear, Master Counselor of DeMolay for Boys in Nebraska.

**James Bear, Master Counselor :**

M. . W. . Grand Master, on behalf of the State Chapter of DeMolay of Nebraska, I present you this check to be used at The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont.

M. . W. . Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Master :

Thank you, Jim, for this fine gesture. I assure that it will be put to good use and is gratefully appreciated.

Now, I will turn the microphone to W. . Robert E. Lund who is the Executive Officer of DeMolay in Nebraska.

W. . Robert E. Lund, 323, Executive Officer of DeMolay in Nebraska :

Brethren, the Grand Preceptory of the Legion of Honor is now convened. I shall appoint M. . W. . Joseph C. Tye as Marshal. Brother Marshal, you will present the designates of the Legion of Honor.

M. . W. . Joseph C. Tye :

I have the honor and great pleasure to present to you M. . W. . Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Master; R. . W. . Ralph M. Carhart, Deputy Grand Master; R. . W. . Harry A. Spencer, Grand Senior Warden; and W. . Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian of the Grand Lodge, A. . F. . & A. . M. . each of whom have been officially designated by the Supreme Council to receive the rank and honor, insignia and degree of the Legion of Honor, Order of De Molay.

(W. . Brother Lund in a very impressive ceremony conferred the Legion of Honor upon the above mentioned Grand Lodge Officers.)

At 2:00 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, Officers and Members being present as at the preceding session.

M. . W. . John E. Beaver :

M. . W. . Grand Master and Brethren: May I again call your attention to the generosity of two of Nebraska's distinguished Masons whose contribution to The Nebraska Masonic Home in six figures indicates the love and concern for those less fortunate. Brothers Harry O. Palmer and Arthur L. Palmer, sons of a pioneer family, distinguished lawyers both at home and abroad feeling a certain responsibility that the family record the past 101 years in Nebraska be factually remembered in correct historical perspective free from "window dressing" unadorned. Brother Harry O. Palmer passed away a few years ago. Arthur L. Palmer is now a resident of Long Beach, California. During my term as Grand Master, Grand Secretary Carl R. Greisen and I journeyed to Long Beach to present Brother Arthur L. Palmer his fifty-year button. This was a memorable occasion.

These two brethren have done so much for so many that I thought the brethren present at this 106th Annual Communication should know about it. Thank you, M. . W. . Grand Master for giving me this time. Brother Arthur is known to Carl and me as "the Ole Cheyenne". (Standing ovation and long applause.)

M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Master:

Thank you, M. W. Brother John. There is nothing I can add to your tribute to the Palmer Brothers.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

W. Norris W. Lallman, 72, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Finance which was adopted.

Your Committee on Finance submits the following report:

We have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary, Grand Custodian and the Committees having a part in the financial program of the Grand Lodge.

We have reviewed the audit, submitted by Mr. L. A. Nelson, a certified public accountant, and have examined all matters of finance which are set forth in the Constitution and by-laws of this Grand Lodge.

#### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF GRAND LODGE GRAND LODGE FUNDS

RECEIPTS:	General	Supply	Relief
Per Capita dues .....	\$ 82,553.40	\$	\$9,172.60
Fees .....	11,300.00		
Investment Income .....	34,794.86		571.13
Supplies and bonds .....		6,313.84	
Liability Insurance .....	3,669.04		
Other Income and Refunds .....	2,295.08		
(Includes George Washington Masonic National Memorial Fund)			
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS .....</b>	<b>\$134,612.38</b>	<b>\$ 6,313.84</b>	<b>\$9,743.73</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>			
General Fund .....	79,551.93		
The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children .....	30,500.00		
Supplies—includes \$8,100 special appropriation for new monitor .....		(\$ 6,293.76)	
Relief .....			3,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES: .....</b>	<b>\$110,051.93</b>	<b>(\$ 6,293.76)</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
Excess or (Deficit) .....	24,560.45	\$12,607.60	\$6,743.73
Overall Excess .....	43,911.98		
<b>UNEXPENDED FUNDS AND REFUNDS:</b>			
General Fund .....	24,560.45		



Orphans Educational	
Endowment Fund .....	103,021.49
Committee on Relief Refund .....	310.50
Masonic-Eastern Star	
Student Fund .....	102.05
Grand Custodian Refund .....	267.94
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Sub Total .....	\$130,262.43

ANTICIPATED INCOME:

Per Capita dues .....	\$ 82,000.00
Initiations & Fees .....	11,000.00
Investment Income .....	25,000.00
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TOTAL AVAILABLE

FOR BUDGET .....	\$248,262.43
TOTAL BUDGET REQUESTED .....	\$107,342.55

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

RECEIPTS:	General	Endowment Bldg. Fund	Seals
Per Capita dues .....	\$ 91,726.00		
Cash from Residents .....	130,292.86		
Miscellaneous Income .....	5,084.09		10.00
Investment Income .....	11,658.16	\$59,151.83	\$10,214.06
Gains from sales of			
Investments .....		12,312.75	
Other Sundry Receipts ...			\$39,954.50
Total Receipts .....	\$238,761.11	\$71,464.58	\$10,224.06
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DISBURSEMENTS:	General	Endowment Bldg. Fund	Seals
General Operation .....	\$200,143.94		
Seal Program .....			\$21,517.41
Total Disbursements .....	\$200,143.94	—0—	—0—
Overall Excess .....	\$ 38,617.17	\$71,464.58	\$10,224.06
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UNEXPENDED BALANCES:

General Fund .....	\$ 14,493.55
General Investment .....	135,539.89
Purchasing Acct. ....	13,034.26
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Sub-Total .....	\$163,067.70

ANTICIPATED INCOME:

Per Capita dues .....	\$ 90,000.00
Investment Income .....	11,000.00

## Cash from

Residents ..... 125,000.00

Sub-Total .....\$163,067.70

## TOTAL AVAILABLE

FOR BUDGET .....\$389,067.70

BUDGET REQUESTED ..\$281,581.00

## SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Special appropriations were made during the past year for the following purposes: Committee of Grand Trustees—\$150.00, printing of a new Monitor—\$8,100.00, Framing pictures of The Nebraska Masonic Home—\$2,000.00 and \$15.49 for workmen's compensation. They were approved. by a majority of Grand Officers and the Appropriations committee.

## VOUCHERS

All of the vouchers were examined and approved by our Committee.

The vouchers and reports of the Grand Custodian were examined and found to be in excellent condition and the unexpended balance accounted for by a refund to Grand Lodge.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Education was examined and found to be correct.

We believe that the voucher system is being used properly and this enables our Committee to present facts, rather than faults concerning the financial condition of the Grand Lodge.

## SEAL FUND SUMMARY

Balance on hand May 10, 1962 .....\$27,547.72

Income during the year ..... 39,954.50

Total Receipts .....\$67,502.22

Expense of operating Seal Fund ..... 21,517.41

Excess of receipts over expenses .....\$45,984.81

Transferred from Seal Fund to General Fund .....\$ 4,890.05

Transferred from Seal Fund to Endowment &amp;

Bequest Fund ..... 25,000.00

Cash on Hand May 10, 1963 ..... 16,094.76

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE  
ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, Chairman, presented a Supplemental Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence which was adopted.

As requested by the Grand Lodge this morning, the Committee on Jurisprudence has now prepared an amendment to the By-laws of our Grand Lodge requiring each subordinate Lodge to have a By-law providing for a Masonic Education Committee. We submit a new section to our By-laws to be known as Section 2-510.01 entitled Masonic Education Committee, which reads as follows:

“The Master of each subordinate lodge shall annually appoint a Committee on Masonic Education consisting of not less than three members to implement the work of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education.”

Brethren, I now ask for unanimous consent to consider the proposed amendment at this Annual Communication.

M. . W. . Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Master:

M. . W. . Brother Ronin, unanimous consent is granted. (Amendment adopted by two-thirds vote.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

W. . Fred D. Moshier, 281, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Appropriations which was adopted.

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA, A. . F. . & A. . M. .  
BUDGET FOR 1963 - 1964

<b>a. Expense of Annual Communication</b>	
1. Payroll for 1963 Session .....	\$ 10,000.00
2. Recording and Transcribing 1963 Sessions .....	225.00
3. Grand Tyler .....	25.00
4. Grand Organist .....	10.00
5. Grand Masters Dinner for Past Grand Masters and Guests, 1964 .....	500.00
6. Printing Proceedings, 1963 Communication .....	3,000.00
7. Grand Lodge Dinner for Delegates, 1964 .....	750.00
8. Entertainment of Distinguished Guests, 1964 .....	500.00
9. Printing Fraternal Reviews, 1963 .....	300.00
10. Preparing Fraternal Reviews, 1963 .....	300.00
11. Printing Secretary's Book, 1963 .....	390.00
12. Grand Lodge Dinner Speaker, 1963 .....	150.00
<b>b. Expense of Grand Lodge Committees</b>	
1. Masonic Education .....	3,400.00
2. Relief and Care of Orphans .....	400.00
3. Appropriations .....	75.00
4. Grand Lodge Office .....	75.00
5. Grand Lodge Business Affairs .....	75.00
6. Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund .....	550.00

7. Finance .....	75.00
8. Work .....	75.00
9. Grand Trustees .....	1,750.00
10. Grand Historian Research Expense .....	350.00
c. Traveling Expense	
1. Grand Master .....	2,800.00
2. Grand Secretary .....	1,000.00
3. Grand Custodian (Personal) .....	800.00
4. Grand Custodian for Grand Lodge Functions .....	100.00
5. Assistant Custodians .....	4,350.00
6. Annual Custodians Meeting .....	650.00
7. Grand Lodge Officers and Committees under direction of Grand Master .....	750.00
8. Grand Secretary Emeritus, Lewis E. Smith .....	500.00
9. Deputy Grand Master to Grand Masters' Conference ..	450.00
10. Grand Masters' Conference and Grand Secretaries' Conference, Dues and Miscellaneous Expenses ....	300.00
d. Salaries	
1. Grand Secretary .....	8,100.00
2. Grand Custodian .....	6,600.00
3. Grand Secretary's Clerical Staff .....	12,300.00
4. Social Security .....	850.00
e. Fixed Expense	
1. Rent Grand Lodge Offices .....	3,000.00
2. Grand Secretary's Office Expense .....	4,000.00
3. Jewel, Apron and Card for Retiring Grand Master ....	200.00
4. Grand Custodian's Office Expense .....	900.00
5. Fifty-year Buttons .....	717.50
f. Insurance and Assessments	
1. Workmen's Compensation and Liability Insurance to June 18, 1964 .....	51.29
2. Dues to Masonic Relief Association on 45,653 Members to May 31, 1964 .....	290.76
3. Surety Bond for General Lodge Officers and Employees .....	525.00
4. Grand Master's Car Insurance and Employees Car Insurance .....	25.15
5. Masonic Service Association for 45,653 Members .....	1,160.00
6. Comprehensive Liability Insurance on Subordinate Lodges expiring June 17, 1964 .....	3,287.02
7. Commission on Information .....	50.00
g. Grand Lodge Responsibilities	
1. Masonic-Eastern Star Home Fremont Budget 1963-1964 .....	85,680.00
(Amount needed from Grand Lodge funds to Complete 1963-1964 financing requirements	

	for Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont)	
	To be matched by Grand Chapter Order of	
	Eastern Star . . . . .	\$31,280.00
2.	Masonic-Eastern Star Home, Fremont Appropriation to complete 1962-1963 operations (no Grand Lodge money required) . . . . .	3,000.00
3.	The Nebraska Masonic Home . . . . .	214,050.00
4.	The Nebraska Masonic Home Laundry Equipment . . .	29,000.00
5.	The Nebraska Masonic Home Building Maintenance, repair and equipment . . . . .	38,531.00
	(Special note: \$24,291.00 of this appropriation is a re-appropriation from 1962-1963)	

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON  
CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

W. Bernard T. Pipher, 31, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Codification of the Law which was adopted.

Your Committee on Codification of the Law submits its report and recommends as follows:

1. That Section 1-301 of the By-Laws be amended by the inclusion of the Grand Lodge Office Committee as a Standing Committee and its elimination as a Regular Committee, and otherwise said Section shall remain unchanged.

2. That Section 1-322 of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows and that the original of said Section be repealed:

Sec. 1-322—GRAND LODGE OFFICE—(a) The Committee on Grand Lodge Office shall examine the equipment of the Grand Secretary's office, and shall make recommendation for any improvements needed for the same, and for additional furniture and facilities required for the more convenient and efficient work of the office. The Grand Lodge Office Committee shall have general supervision of all employees of our Grand Lodge Office, including the power to employ and discharge, to set salaries and working conditions for such employees, and to have authority and jurisdiction over all other matters relating to the Grand Lodge Office not specifically vested in another Committee of the Grand Lodge.

(b) The Committee on Grand Lodge Office shall consist of three members, who in the first instance shall be appointed one member for a term of one year, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years, and thereafter each Grand Master shall appoint one member for a term of three years to fill the expiring membership.

(c) In the case of a vacancy in the membership of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office, the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a member to fill the unexpired term.

3. That a new section of the By-Laws be enacted to be known as Section 2-513.01 as follows:

Sec. 2-513.01 — MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE. — The Master of each subordinate lodge shall annually appoint a Committee on Masonic Education consisting of not less than three members to implement the work of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education.

The decisions of the Grand Master which have been approved by this Grand Lodge should be placed as annotations under the proper sections of the Grand Lodge By-Laws.

This report is respectfully submitted by your Committee on Codification of the Law.

R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary :

M. W. Grand Master, I have two amendments to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge which have just been handed me.

M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Master :

R. W. Brother Grand Secretary, you will read the Proposed Amendments.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

RESOLVED that Section 3-102 (d) of said By-Laws be amended as hereinafter set out, and the undersigned hereby move and second the adoption by this Grand Lodge of said proposed amendment so that said Section will then read as follows:

##### Section 3-102 (d)

Engaging in the manufacture, transportation, sale or possession of intoxicating liquors in violation of the laws of the State of Nebraska, or of the United States of America.

And that said Section 3-102 (d) as now existing be repealed.

That Section 2-904 be amended by adding in the first sentence thereof after the word "beverage" the words, "in violation of the laws of the United States or the State of Nebraska" and that said original Section 2-904 as now existing be repealed.

This amendment is signed by M. W. Herbert T. White, 11; M. W. Joseph C. Tye, 46; M. W. John F. Futeher, 302; W. Edwin Mortensen, 302; W. Joseph W. Sherwood, 19.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

RESOLVED that Section 1-301 — ENUMERATION AND CLASSIFICATION be amended to add the following Lodge Advisory Committee in the line seven of the second paragraph.

and by adding a new section 1-315.01 to read as follows:

"The Lodge Advisory Committee shall consist of three members who in the first instance shall be appointed for staggered terms of one, two and three years and thereafter each Grand Master will appoint one member for a term of three years.

"It shall be the duty of the Committee to advise and work with any Lodge which appears to be losing ground or experiencing difficulty in maintaining an active and progressive program.

"It shall also be the duty of this Committee to process all applications to surrender Charters and no Charter may be surrendered except upon the recommendation of this Committee."

This amendment is signed by R. W. Harry A. Spencer, 227, W. Raymond C. Cook, 6; R. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281; R. W. Ralph M. Carhart, 120; M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201; M. W. Herbert T. White, 11; M. W. John F. Fatcher, 302.

M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Master:

Brethren, these amendments will lie over until the 107th Annual Communication in 1964.

#### MINUTES APPROVED

W. Alfred B. Saum, 46, Grand Marshal:

M. W. Grand Master, I move that the published proceedings of the 105th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, held June 5 and 6, 1962 and all previous proceedings of the Grand Lodge published and distributed by the Grand Secretary, be ratified and approved. (Seconded and carried.)

#### THANKS AND APPRECIATION

W. Alfred B. Saum, 46, Grand Marshal:

M. W. Grand Master and members of the Grand Lodge, I move that this Grand Lodge go on record as expressing its appreciation and gratitude to the Officers and Members of the nine Lincoln Lodges, the City of Lincoln, and the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce for the many courtesies, arrangements and kindnesses that they have extended to us and our visitors in making this session not only so successful, but most pleasant. (Seconded and carried.)

#### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

M. W. John E. Beaver was Installing Officer and was assisted by M. W. Fay Smith, Installing Marshal.

M. W. Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Master:

Brethren, first may I thank M. W. Brother Beaver and M. W. Brother Smith for an impressive installation ceremony. I realize fully the great responsibility and task before me. Brethren, one of the things that is close to my heart is Masonic Education and I want to do everything possible this year to establish in each Lodge a Committee on Masonic

Education to work and co-operate with the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education. To this end I fraternally solicit your full co-operation and I shall try to make myself available to as many Lodges as possible for visitation.

### PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL

M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Past Grand Master:

M. W. Brother Van Wey, I am the first one to publicly address you by your new title as Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

It seems like the Grand Master who appoints a man in line is kind of the Alpha and Omega of this man as he travels through his years in the Grand Lodge line and comes to the point of being Past Grand Master. One of the big things in this life of ours as we go through, meeting failures, joys, accomplishments, frustrations and all that goes with it, is the realization that when one has made a choice and now sees his choice vindicated, it is one of the greatest pleasures, I think, that can come to a man.

M. W. Brother Ernest, in recognition of your work and effort in this Grand Lodge, this decoration is given to you and I now invest you with it, a Past Grand Master's Jewel. Congratulations and we welcome you to the Past Grand Masters' Association.

M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Past Grand Master:

Thank you, M. W. Brother Babbitt, for those kind remarks that you have made about me again. I have tried to be a Grand Master and Grand Lodge officer that you would be proud of. I sincerely thank you for the opportunity to have served the great Grand Lodge of Nebraska as Grand Master.

### PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S APRON

R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary:

M. W. Brother Ernest O. Van Wey, the brethren of the Grand Lodge desire that you be properly clothed as the Junior Past Grand Master, and on their behalf, I present to you this beautiful Past Grand Master's apron. I know you will wear it with pleasure to yourself and honor to the Fraternity.

M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Past Grand Master:

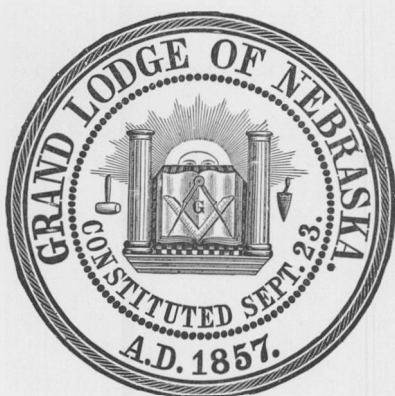
Thank you, Brother Carl, for presenting me with this beautiful Past Grand Master's apron and again to you, it has been a wonderful privilege to work with you and your fine office staff.



At 4:15 p. m., no further business appearing, after prayer by the V. W. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

*Ralph M. Cahut*

Grand Master



Attest:

It is hereby certified that the above and foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the One Hundred Sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held at Lincoln, Nebraska, June 4 and 5, 1963, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska this 23rd day of July, 1963.

*Jack Feisen*

Grand Secretary

**VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS  
WHO HAVE ATTENDED GRAND LODGE 21 YEARS OR MORE.**

Lewis E. Smith, 61 Years	1901-02-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17- 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- 49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63
Charles A. Chappell, 52 Years	1912-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27- 28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42- 43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58- 59-60-61-62-63
Chancellor A. Phillips, 47 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- 43-44-46-47-47-49-50-51-53-56-57-58-59-60-61- 63
William F. Evers, 41 Years	1920-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35- 36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51- 52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59
Benjamin F. Eyre, 41 Years	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54- 55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63
Raymond C. Cook, 41 Years	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36- 37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50- 51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63
George A. Stevens, 40 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- 51-54-55-57-58-59-60-63
Carl R. Greisen, 40 Years	1922-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39- 40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55- 56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63
William B. Wanner, 37 Years	1926-27-28-29-30-31-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41- 42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57- 58-59-60-61-62-63
Ralph O. Canaday, 36 Years	1922-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-39-40- 41-42-43-44-46-47-48-51-52-53-54-55-57-58-59- 60-61-62-63
Pearl C. Hillegass, 35 Years	1927-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44- 46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60- 61-62-63
C. Ray Macy, 34 Years	1924-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39- 40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55- 56-57
Herbert T. White 33 Years	1931-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47- 48-49-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63
George A. Kurk, 32 Years	1930-32-33-34-35-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48- 49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63

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
Edward F. Carter, 29 Years	1932-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-48-49- 50-51-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-61-62-63
Harold H. Thom, 29 Years	1925-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-46-47-48-49-50- 51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63
Elmer E. Magee, 29 Years	1927-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50- 51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63
Otto Nelsen, 29 Years	1935-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51- 52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63
William C. Smith, 28 Years	1926-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40- 41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53
Merle M. Hale, 28 Years	1936-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52- 53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63
William C. Schaper, 27 Years	1929-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52- 53-54-55-57-58-59-60-61-62-63
Edward M. Knight, 25 Years	1938-39-40-41-42-43-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55- 56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63
Robert E. Lund, 25 Years	1937-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-48-49-50-51-52-53-54- 55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63
Thomas J. Aron 24 Years	1930-31-32-33-39-40-42-44-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54- 55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62
Fay Smith, 24 Years	1936-37-38-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56- 57-58-59-60-61-62-63

(No Grand Lodge Communication in 1945, however Credit is given.)

PAST GRAND MASTERS  
PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE

A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska

LEWIS E. SMITH	1919 Otoe, Lincoln	(56th)	1921
CHARLES A. CHAPPELL	Minden	(58th)	1923
RALPH O. CANADAY	733 North Hastings St., Hastings	(68th)	1933
CHANCELLOR A. PHILLIPS	Cambridge	(72nd)	1936
EARL J. LEE	1035 No. H St., Fremont	(76th)	1940
EDWARD F. CARTER	State House, Lincoln	(77th)	1941
GEORGE A. KURK	1909 Ryons St., Lincoln	(78th)	1942
WILLIAM B. WANNER	2017 Stone St., Falls City	(79th)	1943
WILLIAM C. SCHAPER	1009 South D St., Broken Bow	(80th)	1944-1945
BENJAMIN F. EYRE	2001 Douglas Street, Omaha 68102	(81st)	1946
EDWARD HUWALDT	Commercial National Bank, Grand Island	(82nd)	1947
ELMER E. MAGEE	1201 O Street, Lincoln	(83rd)	1948
THOMAS J. ARON	Crete State Bank, Crete	(86th)	1951
EDWARD M. KNIGHT	Alliance National Bank, Alliance	(87th)	1952
FAY SMITH	Box 7, Imperial	(88th)	1953
CHARLES F. ADAMS	Box 149, Aurora	(89th)	1954
HERBERT T. WHITE	522 Insurance Bldg., Omaha 68102	(90th)	1955
MERLE M. HALE	1440 M St., Lincoln	(91st)	1956
ROY I. BABBITT	609 Bluff Street, Scottsbluff	(92nd)	1957
JOHN E. BEAVER	% Whitmoyer Apts., Columbus	(93rd)	1958
JOSEPH C. TYE	Pratt Building, Kearney	(94th)	1959
JOHN F. FUTCHER	5224 Crown Point, Omaha 68104	(95th)	1960
HERBERT A. RONIN	Court House, Lincoln 68508	(96th)	1961
ERNEST O. VAN WEY	802 - 11th Street, Gothenburg	(97th)	1962
ROSCOE POUND	Harvard Law School, Cambridge 38, Massachusetts	(Honorary)	1949

WE HAVE SET APART THIS PAGE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY  
OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS WHO HAVE PASSED  
BEYOND THE VEIL.

NAME	Died	Lodge	Year Served
ROBERT C. JORDAN.....	Jan. 9th, 1899..	3..(1st)..	1857-58-59
GEORGE ARMSTRONG.....	Nov. 12th, 1896..	3. (2nd)..	1860-61-62
DANIEL H. WHEELER.....	Nov. 27th, 1912..	6....(3rd)..	1863-64
ROBERT W. FURNAS.....	June 1st, 1905..	4....(4th)..	1865-66
ORSAMUS H. IRISH.....	Jan. 27th, 1883..	5....(5th)..	1867-68
HARRY P. DEUEL.....	Nov. 23rd, 1914..	11....(6th)..	1869-70
WILLIAM E. HILL.....	Dec. 29th, 1917..	2....(7th)..	1871-72
MARTIN DUNHAM.....	Feb. 18th, 1915..	3.....(8th)..	1873
FRANK WELCH .....	Sept. 4th, 1878..	27.....(9th)..	1874
ALFRED G. HASTINGS.....	July 10th, 1894..	19....(10th)..	1875
GEORGE H. THUMMEL.....	Feb. 5th, 1932..	33....(11th)..	1876
GEORGE W. LININGER.....	June 8th, 1907..	3.....(12th)..	1877
EDWARD K. VALENTINE....	April 11th, 1916..	27....(13th)..	1878
ROLLAND H. OAKLEY.....	Feb. 2nd, 1904..	19....(14th)..	1879
JAMES A. TULLEYS.....	Jan. 21st, 1901..	53....(15th)..	1880
JAMES R. CAIN, SR.....	Nov. 24th, 1920..	9....(16th)..	1881
EDWIN F. WARREN.....	July 9th, 1923..	2....(17th)..	1882
SAMUEL W. HAYES.....	Nov. 15th, 1913..	55....(18th)..	1883
JOHN JAY WEMPLE.....	May 28th, 1943..	50....(19th)..	1884
MANOAH B. REESE.....	Sept. 28th, 1917..	59....(20th)..	1885
CHARLES K. COUTANT.....	Aug. 23rd, 1910..	11....(21st)..	1886
MILTON J. HULL.....	Sept. 18th, 1923..	67....(22nd)..	1887
GEORGE B. FRANCE.....	Aug. 16th, 1914..	56....(23rd)..	1888
JOHN J. MERCER.....	Feb. 25th, 1915..	4....(24th)..	1889
ROBERT E. FRENCH.....	Feb. 16th, 1927..	46....(25th)..	1890
BRADNER D. SLAUGHTER..	May 8th, 1909..	89....(26th)..	1891
SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON.....	Dec. 8th, 1928..	17....(27th)..	1892
JAMES P. A. BLACK.....	Nov. 12th, 1918..	76....(28th)..	1893
JOHN A. EHRHARDT .....	Nov. 1st, 1925..	41....(29th)..	1894
HENRY H. WILSON.....	June 28th, 1941..	19....(30th)..	1895
CHARLES J. PHELPS.....	Aug. 24th, 1915..	34....(31st)..	1896
JOHN B. DINSMORE .....	Oct. 6th, 1915..	49....(32nd)..	1897
FRANK H. YOUNG.....	Dec. 24th, 1917..	207....(33rd)..	1898
WILLIAM W. KEYSOR.....	Aug. 17th, 1922..	25....(34th)..	1899
ALBERT W. CRITES.....	Aug. 23rd, 1915..	158....(35th)..	1900
ROBERT E. EVANS.....	July 8th, 1925..	5....(36th)..	1901
NATHANIEL M. AYERS.....	Nov. 19th, 1913..	93....(37th)..	1902
FRANK E. BULLARD.....	Jan. 31st, 1933..	32....(38th)..	1903
CHARLES E. BURNHAM.....	May 29th, 1933..	55....(39th)..	1904
MELVILLE R. HOPEWELL...	May 2nd, 1911..	31....(40th)..	1905
ZUINGLE M. BAIRD .....	Dec. 17th, 1916..	155....(41st)..	1906
ORNAN J. KING.....	Dec. 26th, 1927..	54....(42nd)..	1907
WILLIAM A. DE BORD.....	May 17th, 1916..	3.....(43rd)..	1908

NAME	Died	Lodge	Year Served
MICHAEL DOWLING.....	May 5th, 1921.	119.....	(44th)..1909
HARRY A. CHENEY.....	June 27th, 1948.	100.....	(45th)..1910
HENRY GIBBONS.....	Aug. 22nd, 1923.	46.....	(46th)..1911
JAMES R. CAIN, JR. ....	Sept. 3rd, 1950.	105.....	(47th)..1912
ALPHA MORGAN .....	April 17th, 1924.	148.....	(48th)..1913
THOMAS M. DAVIS.....	Aug. 12th, 1919.	93.....	(49th)..1914
SAMUEL S. WHITING.....	Aug. 11th, 1931.	54.....	(50th)..1915
ANDREW H. VIELE.....	May 9th, 1941.	55.....	(51st)..1916
FREDERIC L. TEMPLE.....	Aug. 13th, 1944.	61.....	(52nd)..1917
AMBROSE C. EPPERSON....	Mar. 16th, 1944.	139.....	(53rd)..1918
JOHN J. TOOLEY.....	July 31st, 1934.	258.....	(54th)..1919
JOSEPH B. FRADENBURG....	June 14th, 1950.	3.....	(55th)..1920
EDWARD M. WELLMAN.....	Aug. 31st, 1922.	1.....	(57th)..1922
ROBERT R. DICKSON.....	June 18th, 1941.	95.....	(59th)..1924
JOHN WRIGHT.....	Oct. 29th, 1936.	19.....	(60th)..1925
EDWIN D. CRITES .....	Nov. 7th, 1953.	158.....	(61st)..1926
ALBERT R. DAVIS.....	Mar. 7th, 1929.	120.....	(62nd)..1927
FRANK H. WOODLAND.....	Oct. 23rd, 1940.	25.....	(63rd)..1928
IRA C. FREET.....	Oct. 13th, 1944.	56.....	(64th)..1929
ORVILLE A. ANDREWS.....	Oct. 16th, 1936.	19.....	(65th)..1930
JOHN R. TAPSTER.....	Mar. 21st, 1954.	119.....	(66th)..1931
EDWIN B. JOHNSTON.....	Feb. 11th, 1933.	33.....	(67th)..1932
ARCHIE M. SMITH.....	May 8th, 1950.	203.....	(69th)..1933
VIRGIL R. JOHNSON.....	Aug. 7th, 1956.	26.....	(70th)..1934
WILLIAM C. RAMSEY.....	May 19th, 1938.	268.....	(71st)..1935
WILLIAM A. ROBERTSON....	July 3rd, 1944.	6.....	(73rd)..1937
WALTER R. RAECKE.....	April 9th, 1960.	36.....	(64th)..1938
WILLIAM J. BRECKENRIDGE..	Nov. 16th, 1951.	317.....	(75th)..1939
ERNEST S. SCHIEFELBEIN...	April 20th, 1959.	59.....	(84th)..1949
JOHN S. HEDELUND.....	Jan. 30th, 1962.	268.....	(85th)..1950

## 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

1919 Otoe

Lincoln, Nebraska



REPRESENTATIVES NEAR AND FROM OTHER GRAND LODGES

REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
E. Jonah Shipp	Northport	Mar. 27, 1956	Alabama	Raymond C. Cook, 6	Omaha	May 4, 1939
F. Whitfield	Edmonton	Mar. 7, 1944	Alberta	Edward H. Lockwood, 265	Scottsbluff	Dec. 15, 1959
Dr. Eduardo Ayala	Buenos Aires	Sept. 23, 1954	Argentina	Pearl C. Hillegass, 81	Rising City	Sept. 15, 1954
John Fletcher Sills, Jr.	Prescott	April 13, 1949	Arizona	Erwin J. Imig, 38	Seward	Aug. 6, 1960
Frank A. Smith	Little Rock	Jan. 27, 1958	Arkansas	Elmer E. Magee, 227	Lincoln	Aug. 24, 1944
Hugo Barber	Vienna	Mar. 22, 195	Austria	Louis J. Lepinski, 184	Omaha	Aug. 12, 1955
Rene Desgagn		Nov. 13, 1962	Belgium	Leonard B. Woods, 103	Ord	Sept. 17, 1963
Raul Ballalai de Carvalho	Val. do Salvador	Sept. 19, 1936	Bolivia	Harold A. Tilton, 71	Neligh	Sept. 17, 1963
Raumundo Nonato do Vale	Ceara	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Bahia, United	Alfred E. Geschke, 25	Omaha	
Jose Cesarino Harta	Minas Gerais	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Ceara	George O. Sizemore, 32	North Platte	Nov. 7, 1949
Guilherme Wittine	Rio de Janeiro	Dec. 2, 1944	Brazil, Minas Gerais	Ernest E. James, 1	Omaha	Jan. 7, 1950
Abio Herve	Rio Grande do Sul	Oct. 10, 1949	Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Cecil C. Gates, 227	Lincoln	Sept. 19, 1941
Joao Bento	Joao Pessoa	Oct. 23, 1957	Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul	Clarence G. McNamee	Norfolk	
Dr. Walter Pinto	Sao Paulo	Nov. 14, 1951	Brazil, Paraiba	Benjamin F. Eyre, 1	Omaha	Jan. 3, 1936
William Fraser	Creston	April 20, 1955	Brazil, Santa Catarina	Wallace E. Moffett, 312	Lynch	Sept. 17, 1963
Maurice Coffey	Ottawa	Sept. 13, 1959	Brazil, Santa Catarina	Clyde D. Worrall, 59	Wahoo	Jan. 9, 1962
C. M. Pitts	Ottawa	April 15, 194	British Columbia	Thomas J. Aron, 37	Crete	July 10, 1947
Jorge A. Wachholtz	Taiwan	Jan. 10, 1962	California	Herbert T. White, 11	Omaha	July 26, 1958
TzeTsing Tuan	Taiwan	Sept. 14, 1962	Canada	Edward F. Carter, 201	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Jose Maria Serna	Barraquilla	July 31, 1951	Chile	Ralph O. Canaday, 50	Hastings	Feb. 17, 1930
Thomas H. Cox	Olathe	Feb. 20, 1932	China	Earl H. Furman, 290	Omaha	April 13, 1960
George S. Hull	Clinton	Sept. 22, 1948	Colombia Nat'l Grand	Clifford D. Webster, 321	Sidney	July 30, 1957
Cecilia Nieto Cosobo	San Jose	Dec. 10, 1918	Lodge	Carl R. Greisen, 32	Omaha	June 24, 1943
V. H. Francisco Enrique Garcia		Nov. 5, 1952	Colorado	Chancellor A. Phillips, 150	Cambridge	Jan. 2, 1929
Fagon Simonton	Wilmington	July 27, 1954	Connecticut	George W. Rosenlof, 314	Lincoln	Nov. 9, 1962
Mogens Millertz		Nov. 19, 1956	Costa Rica	Joseph C. Tye, 46	Kearney	June 25, 1954
John Linn McGrew	Washington	July 6, 1917	Cuba	Ross Van Sickle, 184	Omaha	June 24, 1943
Fernandos Gayangas Araya	Guayaquil	June 17, 1953	Delaware	Val Peterson, 276	Hastings	April 23, 1962
William R. S. Bathurst	Wiltshire	May 18, 1950	Denmark	Herbert A. Ronin, 210	Lincoln	May 13, 1954
Orville A. Clark	Jacksonville	Dec. 17, 1960	Dist. of Columbia	Clarence M. Pierson, 19	Lincoln	Sept. 14, 1962
Edward Jeanmonod	Paris	Sept. 14, 1954	Ecuador	Fay Smith, 198	Imperial	June 17, 1954
Otis E. Dixon	Macon	Jan. 15, 1957	England	Harry Z. Jackson, 253	Beemer	Oct. 1, 1958
Karl Roeder	Frankfurt	Sept. 20, 1955	Florida	Ralph M. Carhart, 120	Wayne	Sept. 23, 1954
George Sakellariou	Athens	April 10, 1954	France	Raymond F. Evers, 6	Plattsmouth	Aug. 3, 1960
Angel Gabriel Guzman	Helgafell	Aug. 13, 1963	Germany	Henry Becker, 114	Wisner	July 31, 1959
Bjarne Bjarnason	Nampa	June 28, 1960	Greece	Stephen W. Beck, 43	Hebron	Sept. 3, 1960
George A. Spongenberg	Decatur	July 11, 1950	Honduras	Gordon Chard, 240	Lyons	Nov. 3, 1962
John P. Lippincott	South Bend	Feb. 26, 1949	Iceland	George A. Stevens, 183	Chadron	
Thomas M. Gick	Dublin	June 17, 1963	Idaho	James M. Paxson, 302	Omaha	Aug. 11, 1960
Israel Levin	Tel Aviv	Sept. 14, 1954	Illinois	Warren W. Kelly, 290	Omaha	May 13, 1959
Ronald E. Napier	Tachikawa	July 25, 1958	Indiana	Norris W. Lallman, 72	Hooper	May 21, 1959
Homer B. Osborn	Wichita	Sept. 28, 194	India	Roy W. Deal, 227	Lincoln	Sept. 17, 1963
C. James Hyde	Louisville	Sept. 18, 1962	Ireland	Richard L. Ely, 128	Guide Rock	June 17, 1958
Philip O. McLaughlin	Louisville	Jan. 23, 1961	Israel, State of	William Grodinsky, 11	Omaha	July 26, 1954
James A. Sanker	Belfast	Sept. 14, 1948	Italy	Lewis R. Ricketts, 19	Lincoln	Sept. 14, 1962
Nathan Rothstein	Winnipeg	Mar. 22, 1951	Japan	Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	Lincoln	July 31, 1958
Clifford S. Hubbard	Cambridge	Apr. 19, 1961	Kansas	Howard J. Hunter, 59	Wahoo	Jan. 13, 1950
Roscoe Pound	Cambridge	May 1, 192	Kentucky	Ralph S. Tully, 25	Omaha	Jan. 23, 1958
			Louisiana	John A. Bottorf, 49	Sutton	Feb. 24, 1958
			Maine	Robert W. Cook, 33	Grand Island	Aug. 1, 1960
			Manitoba	Harry Ahl, 112	Louisville	Sept. 14, 1962
			Maryland	George A. Kurk, 54	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
			Massachusetts	William B. Wanner, 9	Falls City	June 22, 1937



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REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Horace Dillon	Tarreon, Coah.	Mar. 17, 1944	Mexico	Earl J. Lee, 15	Fremont	April 9, 1934
Willard Sauer	Sparta	Feb. 14, 1958	Michigan	Lewis E. Smith, 136	Lincoln	Aug. 29, 1917
Herbert S. Ramberg	Ada	Jan. 16, 1953	Minnesota	Merle M. Hale, 54	Lincoln	Feb. 14, 1951
Orman Rinehart Smith	Corinth	June 21, 1957	Mississippi	Louis V. Sylvester, 281	Omaha	Sept. 8, 1953
Etsou E. Jackson	Springfield	July 23, 1963	Missouri	F. Plummer Martin, 184	Omaha	Feb. 2, 1960
J. R. P. Reinemer	Circle	Feb. 3, 1953	Montana	Welcome W. Naylor, 158	Chadron	Mar. 4, 1950
J. F. A. Grovenberch		Dec. 14, 1960	Netherlands	William Kunold, 290	Omaha	Sept. 17, 1963
Harry H. Atkinson	Reno	June 19, 1911	Nevada	Alfred B. Saum, 46	Kearney	Jan. 30, 1958
Kenneth Roberts Nelson	St. John	Oct. 21, 1955	New Brunswick	Frank H. Smith, 301	Bayard	Jan. 31, 1958
John O. Lovejoy	Littleton	June 14, 1962	New Hampshire	Clyde H. Jones, 173	Stratton	Sept. 27, 1956
John A. Stecker	Maplewood	Aug. 11, 1947	New Jersey	John F. Fletcher, 302	Omaha	July 21, 1955
Howard M. Sleeper	Santa Fe	Apr. 9, 1953	New Mexico	Harold D. Weddel, 208	Lexington	Oct. 18, 1943
Frederick J. Hayward	Mosman	Mar. 10, 1950	New South Wales	Harry A. Spencer, 227	Lincoln	Apr. 8, 1957
George D. Preece		April 10, 1962	New York	George R. Porter, 11	Omaha	Oct. 19, 1931
T. W. Fairman	Mangaweka	Dec. 4, 1956	New Zealand	Carl D. Ganz, 209	Lincoln	Oct. 19, 1962
			Nicaragua	Paul D. Fleming, 93	Beaver City	Dec. 9, 1941
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Juan L. Aracha	Monterrey	Oct. 23, 1950	Nuevo Leon	Winston C. Swanson, 120	Wayne	Aug. 10, 1960
Robert L. Troescher	Youngstown	April 26, 1952	Ohio	Otto Nelsen, 300	Lincoln	Feb. 17, 1958
Aubrey R. Erhart	Guyman	July 23, 1963	Oklahoma	Ralph R. Carleton, 306	Lodgepole	Feb. 6, 1958
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Franco A. Zumaeta	Lima	Oct. 23, 1957	Peru	La Verne A. Walker, 55	Norfolk	Feb. 8, 1958
Aurelio B. Aquino	Manila	Jan. 23, 1944	Philippines	John C. Green, 280	Sargent	Oct. 17, 1945
Chester R. Martin	Caledonia	May 1, 1959	Prince Edward Island	Donald C. Smith, 1	Omaha	Jan. 17, 1945
A. G. Lightbourn	Fojards	May 3, 1945	Puerto Rico	Roy I. Babbitt, 295	Scottsbluff	Aug. 23, 1952
G. Diamond		July 13, 1959	Quebec	John E. Beaver, 253	Beemer	Jan. 8, 1954
W. R. Gailey		Feb. 29, 1960	Queensland	Edward Huwaldt, 318	Grand Island	Oct. 31, 1940
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Hj. August Lind	Linkoping	Apr. 4, 1958	Sweden	W. Alex. Danielson, 116	Alma	Sept. 10, 1953
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C. Cecil Broadwell	Jackson	Nov. 30, 1956	Tennessee	William C. Schaper, 148	Broken Bow	May 4, 1939
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Nebil Sarpel, Istanbul	Istanbul	July 19, 1963	Turkey	Melvin E. Johnson, 120	Ralston	Aug. 27, 1963
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## MASONIC CALENDAR

Ancient Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.'.L.'.) "In the year of light."

Royal Arch Masons date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, Anno Inventionis (A.'.I.'.) "In the year of the Discovery."

Royal and Select Masters date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, Anno Depositionis (A.'.Dep.'.) "In the year of the deposit."

Knights Templar commence their era with the organization of the order, Anno Ordinis, (A.'.O.'.) "In the year of the Order."

Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, Anno Beneficio, (A.'.Beo.'.) "In the year of the blessing."

Scottish Rite, same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish chronology is used, Anno Mundi, (A.'.M.'.) "In the year of the world."

## RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

Ancient Craft Masons—Add 4,000 years to the current year, thus: 1963 and 4,000—5963.

Royal Arch Masons—Add 530 to the current year, thus: 1963 and 530—2493.

Royal and Select Masters—Add 1,000 years to current year, thus: 1963 and 1,000—2963.

Knights Templar—From the Christian era take 1,118; thus 1,118 from 1963—844.

Order of High Priesthood—To the Christian era add 1913, the year of the blessing, thus 1963 and 1913—3876.

Scottish Rite—Add 3,760 to the current year; thus 1963 and 3,760—5723.

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