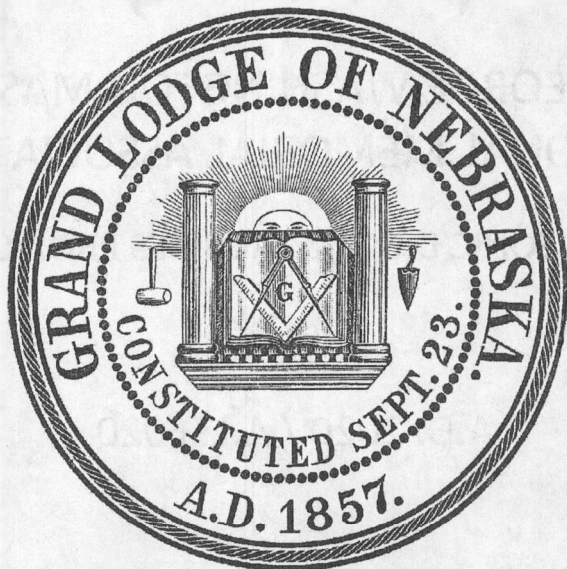


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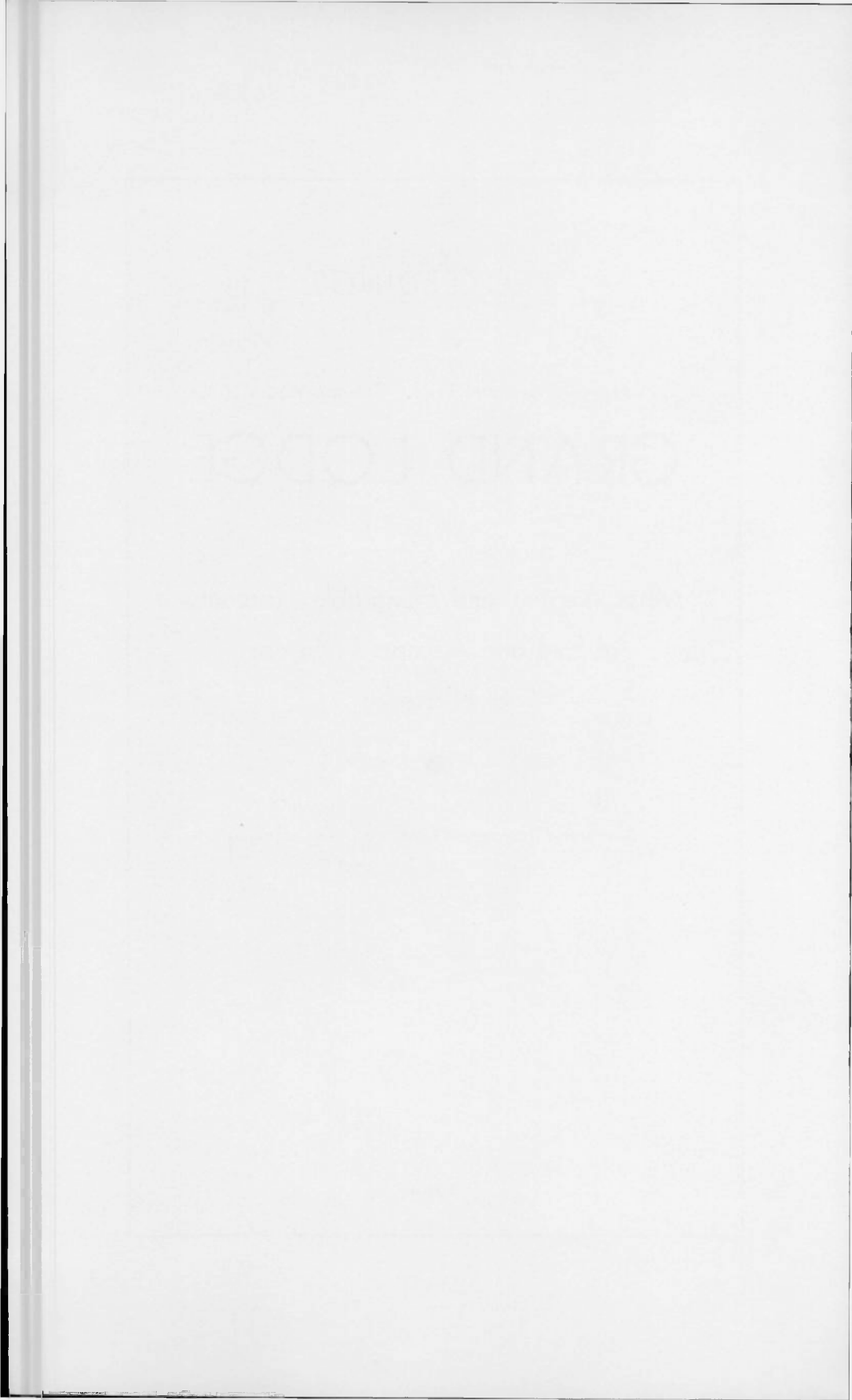
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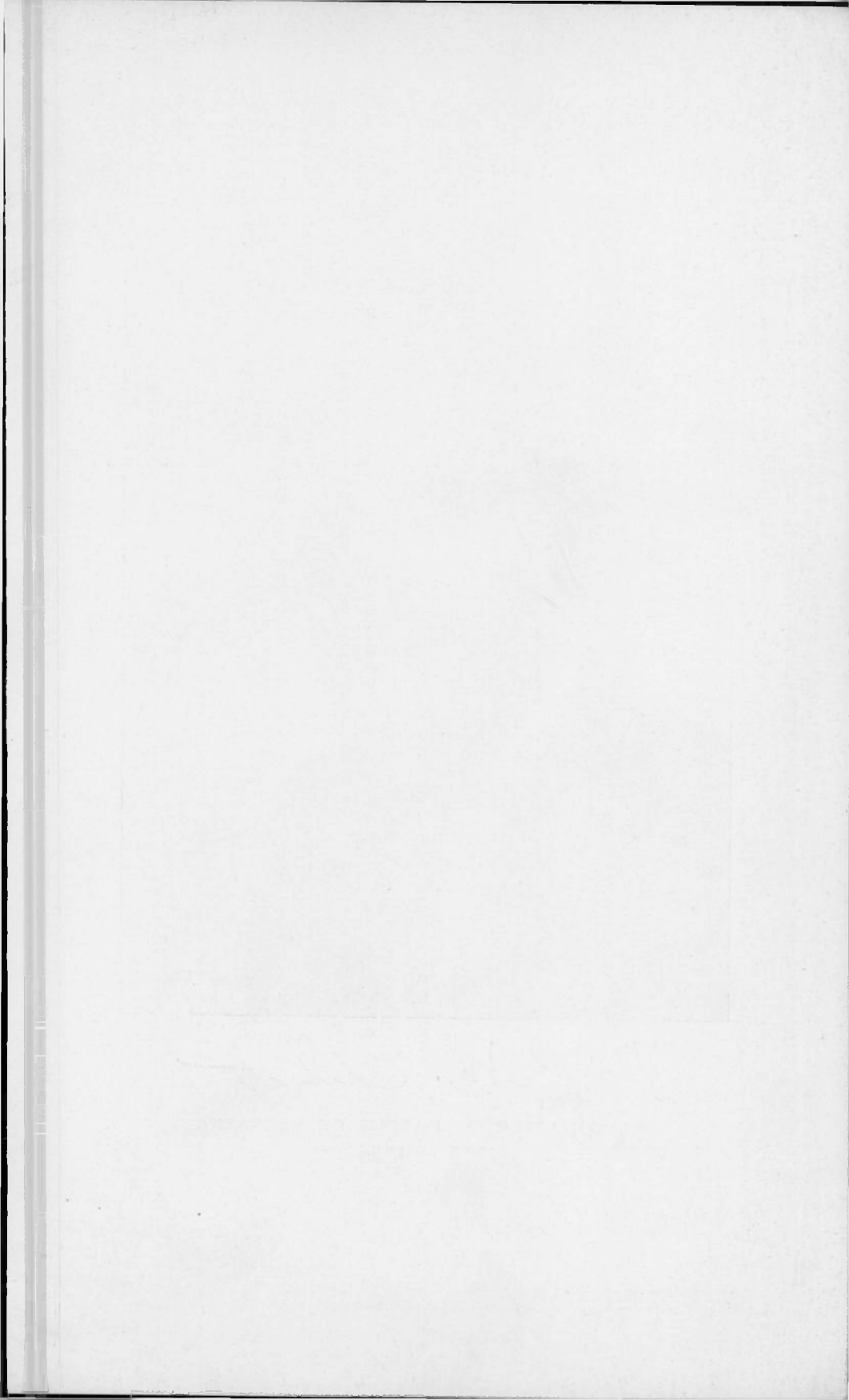




*Ralph M. Carhart*

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

1963 — 1964



# Biographical

## Ralph M. Carhart

Ralph M. Carhart was born on May 14, 1900, in Des Moines, Iowa, the son of Charles Eugene and Mary Ethel Miller Carhart. M.·W.·Brother Carhart attended the public schools of Mapleton, Iowa; Canton, South Dakota, and graduated at Wayne, Nebraska in 1920. He graduated from the University of Illinois in 1925 where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. He served in the First Division, A.E.F. in World War I.

On June 15, 1927 M.·W.·Brother Carhart and Fauneil Berniece Senter of Wayne were married and the couple have two children, Charles Victor of Neligh, Nebraska, and Mary Fauneil Carhart Warnemunde of Belmont, California, and seven grandchildren. He is a member of the First Methodist Church of Wayne, and was a member of the Board of Education of State Normal Schools of the State of Nebraska from January, 1945 to September, 1957.

M.·W.·Brother Carhart entered the retail lumber business at Wayne in 1925, moving to Randolph, Nebraska in 1927 where he lived until 1939, when he returned to Wayne. He served as President of the Nebraska Retail Lumber Merchants Association in 1952.

### MASONIC RECORD

Ancient Craft: Initiated July 26, 1921, passed August 21, 1921, raised September 9, 1921 in Wayne No. 120. He served as Master in 1944-1945.

Grand Lodge: Appointed Assistant Custodian April 3, 1950 by M.·W.·Ernest S. Schiefelbein. Appointed Grand Representative of the National Grand Lodge of France on September 23, 1954 by M.·W.·Charles F. Adams. Appointed Grand Junior Deacon

on June 5, 1958 by M. W. John E. Beaver. Elected and installed M. W. Grand Master on June 5, 1963.

Capitular Masonry: Mark Master March 2, 1944, Past Master April 17, 1944, Most Excellent Master May 29, 1944, Exalted July 17, 1944 in Haggai Chapter No. 39, Wakefield. Order of High Priesthood on December 5, 1945, serving as High Priest in 1946 and 1947.

Grand Chapter: Appointed Grand Master of the Second Veil by M. E. Curry W. Watson on December 5, 1946. Elected and installed M. E. Grand High Priest on December 9, 1955. He has been Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey near Nebraska since October 4, 1947 when he was appointed by M. E. Curry W. Watson. Appointed E. Steward of the Order of High Priesthood of Nebraska on December 5, 1956. Elected and installed M. E. President on December 7, 1960.

Cryptic Masonry: Greeted in Triangle Council No. 19, Norfolk on June 28, 1948.

Grand Council: Appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Council of the Philippines on June 17, 1945 by M. I. Walter R. Raecke.

Chivalric Masonry: Received Order of the Red Cross September 22, 1944, Knight of Malta October 13, 1944, Order of the Temple January 19, 1945 in Damascus Commandery No. 20, Norfolk. Serving as Captain General in 1964.

#### OTHER MASONIC AFFILIATIONS

Member of the Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home since January 23, 1948. Member of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association since June 9, 1948. Received 32nd degree in Nebraska Consistory, Valley of Omaha, Scottish Rite on April 24, 1952 and was President of the class, KCCH on October 18, 1961. Member of Tangier Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Omaha. Charter Member of Sneh Bo' Aire Council No. 17, Allied Masonic Degrees, serving as Sovereign Master in 1954. Member of Coeur de Lion

Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine since December 6, 1949, serving as Puissant Sovereign in 1960. Member Royal Order of Scotland. Member Wayne Chapter No. 194, O.E.S. Member Philaethes Society.

Appointed to the Committee on Masonic Education and Publications of the Masonic Service Association on January 3, 1964.

Received Honorary Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay on June 5, 1963.

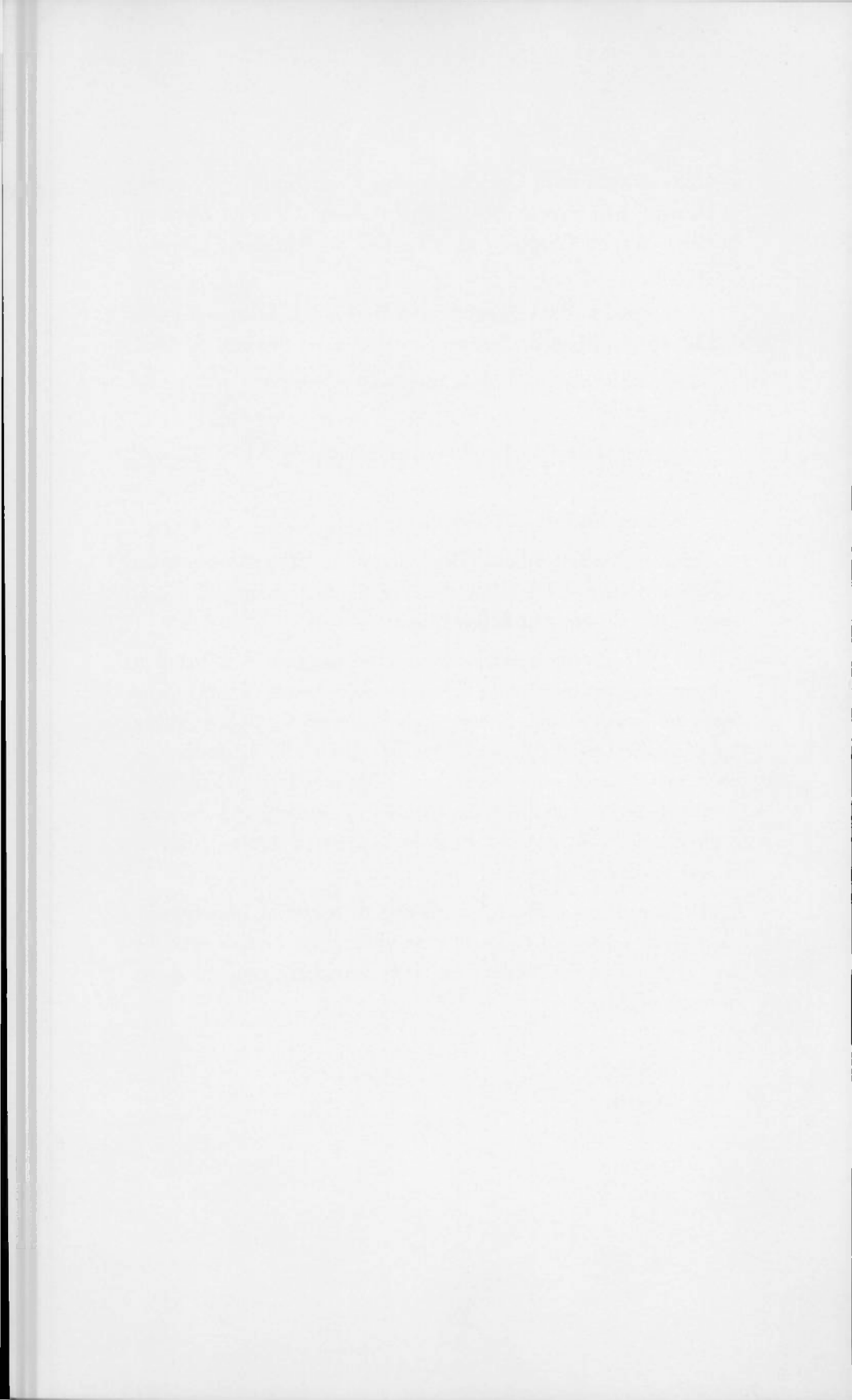
Honorary Life Member, Sesostriis Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. of Lincoln.

Honorary Dad, the Omaha Home for Boys.

Honorary Memberships: Past Grand High Priests Association of Kansas, Order of High Priesthood of South Dakota, and Grand Chapter R.·A.·M.· of South Dakota.

M.·W.·Brother Ralph possesses a well-balanced background in Masonry. He has been active in various departments of our organization for years having served as an Assistant Custodian (office similar in the Grand Chapter). He has given valuable service on the Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home since 1948. In all this he has cultivated the qualities of sincerity and devotion to the principles of Masonry which he has so well displayed during his year as Grand Master.

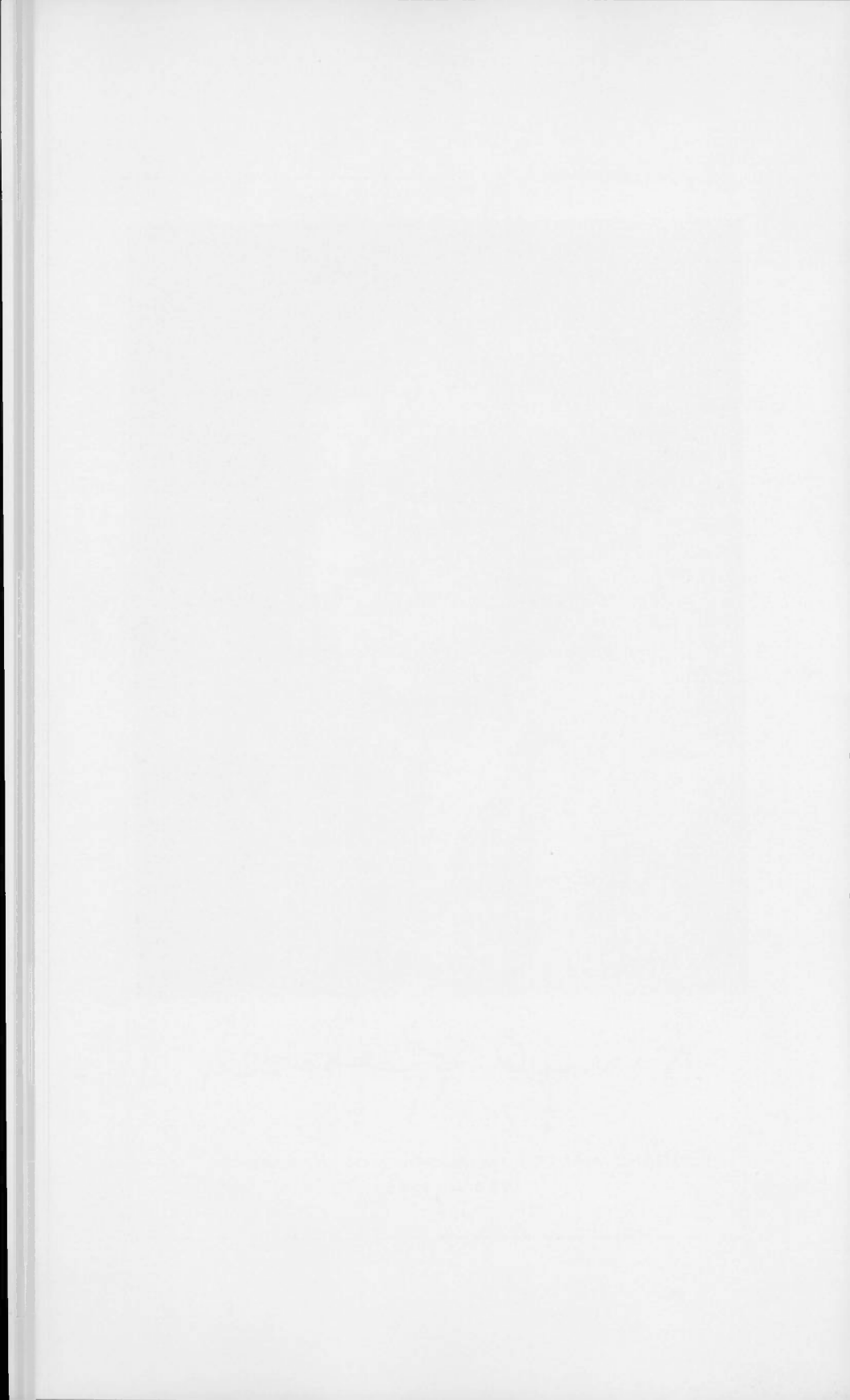
Because of his desire for furthering the cause of Masonry, he has devoted nearly his entire time to visiting the Lodges over the state, bringing to the Brethren his deep convictions concerning the teachings of Masonry.





*Harry A. Spencer*

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA  
1964 — 1965





# PROCEEDINGS

*of the*

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

### ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

*Held in Omaha, June 9 and 10, 1964*



#### FIRST DAY — MORNING SESSION

*Tuesday, June 9, 1964*

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska met in Annual Communication in the Sheraton-Fontenelle Hotel Ballroom, Omaha, at 9 a. m. on Tuesday, June 9, A.D. 1964, A. L. 5964.

M. W. Ralph M. Carhart, 120	Grand Master
R. W. Harry A. Spencer, 227	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19	Grand Junior Warden
R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32	Grand Secretary
W. Levi B. Williams, 1	Grand Chaplain
W. Freeman B. Decker, 19	Grand Orator
W. George W. Rosenlof, 314	Grand Historian
W. Raymond C. Cook, 6	Grand Custodian
W. Alfred B. Saum, 46	Grand Marshal
W. John A. Bottorf, 49	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Norris W. Lallman, 72	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. Harry A. Spencer, Deputy Grand Master, the invocation being given by V. W. Levi B. Williams, Grand Chaplain.

M. W. Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Master, was escorted to the East by M. W. John E. Beaver, 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 107th 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. Calvary Commandery No. 1.

#### RECEPTION AND WELCOME OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

W. John A. Bottorf, 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
Edward F. Carter.....	(77th)	1941
William B. Wanner.....	(79th)	1943
William C. Schaper.....	(80th)	1944-1945
Benjamin F. Eyre.....	(81st)	1946
Fay Smith.....	(88th)	1953
Charles F. Adams.....	(89th)	1954
Herbert T. White.....	(90th)	1955
Roy I. Babbitt.....	(92nd)	1957
John E. Beaver.....	(93rd)	1958
Joseph C. Tye.....	(94th)	1959
John F. Fatcher.....	(95th)	1960
Herbert A. Ronin.....	(96th)	1961
Ernest O. Van Wey.....	(97th)	1962

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

M. W. William C. Schaper gave the response.

## RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The Committee on Entertainment of Distinguished Guests introduced the following: M. W. Everett L. Lawrence, Past Grand Master and Personal Representative of M. W. Clarence P. Schwarz, Grand Master of Illinois; R. W. Bob E. Williams, Deputy Grand Master and Personal Representative of M. W. Glenn P. Wilson, Grand Master of Iowa; R. W. Mortimer B. Miley, Senior Grand Warden and Personal Representative of M. W. Paul M. Olstad, Grand Master of Minnesota; M. W. Arthur C. Hodgson, Grand Master; R. W. Richard H. Hart, Grand Representative of Kansas, near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. M. W. Charles A. Mantz, Past Grand Master of Colorado; V. W. Clark F. Perry, Grand Chaplain and Personal Representative of M. W. Albert D. Murray, Grand Master of Wyoming.

Brother Donald J. Wilson, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, O.E.S. of Nebraska; Ill. Joseph W. Seacrest, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Nebraska, Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction and Grand Almoner of the Supreme Council; Brother William F. Patterson, President, Brother Raymond F. Evers, Superintendent of The Nebraska Masonic Home; W. Bernard T. Pipher, Acting President; Brother Cleo P. Schroeder, Superintendent, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children; W. Robert E. Lund, Active Member, Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay and Executive Officer in Nebraska.

M. E. Donald W. Larkins, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska; M. I. Harvey A. Smith, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. M. in Nebraska; and Sir Knight H. Hassel Taylor, R. E. Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska.

Speaking for and on behalf of the Distinguished Guests, M. W. Arthur C. Hodgson, Grand Master of Kansas, responded to the cordial welcome of M. W. Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Master.

Brother Donald J. Wilson, 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.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES  
NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

M. W. Ralph M. Carhart, 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 Lodges they represent. All Grand Lodges that are in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Nebraska were

present except Alberta, Arkansas, Austria, Rio de Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina, British Columbia, Connecticut, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Israel, New Mexico, Philippines, Queensland, Rhode Island, South Australia, South Carolina, Sweden, Switzerland, Tamaulipas, Washington, Wisconsin.

W. .Norris W. Lallman, 72, Grand Representative of Indiana, gave the response.

#### ADDRESS OF WELCOME AND RESPONSE

W. .Herbert Egerer, Master Right Angle No. 303, gave the Address of Welcome and W. .Allen B. McConnell, Master of Robert W. Furnas No. 265, gave the response.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEES

**Application for Reinstatement:** W. .Brothers Earl H. Furman, 290, Chairman; Charles O. Baker, 11.

**Appropriations:** W. .Brothers Fred D. Moshier, 281 (1967) Chairman; Richard L. Wait, 19 (1964); R. Wayne Wilson, 302 (1965); Melvin E. Johnson, 112 (1966); Walter Truex, 55 (1968).

**Charters and Dispensations:** W. .Brothers Charles Casselman, Jr., 136, Chairman; Harry M. Green, 25; D. Wayne Erickson, 146.

**Codification of the Law:** W. .Brothers Bernard T. Pipher, 31, Chairman; Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210; Harry C. Knight, 183.

**Credentials:** W. .Brothers Pearl C. Hillegas, 81, Chairman; Clyde H. Jones, 173; Leonard B. Woods, 103; Wendell W. George, 303; W. Henry Foster, 79; L. Harold Parker, 36.

**Doings of Grand Officers:** W. .Brothers Byron C. Jenkins, 325; Merle B. Rix, 55; Wilber R. Clark, 97.

**Entertainment of Distinguished Guests:** M. .W. .Brothers Charles F. Adams, 68; Ernest O. Van Wey, 249; Joseph C. Tye, 46.

**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).

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

**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. Neurnberger, 83.

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

**Grand Lodge Business Affairs:** W. James M. Paxson, 302 (1965) Chairman; M. W. Merle M. Hale, 54 (1966); W. Brothers William A. Pettengill, 25 (1967); John M. Douglas, 268 (1964); 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:** M. W. John F. Futeher, 302 (1966) Chairman; W. Brothers Alfred E. Geschke, 25 (1965); Carl D. Ganz, 209 (1964); William E. Moor, 102 (1967); Harold E. Gabrielson, 302 (1968).

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

**Jurisprudence:** M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, 249, Chairman, and all Past Grand Masters present.

**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 (1966) Chairman; R. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1968); M. W. John E. Beaver, 253 (1964); W. Brothers Roy W. Deal, 227 (1964); Floyd C. Wisner, 265 (1965); 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:** Brother John S. Savage, 11, Chairman; W. Brothers Floyd C. Wisner, 265; Joe H. Hartley, 54.

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

**Returns:** Milo A. Konopik, 27; D. Charles Irwin, 50; Harry L. Scheffel, 91.

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

#### ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

Brethren:

Welcome to the 107th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska. On behalf of the Grand Lodge Officers I greet you. We hope that you will be enlightened and inspired by what takes place here today and tomorrow. This is your Grand Lodge and each of you has an equal voice with everyone else in deciding the course which it is to follow. Your vote helps decide every issue brought before us. Look well to your ballot and vote solely for the good of Masonry.

To our distinguished guests, we are more than pleased that you have seen fit to honor us with your presence. You are a most welcome addition to our Annual Communication. We trust that our deliberations

will be of interest to you, and that you will return to your own jurisdictions having received from us some inspiration, or point of view on Masonic problems, which will make your visit to us worth your while. At the same time we will attempt to make your stay with us as enjoyable as we know how to make it, both in and out of the Lodge room. We fervently hope that we may succeed in this endeavor.

Brethren, your Grand Lodge is again faced with a loss of membership, the largest in fact since the days of the depression. This is a matter of concern, but it is also a result which we should have anticipated. We have for too long worshipped at the altar of bigness. We have insisted on quantity, rather than quality, of candidates. Our investigations of petitioners have been perfunctory, to say the least. In some instances no investigation has been made at all. Why, then, should we wonder that large numbers of our members are suspended for non-payment of dues? Why should we wonder that they evince no interest in any Lodge work, and never attend a meeting? Why, even, should we wonder that our Lodge lines contain officers who have not the slightest conception of what Freemasonry is all about?

It is long past time for us to do an about face. Our goal must be quality of candidates, not quantity. Our investigating committees must begin to investigate, not simply sign their names indorsing a candidate. Our officers must know Masonry; must live Masonry and must be able to teach Masonry.

Let us then, as Lodges, return to our proper function, that of taking good men only, and making better men of them. Let us then, as individual Masons, strive for that ideal, the doing to all men, everywhere, as we would wish them to do to us—the spirit of the Golden Rule.

#### NECROLOGY

The Supreme Architect of the Universe, in his wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother Earl J. Lee. His counsel, his interest in all things Masonic, and his devotion to the Craft will be missed by all of us. The extremely large outpouring of public officials, members of the Bar, Past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers, Masons of Fremont and the surrounding territory, as well as his many other friends, for the last rites at Fremont attest to the high esteem in which M. W. Brother Earl J. Lee was held.

Another great individual was taken from us in the passing of W. William F. Evers, for so many years the Superintendent of The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. No one, anywhere, ever took more loving care of those over whom he watched than did Brother Bill. His friends were legion—for every man was his friend.

W. Archie W. Campbell, President of the Board of Trustees of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, laid down his working tools a few days after presiding over a meeting of the Board at Fremont. No one was more devoted to his task than was W. Brother Archie. The well being of the children in the Fremont Home was his major concern.

W. Alfred B. Gorman, familiarly known as "Ot" to one and all, passed from this life while attending a Press Convention in Omaha on April 15. He was the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Public Relations, an expert in his field, as is attested by the extremely large amount of publicity he was able to obtain for Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge functions on radio, T.V., and in the press. We shall miss his quiet efficiency, as we shall miss his ready smile and wit.

Many brethren from our subordinate lodges have departed this life during the year. The Committee on Fraternal Dead will report later in this Annual Communication and pay fitting tribute to the memory of these deceased brethren.

### VISITATIONS

It was my privilege to attend the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodges of South Dakota, Wyoming, Iowa, Illinois, Colorado and Kansas. In every instance Mrs. Carhart and I were shown every courtesy, as well as being most royally entertained. Every minute of every visit was thoroughly enjoyed.

As I was unable to visit the Grand Lodges of Missouri and Minnesota, I appointed R. W. Harry A. Spencer, Deputy Grand Master, as my personal representative in each instance. His willingness to accept these assignments and take of his time to represent me is very much appreciated.

Many invitations were received from affiliated Masonic Bodies during the year, and all such invitations were accepted where they did not interfere with lodge visitations, which I felt should take precedence over all others. I find, however, that I accepted eighteen such invitations.

No attempt will be made to list my visits to subordinate Lodges during the year. I did, however, install the officers of three Lodges, spoke at several guest nights, presented three Jordan Medals and fourteen Fifty-year buttons. One Fiftieth and two Seventy-fifth Anniversary celebrations of Lodges were attended, as well as Past Masters' nights, County Masonic meetings, one mortgage-burning ceremony, and a number of regular Lodge meetings.

Two of the outstanding meetings it was my privilege to attend during the year were those of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, and the Mid-West Conference on Masonic Education. The Masonic Relief Association meeting was held in Brooklyn, New York on September 26 and 27, and the Mid-West Conference in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on October 25 and 26.

The meetings of the Masonic Service Association of the United States, and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, were held in Kansas City, Missouri this year, along with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. It was my pleasure to be a member of the Committee on Masonic Education and Publications at the meeting of the Masonic Service Association. This is the first time that these meetings have been held at places other than Washington, D. C. for many

years, but it is quite likely that a new pattern has been set and that these meetings will be held outside of Washington every other year.

The Past Grand Masters, as well as my own officers, have assisted me in every way possible during the year. In addition to those already named, M. W. Roy I. Babbitt represented me at the Annual Session of The Grand Guardian Council, International Order of Job's Daughters which was held at Sidney; M. W. Herbert A Ronin was my representative at the banquet of Naphis Temple No. 66, Daughters of the Nile, honoring the Supreme Queen at the time of her visit to Lincoln; while R. W. Louis V. Sylvester ably represented me at the Annual Conclave of the Order of DeMolay in Omaha, as well as the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska, held in Sidney.

#### CORNER - STONES

The Grand Lodge has been blessed with an extremely efficient Grand Marshal, W. Alfred B. Saum of Kearney, who has seen to it that the several corner-stone ceremonies the Grand Lodge has been invited to conduct were very professionally performed. Each and every one was a tribute to his ability.

June 15, 1963 saw the laying of the corner-stone for the Masonic Manor at 52nd and Leavenworth Streets in Omaha. The address was given by the Grand Orator, W. Freeman B. Decker.

The corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple was laid at Sutton on July 20. M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Past Grand Master, delivered the address.

On August 31 the Grand Lodge was most happy to lay the corner-stone for the new Class VI High School at Grand Island, having been invited to do so by the Board of Education of the Class VI High School District of Hall and Merrick Counties. W. Freeman B. Decker, Grand Orator, delivered the address on this occasion.

It was a great pleasure to lay the corner-stone for the Forster-Patton Building at the Omaha Home for Boys on September 21. Brother Frank Morrison, Governor of Nebraska, was the speaker of the day. He, along with your Grand Master, was made an Honorary Dad and presented a certificate attesting the fact, which was signed by every boy in the Home.

The new Superior High School building corner-stone was laid on October 9. The request came from the Superior Board of Education through Superior No. 121. The Grand Orator, W. Freeman B. Decker, was again called on to deliver the address.

Another corner-stone the Grand Lodge was most happy to lay was the one for the new food service building on the campus of the Kearney State College. This was accomplished on October 30, 1963, the address once more being most ably given by our versatile Grand Orator, W. Freeman B. Decker.

The last corner-stone to be laid, and the one which, I must confess, gave me the greatest pleasure of all, was the one at Wayne State College



on May 23, 1964. The building is the new Fine Arts Center, much-needed addition to the Wayne campus. W. William A. Brandenburg, Past Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge, and President of Wayne State, succeeded in doing what he had numerous occasions expressed a desire to do, and that was to have the Grand Lodge lay a corner-stone during my year as Grand Master. It was also most fitting that the Grand Orator, W. Brother Freeman B. Decker, should give the oration, he being a graduate of Wayne State College.

#### DEDICATIONS

There was but one Dedication Ceremony performed during the year, that being for the new Temple of Cedar River Lodge No. 89 at Fullerton, on May 21, 1964. A large crowd of most interested brethren and friends were present to inspect this lovely new building and to assist in making this a most memorable occasion. As Grand Master I was privileged to make the dedicatory address.

As was the case during my entire term of office, the Grand Lodge Officers were in attendance with but a few exceptions, these being of an unavoidable nature.

#### DISPENSATIONS

Twenty requests for special dispensations to permit the conferring of degrees without regard to time were received. Fifteen of these concerned brothers in, or being called, to the armed services; one was a government employee being transferred elsewhere; and three were college students attending school at a distance. The eighteenth request was denied.

Nine Lodges were granted permission to elect officers because of weather conditions and one to install for the same reason. Eight lodges were allowed to move their charters and one request to move a charter was denied. Five Lodges were given permission to examine brothers for proficiency after more than the specified time had elapsed.

#### BY - LAWS APPROVED

During the year completely new sets of By-laws were approved for three lodges, while amendments to the By-laws of twenty-one lodges were approved.

#### REINSTATEMENTS

Twenty-two applications for reinstatement were approved during the year, and two were disapproved. In every instance the recommendation of the Committee on Applications for Reinstatement was followed.

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

Memorial Lodge of Omaha U. D. U. under its new Master, W. Robert D. Cresap, has continued the excellent work which has characterized it since its inception. In a beautifully written report W. Brother Cresap

marks the conducting of nine Memorial Services for deceased sojourning brethren from May 2 to October 12, 1963. My thanks to the brethren of Memorial Lodge for their outstanding devotion.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES COMMISSIONED

Grand Representatives of Nebraska near other Jurisdictions were commissioned as follows: Thomas M. Giek, Ireland; Etson E. Jackson, Missouri; Aubrey R. Erhart, Oklahoma; W. Marion Falls, District of Columbia; Nebil Sarpel, Turkey; H. J. Engineer, India; William Sloss, Scotland; Heinz Ziemer, Germany; Richard H. Hart, Kansas; Jose Gonzalez Ledo, Argentina; and Norman Oliver, Oregon.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED

Those recommended to be Grand Representative of other Jurisdictions near Nebraska are: Melvin E. Johnson, 112, Turkey; Harold A. Tilton, 71, Bolivia; Roy W. Deal, 227, India; William Kunold, 290, Netherlands; Fred D. Moshier, 281, Oregon; William F. Patterson, 25, Missouri; W. J. "Jack" Moeller, 290, Idaho; and Einar Hoel, 11, Norway.

#### TRIAL COMMISSIONS

It was necessary to appoint seven Trial Commissions during the year. As in the past, the sale of intoxicating liquor was the most common offense.

#### MASONIC HOMES

The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth is faced with an ever-growing population and an ever-increasing percentage of Residents needing hospitalization. This, of course, will result in an increased budget. In order that available funds for the continuance of this great charitable work shall be sufficient, it will be necessary to put ever-increasing emphasis on the Seal Program started several years ago. The response has been generous, but there are still too many Masons, and Eastern Star members, who are not fully aware of the need.

My attendance at Board meetings of the Home has not been good, due to too many conflicts. Most of my duties as chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee have been very capably assumed by W. Melvin E. Johnson, for which I extend to him my most grateful thanks.

President William F. Patterson continues to see to it that the Board operates in an extremely smooth and efficient manner, while Superintendent Raymond F. Evers cares for the wants of the Residents of the Home as he would for members of his own family.

I was privileged to attend the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, also one regular meeting of the Board. Both were interesting and instructive and showed the dedication and keen interest of the Board members in the boys and girls placed in their charge.

The untimely passing of the President of the Board of Trustees, W. Archie W. Campbell, was keenly felt by everyone connected with the Home. W. Bernard T. Pipher, Vice-President of the Board, has assumed the duties of President in his usual capable manner. He, the members of the Board, and the Superintendent of the Home, Brother Cleo P. Schroeder, are to be commended for the time and effort they expend in maintaining the high standards of this Home.

#### ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

Two new Assistant Custodians were given their commissions during the past year. It was my privilege to present the first of these to W. Stuart A. Johnson of Amity No. 169, at an open meeting in his home town. This delightful evening, September 10, was further highlighted by the presentation to W. Brother Johnson of an Assistant Custodian's apron by the Grand Custodian, W. Raymond C. Cook, in the wonderful way he has which no one else can approach.

On April 14, 1964 W. Arthur S. Dye, Mid-West No. 317, was presented his commission by the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Harry A. Spencer, at an open meeting at Hastings. W. Raymond C. Cook again made the presentation of the Assistant Custodian's apron. The fact that I had to cancel my plans at the last moment and request the Deputy Grand Master to make the presentation for me was one of the disappointments of the year. I had been looking to this presentation with a great deal of anticipation. It goes without saying, I am sure, that R. W. Brother Spencer presented the commission in his usual highly impressive and efficient manner.

The Assistant Custodians have been unceasing in their efforts to help me in every way during my year as your Grand Master. Among other things they have arranged dates for visitations to Lodges, and have gone with me on these visits. They have made numberless motel and hotel reservations for me, besides setting up dinner meetings at various places. I have called on them to examine new and remodeled Temples, to see to it that everything was in readiness for the moving of charters. They have obtained the answers to questions when letters to Lodges brought no response. All these things they have done and many more without compensation for miles traveled or for hours spent. My hat is off, as it has always been, to a grand bunch of Masons who are doing a grand job—our Assistant Custodians.

W. Charles M. Frederick found it necessary to relinquish the post of Assistant Custodian which he has held since 1949, and I have designated him an Assistant Custodian Emeritus. His fifteen years of unselfish service to Freemasonry in north central Nebraska entitle him to that designation, and he is so listed in the record. He will be sorely missed by those lodges with which he has worked for so long a time.

#### ALASKA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

The Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada

having brought it to our attention that financial assistance was one of the prime needs of Freemasons in the Alaska earthquake area, I authorized the Chairman of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans to draw a check in the amount of \$300 for this purpose. This money was sent to the Grand Lodge of Washington, the Alaska Lodges being under its jurisdiction.

#### COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

This Committee held ten Area Meetings, two more than usual, having added meetings for Omaha and Lincoln Lodges in addition to the usual eight meetings. As has been the pattern for some years, four Area Meetings were held in western Nebraska in the fall and four in the eastern part in early spring. Both the Omaha and Lincoln meetings were held in early February.

The style of the meetings this year was radically different from what it had been in the past. This change was most enthusiastically received, everyone feeling that a more practical approach to local Lodge problems was presented. Great stress was placed on how to set up and operate local Committees on Masonic Education, now required by Grand Lodge law. Although members of subordinate Lodge committees did not appear in hoped-for numbers, a great deal of progress was made in this area.

Area Meetings were better attended in general than has been true for some years. Only one meeting, the one at Wayne, was disappointing, and that was due to weather and the icy condition of the roads. The Committee under the very able direction of its Chairman W. Howard J. Hunter, has done exceptionally well in bringing to Nebraska Lodges the best thinking of those interested in Masonic education throughout the entire United States.

#### BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

It was a disappointment to me that I was not able to attend a meeting of this Board at some time during my term of office. In my book this is a remarkable body of men, doing for your Grand Lodge without compensation what would cost a large sum to a private individual. Their judgment in financial matters can nowhere be excelled, as is evidenced by the returns on the investments which they have made. The Grand Lodge is indeed fortunate in having such dedicated Masons as members of the Board of Grand Trustees.

#### TEMPLE BUILDING AND FINANCING

The Temple Building Advisory Committee is doing an outstanding job of seeing to it that new Temples are properly constructed and are of the proper size for the lodge for which they are built. They are also being sure that each lodge is capable of paying off any debt they may wish to incur in building or remodeling. The Committee is insistent, and rightly so, that Lodge dues be raised where it will be necessary to pay out more than in the past for maintenance. Any Lodge securing the

approval of this Committee to its financing plans should have no difficulty whatever in meeting its obligations.

During the year permission was given one Lodge to construct a new Temple; to one Lodge to remodel and borrow part of the cost of construction; and to two Lodges approval was given for loans from the Board of Grand Trustees.

#### SAINT JOHN'S DAY

For many years in Nebraska, as elsewhere, June 24 and December 27, the two Saints John Days were observed with appropriate ceremonies. For some reason the custom dwindled and, for all practical purposes, disappeared. Feeling that a revival of this custom was in the interest of Nebraska Masonry, I requested all Lodges which could do so to hold a dinner meeting on December 27, 1963, with a program suited to the occasion. All other details were left up to the individual Lodges. I did ask that a report of the success, or failure, of the venture be sent to me by every participating Lodge.

As is usual in such cases, some of the Lodges which did take part made no report. I have learned of several of these from individuals who were in attendance. Some reports have also been received long after the event, the last report in my file being dated April 7, 1964. But, considering only those Lodges which did report show that 27½% of all the Lodges in Nebraska participated.

I have been astounded at the diversity of programs conceived by the brethren of the Lodges. Many of them were truly outstanding and should be brought to the attention of other Lodges for use by them. And I have been delighted at the enthusiasm shown in many of the reports, so much so that I would urge my successors in office to continue the observance and again make Saint John the Baptist Day and Saint John the Evangelist Day the outstanding events of the year on the Masonic calendar that is their rightful place.

#### DECISIONS

Every Grand Master is asked to rule on a wide variety of questions during his year in office. Most of these are routine, requiring only the citing of a specific section of the Code, or pointing out that a decision previously made fits the case almost exactly. There are always, however, a few questions that seem to call for rulings, such as the following:

1. A lodge received a petition from an individual with a physical defect. In receiving it, it was provided that the Grand Lodge was to be notified of the defect and Grand Lodge permission to accept him was to be obtained. At the regular meeting the following month the petition was balloted on and the petitioner was rejected. The Master was informed that a black ball had been cast because no correspondence from Grand Lodge was read giving the Lodge permission to accept the petitioner. At the meeting the month following the rejection the Master declared the

ballot of the previous month "premature" because of the lack of correspondence from the Grand Lodge before the ballot was spread. He then requested that I give the Lodge permission to re-ballot on the original petition.

I ruled that the petition could not be received with conditions attached; that the candidate was rejected and must wait the required six months before petitioning anew; and that the Master had no authority to declare the ballot "premature". I also ruled that all reference to the ballot as "premature" be expunged from the record.

2. M. E. Willard I. Lewis, Jr., Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska at the time, requested a ruling about a brother residing in Nebraska, a member of a Lodge in Kansas, who desired to petition for the degrees of the Royal Arch. This brother was in the process of transferring his membership from the Kansas Lodge to the Lodge in the city where he now resides. I was also informed that the Nebraska Lodge had conferred part of the work on the Kansas brother as a courtesy to the Kansas Lodge, but as Kansas does not require it, he had not passed a proficiency examination in the Degree of a Master Mason. The Grand High Priest wanted to know if the petition could be received by the Royal Arch Chapter without the petitioner complying with the provisions of Sec. 2-402 of the Code.

I ruled as follows: Whether this brother becomes a member of the Nebraska Lodge or not, as long as he resides in Nebraska, and petitions the York Rite in Nebraska, he must comply with Section 2-402 of the Code before doing so. He should request the Nebraska Lodge to instruct and examine him as to proficiency in the Master Mason Degree, and then petition the York Rite bodies if he so desires.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Nebraska DeMolay Foundation, Inc. has been established for the purpose of creating more interest in the local DeMolay chapters. This, in turn, should lead to new chapters and an increase in membership, and a consequent influence on the young men of Nebraska. A large percentage of DeMolay members eventually become Master Masons, so that by helping DeMolay we are really helping ourselves. This can well be the source of the young men we need, and are not getting today.

The Foundation has plans for competitions between chapters, for awards of various sorts, for athletic events, for scholarships, for a State Publication, for promotional materials, for recognition dinners, and many other things. The Grand Lodge should be solidly behind this program and behind the Foundation. With this in mind, I recommend:

That this Grand Lodge appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to the Nebraska DeMolay Foundation, Inc. for the furtherance of its work, and that we go on record as endorsing the purposes and objectives of the Foundation.

2. There are two Grand Lodge Committees, the Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs and the Committee on Grand Lodge Office, which

are so closely related that it is my opinion they should be merged. Under the present arrangement there might be some question as to jurisdiction and it would seem more efficient operation of the Grand Lodge Office calls for the unification of these Committees.

I propose the following Amendment to Sections 1-322 and 1-327 of the By-Laws:

Section 1-322—Grand Lodge Office and Business Affairs.

(a) That hereafter there shall be a Committee to be known as the Committee on Grand Lodge Office and Business Affairs. This Committee 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. This Committee shall prescribe the business methods to be followed by the officers and committees of the Grand Lodge, including the filing, allowance and payment of claims, the keeping of records, the accounting and reporting of income and expenditures and such other matters of similar import that are not fixed by the Constitution, by-laws or action of the Grand Lodge. The determinations of the Committee shall be final until changed by the Grand Lodge. The Committee shall recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of rules and regulations when such rules and regulations shall appear to be for the best interests of the Grand Lodge. Such rules and regulations shall be effective when approved by the Grand Lodge. The Committee shall have general supervision of all employees of the Grand Lodge Office, to set salaries and working conditions for such employees, of our Grand Lodge Office, including the power to employ and discharge, and to have authority and jurisdiction over all other matters relating to the Grand Lodge Office not specifically vested in another Committee or Officer of the Grand Lodge.

(b) The Committee on Grand Lodge Office and Business Affairs shall consist of five members permanently and commencing in June, 1964 shall consist of the present members of the present Grand Lodge Office Committee and the present members of the Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs whose present terms of office do not expire in 1964. As the Term of Office of the present members of each of said Committees as now constituted shall expire in 1965 and 1966 the Grand Master shall appoint one member for a five-year Term to fill the expiring Memberships, providing that the permanent membership of the Committee shall be thereafter maintained at five members, each to be for a five-year term, except that during those Two years of 1965 and 1966 if for any reason a membership shall become vacant an appointment shall not be made which shall make the membership of said Committee more than Five.

(c) Except as provided in the above Paragraph "b" in case of a vacancy in the membership of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office and Business Affairs, the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a member to fill the unexpired Term.

2. That Sections 1-322 and 1-327 of the By-Laws as now constituted be hereby repealed.

3. It has always seemed to me that when a Lodge builds a new Masonic Temple, that building should have a corner-stone laid by the Grand Lodge with its unique corner stone ceremony. Also, every Temple should be dedicated to Masonic purposes—again with the appropriate Grand Lodge ceremony. In all too many instances these things have not been done, the subordinate Lodges shying away from the Temple Building Advisory Committee and trying to go it on their own. They fail to realize that the Committee can give them a great deal of advice, both financially and in seeing to it that the contemplated building is both suitable and adequate for all the needs of the Lodge. Lodges can avoid later trouble and embarrassment if they contact this Committee before beginning a financial drive, or before becoming involved in building plans.

There is no desire on the part of the Grand Lodge to dictate to the subordinate Lodges in these matters, but in instance after instance it has come to the notice of the Grand Lodge that Lodges have not complied with Sec. 2-614 of the Code, but have committed themselves to certain matters without approval. Fortunately, these have usually been ironed out without undue hardship, but they could have been avoided entirely. It seems to me that our laws on this subject should be scrutinized, with the thought in mind of revising them if it appears in the best interest of the subordinate Lodges and of the Grand Lodge. I therefore recommend: That the incoming Grand Master be instructed to appoint a Committee which shall study this subject thoroughly, in particular Sec. 2-614 of the Code, and shall report to the 108th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge any recommendations they may have for the solution of the problems listed above, as well as any others which may come to their attention and which have to do with building or remodeling of Masonic Temples.

#### APPRECIATION

Everyone has been so co-operative, and so many have been of assistance to me during my year as your Grand Master that I rather hesitate about picking any group, or any individual, to thank for what they have done. It will be impossible to mention all those who have done much for Freemasonry in general and for myself in particular. I know that there will be those among you who deserve special recognition who will not be given it. I can only hope that you are of a forgiving nature and will understand that time and space will not allow me to make personal mention of all of you. But there are a few I cannot fail to recognize.

First, Wayne No. 120, its officers and its members. You have done much for me this year and have co-operated in every way you could. You were outstanding in conferring the Degree of a Master Mason the evening before the Grand Lodge Communication in Lincoln last year. You held a reception for me that was the high light of the entire year,



because it was you, the members of Wayne Lodge who were honoring me. You presented me a brief case I needed badly, and which has seen a great deal of service since. You placed in the Temple of Wayne Lodge a tinted picture of me that is extremely flattering. These things you have done and more, and for all this I offer my profound thanks.

The Grand Lodge Officers have gone along with my every whim. They took an active part in two extra Area Meetings, besides five meetings of the advancing line of Grand Lodge Officers which I called to discuss problems which had arisen, as well as to keep them abreast of all the happenings during the year. They have accepted special assignments and carried them out perfectly. They have not complained about anything that I asked them to do. They are real leaders in Masonry.

To M. W. John E. Beaver, who appointed me as Grand Junior Deacon, my special thanks for allowing me the privilege of attaining the highest honor which Freemasonry has to offer. My thanks, too, for the counsel and advice which you have given me during the years since making that appointment.

W. Raymond C. Cook, the Grand Custodian, is responsible for much of my philosophy of Freemasonry. He it was who gave me my very first Masonic appointment. He also saw to it that I became certified and made me an Assistant Custodian, a post I was most pleased to fill under his guidance until my appointment in Grand Lodge line forced me to relinquish it. Whatever I may have been able to accomplish as your Grand Master, much of the credit should go to W. Brother Ray for having grounded me correctly in basic Masonry.

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, and his entire office staff have been of invaluable assistance to me in many, many ways. They have gone out of their way to see that things I wished taken care of were done promptly and most efficiently. Many were the problems I discussed with R. W. Brother Carl, and never was I given anything but the very best of advice. His years of experience were mine for the asking, and I took full advantage of the privilege. I will always be thankful for this, and grateful for the many things done to help lighten the burdens which, I am sure, beset every Grand Master.

To you, my brethren, my thanks for having allowed me to serve as your Grand Master. I can only hope that the trust and confidence you displayed by electing me has proved your judgment to be right. I shall always cherish this year in your service for it has been, without doubt, the most satisfying year of my life, and it was you who gave it to me.

#### STATE OF THE CRAFT

Our Grand Lodge loss of membership in 1963 was more than twice as large as the 1962 loss. This was accounted for by the increasing number of deaths, the large number of suspensions, and the decrease in raisings. Deaths are beyond our province. Suspensions for non-payment of dues could be cut drastically if Lodges would use their Membership

Committees as was intended. Few are doing so, and some are not even going through the formality of appointing them. Raisings have decreased alarmingly, being very few more than enough to take the place of those who have passed away.

The transition from rural to urban population in Nebraska continues resulting in an increase in the number of small Lodges, Lodges which are losing membership and which have little prospect of obtaining candidates for the degrees. During 1962 there were eighty-three Lodges which did not raise a single candidate, slightly over 30% of our total number of Lodges. Yet this group reported one hundred seventeen deaths—a net loss of that number. Suspensions and demits were not exceptionally high among these Lodges, seventy-one and thirty, but here again an irreplaceable loss occurs. The down-hill pace is rapid.

With twenty lodges having a total membership of fifty or less, and an additional fifteen between fifty and sixty, all these in the group without a raising, there would appear to be a necessity for drastic action on the part of the Grand Lodge. Consolidations may be necessary and all those Lodges without good prospects of future growth should seriously consider doing just that for their own good, and the good of Masonry in general.

Losses of membership are not confined to the small Lodges, as there were more losses than gains among those Lodges having five hundred or more members. Here, again, the story is the same, a large number of deaths and a small number of Master Masons raised. Young men are not being attracted to Masonry in sufficient numbers to offset the losses we are encountering, yet young men we must have. The problem is how to create interest among them.

Is there something basically wrong with Freemasonry? Certainly not! As I see it, that is the answer, to return to basic Freemasonry. In an age where nearly everyone seems bent solely on finding amusement and enjoyment for himself, where even among Masons most seem influenced more by those bodies offering pageantry and a social atmosphere, can you expect the non-Mason to think of a Masonic Lodge as anything other than another social organization formed for the purpose of entertainment for its members?

There is nothing wrong with Freemasonry, but there is plenty wrong with some of its members. It is time for them to return once more to their Lodges; to review those things they were taught when they first entered the Lodge; to return to basic Masonic principles in their dealings, not only with their brethren, but with everyone; in short, to forget personal pleasure and amusement and concentrate on the improvement of men as individuals, and particularly as Masons. After all, that is what we claim to do, take good men and make them better.

I am convinced that in Nebraska we shall soon reverse the downward trend and again begin showing an increase in membership. Too many of our brethren are becoming concerned with the problem for it

to be otherwise. They know that we must make Masons of all those we accept into membership—not simply Brothers. They know that this applies not only to those who become members in the future, but also to many raised in the past. It will take a tremendous amount of work, but it can and will be done, for more and more the Masons of Nebraska are showing their concern for the future of their beloved Fraternity, and are backing that concern with action. That spirit will not be denied.

Faternally submitted,

*Ralph M. Cahart*

Grand Master

## REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary presents his report as follows:

## RETURNS

Complete returns have been received from 273 Lodges and all dues and fees for the year 1963 have been paid in full.

## GRIEVANCES

Three petitions for restoration have been received and referred to the Committee on Grievances for consideration and report at the Annual Communication.

## FIFTY-YEAR BUTTONS

There were 215 fifty-year buttons presented this year. Many of our Lodges make a special event of the occasion. As usual a number of these presentations were made in other jurisdictions as a courtesy to Nebraska. Our thanks to California who had most of them.

Have you noticed that our Fraternity of Fifty-year Brethren is growing?

## JORDAN MEDALS

Many special meetings and ceremonies were held this year for the presentation of the Robert Carrel Jordan Medal to the senior member of a Lodge in years of membership.

## GOLD JORDAN MEDAL

Brother William Manning of Geneva No. 79 wears the Gold Jordan Medal. "Bill" continues to attend Lodge.

## MEETINGS OF LODGE SECRETARIES

In co-operation with the Committee on Masonic Education we have held ten Secretaries' meetings this year. They were well attended and we were happy to have so many new Secretaries present.

## LOCAL MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Again may we express our thanks to the Brethren of the Omaha and Lincoln Relief Associations. They continue to assist the out-state Lodges in hospital calls, etc., as well as the sojourning Masons, their widows and orphans.

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

Memorial Lodge of Omaha, U.'D.' is called upon many times during the year to conduct the funeral of a sojourning Brother. Our thanks and appreciation to W.'Robert D. Cresap, his Officers and Brethren.

CHARTERED LODGES

Mason City Lodge No. 170, Merna No. 171 and Endeavor No. 262 have failed to be represented at the last two annual communications and have been cited to appear before the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

THANK YOU

It has been an exceptionally busy year for your Grand Secretary—many corner-stones, dedications, anniversaries, Secretaries' meetings and special meetings. We have enjoyed them all and especially the fine fellowship. We are proud of Masonry in Nebraska.

FINANCIAL REPORT

SPECIAL ACCOUNT

May 10, 1964

RECEIPTS

45,655 Members at \$4.00.....	\$182,620.00
1,053 Initiations at \$10.00.....	10,530.00
6 Affiliations at \$10.00.....	60.00
Surety bond premium.....	662.90
Supplies .....	4,865.36
Liability Insurance.....	3,287.16
For George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association 933 Master Masons at \$1.00.....	933.00
Interest on Securities.....	1,342.35
Dues and fees in excess.....	90.94
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$204,393.71</b>

DISBURSEMENTS

The Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$ 91,310.00
Relief Fund.....	9,131.00
Orphans Educational Endowment Fund.....	97,398.51
Supply Account.....	5,528.26
George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association...	933.00
Refunds .....	90.94
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$204,393.71</b>

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

May 10, 1964

RECEIPTS

Cash, United States National Bank, May 10, 1963.....	\$105,021.49
Receipts .....	273,930.05
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$378,951.54</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements .....	\$247,091.00
Cash, United States National Bank, May 10, 1964.....	131,860.54
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$378,951.54</b>

## SUPPLY ACCOUNT

May 10, 1964

## RECEIPTS

Cash, United States National Bank, May 10, 1963.....	\$ 12,116.63
Supplies Sold.....	4,881.60
Bond Premium.....	662.90
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 17,661.13</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS

Bond Premium.....	\$ 662.90
Supplies .....	7,861.05
Cash, United States National Bank, May 10, 1964.....	9,137.18
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 17,661.13</b>

## RELIEF FUND

May 10, 1964

## RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, Stock Yards National Bank, May 10, 1963.....	\$ 9,797.18
From Special Account.....	9,131.00
Securities sold.....	23,685.08
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 42,613.26</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS

Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.....	\$ 5,000.00
Securities Purchased.....	27,756.60
Cash, Stock Yards National Bank, May 10, 1964.....	9,856.66
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 42,613.26</b>

## CENTENNIAL CONTINGENT FUND

May 10, 1964

## RECEIPTS

Cash, United States National Bank of Omaha, May 10, 1963....	\$ 1,279.95
Receipts .....	51.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,330.95</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements .....	NONE
Cash on hand, United States National Bank, May 10, 1964 .....	\$ 1,330.95
Total .....	\$ 1,330.95

## RETURNS

Number of Chartered Lodges .....		273
Number initiated.....	1,053	
Number passed.....	922	
Number raised.....		933
Number affiliated.....		260
Number dual members.....		19
Number reinstated.....		342
Number gained by other causes.....		14
Total gross increase.....		1,568
Number demitted.....		370
Number deceased.....		983
Number suspended.....		682
Number expelled.....		2
Number lost by other causes.....		16
Total loss.....		2,053
Net loss for year ending December 31, 1963.....		485
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1962.....		45,655
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1963.....		45,170

Fraternally submitted,

*Frank R. Feisen*  
Grand Secretary

NAME OF LODGE	MASTER MASONS																				
	No. of Lodge	E. A. A.			F. C. C.			GAIN						LOSS				No. on Rolls December 31, 1963	No. of Lodge		
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1963	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1963	No. on Rolls December 31, 1962	By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes			Total Loss	
																					No. on Rolls, December 31, 1963
Nebraska . . . . .	1	17	5	16	5	1183	11	7	0	0	0	1201	13	39	43	0	0	0	95	1106	1
Western Star . . . . .	2	9	14	5	1	300	6	0	0	4	0	310	1	12	9	0	0	22	288	2	
Capitol . . . . .	3	14	3	14	6	814	17	3	1	14	0	849	5	28	15	0	0	48	801	3	
Nemaha Valley . . . . .	4	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	1	0	0	52	0	2	0	0	0	2	50	4	
Omadi . . . . .	5	1	4	1	1	116	1	0	0	0	0	117	2	1	2	0	0	5	112	5	
Plattsmouth . . . . .	6	16	5	11	0	328	11	4	0	3	0	346	0	6	0	0	0	6	340	6	
Falls City . . . . .	9	2	6	1	4	258	1	1	0	2	0	262	2	8	0	0	0	10	252	9	
Solomon . . . . .	10	4	2	4	1	102	3	0	0	2	0	107	2	2	1	0	0	5	102	10	
Covert . . . . .	11	60	15	55	9	1701	47	6	0	1	0	1755	5	48	8	0	0	61	1694	11	
Orient . . . . .	13	0	1	0	0	55	0	0	0	1	0	56	0	3	2	0	0	5	51	13	
Peru . . . . .	14	1	0	1	0	73	1	0	0	26	3	103	2	4	6	0	0	12	91	14	
Fremont . . . . .	15	15	9	18	2	633	18	5	0	6	0	662	5	17	14	0	0	36	626	15	
Tecumseh . . . . .	17	6	8	1	0	157	3	3	0	4	0	167	2	6	3	0	0	11	156	17	
Lincoln . . . . .	19	30	20	27	8	942	25	0	0	6	0	973	10	34	6	0	0	50	923	19	
Washington . . . . .	21	3	1	2	0	144	3	0	0	1	0	148	1	4	9	0	0	14	134	21	
Pawnee . . . . .	23	2	2	1	1	108	2	0	0	1	0	111	4	1	2	0	0	7	104	23	
Saint John . . . . .	25	19	2	21	4	961	25	2	0	3	0	991	4	24	10	0	0	38	953	25	
Beatrice . . . . .	26	8	4	8	0	366	9	11	0	2	0	388	4	6	2	0	0	12	376	26	
Jordan . . . . .	27	1	1	0	0	76	0	0	0	0	0	76	1	3	0	0	0	4	72	27	
Hope . . . . .	29	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	29	
Blue River . . . . .	30	0	1	1	1	93	0	1	0	0	0	94	1	1	2	0	0	4	90	30	
Tekamah . . . . .	31	4	2	5	1	183	5	0	0	0	0	188	0	3	1	0	0	4	184	31	
Platte Valley . . . . .	32	13	23	11	4	590	11	2	0	1	0	604	1	16	2	0	0	19	585	32	
Ashlar . . . . .	33	5	11	6	4	614	4	3	0	5	0	626	3	16	18	0	0	37	589	33	
Acacia . . . . .	34	0	9	3	0	180	4	1	0	0	0	185	1	1	0	0	0	2	183	34	
Fairbury . . . . .	35	3	0	4	1	237	3	3	0	0	0	243	2	6	3	0	0	11	232	35	
Lone Tree . . . . .	36	5	8	1	8	211	1	1	0	3	0	216	0	7	1	0	0	8	208	36	
Crete . . . . .	37	3	4	4	0	189	3	2	0	8	0	202	2	5	21	0	0	28	174	37	
Oliver . . . . .	38	5	1	5	0	175	7	0	0	2	0	184	0	3	0	0	0	3	181	38	
Papillion . . . . .	39	13	8	13	1	224	20	4	0	0	0	248	0	3	2	0	0	5	243	39	
Humboldt . . . . .	40	1	2	1	0	113	1	0	0	0	0	114	0	3	0	0	0	3	111	40	
Northern Light . . . . .	41	0	2	0	0	75	0	0	0	1	0	76	0	0	2	1	0	3	73	41	
Hebron . . . . .	43	0	3	1	1	134	2	0	0	0	0	136	2	4	2	0	0	8	128	43	
Harvard . . . . .	44	1	3	0	0	79	0	1	0	2	0	82	0	0	2	0	0	2	80	44	
Rob Morris . . . . .	46	10	10	4	5	356	3	6	0	1	0	366	4	3	0	0	0	7	359	46	
Fairmont . . . . .	48	0	0	0	1	89	0	0	0	2	0	91	0	3	2	0	0	5	86	48	
Evening Star . . . . .	49	3	2	3	0	102	3	0	0	0	0	105	3	2	0	0	0	5	100	49	
Hastings . . . . .	50	12	23	8	4	540	9	1	0	6	0	556	2	12	4	0	0	18	538	50	
Fidelity . . . . .	51	3	6	2	1	143	4	1	0	4	0	152	1	2	0	0	0	3	149	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				
Hiram	52	0	3	0	0	91	0	0	0	0	0	91	0	3	0	0	0	3	88	52	
Charity	53	3	1	3	1	146	3	1	0	5	2	157	2	4	2	1	0	9	148	53	
Lancaster	54	32	9	28	4	901	28	0	1	5	0	935	6	18	13	0	0	37	898	54	
Mosaic	55	7	6	6	5	345	6	2	0	3	0	356	4	8	5	0	0	17	339	55	
York	56	7	1	10	0	285	11	5	0	0	0	301	6	8	6	0	0	20	281	56	
Mt. Moriah	57	2	4	1	0	75	1	1	1	0	0	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	57	
Wahoo	59	8	2	9	0	285	9	4	0	0	0	298	1	9	0	0	0	10	288	59	
Melrose	60	4	1	4	3	71	2	0	0	0	0	73	0	0	0	0	0	3	70	60	
Thistle	61	2	2	2	2	221	0	0	0	0	0	221	1	4	3	0	0	8	213	61	
Keystone	62	1	3	1	0	47	1	0	0	1	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	62	
Blue Valley	64	0	1	0	0	94	3	0	0	0	0	97	0	1	0	0	0	1	96	64	
Osceola	65	1	3	1	0	94	1	0	0	0	0	95	1	4	0	0	0	5	90	65	
Edgar	67	3	0	3	2	90	1	0	0	0	0	91	0	1	1	0	0	2	89	67	
Aurora	68	1	2	1	2	158	1	2	0	0	0	161	3	3	5	0	0	11	150	68	
Sterling	70	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	3	4	0	0	7	43	70	
Trowel	71	0	0	1	0	107	1	2	0	0	0	110	0	4	0	0	0	4	106	71	
Hooper	72	7	7	3	3	96	1	0	0	0	0	97	0	2	0	0	0	2	95	72	
Friend	73	2	4	2	3	61	1	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	73	
Alexandria	74	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	2	0	0	0	2	29	74	
Frank Welch	75	5	1	8	6	266	5	1	0	4	0	276	1	3	6	0	0	10	266	75	
Nelson	77	6	7	5	8	95	3	0	0	2	0	100	1	2	0	0	0	3	97	77	
Albion	78	3	4	2	0	141	2	1	0	3	0	147	0	2	5	0	0	7	140	78	
Geneva	79	4	2	2	1	138	2	2	0	0	2	144	3	3	4	0	0	10	134	79	
Composite	81	4	4	2	0	60	2	35	0	0	0	97	3	2	0	0	0	5	92	81	
St. Paul	82	6	9	2	2	180	2	1	0	2	0	185	0	5	1	0	0	6	179	82	
Corinthian	83	1	0	1	0	77	1	1	0	1	0	80	0	1	1	0	0	2	78	83	
Fairfield	84	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	84	
Doniphan	86	2	4	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	1	0	0	0	1	34	86	
Ionic	87	3	6	0	0	110	0	0	0	0	0	110	2	2	2	0	0	6	104	87	
Star	88	1	0	1	0	103	1	0	1	4	0	109	0	2	6	0	0	8	101	88	
Cedar River	89	3	4	2	0	92	3	0	0	0	0	95	2	0	0	0	0	2	93	89	
Oakland	91	6	5	4	0	145	4	0	0	0	0	149	1	3	1	0	0	5	144	91	
Beaver City	93	0	0	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	67	1	1	2	0	0	4	63	93	
Bennett	94	0	0	1	0	53	1	0	0	2	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	94	
Garfield	95	2	2	1	0	90	2	0	0	2	0	94	3	1	0	0	0	4	90	95	
Utica	96	0	1	0	0	79	0	0	0	0	0	79	0	2	0	0	0	2	77	96	
Euchid	97	2	3	2	0	115	2	0	1	1	0	119	0	4	3	0	0	7	112	97	
Republican	98	0	1	1	0	43	1	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	1	0	0	1	43	98	
Shelton	99	3	0	3	3	78	0	0	0	1	0	79	1	0	2	0	0	3	76	99	

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Creighton.....	100	0	2	0	0	101	0	1	0	2	0	104	1	4	2	0	0	7	97	100
Ponca.....	101	4	3	3	1	92	3	1	0	1	0	97	0	3	0	0	0	3	94	101
Waterloo.....	102	5	1	6	1	161	7	0	0	4	0	172	0	7	12	0	2	21	151	102
Ord.....	103	2	2	2	1	158	1	0	0	0	0	159	1	3	0	0	0	4	155	103
Wymore.....	104	2	2	1	2	206	2	1	0	0	0	209	2	7	0	0	0	9	200	104
Stella.....	105	8	0	0	0	58	7	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	105
Porter.....	106	2	0	2	0	60	2	1	1	0	0	64	0	2	0	0	0	2	62	106
Table Rock.....	108	0	0	2	1	36	1	0	0	0	0	37	1	0	0	0	0	1	36	108
Pomegranate.....	110	0	7	1	0	228	1	0	0	0	0	229	0	5	3	0	1	9	220	110
DeWitt.....	111	0	1	1	0	44	2	0	0	1	0	47	0	1	0	0	0	1	46	111
Springfield.....	112	3	1	2	2	118	1	0	1	1	0	121	1	1	0	0	0	2	119	112
Globe.....	113	0	3	1	0	84	3	2	0	0	0	89	0	1	0	0	0	1	88	113
Wisner.....	114	0	0	1	1	106	1	1	0	1	0	109	2	0	1	0	0	3	106	114
Harlan.....	116	0	2	0	0	86	2	0	1	1	0	90	0	1	1	0	0	2	88	116
Hardy.....	117	1	2	1	0	50	1	1	0	1	0	53	1	1	0	0	0	2	51	117
North Bend.....	119	1	1	1	0	110	1	1	0	0	0	112	1	5	0	0	0	6	106	119
Wayne.....	120	8	7	9	5	198	5	0	0	7	0	210	2	4	2	0	0	8	202	120
Superior.....	121	6	1	5	3	182	4	1	0	1	0	188	3	7	0	0	0	10	178	121
Auburn.....	124	1	2	1	0	133	2	0	0	3	0	138	0	1	2	0	0	3	135	124
Mt. Nebo.....	125	1	6	1	2	102	1	0	0	0	0	103	0	3	1	0	0	4	99	125
Stromsburg.....	126	1	1	3	0	73	3	1	0	0	1	78	1	2	0	0	0	3	75	126
Minden.....	127	1	4	1	1	104	1	1	0	1	0	107	2	0	0	0	0	2	105	127
Guide Rock.....	128	2	2	1	0	70	3	0	0	0	0	73	0	2	0	0	0	2	71	128
Blue Hill.....	129	1	1	1	1	55	0	0	0	1	0	56	0	1	0	0	0	1	55	129
Tuscan.....	130	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	36	3	0	0	0	0	36	0	130
Scribner.....	132	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	52	1	0	0	0	0	1	51	132
Elm Creek.....	133	4	2	2	0	50	2	0	0	1	0	53	0	1	0	0	0	1	52	133
Solar.....	134	3	5	2	1	73	1	0	0	0	2	76	0	4	0	0	0	4	72	134
McCook.....	135	8	4	4	0	355	6	0	0	4	0	365	2	8	1	0	0	11	354	135
Long Pine.....	136	1	0	1	0	55	1	0	0	1	0	57	1	2	0	0	0	3	54	136
Upright.....	137	0	1	0	0	76	0	0	0	0	0	76	1	0	0	0	0	1	75	137
Rawalt.....	138	2	3	2	4	75	1	0	0	7	0	83	0	3	0	0	0	3	80	138
Clay Centre.....	139	0	2	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	2	0	0	2	58	139
Western.....	140	2	2	2	3	34	2	0	0	0	0	36	0	1	0	0	0	1	35	140
Crescent.....	143	0	0	0	0	39	1	0	0	0	0	40	0	1	0	0	0	1	39	143
Kenesaw.....	144	0	0	1	0	64	2	0	0	1	0	67	0	4	0	0	0	4	63	144
Bancroft.....	145	1	1	0	1	60	1	0	0	0	0	61	0	3	0	0	0	3	58	145
Jachin.....	146	1	4	1	0	202	1	0	0	0	0	203	1	3	2	0	0	6	197	146
Siloam.....	147	0	2	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	1	0	0	1	29	147
Emmet Crawford.....	148	2	8	2	3	209	0	0	0	4	0	213	1	1	7	0	0	9	204	148

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Jewel	149	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	1	2	0	0	0	3	47	149
Cambridge	150	5	3	2	0	109	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	115	1	0	5	0	0	6	109	150
Square	151	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	55	0	0	0	0	55	0	151
Evergreen	153	0	1	0	0	66	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	69	0	2	0	0	0	2	67	153
Lily	154	0	1	0	0	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	0	5	0	0	0	5	64	154
Hartington	155	2	2	2	0	68	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	2	1	0	0	0	3	68	155
Pythagoras	156	0	0	0	0	33	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	156
Valley	157	0	0	1	0	53	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	2	3	0	0	5	49	157
Samaritan	158	4	7	1	0	273	2	3	0	4	0	0	0	282	3	7	5	0	0	15	267	158
Ogallala	159	9	16	7	4	162	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	167	2	2	8	0	0	12	155	159
Zeredatha	160	2	1	2	0	40	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	1	0	1	0	0	2	41	160
Mount Zion	161	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	161
Trestle Board	162	0	0	0	0	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	0	2	2	0	0	4	74	162
Unity	163	6	8	1	1	84	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	0	2	0	0	0	2	83	163
Atkinson	164	1	5	0	0	53	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	1	1	0	0	2	52	164
Barneston	165	0	1	0	0	57	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	58	1	1	2	0	0	4	54	165
Mystic Tie	166	0	1	1	1	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	166
Elwood	167	3	1	2	0	54	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	2	1	0	0	0	3	53	167
Curtis	168	0	1	0	0	85	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	87	0	1	3	0	0	4	83	168
Amity	169	1	2	1	1	98	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	105	0	0	1	0	1	2	103	169
Mason City	170	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	2	0	0	0	2	31	170
Merna	171	2	2	1	0	58	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	171
Robert Burns	173	3	2	1	1	87	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	90	3	1	2	0	0	6	84	173
Culbertson	174	1	3	0	1	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	0	2	1	0	0	3	64	174
Temple	175	1	1	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	1	0	0	0	1	39	175
Gladstone	176	0	0	0	0	91	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	92	1	2	0	0	0	3	89	176
Hay Springs	177	3	3	2	0	118	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	121	1	1	1	0	0	3	118	177
Prudence	179	2	3	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	179
Justice	180	2	4	2	0	141	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	146	0	1	3	0	0	4	142	180
Faith	181	3	4	1	1	116	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	117	0	5	1	0	1	7	110	181
Alliance	183	6	3	6	6	371	5	0	0	8	0	0	0	384	1	6	7	0	0	14	370	183
Bee Hive	184	24	15	22	8	1033	20	1	0	8	0	0	0	1062	5	21	45	0	0	71	991	184
Boaz	185	2	1	2	0	68	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	0	1	1	0	0	2	69	185
Meridian	188	1	2	0	0	155	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	156	1	5	6	0	0	12	144	188
Granite	189	1	2	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	2	0	1	3	77	189
Amethyst	190	1	1	0	1	50	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	2	0	0	0	2	49	190
Crystal	191	3	0	3	0	79	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	85	0	5	0	0	0	5	80	191

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Minnekadusa	192	8	7	2	2	170	3	1	0	0	0	174	0	2	3	0	0	5	169	192
Signet	193	0	2	0	1	64	0	0	0	0	0	64	1	1	0	0	0	2	62	193
Highland	194	3	3	3	0	36	4	0	0	0	0	40	1	1	0	0	0	2	38	194
Arcana	195	0	3	1	1	157	1	1	0	0	1	160	2	2	0	0	0	4	156	195
Morning Star	197	1	0	1	0	64	1	0	0	2	0	67	0	4	2	0	0	6	61	197
Purity	198	6	5	2	1	142	2	0	0	0	0	144	2	2	3	0	0	7	137	198
Gavel	199	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	1	0	0	49	1	1	0	0	0	2	47	199
Blazing Star	200	0	4	0	0	92	0	2	0	0	0	94	1	5	3	0	0	9	85	200
Scotts Bluff	201	0	7	1	2	191	1	0	0	3	0	195	0	4	7	0	0	11	184	201
Golden Sheaf	202	2	2	1	1	85	1	0	0	0	0	86	1	2	0	0	0	3	83	202
Roman Eagle	203	2	2	3	0	67	4	0	0	0	0	71	0	1	0	0	0	1	70	203
Plainview	204	7	5	5	1	106	4	0	0	0	0	110	1	3	0	0	0	4	106	204
Golden Fleece	205	3	3	2	1	179	1	0	0	0	0	180	0	5	2	0	0	7	173	205
Naphtali	206	0	0	0	1	52	0	0	0	3	0	55	0	1	0	0	0	1	54	206
Parian	207	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	59	0	1	2	0	0	3	56	207
Gauge	208	0	2	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	5	0	0	5	39	208
Canopy	209	0	0	0	0	121	0	1	0	0	0	122	0	3	4	0	0	7	115	209
East Lincoln	210	41	21	38	12	1222	43	6	0	5	0	1276	6	28	29	0	0	63	1213	210
Cement	211	1	1	2	2	82	2	1	0	0	0	85	0	2	0	0	0	2	83	211
Compass & Square	212	0	0	0	1	45	1	0	0	0	0	46	0	4	0	0	0	4	42	212
Plumblin	214	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	2	0	0	0	2	35	214
Occidental	215	1	0	1	0	72	1	0	0	0	0	73	0	4	2	0	0	6	67	215
Palisade	216	3	2	1	2	103	0	0	0	0	0	103	2	2	1	0	0	5	98	216
Wauneta	217	0	2	2	0	59	2	1	0	2	0	64	0	2	0	0	0	2	62	217
Bloomfield	218	1	1	2	4	72	1	0	0	0	0	73	0	1	0	0	0	1	72	218
Relief	219	1	0	3	0	58	3	0	0	0	0	61	2	2	1	0	1	6	55	219
Magnolia	220	1	2	1	1	61	0	0	0	0	0	61	1	1	0	0	0	2	59	220
Wood Lake	221	2	2	1	0	74	1	0	0	0	0	75	0	1	0	0	0	1	74	221
Landmark	222	0	2	0	0	105	0	0	0	0	0	105	0	3	2	0	0	5	100	222
Eminence	223	0	2	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	223
Silver Cord	224	2	4	1	3	140	1	0	0	1	0	142	2	5	6	0	0	13	129	224
Cable	225	1	4	0	1	95	0	0	0	0	0	95	0	3	0	0	0	3	92	225
Grace	226	2	2	0	1	64	1	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	226
North Star	227	9	11	6	5	515	5	5	1	3	0	529	3	2	8	0	0	13	516	227
Bartley	228	0	1	1	0	60	2	1	0	0	0	63	0	2	1	0	0	3	60	228
Comet	229	5	7	2	1	99	2	15	0	1	0	117	1	1	3	0	0	5	112	229
Delta	230	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	3	0	0	0	3	28	230
Mt. Hermon	231	0	2	0	1	37	0	0	0	1	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	231
John S. Bowen	232	5	1	4	0	68	4	0	0	0	0	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	232
Gilead	233	1	1	1	0	57	2	0	0	0	0	59	2	2	1	0	0	5	54	233

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E. A. A.		F. C. C.		MASTER MASONS													No. on Rolls December 31, 1963	No. of Lodge
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1963	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1963	No. on Rolls December 31, 1962	GAIN					Total	LOSS							
							By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Membership	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes			
																		Total Loss		
Zion	234	2	4	2	2	100	1	0	0	0	0	101	0	0	1	0	0	1	100	234
Fraternity	235	0	1	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	1	0	0	0	1	65	235
Golden Rule	236	2	1	4	1	67	3	0	0	0	0	70	1	1	0	0	0	2	68	236
Cubit	237	0	1	0	0	48	0	1	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	237
Friendship	239	2	6	1	2	82	1	0	0	9	0	92	1	2	7	0	0	10	82	239
Pilot	240	2	4	1	0	118	1	3	0	1	0	123	0	3	3	0	0	6	117	240
George Armstrong	241	1	4	2	0	82	2	0	0	0	0	84	0	4	0	0	0	4	80	241
Tyrian	243	1	1	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	2	0	0	0	2	24	243
Hampton	245	0	0	1	0	48	2	0	1	2	0	53	1	2	1	0	0	4	49	245
Nehawka	246	5	3	3	2	111	4	0	0	0	0	115	0	2	1	0	0	3	112	246
Corner-Stone	247	0	0	1	2	24	2	0	0	0	0	26	0	1	1	0	0	2	24	247
Laurel	248	2	6	2	1	99	1	0	0	0	0	100	1	7	1	0	0	9	91	248
Gothenburg	249	3	3	3	5	155	1	0	0	0	0	156	0	2	2	0	0	4	152	249
Geo. Washington	250	5	10	7	1	353	6	2	0	1	0	362	0	5	1	0	0	6	356	250
Wausa	251	0	0	0	0	53	2	0	0	0	0	55	0	3	3	0	0	6	49	251
Beemer	253	0	0	0	0	49	1	0	0	0	0	50	1	1	0	0	0	2	48	253
Bassett	254	1	1	0	2	85	0	0	0	0	0	85	1	2	0	0	0	3	82	254
Hickman	256	2	1	2	0	62	2	0	0	0	0	64	0	2	0	0	0	2	62	256
Anselmo	258	0	2	0	0	95	0	0	0	1	0	96	2	2	2	0	0	6	90	258
Ornan	261	4	2	3	1	79	3	1	0	0	0	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	261
Endeavor	262	1	2	0	0	93	0	0	0	4	0	97	2	2	0	0	0	4	93	262
Mitchell	263	4	6	2	1	151	2	0	0	5	0	158	0	2	3	0	0	5	153	263
Franklin	264	0	0	1	0	102	1	1	0	2	0	106	0	1	2	0	0	3	103	264
Robert W. Furnas	265	6	6	3	0	468	3	1	0	1	0	473	3	5	4	0	0	12	461	265
Silver	266	3	0	3	3	65	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	3	0	0	0	3	62	266
James A. Tulleys	267	0	1	1	0	53	1	0	0	0	0	54	1	1	0	0	0	2	52	267
Geo. W. Lininger	268	2	0	3	0	261	4	0	0	0	0	265	0	2	2	0	0	4	261	268
Oasis	271	0	0	0	0	140	0	2	0	0	0	142	0	2	2	0	0	4	138	271
Lee P. Gillette	272	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	272
Crofton	273	0	1	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	2	4	0	2	8	48	273
Olive Branch	274	0	1	1	1	53	1	0	0	6	0	60	0	1	0	0	0	1	59	274
Ramah	275	1	1	1	1	66	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	1	3	0	0	4	62	275
Antelope	276	1	2	1	0	68	1	0	0	1	0	70	1	3	0	0	0	4	66	276
Sioux	277	1	2	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	49	2	0	0	0	0	2	47	277
Litchfield	278	0	0	1	0	38	1	0	0	0	0	39	0	1	0	0	0	1	38	278
Wallace	279	0	0	0	1	41	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	1	0	0	0	1	40	279
Swastika	280	0	4	0	0	88	1	0	0	1	0	90	0	3	1	0	0	4	86	280
Florence	281	21	5	20	5	988	18	2	0	3	0	1011	3	19	14	0	0	36	975	281
Mullen	282	1	0	2	0	75	2	0	0	0	0	77	2	3	0	0	0	5	72	282

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	No. of Lodge	No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1963	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1963	No. on Rolls December 31, 1962	By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Membership	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion		Other Causes	Total Loss	No. on Rolls December 31, 1963	
																					No. of Lodge
Seneca	284	0	1	0	0	73	1	0	0	0	0	74	0	1	0	0	0	1	93	284	
Camp Clarke	285	1	1	2	1	164	1	1	0	2	0	168	1	4	4	0	0	9	159	285	
Oshkosh	286	1	1	0	0	109	0	1	0	1	1	112	0	2	0	0	0	2	110	286	
Union	287	2	2	2	0	69	2	0	0	0	0	71	1	3	0	0	0	4	67	287	
Omaha	288	12	9	11	4	569	10	0	0	3	0	582	2	14	5	0	0	21	561	288	
Lotus	289	4	3	4	0	168	5	1	0	0	0	174	0	5	0	0	0	5	169	289	
John J. Mercer	290	51	22	44	7	1542	40	8	0	5	0	1595	9	21	17	0	0	47	1548	290	
Diamond	291	2	3	1	0	71	1	0	0	0	0	72	0	1	0	0	0	1	71	291	
Wolbach	292	0	2	0	0	46	0	0	0	1	0	47	0	2	0	0	0	2	45	292	
Monument	293	0	1	2	1	65	3	2	0	0	0	70	1	2	0	0	0	3	67	293	
Kimball	294	3	8	4	2	193	4	0	0	2	0	199	1	5	4	0	0	10	189	294	
Minatare	295	1	2	2	1	95	2	0	0	3	0	100	0	0	4	0	0	4	96	295	
Cotner	297	9	13	5	1	274	7	8	0	1	0	290	3	2	7	0	0	12	278	297	
Chester	298	3	3	1	1	49	0	1	0	0	0	50	0	0	1	0	0	1	49	298	
Sutherland	299	2	5	2	0	88	2	0	0	0	0	90	2	0	2	0	0	4	86	299	
Liberty	300	12	12	10	1	473	10	2	0	3	0	488	1	5	12	0	0	18	470	300	
Bayard	301	2	4	0	1	90	0	0	0	0	0	90	0	2	4	0	0	6	84	301	
Mizpah	302	37	12	34	3	1221	33	0	0	7	0	1261	6	23	25	0	0	54	1207	302	
Right Angle	303	11	5	11	0	601	15	1	0	4	0	621	3	8	0	0	0	11	610	303	
Ruskin	304	0	2	0	1	37	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	3	0	0	0	3	34	304	
Newman Grove	305	2	3	1	1	65	0	0	0	1	0	66	0	2	0	0	0	2	64	305	
Golden Rod	306	0	0	1	0	86	2	0	0	0	0	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	306	
William E. Hill	307	0	0	2	0	35	2	0	0	0	0	37	1	3	5	0	0	9	28	307	
Perkins	308	1	3	1	0	107	2	0	0	5	0	114	0	1	2	0	6	9	105	308	
Winnebago	309	3	4	0	0	53	1	0	0	3	0	57	0	1	1	0	0	2	55	309	
Victory	310	3	2	4	1	208	3	1	0	5	0	217	0	1	3	0	0	4	213	310	
Polk	311	1	3	1	0	67	1	0	0	0	0	68	0	0	3	0	0	3	65	311	
Oak Leaf	312	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	59	1	1	2	0	0	4	55	312	
Potter	313	0	4	2	1	97	3	0	0	1	0	101	0	2	0	0	0	2	99	313	
Craftsmen	314	8	10	12	2	617	11	4	0	2	0	634	6	8	2	0	0	16	618	314	
Alpha	316	8	13	4	5	202	4	2	0	0	0	208	0	2	2	0	0	4	204	316	
Mid-West	317	20	18	21	6	491	19	6	0	1	0	517	1	10	5	0	0	16	501	317	
Grand Island	318	8	11	9	2	356	9	6	0	1	0	372	1	5	6	0	1	13	359	318	
Bladen	319	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	1	1	0	0	2	43	319	
College View	320	3	5	4	2	167	3	2	0	3	0	175	2	2	8	0	0	12	163	320	
Harmony	321	1	3	1	0	76	1	0	0	0	0	77	1	3	2	0	0	6	71	321	
Pioneer	322	1	1	0	0	76	1	0	0	0	0	77	1	1	1	0	0	3	74	322	



### VETERAN SECRETARIES

Who have served 25 years or more.

Fred R. Haggart.....	St. Paul No. 82.....	43 years
Arvene C. Eisenhart.....	Culbertson No. 174.....	44 years
Fredolph C. Chalquist.....	Composite No. 81.....	35 years
C. Robert Carlson.....	Wauneta No. 217.....	35 years
Earl K. Husbands.....	Morning Star No. 197.....	34 years
Leon J. Cherny.....	North Bend No. 119.....	33 years
Raymond H. Ream.....	Omadi No. 5.....	32 years
Carl H. Hoge.....	Lebanon No. 323.....	32 years
Roy T. Stiehl.....	Hay Springs No. 177.....	29 years
Anton B. Helms.....	Golden Sheaf No. 202.....	27 years
Elmer H. Seyfang.....	Potter No. 313.....	27 years
Fred R. Lamb.....	Papillion No. 39.....	26 years
William E. Edwards.....	Alliance No. 183.....	26 years
Harve I. Lang.....	Litchfield No. 278.....	26 years
Frank F. McMullin.....	George Armstrong No. 241.....	26 years
Lewis L. Skiles.....	Valley No. 157.....	25 years
Charles F. Eberline.....	East Lincoln No. 210.....	25 years



## REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

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

What we feared might be the year in which this department of the Grand Lodge would show its first loss in proficiency interest, cooperative zeal and attendance, has turned out to be a banner year. The first two months did show some poorly attended Schools of Instruction. Although the interest on the part of some of the lodges involved was excellent it was not wide spread. Then about the first of January, something began to happen. Our Assistant Custodians began to report increased interest among the Lodges. Attendance at all types of Masonic meetings began to climb. It was very apparent at our Central Schools. The three February Central Schools, Omaha, Lincoln and Sidney, had a few more than a thousand registrations. The March Central Schools were wonderful from every standpoint. It was a thrill to again "run out" of chairs and aprons.

Nebraska's weather this year was wholly satisfactory from the Masonic standpoint. No one had to stay home on account of the weather. Consequently the volume of work handled by our department was greater than normal and the wear and tear on the Custodians and their autos was much less.

## CENTRAL SCHOOLS

There were thirteen Central Schools held this Masonic Year. Five were of the four evening variety. Eight were the familiar two days and two evenings at one location pattern. Where there is a heavy population of Lodges the evening sessions divided among four locations certainly works out well. So many more of the brethren are able to attend. However, when the Lodges are spaced far apart geographically the orthodox form of Central School seems the best.

Taken as a whole and over the entire year, the Central School attendance was excellent, the interest improved, and the work above average.

## THE MIDDLE CHAMBER MEETING

Sometime during the year we hold one or more meetings at which the emphasis is placed on the history, the evaluation and the interpretation of the Middle Chamber Ceremony. There seems to be a tendency on the part of some of our Masonic brethren to reject and turn from anything in Masonry that causes mental activity. Anything that causes inner contemplation, anything that has to be thought out is avoided and ignored by many of our brethren who seek only to be entertained. We solicit interest in the Middle Chamber Ceremony to aid us in the quest of "how to improve ourselves in Masonry" rather than how to change Masonry to conform to our own "so called" modern image of Masonry.

Mosaic No. 55 was host to the Middle Chamber meeting this year. The attendance was splendid and the interest high. W. David Menagh

of Omaha gave his interpretation and explanation of this ancient ceremony, in the light of his many years of study and research.

#### EXAMINATION SCHOOLS

This type of Masonic school has developed at the behest of our proficient lodges that want to keep up the excellence of their floor ceremony as well as the letter of the work.

The Custodian is therefore able to correct any floor error as the degree work progresses. This procedure takes a longer time to examine but it is well worth it. That there were 145 such examination-schools held this year is testimony that there is much merit to this type of school.

#### INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS

I think there will always be need for the individual type of school in some of our less active lodges. Approximately 40% of our 273 Lodges should continue to be assigned this type of school annually if possible, if not then in alternate years. Alternate years of instruction can do little more than to keep a little spark of interest burning, particularly in lodges that do not have a certified man in the community. There were 90 Individual schools held this year. The larger share of these Lodges request a school annually.

#### LODGE CERTIFICATION

For the fifth consecutive year we have had more than 50% of our Nebraska lodges certified proficient Lodges. Lodge certificates of proficiency have been issued to 153 lodges, the best showing in the history of the Grand Lodge.

Three lodges; Garfield 95, Meridian 188 and Albion 78 have been certified for the first time in the history of their respective lodges. Meridian Lodge performed the astounding feat of double certification. The 1962-63 officers were examined before their successors were installed. Fifteen days later the 1963-64 officers were examined and installed. Both examinations were reported as excellent. Congratulations are in order to the officers and brethren of these three Lodges with an added fanfare for Meridian No. 188. Diamond No. 291 has been certified for the first time in eighteen years.

#### INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATION

For the second consecutive year this list will show a small decline. This group of Masons who carry the burden of transmitting the esoteric work to less informed brethren of this jurisdiction hold a place of great importance in our Masonic system. Necessarily, this group are active and useful during their lives. They "die in the harness", so to speak, before they can be replaced. Although we have examined and certified thirty new brethren for the first time, we still can't break even. Father Time and his all-devouring scythe have been too busy. Another reason is that busy

men find it difficult to give an evening to a re-examination. Custodians are also busy men, consequently, sometimes the year passes without their ever getting together. We do not serve Masonry well when we put it too far down on the list of worth-while things in life. There are now 720 individual Masonic brethren who have been certified this year.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

A Nebraska Mason who has been continuously certified for twenty years or more is given a certificate of Merit by the Grand Lodge in recognition of his loyal service to the Craft. The following brethren have become entitled to receive this distinction during this year: Gerald A. Walton, 79; Ralph J. Ottersburg, 162; Morace F. Smith, 265; Irvin Osterloh, 72; Alfred G. Wurst, 59; William W. Bauer, 19; William H. Hoagland, 54; G. Henry Crane, 314; Percy C. Brintnall, 302; Erwin J. Imig, 38; Dan W. Campbell, 302; Elmo W. Phillips, 290.

STATISTICS

One of the real exciting events that occur during the Masonic year and which is watched by the Custodians and lodges alike with zest and enthusiasm is the contest for the greatest number of certified men in a lodge and the highest percentage of certified men in proportion to membership. Following are the winners of the first ten places in each category:

Largest Number	Highest percentage
East Lincoln, 210.....37	Cable, 225.....10.52%
Lancaster, 54.....36	Comet, 229..... 9.99%
Bee Hive, 184.....28	Merna, 171..... 8.60%
Lincoln, 19.....23	Keystone, 62..... 8.50%
Craftsmen, 314.....21	Golden Rod, 306..... 8.23%
Ashlar, 33.....16	Victory, 310..... 6.40%
Nebraska, 1.....15	Sioux, 277..... 6.10%
Robert W. Furnas, 265.....15	George Armstrong, 241.... 6.09%
Florence, 281.....14	Beaver City, 93..... 5.97%
Covert, 11.....13	Nelson, 77..... 5.26%
Victory, 310.....13	
Alliance, 183.....13	

In the first column, we have a tie for seventh place and a three-way tie for last place. Covert 11 breaks into this race for the first time. We give them a hearty welcome! We are sorry to see that Bee Hive 184 has lost a little more ground. The lead is hotly contested in this race. The tie of last year was broken by an eyelash.

In the second column, we have another "nip an' tuck" race. Comet, 229 came up from fifth place last year into serious contention. One or two new certified men in either Lodge will tell the story next year. We also welcome Beaver City 93 into this percentage-wise contest. This is the first appearance of this entry. Good Luck!

## ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

While there have been no deaths among our Assistant Custodians this year, one of our most faithful and loyal workers has been stricken so seriously that he has asked to be retired to the Emeriti Custodians list. Charles M. Frederick suffered a serious heart attack and circulatory block in February. And although he is much improved from his critical condition, his doctors advise retirement.

Two new Assistant Custodians were appointed by M. W. Ralph M. Carhart. Both had the approval of the Committee on Nebraska Work. It is hoped that these young men will lighten the heavy burden of four of our senior Custodians who have had too many lodges to serve for years. The work and duties of an Assistant Custodian are rigorous indeed. Too many of them are ignoring warnings of health hazards. The new men are Stuart A. Johnson, 169, and Arthur S. Dye, 317. They are both performing their duties like veterans. I know this entire Grand Lodge will wish them well.

## ASSISTANT CUSTODIAN EXPENSE FUND

This fund was created by the Grand Lodge and earmarked for the specific purpose of making a more equitable distribution of the Assistant Custodians' expenses in conducting schools and examinations among the smaller outlying lodges. Because the law has designated the Grand Custodian to receive the \$15.00 payments from those Lodges having the services of an Assistant Custodian gratis, I report the total collection of \$705 and certify that it is the proper and legal amount to be collected and that it is now available to be appropriated by the Finance Committee at this Communication of the Grand Lodge.

## OBSERVATIONS

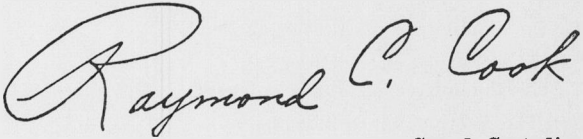
I am not among those who can be found at the wailing wall of Masonry. There will be no moaning at the bar when our Masonic Craft puts out on the sea of a new year.

Except for a few situations where a community is breaking up and dying and the population is moving away, there isn't anything wrong with the weakest Lodge in Nebraska that a real concern for Masonry and good leadership couldn't cure. Leadership will not come as the result of placing a friend in the Lodge line instead of an interested Mason. It will not come by electing to the East a Senior Warden who has only attended two or three meetings as Senior Warden and less as Junior Warden. Lodges will get better leadership when they demand better leaders.

Masonry will attract to itself men of true Masonic caliber when the world can see in our lives the morality and virtue which we teach in our ritual; when men can be identified as Masons by their conduct and actions rather than by their jewelry; then and only then will we have the respect which attracts others to Masonic principles and teachings.

In closing my fifteenth Annual Report, I express my deep appreciation to all who have made possible the work and 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.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF  
GRAND OFFICERS

The Committee respectfully submits as its report that the Address of M. W. Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Master, be referred in part as follows:

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

The Section on Necrology.

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The Section on Decisions.

The Section on Trial Commissions.

Recommendation No. 1, jointly with Committee on Finance.

Recommendation No. 2.

The Section on By-laws approved.

The Section on Special Dispensations.

To the Incoming Grand Master:

The Section on Saint John's Day, jointly with the Committee on Masonic Education.

Recommendation No. 3.

The entire report reflects the Grand Master's devotion and inestimable gift of service, to the Fraternity. 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 that the designated portions of the report of the Grand Secretary be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Returns:

The Section on Returns.

To the Committee on Grievances:

The Section on Grievances.

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The Section on Chartered Lodges.

To the Committee on Finance:

All financial and report schedules, relating to funds, also statistical tables and reports relating to membership.

Our Grand Secretary continues to exemplify his ability to attend to the duties of his Office. The Committee recommends that all matters not herein specifically referred to Committees 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. We are all indebted to the Grand Custodian and his assistants for their unselfish service to the Craft.

The Committee further recommends that all matters not herein referred to Committees be approved and ratified.

Faternally submitted,

W. W. Byron C. Jenkins, 325, Chairman

W. W. Merle B. Rix, 55

W. W. Wilber R. Clark, 97

## INTRODUCTION OF GRAND CUSTODIANS AND ASSISTANTS

M. W. W. Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Master, introduced the Grand Custodian, his Assistants and Assistant Custodians Emeriti.

## REPORT OF MASONIC MANOR

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

The Masonic Manor is fast approaching a reality. Much progress has been made since the report of one year ago. The structure itself is practically completed; twelve floors are now carpeted and ready for the tenants to move in. As of this date thirty-three tenants are living in the Manor and others are moving in daily.

At this time I want to express appreciation to all the members of the Board of Directors, the architects, contractors and our legal counsel for their cooperation in this undertaking. Our special thanks is directed to the Secretary of the Board, R. W. W. Carl R. Greisen, who has shouldered much of the responsibility and has taken care of many details of the project. Carl, together with Brother Clarence E. Wiesner who has acted as sales manager, has relieved the Board of much detail work and made our position easier.

We feel fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. Clifford C. McGee as our Superintendent. He is doing a fine job in caring for our tenants and looking after our property generally. He does very well in supervising the engineers, custodians and other workers.

Naturally, there are some details to be discussed and settled, but generally speaking, the project is progressing as well as we expected.

This will be my last report as a member of the Board of Directors; my term on the Board will expire before the next communication of the Grand Lodge. It has been an interesting experience, and we of the Board will turn the project over to the new Board with a feeling of pride and a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment.

Brethren, I would like to take another minute to impress upon you the significance of our Masonic Manor. This edifice at 52nd and Leavenworth streets is the first of its kind in the United States, and it is being used as a pattern for other Jurisdictions. We receive many inquiries

about the preparation, the plans, and the fulfillment of those plans for luxurious living for our elder Masonic Brethren.

You as members of the Masonic Fraternity in Nebraska should have a sense of satisfaction at the near-completion of this venture. Because of the action taken by you a few years ago, some of our Masonic brethren are permitted to live in a home which far exceeds their fondest dreams and expectations. These apartments are well built, convenient, wonderfully located and referred to as "lush" by many, and yet moderately priced. All of you have had a part in this undertaking and we are anxious to have you realize that this is a part of your Masonic accomplishment. I am certain that you will hear more about these pleasant living quarters in a few years than you hear at this time.

It is the desire of the Board of Directors that you interest yourselves in the functions of this project. When you go home, talk about it, bring it up at your Lodge meetings, show your enthusiasm for this pioneer venture of our Jurisdiction. We urge you to visit the Manor as often as you can. I wish you could hear some of the enthusiastic and sincere compliments that we have heard from the people who are now living in the Manor. We want you to feel that these compliments are meant for you as a Mason.

This Manor was built by Masons for Masons, we ask you to show your enthusiasm for this truly Masonic enterprise.

### ARTHUR L. PALMER

A Tribute By M. W. John E. Beaver

Since our 1963 annual communication I have been privileged to have two meetings with our good friend and illustrious Brother Mason, Arthur L. Palmer, of Long Beach, California. Brother Art has had to curtail many of his Masonic activities due to the conditions of his health. He is getting along as well as can be expected, but his strength and vitality is much less than a few years ago.

For those of you who are not familiar with Brother Palmer, he is a very dedicated loyal Mason, who continues to keep his membership in his home lodge at Springfield, Nebraska. He with his Brother Harry, who passed away some years ago, have been most generous in their contributions to Masonry, and particularly to The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. It became necessary for the Palmer Brothers to move to California to protect their health, but Nebraska has always been 'Home' to them. The Palmer Brothers have earned the love and respect of Masons wherever they have been. They have always been willing and able to take part in any phase of the work. For years Brother Art has been invited to take charge of the funeral ceremonies in the Long Beach area.

Brother Art asked to be remembered to the members of our Jurisdiction, and he expressed his best wishes for a successful communication. The standing ovation of the Brethren indicated their love and esteem for Brother Arthur L. Palmer.



## MESSAGES FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS

The Grand Secretary read a telegram from the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, John S. Rowe, Executive Secretary; The Masonic Service Association, Conrad Hahn, Executive Secretary; the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, Paul W. Grossenbach, Grand Secretary; the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, John S. Rowe, Grand Secretary; letters from the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel; Charles E. Baker, Grand Lecturer, Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska; and James A. Sanker, Grand Representative of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of Maine. All sent their greetings and best wishes for a successful communication.

## PARLIMENTARIAN

M. W. Charles F. Adams was chosen as Parlimentarian of the 107th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

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

## FIRST DAY — AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:15 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 during the past Masonic year there has been no change in our fraternal relations with other Jurisdictions, with whom we are now exchanging Representatives.

During the past Masonic year your Committee has received only one request for recognition and exchange of representatives:

Serenisima Gran Logia Nacional De Colombia, State of Cartagena.

This is one of the five-state Grand Lodges in the country of Colombia and consists of nine Lodges. Colombia is divided by mountain ranges into five almost inaccessible separate divisions or states, each of which has its own Grand Lodge. So far we have only recognized one of them in Barranquilla.

In 1962, I reported the formation of the Grand Lodge of South Africa, which so far has never asked us for recognition, although I see where they have in other states. There is a report that the Dutch Christian Reform Church has launched a heavy and concentrated campaign against Freemasonry and to persecute Brethren who are members

of this church. They must be something like the Missouri Synod. So far, the Grand Lodge has paid no attention to the attack. Pennsylvania has recognized this Grand Lodge recently.

The Grand Lodge of France is getting to be more and more isolated, as practically all of their neighbors have broken relations with them. The Grand Lodges of Germany, Luxemburg, Alpine of Switzerland, Belgium and Italy have done so lately, but it seems to make little difference in their relations with the Grand Orient of France. In December, 1963 a letter was received from the Grand Lodge of France, protesting the arrest of some of the officers of the Grand Lodge of the Ivory Coast, of which little is known. This is the territory formally known as French West Africa.

Greece continues their support of the various schools throughout the country, and also provides a free breakfast for needy school children in many places. No report has been received concerning the Lodges situated on the Island of Cyprus, not long ago reopened.

According to the reports coming from Germany, everything seems to be going fine. They now claim to have three brethren for each 10,000 inhabitants. Relations with the Bonn Government and even the Roman Catholic Church seem to be improved. There are, however, reports that there is still considerable controversy among the various Grand Lodges in Germany and some personal acrimony among ambitious brethren. There seems to be five Grand Lodges existing in Germany and although there are efforts being made towards consolidation, so far they are not successful. Some jurisdictions still withhold recognition of the United Grand Lodges on account of the Swedish Rite in the last consolidation.

Down in Brazil, where a radical change recently occurred in the civil government, which we hope will improve the serious financial situation, Lodges seem to be doing fairly well. In Sao Paulo, the industrial heart of the country, four new Lodges were chartered. Their membership increased somewhat more than 10%. They dared to hold an open debate on television, with the idea of conveying to the outsider a candid explanation of the aims and purposes of the fraternity. Grand Masters are elected for three years. Only two of the 63 lodges in this state do not own their own temples. The Grand Lodge building in Sao Paulo city is now completed and occupied. It is six stories high and is used by the officers of the Grand Lodge as well as the meeting place for 22 lodges. They also operate a life insurance company of their own.

Puerto Rico has some 6,000 members in 66 lodges. They operate a high school and a Masonic home at the University of Puerto Rico.

Belgium grows slowly, but surely, we hope. They now have 14 lodges, three of whom are located in Ghent, two in Antwerp and the rest scattered. The principal stumbling block to the establishment of more Lodges is finding quarters for them to meet, coupled with their financial position, they do not have much money at present.

A couple of years ago I reported the formation of a Grand Lodge in Indonesia. Now it is reported that dictator Sukarno has closed all the Lodges in the many islands.

Costa Rica, whose lodges have been torn by dissension for several years have now healed their differences and we hope will continue to dwell in peace for many years to come. This occurred in December, 1963. Guatamala has also m de peace with itself.

The Grand Lodge of India came into existence in 1962 and was recognized by us in 1963. Since their formation they have had their share of teething troubles. The Nawab of Rampur, their first Grand Master, was forced to resign on account of his health. The new Grand Master, formally the Deputy, is named Bhogilal Shah. He is a Past Master of one of the former Irish lodges in India and has been an active Mason for forty years. He reports the Lodges are making an earnest effort to improve their ritual workings and also their finances. Then more trouble occurred, two of their officers died, the Grand Junior Warden and the Grand Registrar. The Grand Treasurer was unable to continue in office and the Grand Secretary was not able to continue as he was a governmental officer and could not combine the two jobs. Apparently they had an increase in membership of 162 and now have some 7,500 members on the rolls. They are now trying to start a Grand Royal Arch Chapter. Royal Arch Chapters are very close to Lodges in English-type constitutions.

Japan seems to be doing fairly well in their now 16 lodges, even though more and more U. S. Forces are gradually being withdrawn from the Islands. They now have about 3,200 members, about 100 of whom are Japanese. This is their greatest weakness. They claim an increase of 140 members for the year. No new Lodges were established this past year. They have, in addition to the translation of the ritual into their own tongue, done the same for the Bible. Copies of this newly published work are available for presentation to candidates. Their financial position is good.

They are now engaged in a more or less serious hassle with their parent, the Philippines, over the jurisdiction of the Ryukyun Islands. This includes Okinawa, as the string runs almost to Formosa. The data presented would seem to indicate that the Philippines are in error as claiming the islands as open territory, as they have been regarded as Japanese for years. President Kennedy in March, 1962 stated: "I recognize the Ryukyus to be a part of the Japanese Homeland and look forward to the day when the security interests of the Free World will permit their restoration to full Japanese Sovereignty." We hope that the matter can be settled without a rupture in fraternal relations between the two countries.

A six page letter was recently received from one side at least of two factions in Venezuela. There are now two claimants to be the legitimate Grand Lodges. Who is right and who is wrong is anybody's

guess. They seem to have quite a time down there, but such quarrels do nobody any good in such disputes.

Cuba seems to be the same question mark as before. Our Committee maintains its 'wait and see' attitude. The Lodge at Guantanamo Naval Base has reportedly petitioned the Grand Lodge of Florida for a charter. We understand that the average Masonic age of this membership is only about two years, the Lodge being only three years old. So they can perhaps be forgiven for some of their former actions, such as siding with the original Cuban Grand Lodge.

We were first asked to recognize the Grand Lodge of China in 1951. They started their existence in 1949, thus they are now 15 years old. Their proceedings for last year are called the 9th Annual Communication. This is very strange for Orientals to ignore their past history and especially the Chinese people. They are barely holding their own. They lost six in numbers last year and now have but five lodges. I once asked their Grand Master why they did not change their name to the Grand Lodge of Formosa and he became very indignant, but I am afraid they will never see China Mainland again. Their future to me seems obscure. They have however completed a very nice-looking Grand Lodge Temple at Taiwan, a picture of which is printed in the Filipino Bulletin.

Americans generally do not pay much attention to Mexican Masonry, except perhaps to the York Grand Lodge. Generally speaking it is doing well, the only defect perhaps would be a leaning towards political trends, which is the greatest defect of all our neighbors to the South. We sometimes think of them as having "State" Grand Lodges, but this is not altogether true, since in one case at least, the Grand Lodge includes five states. The strength of the Grand Lodge also varies with the strength of the Catholic Church. In Guadelazara, for instance, Freemasonry is almost a secret society and the brethren few in numbers. In most other places, Lodges can be attended openly. In Salina Cruz, anti-catholicism is so strong there is not a single Catholic church in a city of 15,000 people. Most of the recent Presidents of the country have been Masons and all of their National Heroes. There is no color bar in Mexico.

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.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

W. Gail Axen, 235, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead which was adopted.

## PRAYER BY THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

V. W. Levi B. Williams

"In the name of God, we pause to pay tribute and honor to our Brethren who have passed into the eternal rest. Their contributions should remind and help us to fit ourselves as living stones for that House not made with hands eternal in the Heavens."

Our Grand Secretary has received memorial cards recording the death of Brethren from other Grand Jurisdictions during the past year and we find that during that time forty-two Past Grand Masters, one Deputy Grand Master, three Grand Secretaries, one Grand Treasurer, and one Official Stenographer have been called to their reward. We note their passing with sincere regret.

Reports from the Jurisdictions of Canada show that eight Past Grand Masters have passed away.

The Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia reports the death of one Past Grand Master and one Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippines has notified our Grand Secretary of the death of one Past Grand Master.

In our own Jurisdiction, we find recorded the names of 983 Brethren who have passed from our Lodges to their eternal abode, over which the Supreme Master of the universe presides. To these Brethren we owe the highest degree of gratitude for their service to their Lodges and their Masonic brothers.

It is with profound sorrow that our own Grand Lodge record the deaths of Past Grand Master M. W. Earl J. Lee; W. William F. Evers, Superintendent Emeritus of The Nebraska Masonic Home, and W. Alfred B. Gorman, 54, Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations.

M. W. Earl J. Lee was born at Fremont, Nebraska, March 2, 1888 and died at Omaha, December 15, 1963.

M. W. Brother Lee started his Masonic career on September 8, 1925, when he was initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason in Fremont No. 15. He was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on October 20, 1925, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 24, 1925. On June 17, 1933, he was installed as W. Master of No. 15 and continued in that office until January 17, 1934. On June 6, 1934, M. W. Virgil R. Johnson appointed Brother Lee as Grand Junior Deacon. Thereafter he passed through the several chairs of the Grand Lodge and was elected Grand Master on June 4, 1940, and was installed on June 5, 1940, and served until June 4, 1941.

In addition to his affiliation with Fremont Lodge No. 15, he has received degrees in other Masonic bodies in Fremont, as follows: Signet Chapter No. 8, Hiram Council No. 7, Mount Tabor Commandery No. 9.

M. W. Brother Lee was also a member of Nebraska Consistory No. 1, A.A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., coroneted a 33° in October, 1953.

He was also a member of Coeur de Lion Conclave No. 10, Red Cross of Constantine.

He was a Fremont attorney and served as a member of the Nebraska Legislature from 1943 through 1957 and was Speaker in 1949. M. W. Brother Lee was a member of the board of trustees of the University of Nebraska Foundation and a member of the executive board of the Nebraska Historical Society. For thirteen years he was President of the Fremont Y.M.C.A. He was also a member of the First Congregational Church of Fremont.

W. William F. Evers, Superintendent Emeritus of The Nebraska Masonic Home, was born at Plattsmouth, May 6, 1894 and died at Lincoln, January 27, 1964.

The Masonic Record of our distinguished Brother is indeed an enviable one. He was made a Master Mason in Plattsmouth No. 6, January 14, 1916 and became W. Master June 1, 1920, since which date he attended every Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska until his retirement. Brother Evers was a Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Georgia since 1941; a member of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association and a member of the Building Committee of Plattsmouth Lodge since 1923.

He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Nebraska Chapter No. 3, May 15, 1917, receiving the Order of High Priesthood December 13, 1922 and serving his Chapter as High Priest the year of 1923. He was elected Secretary in December, 1924, and held that office for 21 years. He had been Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi since March 19, 1930.

He received the degrees of Cryptic Masonry in Omaha Council No. 1, October 7, 1926, demitting to become the first I. Master of Adoniram No. 5 after the Charter of that Council was transferred to Plattsmouth in 1950. He was a member of the Nebraska Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters and had been Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Washington since October 21, 1944. He was appointed Grand Steward of the Grand Council in Nebraska in 1954 by M. I. Fred Fouts and reached the station of Grand Captain of the Guard but for personal reasons declined further advancement.

He received the Order of the Temple September 30, 1918, in Mount Zion No. 5, serving as E. Commander in 1925, the year the 44th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska was held in Plattsmouth. He served Mt. Zion Commandery as Recorder for seven years and had been Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Missouri since February 19, 1938. He was appointed in Grand Commandery line by R. E. Sir Knight Fred C. Malony in 1944 and advanced regularly to become the Grand Commander of Nebraska in 1950. He became an honorary member of the Grand Commandery of South Dakota. During the conclave of the Grand Encampment at San Francisco in 1949 he served as Aide to the Parade Marshal, R. E. Roy Wilford Riegel.

In appendant and related bodies his record was no less remarkable. In 1919 he became a member of Home Chapter No. 189, O.E.S., and served as Worthy Patron in 1925. Also in 1919 he became a member of Sesostris Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. at Lincoln. In 1940 he joined the Spring Class of the Lincoln Consistory, A.A.S.R., and was elected Secretary of the Class. At the Investiture of December 13, 1957 he received the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour. His labors and honors in the several bodies of the York Rite made him eligible for membership in Sir Galahad Priory, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, and had been Certified Knight York Grand Cross. He was a Charter Member of Sneh Bo' Aire Council No. 17, Allied Masonic Degrees, and presided as Sovereign Master in 1956. He was a member of Coeur de Lion Conclave No. 10, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, and reigned as Illustrious Sovereign in 1955. He was also an Honorary Member of Omaha Chapter No. 19, National Sojourners, and of Joseph Warren Camp, Heroes of '76.

With all these activities, his civic duties were not neglected. As a member of the Methodist Church for nearly fifty years, he served as Steward, Trustee, Lay Delegate and President of the Young Men's Bible Class. He had served on the Plattsmouth School Board for four years and on the Cemetery Board of Trustees for 23 years, being its first President for seven years. During World War I he was a member of the Home Guard and World War II he served as Air Raid Warden and on the Ration Board. He was a Life Member of the Plattsmouth Fire Department and was the second King of the Cass County King Korn Carnival. He always gave freely of his time and talents to any project, movement or service that would in any way benefit his community or his church.

W.'.Alfred B. Gorman of Lancaster No. 54, had served faithfully as Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. By his Christian faith and character he demonstrated in all his walks of life that Freemasonry is the realization of God and the practice of brotherhood. W.'.Brother Gorman passed away very unexpectedly during a Nebraska Press association Convention on April 15, 1964.

With these tributes of respect let us add all who in their respective sphere of duty and service have in like manner heard the loving and welcoming voice from within the Gate, — — "Come Unto Me And I Will Give You Rest."

We, the members of your Committee, close this report with the request to the M.'.W.'.Grand Master that he ask the Grand Lodge to stand in tribute to our departed Brethren as our soloist, Brother Jack H. Wright, accompanied by W.'.Harold H. Thom, 1, present "Hold Thou My Hand."

## ORATION

By W. Freeman B. Decker, 19, Grand Orator, entitled:  
"I, too have a Dream."

A few months ago a person of some stature in the civil right movement made nation-wide headlines as a result of a talk that he gave before an audience numbering in the tens of thousands. His talk centered around the theme of "I Have A Dream." He developed this theme by reciting what he hoped for and looked forward to for those of his race.

Borrowing from him and revising his theme somewhat, I, too, have a dream; a dream about the future of the state in which I was born, the state in which I have lived all of my life, the state in which I hope to spend the remainder of my years. This state is Nebraska, my state and yours.

Nebraska has been good to me and to you. We love it. And because we love it we can criticize it in all good faith without being traitorous to it. I want to talk about Nebraska's people, its educational system, its agriculture, its industry and its government, in that order. I want to try to analyze the present status in these areas, and then tell you my dreams about its future.

Few states are so generously blessed with resources as Nebraska is. Where can you find a state with such a fine variety of races and nationalities, a state with so many thousands of acres of fine rich farm land, miles and miles of beautiful sand hill grazing lands, the greatest supply of underground water in the nation, mainlines of railroads, transcontinental highways, low-cost electricity and segments of educational systems second to none.

We are truly blessed with a potential for greatness of achievement that challenges the imagination of those of us who see our state as a slumbering giant waiting to be awakened by the forthright ingenuity and desires of people like you who have high hopes and aspirations for this great state of ours.

With your permission, may I take each of these aspects of potential greatness individually, try to analyze the present status, and then develop my dream for the future.

First, our **people**: We are fortunate to have in our state a stable mixture of persons, one, two or three generations removed from homelands that are the backbone of Europe, persons who came to our country and our state, either to escape a tyranny that was objectionable to their ideas of democracy, or who saw in our lands an opportunity for ownership of land and a better place to raise their families. Most of these persons were frugal, hard-working farmers, though a few came from countries where industry was most prevalent, but left little if any chance for personal and family improvement.

These people settled on our farms as tenants and through their frugality and industry became the land owners of a generation or two later. They took pride in their farms, were conservative and worked long and hard. Little formal education was given to their children. They, too, worked long and hard and as a result accumulated more and more



land, but little education. Over the years, as new generations grew up, this attitude changed and families began to take pride, not only in their farms but in the educational achievements of their children. This was good in that it created a new type of citizen—a frugal, energetic and educated people. Many of these people left the farm to form the backbone of our urban society.

Many of our Nebraska communities are still made up of peoples of a predominant national origin. We have our German, Scandinavian, Czech, Polish and Welsh rural communities, and our Italian, Polish and Czech urban communities, identified primarily now by names more than by any other means. These groups have intermarried, moved about and otherwise intermingled so that today national groups are more of a legend than a reality.

The dream that I have for these people is that in the years to come they will continue to intermingle, that the best of these unions of nationalities will continue to improve the quality of people who are our neighbors, that slowly but surely they will become true Americans and true Nebraskans, that they will not forget their foreign origin, but will realize that they are now Americans and Nebraskans, that they will analyze their lives and ask themselves these questions: Am I living a clean, God-fearing life, am I a credit to my community, am I raising my children to be law-respecting and law-abiding citizens and am I doing my part to make Nebraska the state it can and should be?

Our educational system can make or break our state. We have in Nebraska some of the finest school systems in the nation; and by the same measure, we have some of the poorest schools in the nation. We can justly be proud of many of these schools; we should hang our heads in shame at some of them. Education is too important and the lives of our youngsters too short to have a single one of them spend a single year, month, week or even a day in a poor school. No one will deny the fact that a state or nation is no better than its schools and that its schools are no better or worse than the people want them to be. These children cannot control the type of school they attend, but they are the ones that suffer if the schools are not good.

Nebraskans have prided themselves in the fact that its citizens have local control of their schools. This is good only if local responsibility becomes a recognized part of this local control. We cannot be proud of the fact that we have more school districts than any other state. Through local pride in some instances, local tax advantages in other, we continue to operate many very poor and inefficient schools. We have many people who still believe that a teacher needs little or no education beyond the high school, people who believe that teachers do not need to know how children learn, "what makes them click," what goes on in their little minds. We have people who because of their own lack of education, resent anyone else who does have, and who become vociferous advocates of the status quo.

We cannot overlook the fact that we are not keeping in our state far too many of those who do get a formal education and who would be

in a position of leadership in the years to come. We cannot continue to subsidize the higher education of our citizens only to lose them to other states who appreciate better than we, the value of this advanced training.

If my evaluation of our schools seems harsh to you, then I will have achieved my aim—that of jarring you out of your lethargy as it pertains to our schools.

Here I have a good dream, one of which I am proud and one for which I must admit my prejudice. I dream that in the not too distant future, perhaps even in my lifetime, Nebraskans will do some real soul searching and resolve that all of our schools will be the best, our teachers will be the best prepared and our young people the envy of the nation. I dream that the legislature will say that if local districts do not do an adequate job, then the legislature will step in and do the job for them. I dream that the time will soon come when every child, regardless of where he lives, will get a good education and that the cost of this education will be spread equitably over the state. I want, too, our colleges and universities, both private and public, to be in a position of academic excellence so that we may attract scholars and scientists of national and international repute to these colleges and universities. I want these same schools to excel in research because in research we delve into the future. I want this state to take pride in its academic achievements and I want resentment toward the educated to vanish into nothing. I want every young person to be graduated from high school and to have an opportunity to go on to the college of his choice at a tuition rate he can afford. For those who do not choose college, I want available to them some fine state-supported trade and technical schools strategically located throughout the state.

We have in Nebraska the resources, the wealth and the ability to support the kinds of schools I have described, we need only to rearrange our thinking.

**Agriculture** has always been the backbone of our economy and it seems reasonable to assume that it will continue to be throughout the lifetime of those of us assembled here today. As long as such a large segment of the world goes to bed hungry as it does today, there can never be an oversupply of agricultural products. Methods of distribution may need to be overhauled but the need for food will always be with us.

We have in Nebraska a bountiful soil, a diversity of farming areas second to none in the nation. We have a balance between our grain farming and our beautiful sand hill cattle area. Actually, no other state can be as self-sufficient as we could be. Rainfall and underground water have made us the envy of farmers nearly everywhere.

Improvements in agricultural methods have caused the farm economy to change rather drastically, but Nebraskans have generally been able to keep up with these changes. New fertilizers, hybrid seed and new machinery have created a new type of farmer. Gone is the small farmer with his team of horses, walking plow and hand-picked corn. In his place is a large operation, a scientific farmer, one who must not only be

educated, but dedicated to the proposition that if he is to survive he must take advantage of every new agricultural development, one who must constantly weigh the cost of a new piece of equipment with the ultimate return to him.

My dream here is that agriculture will continue to be the backbone of our state, that more and more young people will be attracted to it and that the trend of those leaving the farm can be stopped by new developments in research and farming. I dream that diversification can make possible more jobs on the farm, that new crops can be developed for our marginal areas and that markets can be found so that production can be stepped up to the ultimate potential of our soil. I dream of the time when farm youth who love the soil can remain on the farms where they have grown up. I dream of the time when the word surplus is only a myth and that through advanced methods of distribution, the hungry of the world can be fed.

The word **industry** ignites a spark in the minds of every Chamber of Commerce. Nearly every community is making an effort to attract industry. Many feel that a new industry will be an all-inclusive panacea for an ailing economy. Others feel that a new industry will keep alive a dying community. I hope that when our Nebraskans speak of industry that they are referring to comparatively small installations. It is probably heresy for me to even suggest it, but I hope that I never see the day when our state becomes industrialized to the extent of some of our eastern neighbors. When my travels take me to the smoky, dirty industrial cities of the east, I cannot wait to get back to Nebraska and its clean air.

We say that we have a favorable tax climate to attract industry. While I do not propose to discuss taxes, I must argue that this tax climate cannot be too favorable or we would be overrun with industry.

In visiting with an official of a firm that moved a factory to Nebraska a few years ago, I inquired of him why they had moved here. I fully expected him to say because of our water supply, our cheap electricity, our mainline railroads or our tax structure. I was pleasantly surprised when he told me that the first thing they looked at was the school in that community. He went on to say that if the proposed site had good schools that they had no trouble getting their executives to move out here and that the training period for their other employees was shortened considerably. This should be a cue for us. Incidentally, he did not know that I was a schoolman.

Now I have a dream for industry. I dream that we can attract enough small industry to balance our economy, enough so that those who otherwise would move from our state can find employment to their liking here in our own state. I dream of enough industry to process our raw materials, frankly nothing more.

Our government has been stable and free from many of the problems faced by other states where "politics" is king. It is true that most of us claim to be Republicans, Democrats, Independents or what have you, but I'm wondering how many of us know why or can define either party. We

proudly cross party lines and vote for people more than party. Some of this attitude can probably be traced to our unique non-partisan legislature, the only one of its kind in the nation where men and women vote their convictions. We in Nebraska do not know what true politics is until we see the working political machines in other states. This is good.

We have been almost completely immune to governmental scandal — if money has been misused, it can usually be traced, not to dishonesty, but to our inclination to support so many inefficient units of government. I suspect that we in Nebraska have more subdivisions of government than most any state, this primarily because of our large numbers of school districts and subsequent number of spending agencies.

Because we do vote for individuals and issues rather than for parties, we have been fortunate in having in our government many dedicated individuals who give unselfishly of their time and effort to further the interests of the state of Nebraska. True, as in any state we find those who criticize our public officials, sometimes for good reason, but usually because they disagree with our viewpoint. We, being human, sometimes refuse to admit that we can be wrong.

My dream about our government is that we can soon see the folly of trying to support so many units of government. I know that we don't need as many school districts as we have and I doubt that we need 93 counties. I dream, too, that we will continue to support issues and not parties, that we will support those whom a majority of our citizens have chosen to elect, even though we might disagree. I dream that we will continue to elect or select those many truly dedicated individuals who give unselfishly of themselves that our great state might become greater. I dream that we will respect those persons of vision in government who can look beyond the present time and see great things for Nebraska.

In conclusion, may I say that some of you will think that this is not a dream but rather an illusion. I said in the beginning that Nebraska is a sleeping giant with a potential perhaps beyond our fondest expectations. My dreams of the future are real dreams based on a love for the truly great state and a belief in its future, and I know that dreams can come true.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3-102 (d) and 2-904

M. W. Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Master, stated that the three members who signed the resolution had withdrawn their support. Since three members had withdrawn their support for this amendment, if there be no objection the matter will not come before the Grand Lodge for a vote. There being no objection, the Grand Master declared the resolution withdrawn.

### AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1-301

The Grand Master stated that we would now vote upon the amendment to Section 1-301 by adding a new section 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."

(It was moved and seconded that the amendment be adopted and it carried by a two thirds vote.)

### REPORT OF GRAND TRUSTEES

The report of the Grand Trustees was presented by M. W. John F. Futcher, 302, Chairman which was adopted.

The following report of the Board of Grand Trustees for the year ended May 10, 1964, is respectfully submitted. I am well aware that the recitation of financial data can become tedious, but there are a few highlights of our operations that I should point out to this Grand Lodge Communication. Our certified public accountant has prepared an audit, and statements of assets and liabilities and an analysis of surplus and fund balances reflecting the financial condition of both the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home will be published in the Annual Proceedings for those who are interested in studying the same.

The members of the Board of Grand Trustees have had a very busy and rewarding year in handling the operations of the financial aspects of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home. In addition to its usual activities, because funds had to be provided to defray the expenses of the construction of the new wing at the Home, the Board found it necessary to sell securities for that purpose. We have attempted to preserve the assets of the Home to the greatest extent; therefore, because the funds in the Permanent Building Fund had earlier been invested in U. S. Government bonds which could only be sold at a loss, we determined to transfer all of said bonds to the Endowment and Bequest Fund and to sell from the latter fund stock, which had been bought some time ago and because of the market action would produce a profit. The Trustees therefore directed transfer of \$299,000 of government bonds to the Endowment and Bequest Fund and engaged in the sale of securities in fifteen separate transactions.

From time to time it was necessary to reinvest the proceeds received from the sale of stock in short term government bills, until such time as contract payments were required to be made. There were sold for this purpose 3,896 shares of common stock, having a value on a cost basis of \$184,114.00 for the total sum of \$242,890.68, resulting in a profit of \$58,790.54. This amount, together with sums previously accumulated, maturities and calls, was sufficient to make payments on the building contracts at the Home in the amount of \$473,779.40.

Notwithstanding the sale of these shares of stock, the assets of the Home increased as of the close of the last fiscal year by \$201,667.61 to a total of \$2,382,179.77. Our invested assets, however, declined, by reason of such sales and the use of other invested funds, \$232,360.80.

As of May 10, 1964, there was invested in all funds of The Nebraska Masonic Home the sum of \$1,638,025.59, from which was received in interest, dividends and other income \$88,970.60, which represents a return of 5.07% on the mean invested assets during the year. In addition to the income above stated, the net capital gains from all funds was \$61,426.52, resulting in income from investments of \$150,397.12.

With respect to the Grand Lodge funds, there was an increase of \$29,162.55 in assets, so that on May 10, 1964, the assets of the Grand Lodge were \$792,565.31. Of this sum the invested assets of the Grand Lodge were \$624,047.74, which was an increase of \$6,410.62 over the previous year. These invested assets produced interest, dividends and other income amounting to \$30,430.88, which represented a return of 4.3% on the mean invested assets of the Grand Lodge. There was a small capital gain from the sale of securities of \$1,522.73.

Added to the Endowment and Bequest Fund was the sum of \$35,000 which was transferred from the Seal Fund. This sum will be invested and reinvested for the benefit of the Home and is additional money which would not be available to the Home if it were not for the seal program. No one can venture to say the value of the seal program in the production of gifts and bequests to The Nebraska Masonic Home, for through its operation it constantly brings before our membership the need for funds by our Home. Undoubtedly it has stimulated additional interest in the Home, and it may have encouraged some of the gifts and bequests which were received during the last fiscal year. It is reported in our audit that bequests were received by the Endowment and Bequest Fund in the amount of \$65,417.53.

I have been asked to convey to you from each member of the Board of Grand Trustees his pleasure in having been permitted to serve this Grand Lodge in this manner and to pledge to you his continuing efforts to provide to the Grand Lodge and to the Home the highest income consistent with safety.

I regret to report to you the decision of one of our most faithful members to retire from the Board of Grand Trustees at the close of this Grand Lodge session. W. Carl D. Ganz, 209, has served the Grand Trustees and this Grand Lodge for 18 consecutive years. His warm and genial personality, his knowledge of investment matters and his willingness always to advise and consult will be missed by the members of the Board of Grand Trustees. His many reappointments to our Board are evidence of the high regard in which he is held by all. I would venture to say that his regularity of attendance at our meetings, though he lives in Lincoln and we meet in Omaha, has not been excelled by any member of this Board. We bow to his decision to retire, but his love for our fraternity and his faithfulness have been and shall continue to be an inspiration to those of us who remain. In our opinion his retirement will be a great loss to the Grand Lodge.

M. W. Grand Master, because of this continual and faithful service to the Grand Lodge I have taken the liberty to ask W. Brother Ganz to come to the dais that we might all show our appreciation to a devoted member of our fraternity. With your permission I should be pleased to present him.

W. Carl D. Ganz, 209:

M. W. Grand Master, Brethren, I thank you, John. Many great honors have come to me during my lifetime, both in my professional life and in my military life. But I assure you that nothing has ever meant so much to me as the privilege of being on your Board of Grand Trustees for the past 18 years. If that sounds just a little foolish to you, if you will just take your program that you have today and go over the Past Grand Masters clear back to Bill Schaper, and realize that it has been my privilege to work with and under all of those succeeding Grand Masters. That has been my privilege and I appreciate it, and I am sure that you all would have enjoyed having the same opportunity.

Now, since I am retiring from the Board I am sure that having looked at me, you can understand the truism that youth will be served and that when men get as old as I am and as dilapidated as I am that they better get off these Committees while they can still walk. I can tell you in all frankness that since I happen to know who is going to be my successor that your Board of Trustees now is the finest Board of Trustees that this Grand Lodge has ever possessed. And that you can go to sleep nights and sleep well in the feeling that all of your securities and your investments are in good hands. M. W. Grand Master, I appreciate the opportunity of giving these words and to have the opportunity to express my appreciation for the many favors this Grand Lodge has conferred on me.

## GRAND LODGE A. F. &amp; A. M. of NEBRASKA

## ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

May 10, 1964

Assets		Total
Cash on deposit with banks:		
General Account .....	\$	4,133.84
Exchange Account .....		200.00
Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund .....		131,860.54
Supply Account .....		9,137.18
Relief Fund .....		9,856.66
Centennial Contingent Fund .....		1,330.95
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		156,519.17
Bonds and Stocks .....		624,047.74
Stock in The Nebraska Masonic Home — nominal value .....		1.00
Stock in Masonic-Eastern Star Home — nominal value .....		1.00
Furniture and fixtures — nominal value .....		1.00
Supply inventory .....		11,995.40
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		\$792,565.31
Liabilities		
Due to The Nebraska Masonic Home .....	\$	976.63
Surplus or Fund Balances:		
Orphans' Educational Endowment .....		726,556.59
Supply Account .....		26,087.88
Relief Fund .....		37,613.26
Centennial Contingent Fund .....		1,330.95
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		\$792,565.31

## COMPARATIVE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS	May 10, 1963	May 10, 1964	Increase (Decrease)
Cash on deposit with banks .....	\$132,687.24	\$156,519.17	\$ 23,831.93
Bonds and stocks .....	617,637.12	624,047.74	6,410.62
Stock in The Nebraska Masonic Home .....	1.00	1.00	
Stock in Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children .....	1.00	1.00	
Furniture and Fixtures .....	1.00	1.00	
Supply inventory .....	13,075.40	11,995.40	( 1,080.00)
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	\$763,402.76	\$792,565.31	\$ 29,162.55



LIABILITIES

Due to The Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 976.63	\$ 976.63
Surplus or Fund Balances .....	\$763,402.76	28,185.92
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	\$763,402.76	\$ 29,162.55

ANALYSIS OF SURPLUS OR FUND BALANCES

	Beginning Balance	Additions (Deductions)	Ending Balance
<b>ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND:</b>			
Balance — May 10, 1963 .....	\$704,295.87		
Add:			
Excess of receipts over disbursements .....		\$ 22,260.72	
Balance — May 10, 1964 .....			\$726,556.59
<b>SUPPLY ACCOUNT:</b>			
Balance — May 10, 1963 .....	25,192.03		
Add:			
Excess of receipts over disbursements .....		895.85	
Balance — May 10, 1964 .....			26,087.88
<b>RELIEF FUND:</b>			
Balance — May 10, 1963 .....	32,634.91		
Add:			
Excess of receipts over disbursements .....		4,978.35	
Balance — May 10, 1964 .....			37,613.26
<b>CENTENNIAL CONTINGENT FUND:</b>			
Balance — May 10, 1963 .....	1,279.95		
Add:			
Excess of receipts over disbursements .....		51.00	
Balance — May 10, 1964 .....			1,330.95
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Totals .....	\$763,402.76	\$ 28,185.92	\$791,588.68

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME  
Comparative Assets and Liabilities

ASSETS	May 10, 1963	May 10, 1964	Increase (Decrease)
Cash on deposit:			
The Omaha National Bank, Omaha, Nebraska:			
General Fund .....	\$ 16,771.98	\$ 22,359.92	\$ 5,587.94
General Investment Fund .....	135,539.89	109,269.80	( 26,270.09)
Endowment and Bequest Fund .....	88,816.14	94,251.46	5,435.32
Plattsmouth State Bank,			
Plattsmouth, Nebraska .....	13,034.26	12,833.36	( 200.90)
National Bank of Commerce,			
Lincoln, Nebraska .....	10,167.01		( 10,167.01)
United States National Bank of Omaha .....	18,143.21	3,032.73	( 15,110.48)
	282,472.49	241,747.27	( 40,725.22)
Bonds and Stocks .....	1,830,216.11	1,589,682.41	( 240,533.70)
Real estate mortgages .....	40,170.68	48,343.18	8,172.50
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	501,428.28	473,779.40
Due from Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska .....		976.63	976.63
	\$2,180,512.16	\$2,382,179.77	\$201,667.61
LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH			
Balance in Entertainment Fund .....	\$ 1,979.63	\$ 2,140.08	\$ 160.45
Balance in Memory Fund .....	16,345.90	17,911.90	1,566.00
Balance in Thanksgiving Fund .....	5,637.48	5,637.48	
Balance in Perpetual Room Fund .....	775.00	775.00	
Balance in Room Furnishings Fund .....	6,018.57	5,828.65	( 189.92)
Balance in Edwards Memorial Fund .....	299.00	289.00	( 10.00)
Balance in Evers Memorial Fund .....		785.00	785.00
	31,055.58	33,367.11	2,311.53
Accrued Social Security and Withholding Taxes .....		35.76	35.76
Net Worth:			
Capital stock .....	1.00	1.00	
Surplus or Fund Balance .....	2,149,455.58	2,348,775.90	199,320.32
	\$2,180,512.16	\$2,382,179.77	\$201,667.61

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME  
 Analysis of Surplus or Fund Balance  
 May 10, 1963, to May 10, 1964

	Beginning Balance	Additions (Deductions)	Ending Balance
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>			
Balance — May 10, 1963 .....	\$ 364,275.67		
Deduct:			
Excess of disbursements over receipts .		(\$ 23,292.95)	
Adjustment of nominal values carried for Home Buildings and Grounds Furnishings .....		( 2.00)	
Income from temporary investments reflected in Room Furnishings Fund Account .....		( 130.08)	
Balance — May 10, 1964 .....			\$ 340,850.64
	364,275.67	( 23,425.03)	340,850.64
<b>ENDOWMENT AND BEQUEST FUND:</b>			
Bequests:			
Balance — May 10, 1963 .....	722,323.61		
Additions during year .....		65,417.53	
Balance — May 10, 1964 .....			787,741.14
Mortgages previously transferred from General Fund .....	99,950.00		99,950.00
Surplus:			
Balance — May 10, 1963 .....	647,760.55		
Add:			
Excess of receipts over disbursements .		163,370.27	
Balance from Permanent Building Fund .....		299,050.99	
Balance — May 10, 1964 .....			1,110,181.81
	1,470,034.16	527,838.79	1,997,872.95
<b>PERMANENT BUILDING FUND:</b>			
Balance — May 10, 1963 .....	299,050.99		
Deduct:			
Balance used in construction of new wing, and included in total cost of construction carried in Endowment and Bequest Accounts .....		( 299,050.99)	
Balance — May 10, 1964 .....			—
	299,050.99	( 299,050.99)	—
Carried forward .....	2,133,360.82	205,362.77	2,338,723.59
<b>SEAL FUND:</b>			
Balance — May 10, 1963 .....	16,094.76		
Deduct:			
Excess of disbursements over receipts .		( 6,042.45)	
Balance — May 10, 1964 .....			10,052.31
	16,094.76	( 6,042.45)	10,052.31
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>\$2,149,455.58</b>	<b>\$199,320.32</b>	<b>\$2,348,775.90</b>

## REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

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

Brethren, we have talked before of the new wing. It is finished. The new boilers and laundry are in and operating. Badly needed it is already proving its worth. We told you before we expected to do this at no extra burden to the Brethren. That too has been accomplished. Now don't you think you ought to go see it? Your Trustees are very proud of it and you will be also — I am sure.

This year your Trustees have been busier than usual. You don't build such a wing without a lot of hard work. It's a big responsibility. We were fortunate that our Building committee, talented as it is, also was headed by our capable Chairman M. W. Ralph M. Carhart. He did his task as Grand Master and yet found time to give to this important job of your Home. He and his committee deserve our admiration.

The same is true of our Admissions Committee headed by R. W. Harry A. Spencer, Deputy Grand Master. That Committee, faced every month with hard decisions, has distinguished itself. Then Finance, headed by W. John H. Brown, handled our money affairs superbly. You have a fourteen-carat Board, Brethren, and it's a refreshing joy to work with such gentlemen—unselfish and untiring. We are proud of a year well done.

Now, here are some of the things this board and these committees have faced and are facing. First, we want to erect a memorial to our Beloved Superintendent Emeritus William F. Evers in the form of a marker to identify the 144 graves in the cemetery at Plattsmouth as ours. We called it to your attention in the Easter issue of the Home News. If you want it — it's time to make just a small donation. Your name will be sealed in the base of the memorial when it is dedicated.

Next, the budget continues to rise. Cost of labor, medicine, materials and food cannot be controlled by us. We do our best but this year our budget again has grown over last year. Of 100 residents, as this report is written, there are 67 in bed where they will stay the rest of their lives. There are 33, who are able to be about in wheel chairs, walkers or walk alone without help. Average age is 82 plus. Three out of five still come to us in ambulances.

Here are some care figures if you like them. The average hospital with which we compare has 2½ employees per resident. We have one employee for each two residents. We have 22 nurses of which only 4 are registered nurses. Divide that into 3 shifts of 8 hours each and you get 7 nurses to care for all the sick. We are lucky to have one registered nurse on duty with each shift.

I told you we work hard. So does the entire staff. These people are not like hospital patients. They require much more care.

A prominent Omaha Doctor has said that this country has 4½ million more people over 65 in the last 15 years. Medical Science has created that.

There are 35,000 in the Omaha Area now. A large percent of this group are chronic. The hospitals cannot care for this sort of patient nor can the patient afford the care if the hospital could. The result is that those eligible to our Home come to us. We can and must care for them.

People. The most wonderful creatures on this earth. Made in God's image. One should care for the other but society sometimes is cruel and in too big a hurry over other things. You and I took an obligation to each other. Society places another one on us but you and I knelt at an altar and took an oath, a solemn oath and your Home is — in your name — fulfilling that oath up to its hilt. Never forget it.

That is why we ask you to buy seals to remember your Home, however small your gift may be. I beg you to believe we do not do it to get richer. We do it that you might help with a load that is heavy and that you might say "This is a part of my obligation to my Brother in distress". Incidentally, the seal campaign started in 1961 has done well. This was our best year. We again transferred funds to Endowment adding to what we did last year. Keep it up, it's growing. People — Who are they and what are they like — these folks at the Home? I'll tell you now off the record about some of them. The Brethren who did not make Grand Lodge can read the rest of this in print but let's you and I talk about something more precious than new wings, boilers, seals and all the rest. It's what this is all about so hear this. . . .

Now back on the record and in closing, we offer our deep gratitude to all who said "Let me help" and they are far too many to enumerate but we must thank our Grand Master. He spoke of us wherever he went. He worked with his committee and made most of the Board Meetings. We are proud of him. Our Secretary R. W. Carl R. Greisen burdened with many duties still quietly always did many tasks, I don't see how he did, and came back for more. Our fine Superintendent Raymond F. Evers still works the clock round far too frequently for his own good, and there are many, many others to whom we owe so very much. We say "Thank You".

To you all and to each of you I would ask down upon you an ancient Irish Blessing. "May the blessing of Light be on you, may the blessed sunlight shine on you and warm your heart till it glows like a great peat fire so that a stranger may come and warm himself at it, and also a friend. May the blessing of the Great Rains be on you, may they beat upon your spirit and wash it fair and clean, and leave there many a shining pool where the blue of Heaven shines and sometimes a star. And may the blessing of the Earth be on you — the great round earth; may you ever have a kindly greeting for those you pass as you're going along the roads. May the earth be soft under you when you rest out upon it, tired at the end of a day, and may it rest easy over you when, at the last, you lay out under it, may it rest so lightly over you, that your soul may be off from under it quickly and up, and off, and on its way to God.

And now may the Lord bless you all, and bless you kindly."

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICE

W. Herman G. Reinholz, 3, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office which was adopted.

Your Grand Lodge Office Committee submits the following report of its activities for the past year and its recommendations for the coming year.

Due to the caliber of the employees in the Grand Lodge office and the efficiency with which they perform their duties, the functions of this Committee were made lighter. Nothing of a serious nature came to our attention during the year. Our sincerest compliments and commendations to these fine employees in the Grand Lodge Office.

The expenses of the Grand Lodge Office were kept to a minimum, the report of May 10, 1964 showing that a balance of \$219.50 remains of the \$4,000.00 appropriated for the year.

The office equipment is in good shape except for one electric typewriter. This machine has outlived its usefulness, and in the interest of efficiency should be replaced. A recommendation has been made to the Committee on Appropriations to this effect.

A recommendation has also been made to the Committee on Appropriations that it approve a budget of \$4,000.00 for Grand Lodge Office expense, the same as for last 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.

It was quite apparent that new life and interest in Masonic Education was present at our ten Grand Lodge Area Meetings this year, largely attributable to the action of Grand Lodge last year making local lodge education committees "a must". Some of the lodges are slow getting into gear (these normally being the lodges that need the committee most) but we are gratified by the response of the great majority. This year we are developing handier tools for the use of the local committees.

We held fall Area Meetings at Sidney and North Platte in western Nebraska and Ord and Niobrara in Central Nebraska, all in November 1963. Sidney, North Platte and Niobrara were very well organized locally and the visiting lodge members were made to feel at home, as were their ladies at the dinner. We all enjoyed the dinner speakers, W. Roy W. Deal at Sidney, Rev. Carl L. Nelson at North Platte, W. Freeman B. Decker, Grand Orator, at Ord and V. W. Levi B. Williams, Grand Chaplain, at Niobrara.

In the winter we held Area Meetings at Lincoln and Omaha for their respective lodges and were well received. Our Grand Master, M. W. Ralph

M. Carhart, was the dinner speaker at both meetings. These were followed by spring Area Meetings at Holdrege, Sutton, Wayne and Fremont. These spring meetings were all excellent although icy roads did hold down attendance at Wayne which we regretted. Our dinner speakers were W. George W. Rosenlof, Grand Historian, at Sutton, M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, at Holdrege; V. W. Levi B. Williams, Grand Chaplain, at Wayne, and W. Roy W. Deal at Fremont. The Committee appreciates the fine speakers we had at these ten Area Meetings and the excellent services rendered by our Deputy Grand Master R. W. Harry A. Spencer as master of ceremonies at the dinners for interested Masons and their ladies.

The brethren have been generous in their praise of our afternoon educational programs held at the Area Meetings which the Committee has kept religiously as a fast-moving workshop. The "moek lodge" seemed to be especially well received as a practical and interesting educational tool.

The Committee wishes to thank the Grand Master for his sincere, active cooperation and the faithful attendance of his officers. Their active participation and the enthusiasm shown by the host lodges are largely responsible for the continued success of our program. Our aim is to get more representation at these meetings from the weaker lodges as well as the active lodges but it is hard to do when the desire to improve and learn is not present in the local lodge and the members are apathetic. Fortunately our host lodges take their part very seriously and it is seldom that a lodge does not take full advantage of the chance to entertain their neighboring lodges at such a gathering. They find it is good for their lodge and it gives them prestige in that community. We have enjoyed active participation by all lodge representatives and have planned it that way.

These are your meetings, brethren. This coming year let us have 100% attendance of your education committee chairmen and as many committeemen as possible along with the Master, both wardens and secretary.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE BUSINESS AFFAIRS

W. James M. Paxson, 302, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs which was adopted.

Your committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs respectfully submits the following report:

It approves the Grand Master's recommendations for amending Sections 1-322 and 1-327. These recommendations will result in the consolidation of the Grand Lodge Office Committee and the Grand Lodge Business Affairs Committee.

This committee has made a thorough study of the services rendered by the Grand Lodge Office to the various bodies such as suggested in last year's address of the Grand Master. Signed statements have been secured (and are attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof) from Harold H. Thom, Secretary, Masonic Temple Craft of Omaha, Nebraska, and Mrs. Thelma McNeal, Miss Viola Guess of the Grand Lodge Office, and Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, relative to their duties and other pertinent matters of the various bodies served.

We believe that the present arrangements are highly satisfactory and advantageous to this Grand Lodge. We recommend no changes at this time.

We believe it is a good idea for the new committee, if approved, or this existing committee, if retained, to study this matter from time to time in order to maintain the present advantages realized by this Grand Lodge.

#### 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 section by section as amended.

Your Committee has examined and approved the annual report of the Grand Custodian to the Grand Lodge for 1963. It correctly reflects the fine effort that is being put forth in promulgating the ritualistic work of this Grand Jurisdiction. We again express our gratitude to the Grand Custodian and his assistant custodians for their dedicated service to our Masonic Order.

Your Committee has recommended the appointment of the following brethren to be Assistant Custodians during the present year: Stewart A. Johnson, Amity Lodge No. 169, Rushville, and Arthur S. Dye, Mid-West Lodge No. 317, Hastings. The appointments have been made by the Grand Master pursuant to the recommendations.

The Committee has filed a 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 also requested an appropriation of \$75 to cover its expenses. We have also approved all expense vouchers for the Grand Custodian's office for the current year.

At the 1963 annual communication of the Grand Lodge the Grand Master's recommendation No. 4 was referred to this Committee for its recommendation and report at this communication. This matter involved the changing of the title of the Grand Custodian to make it more appropriate to the duties of the office. While the title "Grand Custodian" has attained a colloquial meaning which most Brethren in the jurisdiction understand, we do realize that foreign jurisdictions do not grasp the import of the title. The term "custodian" generally represents a guardian



of property, caretaker, or even a janitor. But its Masonic meaning is altogether different. Even its dictionary meaning recognizes the alternate meaning to which I refer. It is defined as "a monitor preserving a cherished intangible often with or as if with a vested proprietary right." It is used also in the sense of "a custodian of a sacred mystery" and "a custodian of very glorious traditions." We have been unable to produce a more suitable title to more nearly fit the duties of the position, and in view of its long use in this jurisdiction, we come to the conclusion that we need to spread more light as to the Masonic meaning of the term "Grand Custodian" rather than to change the title to something that fits no better and involves so many changes in the new monitor just published. For these reasons we feel that the best interests of the Order are to leave the title as it now is, and we so recommend.

About 1950 the Committee on Work was requested to provide a description of the Grand Hailing Sign of Distress that could be uniformly used in the second section of the Master Mason degree. This request was based on at least two considerations. The first one was that each Master conferring the degree was using a different version, some of which were hopelessly inadequate. The second reason was that the Master, after giving the esoteric work preceding it in a most commendable manner would stumble and lose effectiveness when he was called upon to describe the Grand Hailing Sign of Distress in his own words. It became a difficult problem for the Grand Custodian and his staff to smooth out in teaching an effective exemplification of the degree. The result was a request to the Committee on Work to provide something that would create some uniformity in that part of the work and afford Masters an opportunity to make use of it if they desired to do so.

The Committee complied with the request. Of course, the language provided by the Committee was no part of the esoteric work, nor was it contained in the monitor. It was purely an optional use on the part of the Masters of the subordinate Lodges.

For some fourteen years the use of the recommended language has gradually become more and more acceptable until it is now uniformly in use so far as your Committee has been able to learn.

We point out that it contains words which cannot be put in the printed monitor. The only way that it can become a part of the work of the degree is for this Grand Lodge to incorporate it into the esoteric work of the degree.

We fully realize the importance the Grand Lodge attaches to any change in the esoteric work whether it be changes, additions, or deletions. This is as it should be. The Committee now feels that, after fourteen years of successful usage and the evident satisfaction of the Craft with its content, the Committee is justified in requesting the Grand Lodge to make it officially a part of the esoteric work of the Master Mason degree. The request comes to us not only from the Grand Custodian and the assistant custodians, but from the Grand Master as well.

For the reasons stated, your Committee recommends and moves that the following be adopted, in its appropriate place in the second section of the Master Mason degree, as a part of the esoteric work of this Grand Jurisdiction: . . . . . (This change was added to and filed with the original transcript.)

Your Committee also has a request from the Grand Master that it give consideration to the adoption of the floor work of the degrees, as it is now being taught, as the official floor work of this Grand Jurisdiction. This disposition of the matter would require no changes in the esoteric or monitorial work of the degrees. It would have the beneficent effect of clothing the Grand Custodian and his staff with authority to teach the uniform floor work as it is now being promulgated, and which is now being taught as recommended procedure only. From what your committee has been able to gather from the custodial staff, the Grand Master, Grand Lodge officers, and others as well, we have concluded that it would be to the best interests of Freemasonry in Nebraska for the Grand Lodge by its favorable action to approve the floor work as it is now being promulgated as the official floor work in the conferring of degrees in this Grand Jurisdiction.

We therefore recommend and move that the floor work of the three degrees as it is now being taught and uniformly used in Nebraska be adopted as the floor work of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Your Committee recommends an increase in salary for the Grand Custodian. His salary is now fixed at \$6,600 per year. This may seem to be adequate to many of you from the smaller towns and rural areas, but in a city like Omaha, the cost of living is much greater than elsewhere in the state. The salary paid to the Grand Custodian is not adequate to maintain him and his family on a standard of living commensurate with the position he holds. It is utterly impossible to save anything on this salary and we should not refuse adequate pay simply because he is so dedicated to Freemasonry.

It has been our feeling that the spread in pay between the Grand Secretary and the Grand Custodian is greater than it should be. We have no feeling that the Grand Secretary is paid an excessive salary, because he is not. He does receive from the Grand Lodge and the York Rite Orders an annual salary of \$9,000. It is our feeling that the Grand Secretary is entitled to more salary than the Grand Custodian because of the nature of the responsibility he bears. We do think that the present salaries are not now in proper proportion and that such proportion should be adjusted, particularly since that of the Grand Custodian amounts almost to mere survival. Your Committee moves therefore that the salary of the Grand Custodian be increased to \$7,500 per year and that it be adopted as a policy that the difference in the salaries paid to these two officers from Masonic sources not exceed \$1,500 per year.

It is our considered opinion that the purposes of the Grand Custodian's department are being expeditiously and economically administered. Your

Committee has attempted to handle all matters coming before it as promptly as circumstances will permit.

R. W. Harry A. Spencer, 227, Deputy Grand Master:

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren: I have no objection to an increase in the salary of the Grand Custodian but I am not in favor of adopting the motion with reference to the difference in salary. I, therefore, move that the salary of the Grand Custodian be increased to \$7,500 per year and that any reference to the difference in salary between the Grand Custodian and the Grand Secretary be deleted from the original motion.

M. W. Joseph C. Tye, 46, Past Grand Master:

M. W. Grand Master, Brethren: I don't know anything about what it costs to live in Omaha, I live out at Kearney. I am not too much concerned about that. The question I wish to raise here is — is this the proper way to handle this matter of salaries. Here comes a Committee on the Work asking to raise the salary of one of our officers, the Grand Custodian. Some other Committee may come in and want to raise the salary of Brother Greisen, so we have this contest and it seems to me that we are not handling this matter as an organization of this kind should handle it. I wish to call your attention to the fact that the Grand Master in his recommendations is asking that our laws be amended and that we consolidate the Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs and Grand Lodge Office. The Jurisprudence Committee has approved the Grand Master's recommendation. If that is approved by this Grand Lodge, we will then have a Committee on Grand Lodge Offices which includes both the Grand Secretary and the Grand Custodian and will give that Committee the authority to review these matters of expenses, employees, typewriters, stationery, etc. For that reason, M. W. Sir, I move to amend the motion as amended and to refer this matter to the incoming Committee on Grand Lodge Offices with power to act on this matter.

I therefore appeal to you, Brethren, to defeat this motion and give us an opportunity to get a motion before us to refer this matter to the incoming committee.

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

Is there any other discussion before we vote on the subject?

M. W. Edward F. Carter, Past Grand Master:

May I talk again for just a minute? I can see that we haven't had a very good method for handling this salary matter. For years this Grand Lodge was spending more money than was taken in, as my good friend Joe Tye well knows, because he had the problem right in his face when he came in as Grand Master. Because of this we hesitated in asking for an increase for the Grand Custodian and maybe the same hesitancy

is there for the Grand Secretary as well, that up to now we have had no other method of getting the job done. I wish we had a good method of getting this done. But on the other hand, I dislike very much to see the increase denied to W. Raymond C. Cook for another year. He has been going along without it for several years and we just keep putting it off and putting it off, well the result is no raise. Now I have no bones to pick on this at all. If my good friend, M. W. Joe Tye can fix up something so that these things can be made affective now for the coming year, you won't hear me complain about it, but I do complain on laying it over another year and run the risk of laying it over another because we get into these kind of disputes. I quite agree with him that both the Grand Secretary and the Grand Custodian ought to receive consideration of somebody, but I dislike very much to see W. Raymond C. Cook denied for another year.

W. Alfred C. Geschke, 25:

M. W. Grand Master, I am Alfred C. Geschke, St. Johns No. 25. I hold the proxy of our W. Master. I am heartily in favor of raising the salary of the Grand Custodian, but I cannot see where for any reason how you can tie the office of Grand Custodian to that of the office of Grand Secretary, and why a limit of \$1,500 between their salaries. I think it entirely irrelevant as the two offices are separate and distinct.

M. W. Joseph C. Tye, 46:

I don't know if it is in order or not, now I had no intention of saying or giving anyone the idea that I am opposing an increase in salary for W. Brother Cook. I am not, I am in favor of his having it, but I am opposed to having this thing brought up on the floor of Grand Lodge periodically, first by one Committee who takes on one office and then by another Committee that takes on another. It is my feeling that it ought to be handled in a business like way by a Committee so authorized. I don't know whether this is in order or not, but I would propose, M. W. Sir, if these motions might be defeated, a substitute motion which in effect raises the salary of the Grand Custodian and the motion of the Committee which does likewise. Then the matter could be placed in the hands of this incoming Committee which the Grand Master has recommended, I would be in favor of making a motion and will do so, if in order, that the Committee be given full power and authority to act immediately. M. W. Sir, I am not making a motion, I am telling you I will make such a motion.

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

Are you ready to vote?

M. W. Herbert T. White, 11:

Brethren, I think I have a loud enough voice that anybody can hear me, but if I understood the original motion of Judge Carter, that

if you adopted the original motion, not Judge Spencer's amendment, but if you adopted the original motion, you would not be tying the Grand Secretary's salary to \$1,500 more paid by the Grand Lodge, but paid by the Grand Lodge and York Rite Bodies. Now last year those of you who were present at Lincoln will remember that a motion was made which in substance attach the fact that the York Rite Bodies were sharing expense of the Grand Secretary's office. Now I think this, I think M. W. Joseph C. Tye's motion is the proper motion to adopt, and I really think we ought to vote down both of these motions. And I think we ought to refer the whole thing to the Committee on Grand Lodge Office. We set them up, brethren, specifically for that purpose. In fact, we originally had in there including salaries. Now I don't want either of these good brethren to starve during the coming year, and if you vote these down I am sure that M. W. Brother Tye will make such a motion and I am sure that I will second it, that we refer it to the Committee on Grand Lodge Office with authority to take any action, that they take retroactive to this time so that we will not need to worry about one of these brethren having to go down on the street corner and beg for the next year. So I ask you to join with me and ask you to join with M. W. Brother Tye in voting down both these motions, then we will renew that motion. Thank you.

M. W. Edward F. Carter, 301:

I am willing to compromise, I will agree that if the amendment suggested by R. W. Brother Spencer to raise the salary of the Grand Custodian to \$7,500 drop all references to any differences between the salaries of the Grand Custodian and the Grand Secretary.

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

Brethren, you are about to ballot on the substitute motion, that the salary of the Grand Custodian be raised to \$7,500. All in favor of that motion signify by the usual sign of Masons when voting. Down hands, opposed the same sign. I declare the motion carried.

M. W. JOSEPH C. TYE, 46

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF DEMOLAY TO THE GRAND  
LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA.

M. W. Sir, Brethren: By way of preliminary the few words I have been asked to say, I would like to comment that it might be inferred from the Grand Master's report because of the decrease in membership that Masonry in Nebraska is sick or that there is something wrong with it. I was very much impressed today as I am sure you were, I hope you were, with the reports with reference to our Home. The Home at Plattsmouth. I believe Brother Bill is gone, there he is. Bill, I have heard you make reports every year for I don't know how many years, but in my opinion this is the best one you have ever made, particularly, because of the human element which you have placed in it. But with that report,

the construction of the new wing with the information we have about our Children's home at Fremont in which we cooperate with the Eastern Star and the report of M. W. Brother Beaver on Masonic Manor, I feel that we all should say to you, M. W. Sir, that Masonry in Nebraska is not sick, this year shows a decided increase in the real fundamental theory and philosophy of Freemasonry. Freemasonry in Nebraska is not ill, there isn't anything wrong with it, we are still going ahead with the Masonic principles of the Spirit of Masonry.

In this thought, I would simply like to report to you on the DeMolay Foundation which has been recently organized in Nebraska. There are a number of pamphlets published and circulated and I know there is some around, because I have seen them here today, about the DeMolay Order. I would not have you misunderstand and have the idea that I am not strongly in favor of the other Orders which we sponsor and in which we are interested, such as Rainbow Girls and Jobs Daughters. The DeMolay has been a difficult order to keep going, I think principally for the reason that the boys get along to that age when they ought to be active in DeMolay and they are exceeding active in athletics, things which take them away during the time that they need to devote to DeMolay, in those later teenage years and as they approach maturity.

About four years ago DeMolay I believe was sponsored by the Lodges. That is this Jurisdiction authorized Lodges to sponsor DeMolay. Then a year or two after that, this Grand Lodge authorized Lodges to assist in financing the Order of DeMolay. This Foundation has been established as it has been in some other jurisdictions for the purpose, as it indicates, of creating a founder, a Foundation, the money from which may be used to foster and create interest in the Order of DeMolay. It is being done, of course, by the establishment of young chapters of DeMolay wherever there is an interest in them, and the Foundation sponsors essay contests in which the DeMolay boys engage. There are some cash prizes offered or gifts and then beyond that if the fund grows sufficiently there will be scholarships offered to these DeMolay boys. It is the local function of this Foundation to generate some interest throughout Masonry in Nebraska in the Order of DeMolay. You Brethren all know, of course, that we can't put an ad in the newspaper, "Come down to the temple tonight and sign up for Masonry", when we have to generate some interest in Freemasonry.

I have had the privilege over the past year or two of speaking to a few of these meetings where certain Lodges have invited in the DeMolay Boys, and it has been most gratifying to find these boys hungry, they want to know something about this Order, they want to know what Masonry means, they want to know how they can become a Mason and although you might say they are a captive audience, it gives a wonderful opportunity to get right down on the ground level and talk Masonry to these young men. I do not know what the history is now, but I heard a Judge from Denver a few years ago, Juvenile Judge, make the statement, he had never had a DeMolay boy in his court charged with a serious crime.

DeMolay is a good order, sure we have a few of these boys that do some things, perhaps, that some of us wouldn't want them to do but I don't think any of them are doing anything that I didn't do when I was a kid. I think America is still great because of its youth. I was very much interested in the statement of General Eisenhower the other day, with reference to his invasion across the channel, when he gave full credit and full thanks to the American G. I., the plain American boy with the ingenuity, the guts and adventure of our boys. We would like to get more of them into the DeMolay, we like to be able to talk Masonry to them, we would like to interest them in Masonry, the DeMolay in Government, and that is what this Foundation is for. You will hear the report from the Jurisprudence Committee tomorrow. Your Grand Master recommended that this Grand Lodge appropriate \$100 to this Foundation in order to assist with the financing of it and to carry forward this work. I am sure he will be amazed when he finds out that above all the Jurisprudence Committee approved of his recommendation, his theory, but said if this job is worth doing let's do a better job and they recommended an increase from \$100 to \$500.

You will be asked, Lodges, individual Masons—to give some consideration and some contribution to this Foundation. The incoming Grand Master will be asked to approve the contact of the Lodges over the state and the membership for some contributions to this Foundation. Please give it your sincere consideration, brethren, we think it is a worthy cause.

#### 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.

Each year, on Washington's Birthday, the Memorial is the scene of an imposing gathering, when Grand Masters in all states of the Union accompanied by other leaders of the Fraternity, gather to review the work set forth on the trestleboard. On February 22nd of this year the meeting was held in Kansas City, Missouri.

This committee wishes to extend to the Committee on Masonic Education, their appreciation for the assistance and co-operation given, particularly in distributing the colored slides to the various lodges.

The slides have been used by — Blazing Star No. 200, Burwell; Hebron No. 43. History pamphlets and Masonic facts about George Washington were sent to Brother Walter Thompson, Oakland, Nebraska.

These slides tell a beautiful story of the Memorial and we urge each Lodge to use them. They are free for the asking from any member of this Committee. Each member is to have a set in his possession.

Not having received a copy of the minutes of the Kansas City meeting, we are assuming that you would be interested in a brief history of the Memorial.

It is a famous place because the spirit of George Washington and Masonry are there. Mount Vernon is twelve miles away, six miles to the north is Arlington, the home of Robert E. Lee. These famous places and countless others provide a background of sacred soil upon which to rear a great Memorial to the man who stood "like a statue for all eternity to contemplate."

Designed in the classic architecture of Greece and Rome the Memorial stands on a 36-acre tract of ground at the west end of King Street. Broad steps from the drive level lead to the terrace which completely surround the building. More steps lead to the great Doric portico and passing through it one enters the Memorial Hall, supported by eight towering polished green Corinthian Columns with an ornamental plaster ceiling. At the base is a niche where the heroic statue of Washington presented by the Order of DeMolay stands. Mural Paintings on the walls behind the columns portray the story of Washington's life.

An Assembly Hall and Amphitheatre are situated on the first floor. Above these rise the seven floors of the tower, which is occupied by the States Memorial Hall, the Masonic Library and Historic Room, the Museum and Observation Room and the outdoor observation platform.

The first meeting was held on February 22, 1910. The organization of the Memorial Association was on February 22, 1911. In 1922 a total of \$688,000.00 was then paid into the treasury. Model and plans were submitted and approved and work began. The corner-stone was laid November 1, 1923 and the building was dedicated May 12, 1932.

Now the Memorial is completed and all people may see Masonry as it was set forth on the trestleboard to build the "Temple on Shooters Hill" in the historic City of Alexandria, Virginia, across the Potomac River, from the Capitol City of our Nation, named for our Illustrious Brother, there stands this magnificent monument, a mighty, majestic Memorial Temple built by the Masons of the United States in appreciation for a priceless heritage given to them to the everlasting memory of their beloved brother, George Washington. It is the Shrine of Masonry and is the greatest Memorial ever erected in honor of an individual.

Brethren, we should remember prayerfully the heritage given to us for safe keeping by God, our Forefathers and Masonry. Let us pause often and think seriously about our pilgrimage upon this good Earth, which God created for us to use as our Temporal Home. It is the most important of all decisions we are required to make. Why? Because our very lives are involved in it. If we want to live in God's Great Kingdom and see the beauty of His Holiness, then, while upon this Earth, let us pause, and give our souls a chance to catch up with our bodies.

Let us ask ourselves—have we sought sanctuary in that Room which is safely guarded by the Tyler's sword? Have we joined the workmen in the quarry of Good Will? Masonry teaches us, from whence we came, what we are to do with and about life, and where at last we hope to arrive.



The world needs your contribution to the cause of peace. Masonry needs the labor of your mind and your presence in its councils.

#### THE MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL

There stands on "Shooters Hill", A Temple,  
Erected of enduring material from the quarries of Brotherly Love,  
to speak a living message of human Brotherhood,  
written in universal language, to tell the story  
of the American Masons devotion to GEORGE WASHINGTON  
whose name shall live in their hearts forever.

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

W. Paul L. Toombs, 290, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans which was adopted.

Your Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans desires to report that we have had another eventful year. We have had our usual annuitants which are assigned to us for want of a Grand Lodge Retirement Fund. We paid a total of \$3,000 to them during the last year.

We have been good neighbors and have contributed \$300 to the Grand Lodge of Washington for relief of its brethren in Alaska and \$100 to Wolbach Lodge No. 292 which was severely damaged by tornado.

We had the usual relief to individuals as a matter of fact, five cases this year, all in conjunction with the Lodges in which the brethren held their membership. We have added to their relief in such cases \$1,329.90. Our expenditures for relief was slightly higher this year than last but still very low. Please remember that in most cases our expenditures from Grand Lodge funds were only the small portion of the total help granted by Lodges and other affiliated Masonic groups.

A copy of our detailed report is attached for the record.

In closing I wish to thank the Grand Master and Grand Officers for their co-operation.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

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

Your Committee on Credentials report that all Grand Officers are present.

The following Past Grand Masters are present: Lewis E. Smith, Charles A. Chappell, Ralph O. Canaday, Edward F. Carter, William B. Wanner, William C. Schaper, Benjamin F. Eyre, Fay Smith, Charles F. Adams, Herbert T. White, Roy I. Babbitt, John E. Beaver, Joseph C. Tye, John F. Futcher, Herbert A. Ronin, and Ernest O. Van Wey.

All Lodges are represented except the following: Nos. 5, 89, 117, 133, 137, 139, 147, 153, 154, 157, 160, 164, 174, 176, 191, 193, 200, 202, 208, 211, 216, 217, 219, 226, 228, 230, 234, 236, 237, 240, 243, 245, 247, 248, 264, 271, 274, 275, 278, 279, 280, 282, 286, 309, 311, 312, 316, 322.

Total number of Lodges 273. Number not represented 48. Lodges not represented for the last two Annual Communications: 5, 157, 208, 274, 316.

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Capitol . . . . . " 3	*Rudolph Melchior . . . . .	F. Ray Rhyno . . . . .	*Wm. Von Kroge, Jr. . . . .
Nemaha Valley . . . . . " 4	*J. Adolf Wensien . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Omadi . . . . . " 5	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
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Peru . . . . . " 14	John L. Lewis . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
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Washington . . . . . " 21	Eugene R. Kinnison . . . . .	Peter Stricklett . . . . .	Robert L. Holderness . . . . .
Pawnee . . . . . " 23	Dan R. Hopper . . . . .	*Dan R. Hopper . . . . .	*Dan R. Hopper . . . . .
Saint Johns . . . . . " 25	*Alfred E. Geschke . . . . .	Harold W. Langdon . . . . .	*William F. Patterson . . . . .
Beatrice . . . . . " 26	James M. Verno . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Jordan . . . . . " 27	*Milo A. Konopik . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Hope . . . . . " 29	Kenneth C. Rhoades . . . . .	. . . . .	Calvin R. White . . . . .
Blue River . . . . . " 30	Clel E. Schwab . . . . .	*C. C. Fieselman . . . . .	Herbert E. Simpson . . . . .
Tekamah . . . . . " 31	. . . . .	. . . . .	*Bernard T. Pipher . . . . .
Platte Valley . . . . . " 32	Henry L. Hansen . . . . .	C. J. Underwood . . . . .	Clifford L. Bonney . . . . .
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Papillion . . . . . " 39	*W. W. Wittmuss . . . . .	W. W. Wittmuss . . . . .	. . . . .
Humboldt . . . . . " 40	Friel I. Kerns . . . . .	Ralph L. Frey . . . . .	. . . . .
Northern Light . . . . . " 41	. . . . .	Bryce C. Chalquist . . . . .	. . . . .
Hebron . . . . . " 43	*Dail B. Shearer . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Harvard . . . . . " 44	Robert E. Ormsby . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Rob Morris . . . . . " 44	Robert L. Hoagland . . . . .	*Silas A. Wilson . . . . .	*Alfred B. Saum . . . . .
Fairmont . . . . . " 48	Lewis E. McCreath . . . . .	Paul A. Whorlow . . . . .	*Victor A. Jensen . . . . .
Evening Star . . . . . " 49	Curtis J. Griess . . . . .	A. R. Scheierman . . . . .	*John A. Bortorf . . . . .
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Hiram . . . . . " 52	Melvin L. Sorensen . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Charity . . . . . " 53	*Lyle G. Gleason . . . . .	Lyle G. Gleason . . . . .	*Lyle G. Gleason . . . . .
Lancaster . . . . . " 54	Ross R. Robinson . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .

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Mount Moriah " 57	Herbert M. Pickerill	.....	.....
Wahoo ..... " 59	Burton A. Johnson..	*Howard J. Hunter..	*Merle D. Meyers....
Melrose ..... " 60	*R. Nathan Johnson.	.....	.....
Thistle ..... " 61	Overton E. Hundley	Harold B. Williams.	.....
Keystone .... " 62	Donald P. Schuster.	Dale D. Dake.....	James E. Dake.....
Blue Valley .. " 64	Kenneth A. Mariska	Clarence M. Maca..	.....
Osceola ..... " 65	David E. Rutter....	.....	John D. Wieseman..
Edgar ..... " 67	LaVern Shaw.....	*LaVern Shaw.....	*Everette S. Shaw...
Aurora ..... " 68	Reuben A. Johnson.	*William Pscherer...	*Charles F. Adams...
Sterling ..... " 70	Robert L. Albrecht.	*James L. Chiles....	.....
Trowel ..... " 71	*Charles V. Carhart..	Harold Kester, Sr..	.....
Hooper ..... " 72	George N. Luther...	*Norris W. Lallman..	*Norris W. Lallman..
Friend ..... " 73	*George Kohout, Jr..	.....	.....
Alexandria .. " 74	Loren M. Sinn.....	Hugo L. Broeder....	.....
Frank Welch.. " 75	Wesley E. Jensen...	*Earl W. Schultz....	*Austin F. Whitmire.
Nelson ..... " 77	*Harry E. Weekly...	.....	.....
Albion ..... " 78	.....	Jerry E. White.....	.....
Geneva ..... " 79	Gerald K. Peterson.	.....	.....
Composite .... " 81	George McCracken..	*Fredolf C. Chalquist	*Leonard C. Davis...
Saint Paul ... " 82	.....	Stanley J. Edwards.	.....
Corinthian ... " 83	*V. H. Robert Hanson	.....	.....
Fairfield ..... " 84	Dale W. Ridgway...	.....	.....
Doniphan .... " 86	Gilbert F. England.	.....	Edward A. Stuken.
Ionic ..... " 87	Gail M. Burdick....	*Gail M. Burdick....	Dale V. Jones.....
Star ..... " 88	Hans F. Badje.....	Russell E. Claussen.	Paul Phelps.....
Cedar River .. " 89	.....	.....	.....
Oakland ..... " 91	C. Roger Maller....	A. C. Magnusson...	L. Paul Johnson....
Beaver City.. " 93	*Paul D. Fleming....	*Paul D. Fleming....	*Paul D. Fleming....
Bennett ..... " 94	Conrad Leader.....	*Arch Church.....	Clarence M. Ritter..
Garfield ..... " 95	Robt. Pappenheimer	Verlin K. Peterson..	*R. Pappenheimer...
Utica ..... " 96	Lee McMillen.....	Robert O. Rhodes...	*Loren L. McNeil....
Euclid ..... " 97	*Eugene E. Domingo.	Henry I. Hoffman..	.....
Republican ... " 98	*Louis L. Kammerer.	*Louis L. Kammerer.	*Louis L. Kammerer.
Shelton ..... " 99	.....	Fred M. Wiseman..	.....
Creighton .... " 100	*Harold L. Hawkins.	Harold L. Hawkins.	*Harold L. Hawkins.
Ponca ..... " 101	Darrel G. Curry....	*Harry F. Stammer..	Paul C. Peterson...
Waterloo .... " 102	.....	*Arthur H. Bull....	.....
Ord ..... " 103	Hal A. Pierce.....	*Henry N. Norris...	E. D. Aheschwede..
Wymore ..... " 104	*Myron E. Trout....	*Herbert W. Hotz...	Melvin D. Briant...
Stella ..... " 105	Warren Kentopp....	Herbert A. Chism...	Chet Henninger....

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Porter . . . . .No. 106	Harlan L. Blincow..	*Harlan L. Blincow..	.....
Table Rock .. " 108	.....	Roger D. Sandusky..	*Vernon Sandusky...
Pomegranate . " 110	*G. Rich Buckmaster.	*G. Rich Buckmaster.	*G. Rich Buckmaster.
De Witt . . . . " 111	Ralph E. DeVol....	*Ralph E. DeVol....	*Ralph E. DeVol....
Springfield .. " 112	Gordon D. Grell....	*Earl E. Hurlbut....	Richard D. McCoy..
Globe . . . . . " 113	Oliver L. Purdy....	.....	.....
Wisner . . . . . " 114	Warren E. Johnson.	*Judson M. Meier... *	Judson M. Meier... *
Harlan . . . . . " 116	*Leonard J. Meredith	.....	.....
Hardy . . . . . " 117	.....	.....	.....
North Bend .. " 119	L. E. Dahlheim....	*Harold H. Ristau... *	Dale E. Clark..... *
Wayne . . . . . " 120	Carl A. Haas.....	L. W. McNatt, Jr... *	Winston C. Swanson
Superior . . . . " 121	Lee Wall.....	.....	.....
Auburn . . . . . " 124	Harold E. Moody... *	Melvin B. Keithley.	.....
Mount Nebo .. " 125	Clifford L. Peterson	*Rolland Clark..... *	Clyde E. Pearson... *
Stromsburg .. " 126	Maurice Newcomber	.....	.....
Minden . . . . . " 127	Donald F. Prince... *	Charles A. Chappell.	*Charles A. Chappell.
Guide Rock .. " 128	Calvert Fisher..... *	Richard L. Ely..... *	.....
Blue Hill .... " 129	*Darrell D. Versaw.. *	.....	.....
Scribner . . . . " 132	Virgil E. Swanson.. *	Sidney G. Spurling.. *	Alfred A. Ristow... *
Elm Creek .... " 133	.....	.....	.....
Solar . . . . . " 134	Jay R. Burruss....	Waldo L. Peterson..	.....
McCook . . . . . " 135	*Ernest A. Rutledge.	*Elmer P. Baruth... *	Robert M. McDonald
Long Pine .... " 136	*Lewis E. Smith....	.....	.....
Upright . . . . . " 137	.....	.....	.....
Rawalt . . . . . " 138	.....	Daryl W. Wilson....	.....
Clay Centre .. " 139	.....	.....	.....
Western . . . . . " 140	Joseph R. Krajnik..	Ben L. Jiskra.....	.....
Crescent . . . . " 143	Alex Long.....	.....	.....
Kenesaw . . . . " 144	*Lloyd Ernst.....	.....	.....
Bancroft . . . . " 145	*August Zuhlke.... *	Lawrence H. Preston *	Charles Conn..... *
Jachin . . . . . " 146	D. Wayne Erickson.	*Arthur Anderson... *	Arthur Anderson... *
Siloam . . . . . " 147	.....	.....	.....
Emmet Crawford " 148	Robert U. Anderson.	Elmer L. Collins....	.....
Jewel . . . . . " 149	.....	.....	*Harry H. Miller... *
Cambridge .. " 150	*Hugh W. Eisenhart.	*Hugh W. Eisenhart.	*Hugh W. Eisenhart.
Evergreen . . . " 153	.....	.....	.....
Lily . . . . . " 154	.....	.....	.....
Hartington .. " 155	*Ralph E. Clements.. *	*Ralph E. Clements.. *	*Ralph E. Clements.. *
Pythagoras .. " 156	*Loyd L. West.....	.....	.....
Valley . . . . . " 157	.....	.....	.....

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Samaritan ..No. 158	Bevin B. Bump.....	*Bevin B. Bump.....	*Beven B. Bump.....
Ogalalla ..... " 159	Harry J. Linch.....	.....	.....
Zeredatha .... " 160	.....	.....	.....
Mount Zion .. " 161	Roy R. Russell, Jr... H. G. Whitmore... Robert L. Jones...	H. G. Whitmore... Marion F. Piper...	Robert L. Jones...
Trestle Board. " 162	Robert C. Harkins..	.....	.....
Unity ..... " 163	Wendell L. Bratt...	.....	.....
Atkinson ..... " 164	.....	.....	.....
Barneston .... " 165	Walter F. Manley... *Vernon S. Hill.....	*Vernon S. Hill.....	*Fred M. Gleeten...
Mystic Tie ... " 166	*G. Oscar Mills.....	.....	.....
Elwood ..... " 167	*Winford H. Bossung	.....	.....
Curtis ..... " 168	.....	*Klyte D. Burt...	.....
Amity ..... " 169	Charles E. Finkey.. Robert M. Higgs... *Charles E. Finkey..	Robert M. Higgs... Louis J. Hagen.....	*Charles E. Finkey..
Mason City .. " 170	Francis D. Standage	Louis J. Hagen.....	.....
Merna ..... " 171	Glenn E. Blakeman.	.....	.....
Robert Burns . " 173	Roy R. Rains..... *Mathias E. Mauel.. *Roy R. Rains.....	*Mathias E. Mauel..	*Roy R. Rains.....
Culbertson ... " 174	.....	.....	.....
Temple ..... " 175	*Henry R. Miller... Henry R. Miller...	Henry R. Miller...	.....
Gladstone .... " 176	.....	.....	.....
Hay Springs .. " 177	Robert C. Lewin... *Robert C. Lewin... *Robert C. Lewin...	*Robert C. Lewin...	*Robert C. Lewin...
Prudence .... " 179	Dale Carr.....	.....	Merle Wallace.....
Justice ..... " 180	.....	.....	.....
Faith ..... " 181	Merle D. Kilgore... Carl A. Johnson... *Forest A. Lape....	Carl A. Johnson... J. J. Aschenbrenner.	*Forest A. Lape....
Alliance ..... " 183	Harry C. Knight... J. J. Aschenbrenner.	J. J. Aschenbrenner.	.....
Bee Hive ..... " 184	J. J. Aschenbrenner.	*J. J. Aschenbrenner.	.....
Boaz ..... " 185	*Tippo R. Harris... *Tippo R. Harris... *Tippo R. Harris....	*Tippo R. Harris...	*Tippo R. Harris....
Meridian ..... " 188	Hoyt T. Griffin...	.....	.....
Granite ..... " 189	*William J. East... ..	.....	.....
Amethyst .... " 190	Chester C. Hawley.. ..	.....	.....
Crystal ..... " 191	.....	.....	.....
Minnekadusa . " 192	Fred G. Perrett.... George E. Lang... ..	George E. Lang... ..	.....
Signet ..... " 193	.....	.....	.....
Highland .... " 194	*Eric R. Miller..... ..	.....	.....
Arcana ..... " 195	Robt. R. McGaughey .. ..	.....	.....
Morning Star. " 197	Frederick D. Branz. Tom Gonnerman...	Tom Gonnerman...	.....
Purity ..... " 198	*Fay Smith..... ..	.....	.....
Gavel ..... " 199	Gardie Beavers, Jr. .. ..	.....	.....
Blazing Star. " 200	.....	.....	.....
Scotts Bluff.. " 201	Dale E. Justice..... Keith L. Hulbert... *Donald E. Jones....	Keith L. Hulbert...	*Donald E. Jones....
Golden Sheaf. " 202	.....	.....	.....
Roman Eagle.. " 203	Vern E. Lovell.... *Loren J. Callahan.. *Otto H. Burmeister.	*Loren J. Callahan..	*Otto H. Burmeister.
Plainview .... " 204	Robert A. Watson.. ..	.....	.....

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Golden Fleece No. 205	Donald E. Criswell..	*Donald E. Criswell..	*Donald E. Criswell..
Naphthali ..... " 206	Arthur C. Vieths...	*John D. Steiner....	.....
Parian ..... " 207	*Allston Asmus.....	*Allston Asmus.....	*Allston Asmus.....
Gauge ..... " 208	.....	.....	.....
Canopy ..... " 209	Richard A. Trutna..	.....	.....
East Lincoln.. " 210	N. W. Rittenburg...	*William M. Hisey..	Don A. Kyckelhahn.
Cement ..... " 211	.....	.....	.....
Compass and Square ..... " 212	Roy H. Robbins....	*Maurice L. Eutsler.	.....
Plumbline ..... " 214	Henry C. Graefe....	.....	.....
Occidental ..... " 215	Wayne H. Bennett..	R. Vernon Janovec.	Jack K. Harding, Sr.
Palisade ..... " 216	.....	.....	.....
Wauneta ..... " 217	.....	.....	.....
Bloomfield ... " 218	Norman E. Kuhl....	.....	.....
Relief ..... " 219	.....	.....	.....
Magnolia ..... " 220	Wynn W. Carter....	.....	.....
Wood Lake ... " 221	James E. Ormsher..	.....	Raymond F. Jones..
Landmark ..... " 222	Eugene R. Husk....	*Terrance E. Andrews	Jack M. West.....
Eminence ..... " 223	Dale L. Creech....	.....	.....
Silver Cord .. " 224	Fraizer Gilchrist..	.....	.....
Cable ..... " 225	Bill O. Witthuhn..	.....	.....
Grace ..... " 226	.....	.....	.....
North Star ... " 227	Stevenson P. Braun.	*Roy W. Deal.....	Russell F. Richmond
Bartley ..... " 228	.....	.....	.....
Comet ..... " 229	Lorain W. Hunzeker	Gary L. Beaman....	.....
Delta ..... " 230	.....	.....	.....
Mount Herman " 231	.....	.....	*Warren D. Brown..
John S. Bowen " 232	Robert F. Wilkins..	Donald J. Gottsch..	Henry E. Sass.....
Gilead ..... " 233	Harry R. Bennett..	.....	.....
Zion ..... " 234	.....	.....	.....
Fraternity ... " 235	*Gail Axen.....	.....	.....
Golden Rule... " 236	.....	.....	.....
Cubit ..... " 237	.....	.....	.....
Friendship ... " 239	Billy E. McHargue..	Dale N. McMillen..	.....
Pilot ..... " 240	.....	.....	.....
George Arm- strong ..... " 241	Wayne R. Sommerer	Lloyd C. Hurrell....	Robert P. Loftis...
Tyrian ..... " 243	.....	.....	.....
Hampton ..... " 245	.....	.....	.....
Nehawka ..... " 246	*Lewis W. Rogers...	.....	*Charles E. Morris..
Corner-stone .. " 247	.....	.....	.....
Laurel ..... " 248	.....	.....	.....

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Gothenburg No. 249	Francis M. Cunning.	*Ernest O. Van Wey.	.....
George Wash- ington ..... " 250	George A. Dvorak..	O. Robert H. Beigley	.....
Wausa ..... " 251	*Melvin Rosen.....	*Melvin Rosen.....	*Melvin Rosen.....
Beemer ..... " 253	.....	Harry Z. Jackson...	.....
Bassett ..... " 254	Dallas R. Bennett...	.....	.....
Hickman ..... " 256	James A. Mulder...	.....	.....
Anselmo ..... " 258	Olin Fletcher.....	Lee Sinner.....	.....
Ornan ..... " 261	Elmer L. Foster....	.....	C. Curtis Nelson....
Endeavor ..... " 262	Don F. Rinehart....	Willard P. Elmer...	Thayne Emrich.....
Mitchell ..... " 263	Earl R. Cherry.....	*Earl R. Cherry.....	*Earl R. Cherry.....
Franklin ..... " 264	.....	.....	.....
Robert W. Furnas ..... " 265	Allen B. Connell....	Arthur L. Harris...	Harlan C. Fuehrer..
Silver ..... " 266	John A. Carlson....	.....	William B. Wyman.
James A. Tulleys ..... " 267	*Russell M. Warren..	.....	.....
George W. Lin- inger ..... " 268	Tom W. Thompson..	Virgil J. Haggert, Jr.	Everts S. Sibbersen
Oasis ..... " 271	.....	.....	.....
Lee P. Gillette " 272	Ronald G. Reuter...	.....	.....
Crofton ..... " 273	Harold E. Timperley	.....	.....
Olive Branch.. " 274	*Lester Hrdy.....	Lee D. Fahrenholz..	Ronald F. Moeller..
Ramah ..... " 275	.....	.....	.....
Antelope ..... " 276	*Donald S. Hinman..	*Donald S. Hinman..	*Donald S. Hinman..
Sioux ..... " 277	Jess J. Locker.....	.....	.....
Litchfield ..... " 278	.....	.....	.....
Wallace ..... " 279	.....	.....	.....
Swastika ..... " 280	.....	.....	.....
Florence ..... " 281	David O. Kipling...	Ralph W. Gerry....	*John T. Staats.....
Mullen ..... " 282	.....	.....	.....
Seneca ..... " 284	*Carl M. Sehestedt..	*Carl M. Sehestedt..	*Carl M. Sehestedt..
Camp Clarke.. " 285	Billy D. Holbrook..	*Billy D. Holbrook..	*Billy D. Holbrook..
Oshkosh ..... " 286	.....	.....	.....
Union ..... " 287	*Robert R. Miller...	*Robert R. Miller....	*Robert R. Miller....
Omaha ..... " 288	Edmund L. Petterson	Vivian O. Chinn....	*Jake Wine.....
Lotus ..... " 289	Dale R. Link.....	.....	Howard Klausen...
John J. Mercer " 290	Donald E. Peterson.	William A. Blake...	*Jess W. Wade.....
Diamond ..... " 291	H. Holbrook, Jr....	*Gordon Johnson....	*H. Holbrook, Jr....
Wolbach ..... " 292	Fred W. Frost.....	.....	.....
Monument ... " 293	.....	Gordon D. Francis..	.....

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Kimball ....No. 294	C. Lyle Barrett.....	F. Burton Linn.....	*C. Lyle Barrett.....
Minatare ..... " 295	.....	*Roy I. Babbitt.....	.....
Cotner ..... " 297	.....	Dale L. Voller.....	.....
Chester ..... " 298	Earnest P. Dunn.....	.....	.....
Sutherland ... " 299	Walter J. Coker.....	Jerry K. Hartford..	Gary M. Trego.....
Liberty ..... " 300	George D. Isaac.....	Andrew Biltz, Jr....	Edward J. Nelsen..
Bayard ..... " 301	*Charles H. Ninegar..	*Frank H. Smith.....	.....
Mizpah ..... " 302	Ralph G. Sawerbrey..	*Vern Anderson.....	Ivan D. Anderson...
Right Angle .. " 303	Herbert Egerer.....	.....	Guy X. Beardsley...
Ruskin ..... " 304	*Marvin L. Thayer..	.....	.....
Newman Grove " 305	Roland D. Wilcox...	.....	.....
Golden Rod .. " 306	Ernest H. Meyer....	*Donald G. Hafer....	.....
William E. Hill " 307	.....	.....	Lane Superman.....
Perkins ..... " 308	*Alvan W. Ekherg...	.....	.....
Winnebago ... " 309	.....	.....	.....
Victory ..... " 310	Samuel A. Harrison..	*Samuel A. Harrison.	.....
Polk ..... " 311	.....	.....	.....
Oak Leaf .... " 312	.....	.....	.....
Potter ..... " 313	Lester Willoughby..	*Lester Willoughby..	*Lester Willoughby..
Craftsmen ... " 314	John L. Thomas....	August W. Edling..	*Curry D. Bryson...
Alpha ..... " 316	.....	.....	.....
Mid-West .... " 317	Arthur S. Dye.....	Curtis M. Maynard..	Dick Q. Peyton.....
Grand Island.. " 318	Augustus W. Clark..	*Albert B. Osborn...	Darrell D. Lemke...
Bladen ..... " 319	*Henry Erickson....	.....	*Henry Erickson....
College View.. " 320	Oliver E. Heater....	.....	D. E. Bomberger....
Harmony ..... " 321	K. M. Anderson....	*K. M. Anderson....	*K. M. Anderson....
Pioneer ..... " 322	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon ..... " 323	.....	.....	*Robert E. Lund....
Cairo ..... " 324	Rollin G. Rolofson..	.....	.....
Bellevue ..... " 325	Lee A. Bellair.....	Melvin J. Kessler...	Monroe G. McCann..
Centennial ... " 326	.....	*Earl E. Erwin.....	*Harvey A. Smith...

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REINSTATEMENT

W. Earl H. Furman, 290, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Reinstatement which was adopted.

We sincerely regret that during the year, due to extreme illness, we lost the services of our Chairman, W. La Verne J. Smith, who has served this Committee so faithfully during the past several years. Our wishes, prayers and thoughts are with him.

The Committee handled a total of 40 applications during the year. Of these we recommended the action of the Lodge be approved on 34; two we recommended against re-instatement and four were returned for more information.

The large majority of applications are from men who are now between 60 and 80 years of age. These always presents a problem, and your Committee will appreciate all the information your Lodge can furnish on these.

We thank you for your full co-operation and help.

At 4:40 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

## 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 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.

On March 29, 1963, the Masonic Temple at Blair was severely damaged by fire. The Masonic Templecraft of Blair, a corporation, conducts all of the business pertaining to construction, repairs and maintenance of the Temple. The building was well insured. Settlements with the various insurance companies for damages were accepted. Since the old building was inadequate, discussions had been going on for several years planning a new Temple, delayed because of lack of money to finance a new one of adequate size. This was now supplied, in part, by the insurance receipts. By unanimous vote of the Lodge and other interested Masonic bodies, it was decided to dispose of the old facilities, acquire suitable land and to construct new facilities. An architect was

engaged who supplied rough sketches, plans and specifications for a new one-story Masonic building estimated to cost \$102,000. A suitable plot of ground 150' x 213' located on a paved street was purchased for \$3,800. The completed plans and specifications placed in the hands of your Temple Building Advisory Committee were approved by the Committee, and the Grand Master, with minor suggested revisions.

According to an audited report of the affairs of the Templecraft, cash, bank accounts, government bonds, and pledges totaled \$97,000. The Templecraft was granted permission by the Lodge, and subsequently by this committee, to borrow funds, if needed, not to exceed \$12,000.

According to the brochure furnished this Committee, Blair members will occupy a Masonic Temple that will be a credit to all Masons and to the town of Blair.

On November 2, three Brethren representing Cedar River No. 89, called on our Committee with a building floor plan prepared by an architect, and a contract signed by a reliable contractor, to do certain work in connection with the construction of a new Masonic Temple for the figure of \$16,000. The completed cost of the building was estimated at \$22,000. It was apparent that the Lodge would save a tidy sum of money by authorizing the contractor, who had set a dead-line, to start construction at once (the next morning, in fact). In view of this and the further assurance by the Lodge representatives that there would be no indebtedness, and that this initial contract would furnish a building shell that would temporarily house the Lodge, your committee gave verbal approval. A full report was directed in the form of a letter to the Grand Secretary in answer to his inquiry.

On March 5, 1964, our Committee was contacted by the Secretary of Blue Valley No. 64, regarding proposed remodeling of the ground floor of their two-story business-lodge building. The building had been occupied by the U.S. Post Office. Fortunately for the Masons, a local physician was seeking other quarters, and desired to lease the quarters, if it could be remodeled into a clinic which would meet his specifications. The cost of this remodeling was placed at \$13,761.00 according to a contractor bid. The doctor had offered to pay the entire cost of the remodeling, in the form of advance rental in part, the balance spread over a five-year period, at the end of which he would continue to pay a stipulated monthly rental. Very few Lodges are so fortunate. Blue Valley Lodge has less than 100 members, their dues are only \$6.00, fees \$40.00 per candidate. Lodge expenses generally exceeded income from dues and fees by some \$160.00 per year.

On January 14, an inquiry was received from the Secretary of Crystal No. 191, regarding procedures to be followed in selling present owned building and to purchase another building more suitable and stable for lodge purposes. The present owned Lodge building is a frame structure about 60 years old, and a fire trap, connected on either side by similar frame structures. From personal inspection, if a fire is ever started, nothing could stop it. Your chairman visited with the Lodge Secretary

for half a day on May 4th. Up to that time, only talk and no material progress had been made. Further action was slated for May 15, the date of their regular meeting. It appears that here is an emergency, a responsibility exists for the safety of its members and no time should lapse looking toward a correction.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

W. Milo A. Konopik, 27, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Returns which was adopted.

Your Committee on Returns has examined the annual and monthly reports of the Subordinate Lodges for the year 1963, and found most of them to be very satisfactory. The Grand Secretary and his staff are to be congratulated for devising the splendid system now in use for compiling and maintaining our Masonic records; we also wish to thank this office for the courtesy and cooperation extended to your committee. We noted the following omissions: Many of the monthly reports were not signed or otherwise completed. Many of the annual returns were not signed, sealed, financial statement incomplete, inaccurate recapitulation, no information regarding Bronze Jordan Medal Holders and inaccurate Grand Lodge Dues and Fees. Your committee recommends that the secretaries of the Subordinate Lodges give closer attention to written instructions, in order that their annual returns and monthly reports completely and accurately reflect the membership and financial statistics of their lodge.

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

W. Bernard T. Pipher, 31, Vice President, presented the report of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, which was adopted.

It is a pleasure for me personally to attend this Grand Lodge session and participate in your activities; but it is with sadness that I am here to fulfill the duties of the late President of the Board of Trustees of your Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont. Archie W. Campbell, who had served for several terms on the Board of Trustees and as President of the Board for several years, passed away suddenly in March of this year. He had attended the March meeting of the Board when he appeared to be in good health so we were especially shocked to receive the news of his death. He was dedicated to an unselfish service in behalf of the children at our Home, and his counsel and presence at Board Meetings will be greatly missed.

There are now over forty children in residence at the Home in Fremont, twenty of them being in the Senior homes and since our last meeting, the Admissions Committee has accepted three more children

ranging in age from five to seven years. Some of you will recall that the President reported a couple of years ago that our by-laws had been changed enabling us to accept children from adjoining states if sponsored through the Grand Lodge of these adjoining states. The arrangement provides for the sponsoring Grand Lodge to pledge reimbursement on a per capita cost basis. We have had three boys from the jurisdiction of Colorado in the Home but are losing them this summer.

We are very proud of the activities and accomplishments of the children at the Home. Eighteen of them are active in the 4-H program which is supervised by our Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Earl Lipp. Twelve of these children are caring for cattle, and six of them for lambs as their projects. The school work of the children has been improving, and the eleven boys in the Junior Boys Home have carried a "B" average for the past year. One of our boys, Tim Cottrell, leads the way with a straight "A" average.

We hope all of you received and read our publicity letters recently mailed. The response which many of you have given to these appeals for gifts to the Home is most gratifying. There are always many projects of renovation and upkeep which require large expenditures, and we are always anxious to replace and add to the equipment needed to assure happy, normal lives for our children. We have recently completed a new kitchen and two new bathrooms in the Senior Boys Home at a cost of approximately \$6,000.00. These programs of renovation are paid for out of special gifts made to the Home and particularly from money raised by the Worthy Grand Matrons over the past few years. Another needed and useful addition has been the construction of a storage wing on the back of the Administration Building. This provides an area 14 by 43 feet in which we can store new and used clothing. Here our superintendent and other personnel have arranged the clothing according to size so that it is readily available to the various housemothers and here off-season clothing can be conveniently stored.

One of the most important considerations at the Home is the employment of qualified and dedicated personnel. It is a great responsibility to care for the day-to-day needs of over forty children, ranging in age from three to nineteen years. We now have house parents in all of the Homes except the Senior Girls Home. The presence of a man in the Homes provides a stability and more homelike atmosphere than can be achieved by a housemother alone. Each of the Junior Homes and also the Senior Boys Home has an assistant housemother who assists with the cooking and is available for full-time duties on days off and in case of illness.

We are very fortunate in still having the services of our Assistant Superintendent who takes over the management of our farm and buildings, directs the 4-H program, supervises the work performed by the children, and in general, is an assistant to our Superintendent. The Superintendent is also assisted in his office by a Secretary, and we have a laundress who keeps things clean for all the Homes.

We are very pleased with our present staff; they are devoted people who are interested not only in the physical needs of the children but in their cultural and spiritual developments as well. The staff is ably headed by Mr. Cleo Schroeder, our Superintendent, and to him and all of his assistants we give our thanks for the fine job they are doing at the Fremont Home. I would be remiss if I did not mention the fourteen Trustees who are nominated by the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter. These people are assisted by the Grand Master and Worthy Grand Matron, who are ex-officio members of the Board. The business of the Board is conducted by five standing committees and the full Board meets once each month, with the committees meeting whenever necessary. My thanks go to these Trustees who give so willingly of their time and advice in the operation of our Home.

In behalf of the members of the Board, I sincerely thank our Grand Master and all Committees and members of the Grand Lodge who have assisted and cooperated with our Board in the interests of the children at Fremont. We extend a hearty invitation to all of you to visit your Home at Fremont at anytime, in fact we urge you to meet our superintendent and let him show you around so that you may have a better understanding of how we are caring for our own at Fremont.

### ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Master, announced that the hour had arrived for the election of Grand Officers and appointed as tellers the Assistant Custodians with W. Cecil C. Gates, 227, as Chairman.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

Brother Harry A. Spencer, 227.....	M. W. Grand Master,
Brother Louis V. Sylvester, 281.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Master
Brother Lewis R. Ricketts, 19.....	R. W. Grand Senior Warden
Brother John A. Bottorf, 49.....	R. W. Grand Junior Warden
Brother Carl R. Greisen, 32.....	R. W. Grand Secretary

R. W. Harry A. Spencer, 227, Grand Master-Elect:

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

Traditionally, I would make whatever remarks I had to make after the installation, but because some of you may have to leave before that time, and because I do have some things on my mind, I thought that I should depart from previous practice and make a few remarks at this time.

I have had many honors in the past, but election as Grand Master is one of the high spots in my life. Thirty-nine years ago this coming fall, when I first knelt at a Masonic altar in Bee Hive No. 184, I little dreamt that some day I might be elevated to this exalted station.

It is a thrilling experience, but it is also a very sobering one. I sincerely appreciate the great confidence you indicate in me by this election. It is a great honor, but an honor involving tremendous responsibility. No one knows better than I my inadequacy to shoulder the awesome responsibilities of the office. I realize I am stepping into the shoes of a dedicated Mason as well as an able administrator. The task will be more difficult because of the high standard he maintained.

With a sense of true humility, but with a heart full of gratitude and with a prayer to Almighty God for guidance, I accept the office of Grand Master and pledge you one and all to give all the time I can spare, all the limited ability I possess, and all the enthusiasm and strength I can muster to live up to the standard set by our present Grand Master and his illustrious predecessors.

I have no new program or innovations to offer. I do, however, have some very definite ideas on many things we must do if we are going to keep Freemasonry meaningful in Nebraska. It is about some of these that I wish to visit with you.

I had been active in Masonry for many years before I began to realize that he who hears but the words of Freemasonry misses their meaning entirely. Why? Because Freemasonry teaches by symbols, and most symbols have many interpretations. These do not contradict but amplify each other. For example, the square is the symbol of perfection, of rectitude of conduct, of honor and honesty, of good work, etc. These are all different and yet allied. The square is not a symbol of wrong or evil, of meanness or disease. Ten different men may read ten different meanings into a square, and yet each meaning fits with and belongs with the other meanings. No two men have exactly the same ability to comprehend. Consequently, each gets from a symbol what his mind is capable of translating. Why do I make these observations? Simply to stress the need for constant Masonic education and the need to understand that Masonic symbolism is a treasure trove which needs exploration.

For this reason, the important emphasis this coming year will be on the implementation of the work of our Education Committee. During the course of the year, the Grand Lodge Education Committee will furnish local committees with material supplementing the Short Talk Bulletins now being received from the Masonic Service Association. Sufficient material will be furnished to provide a short program (and by short, I mean about 10 minutes) at every Lodge meeting. There will be at least 10 area meetings held during the year, and I urge and expect 100 percent participation in our area meetings when they involve your particular area.

It has been my observation over the last 5 years that many of our Lodge officers do not realize their responsibility to participate in these area meetings. Even more alarming has been the fact that some Lodges, usually those which need help the most, completely ignore the meetings. There is no excuse for this neglect. Possibly at the Grand Lodge level we have been too lax in getting proper notice to the W. Master. I assure you that that will not happen this year.

Speaking now to the W. Masters present, I remind you that the Twelfth Charge you took at your installation was: "You promise a regular attendance on the committees and communications of the Grand Lodge on receiving proper notice, and to pay attention to all duties of Masonry on convenient occasions."

These area meetings are communications within that charge, and they require your presence in person, if possible, otherwise by proxy. You should not only attend but you should also see that your Wardens and your Educational Committee members are also present. These meetings are intended for their benefit.

During the last 5 years, we suspended 3,077 members, or a yearly average of 615. This past year the figure was 682. This figure is much too high. This year I want to cut that figure, at least in half. I am, therefore, urging each Master to see that his Membership Committee functions. It is the duty of that Committee to: (a) Assist the Secretary in the collection of dues; (b) to make an effort to secure the reinstatement of Brethren suspended for non-payment of dues; (c) to make personal investigations on all cases of all brethren for suspension, whenever possible; (d) to use such influence as may be necessary to make such delinquent brethren see the value of maintaining good standing; and (e) to make recommendation to the Lodge prior to the time set for final action on suspension. Are we forgetting Masonic charity and suspending brethren we should be helping? Is our membership conscious of the fact that when a Brother is suspended his eligibility for the Masonic Home dates from his reinstatement and not his initiation? The number of years of continuous membership required for admission is determined by his age at the time of his reinstatement. Suspensions should never be handled in a perfunctory manner. The lack of interest evidenced may be our fault.

From questions asked at some of the area meetings over the years, I have the definite impression that the Membership Committee has not been functioning in some of our subordinate Lodges. It is the Master's responsibility to see that all of the committees function. While ours is a voluntary organization, any one who accepts the honor of an office or appointment accepts also the responsibility to discharge the duties inherent in that office. I urge each Master to see that the Membership Committee in his Lodge reviews the suspensions of the last 3 years to see what can be done to restore some of those Brethren to good standing. This can be done automatically merely by the payment of dues within 3 years from the date of suspension. After that time, a ballot of the Lodge and the approval of the Grand Master is required.

For sometime, I have had serious misgivings about the investigations, if any, made by some of our Investigating Committees. In the smaller communities this may not be a problem. In the larger communities it definitely can be. Investigating Committees should be carefully chosen and the members thereof should thoroughly understand their responsibilities. No Committee member should report on a candidate he has not



personally met, and no member of the Committee should sign the report until after he has fully completed his investigation. In these busy days, we tend to become lax. If the influence of Masonry is declining, the answer may be found in the thought that we cheapen the Order and dilute its influence when we admit those who never should be Masons.

Remember, the purpose of Freemasonry is the same today as it has been through the centuries — to make good men better. Have we grown careless? Our institution has survived because in the past we built an image that we were interested solely in quality and never in quantity. If we are to be true to our heritage, we should receive none knowingly into our ranks who are not moral and upright before God, and of good repute before the world. Such persons will be able to understand and benefit from a challenge to commit themselves to an active exemplification of those spiritual virtues which lead to man's right relationship with God through his brother man. The interests of Masonry demand that we maintain a strict guard at the portals of our Temple.

This year we will observe the festival days of the Saints John, June 24 and December 27. In this, we are reviving an old Masonic custom. These observances were high spots in the Masonic year and served to remind our ancient Brethren of the virtues of these two patron saints. We are not urging any specific type of a program. Any planned program will be sufficient, provided it is concerned with the Saints John.

If in some of these observations I may have sounded critical, I have not meant to be. I know that where that may have been the case, I was speaking mostly to those who are not here to hear me, but I also know from personal experience how easy it is to get into a rut. These things were on my mind, and while I could issue a general communication, I felt that I would be less than diligent myself if I did not take this opportunity to direct your attention to them. I expect to keep you and our subordinate Lodges fully informed as to the state of the affairs of our craft. I expect to call on many of you for assistance.

God willing, I believe sincerely that with your help and that of the other Grand Lodge officers, we can justify our stewardship of a great heritage — and move Masonry forward in Nebraska during the coming year.

Later in the session appointment was made of:

- Brother Carl M. Davidson, 227.....V..W..Grand Chaplain
- Brother Alexander McKie, Jr., 25.....W..Grand Orator
- Brother George W. Rosenlof, 314.....W..Grand Historian
- Brother Raymond C. Cook, 6.....W..Grand Custodian
- Brother Philip H. Robinson, Sr., 155.....W..Grand Marshal
- Brother Norris W. Lallman, 72.....W..Grand Senior Deacon
- Brother Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150.....W..Grand Junior Deacon
- Brother Charles H. Ninegar, 301.....W..Grand Tyler

## GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES 1964 - 1965

**Application for Reinstatement:** W. Brothers Earl H. Furman, 290, Chairman; Frank L. Frost, 290; Herbert Egerer, 303.

**Appropriations:** W. Brothers Fred D. Moshier, 281 (1967) Chairman; R. Wayne Wilson, 302, (1965); Melvin E. Johnson, 112 (1966); Walter Truex, 55 (1968); Donald R. Swanson, 54 (1969).

**Finance:** W. Brothers Robert E. Lund, 323 (1969) Chairman; Elmo R. Clayton, 302 (1965); Phillip G. Johnson, 19 (1967); Ralph E. Carlson, 11 (1968); Ralph R. Carleton 306, (1969).

**Fraternal Dead:** W. Brothers Alfred B. Saum, 46, Chairman; Levi B. Williams, 1; Carl H. Nolde, 49.

**Fraternal Relations:** R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9; W. Louis J. Bishop, 184.

**George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association:** W. Cary W. Dresslar, 32 Chairman; M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68; W. Robert L. Page, 1.

**Grand Lodge Offices:** W. Brothers Herman G. Reinholz, 3 (1966) Chairman; Ernest E. James, 1 (1965); James M. Paxson, 302 (1965); M. W. Merle M. Hale, 54, (1966); W. William A. Pettingill, 25 (1967); W. Vernon H. Woods, 290 (1968).

**Grand Trustees:** W. Alfred E. Geschke, 25 (1965); M. W. John F. Fitcher, 302 (1966); W. William E. Moor, 102 (1967); W. Harold E. Gabrielson, 302 (1968); W. Robert A. Wekesser, 54 (1969).

**Grievances:** W. Brothers Clarence M. Pierson, 19 Chairman; Otto Kotouc, 40; Warren K. Urbom, 314.

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

**Masonic Education:** W. Howard J. Hunter, 59, (1966) Chairman; R. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1968); W. Roy W. Deal, 227 (1969); M. W. Ralph M. Carhart, 120 (1965); M. W. John E. Beaver, 253 (1969); W. Floyd C. Wisner, 265 (1965).

**Nebraska Work:** M. W. Brothers Edward F. Carter, 201 (1967), Chairman; Chancellor A. Phillips, 150 (1965); John E. Beaver, 253 (1966).

**Public Relations:** W. Joe H. Hartley, 54, Chairman; Brother John S. Savage, 11; Brother Clarence H. Cooper, 19.

**Relief and Care of Orphans:** W. Paul L. Toombs, 290 (1967), Chairman; W. John S. Burley, 300 (1968); M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1 (1966); W. Otto W. Burkhardt, 55 (1969); Earl W. Schultz, 75 (1969).

**Temple Building Advisory:** W. Brothers Otto Nelsen, 300 (1967) Chairman; Donald G. Hafer, 306 (1965); E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1966).

**Lodge Advisory:** M. W. Brothers Joseph C. Tye, 46, Chairman; Ernest O. Van Wey, 249; Herbert A. Ronin, 210.

**Retirement:** W. E. Forrest Estes, 19 Chairman; W. Clarence M. Pierson, 19; Brother H. Hassel Taylor, 3.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FONER LAND

W. Philip H. Robinson, Sr., 155, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Foner Land which was adopted.

About two years ago Brother Glen F. Foner and his wife Esther N. Foner made a most generous offer to give to our Grand Lodge fifty acres of land which lies just to the west of the upper end of Lewis and Clark Lake, on the Missouri River. A year ago a Grand Lodge Committee suggested that the matter be given further study. As a result of this recommendation this Committee was appointed.

During the past year your Committee has given this matter further study. Last fall Niobrara Lodge was host to an area meeting. This gave several of the Grand Lodge officers an opportunity to drive over the tract. They saw one of the highest spots along the Missouri River, with a marvelous view up the Niobrara and Missouri Rivers and down Lewis and Clark Lake.

Your Committee is of the opinion that, were funds available, a fine camping and vacation site for Masons and their families could be constructed on this land. Unfortunately, the financial reports to this session of the Grand Lodge show all too clearly that we do not have funds available for a new project such as this. For this reason your Committee is making no detailed report of the possible uses to which this land could be put nor of the probable cost.

We believe it will be sufficient to report that it would cost several thousand dollars to build an all-weather access road to the tract, to dig a well which would be required and for the other work necessary to prepare the area for use. This without regard to any structures which would be needed to make this spot attractive to any but the most confirmed campers.

It was the hope of the Foners that this fine area could be developed so that Masons, their children and the children from the Fremont home would have a beautiful outdoor area in which to vacation. Their generosity is in keeping with the fine teachings and traditions of our Order.

Glen and Esther Foner deserve the profound thanks of our Order for this fine display of the application of our principles. Your Committee deeply regrets that circumstances require a negative report.

After conferring with M. W. Brother Carhart and other lodge Officers your Committee is convinced that no funds can be made available at this time. We, therefore, must and do recommend that the Grand Lodge decline, with regret, the offer made by Brother Foner and Mrs. Foner and that this Committee be discharged.

(Questions were asked by W. Harold E. Timperley, Master, Crofton No. 273, as to an engineering study; by W. Otto Nelsen, 300 as to whether the land was farm, grass or river land; W. Robert E. Lund, 323, as to publicity; and M. W. Herbert T. White as to the cost of developing such property.)

W. Philip H. Robinson, Sr., 155:

I would say that we did not take a detailed study because early in the game, we found, at least in the opinion of the Grand Lodge Officers of real consequence. We would have to fence it, put down a well, put up permanent structures, get access for the building of a road, etc., etc., etc. Such improvements as would be necessary would in our judgment cost several thousand dollars not to mention the upkeep.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

Brother John S. Savage, 11, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Public Relations which was adopted.

During the past year, the Public Relations Committee has carried out its designated assignment of preparing and releasing information on the activities of the Grand Lodge to the news media of Nebraska.

Appropriate coverage was given to the ten Area Meetings, held by the Committee on Masonic Education from November 1963 through March of 1964, in Sidney, North Platte, Niobrara, Ord, Omaha, Lincoln, Holdrege, Sutton, Wayne and Fremont. Advance releases were sent out and local coverage arranged on day held.

Both news and photo coverage were given to five corner-stone ceremonies — Kearney State Teachers College (2), Omaha Home for Boys, Superior High School and Wayne State Teachers College.

News stories and photo coverage was given to the building progress of the Masonic Manor and to the first occupant. One of the pictures was taken from the air and was used in the Omaha World-Herald five columns on the picture page.

Notice was given about dedications in Sutton and Fullerton and about anniversary celebrations in Stratton, Oshkosh and Culbertson.

In addition to the Grand Lodge responsibilities, this Committee also wrote and released stories concerning the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery and the annual meeting of York Rite Masons of Nebraska.

A news release announcing the 107th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was made two weeks ago and given state-wide coverage by the thirteen television stations, 41 radio stations and 255 newspapers in Nebraska.

Another story for state-wide release has been prepared concerning the election and appointment of Grand Lodge Officers for 1964-65. This has been held for release today to the above news media along with the two wire services, Associated Press and UPI. Photographs and printing mats of Deputy Grand Master R. W. Harry A. Spencer, of Lincoln, were mailed with the news release.

Arrangements have been made for local coverage of this communication for possible release of information that may be of public interest.

We close this report on a sad note as we, the members of this committee, mourn the untimely death of our chairman and long-time member — W. Alfred B. 'Ot' Gorman, of Lincoln. We would like to pay tribute to our departed W. Brother for his devotion to the Masonic Fraternity and for the generous contribution he made of his time and ability in promoting the principles of Freemasonry with the written word.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

W. Harry M. Green, 25, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations which was adopted.

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations respectfully submit the following report covering their activities during the 107th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

The three Lodges cited to appear before this Committee for failure to being in attendance at the 105th and 106th Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge, appeared as directed and were represented as follows.

Mason City No. 170, W. Master Francis D. Standage; Senior Warden Louis J. Hagan.

Merna No. 171, W. Master Glenn E. Blakeman.

Endeavor No. 262, W. Master Don F. Rinehart, Senior Warden Willard P. Elmer and Junior Warden Thayne Emrick.

Satisfactory explanations were advanced by the above named Officers regarding the failure of their respective Lodge being in attendance at the 105th and 106th Annual Grand Lodge Communications and we feel this situation has been corrected. It is our recommendation that no further action be taken regarding the forfeiture of their Charters.

Checking with the Credentials Committee at 4:00 P. M., Tuesday, June 9, 1964 after registration had been closed we found that the following named Lodges had failed to have a representative present at the 106th and 107th Annual Grand Lodge Communications: Omadi No. 5; Valley No. 157; Gauge No. 208; Corner-stone No. 247; Alpha No. 316.

We respectfully submit that these five Lodges be cited to appear before this Committee at the next Annual Grand Lodge Communication to show cause why their Charters should not be forfeited.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

W. Clarence 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 Roman Eagle No. 203 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 December 15, 1957; that he petitioned for restoration in Roman Eagle No. 203; that the investigating committee reported favorably for restoration and 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 Roman Eagle No. 203 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 Nelson No. 77 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 June 9, 1954; that he petitioned for restoration in Nelson No. 77; that the investigating committee reported favorably for restoration and that on April 2, 1964 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 Nelson No. 77 for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

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

W. Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund which was adopted.

Your Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund Committee is a joint committee of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter O. E. S. whose responsibility is the counselling and sponsorship of our children from the Children's Home in Fremont through the first two years of their college education.

This responsibility includes interviewing the high school graduates each spring to determine whether any who are interested in further education are qualified potential college material, and to counsel those considered eligible regarding their choice of college and curriculum. The financial assistance provided these young people during the first two years of their college is contributed by equal appropriations from each of the Grand Bodies and is administered by the Student Fund Committee with the assistance of a sponsor assigned to each student.

The past year we have had a young lad in his first year at Midland College in Fremont who has done well and will be continuing this fall. In addition we had a girl from the Home who started to Business College in Lincoln but who withdrew after a brief time.

This fall, in addition to the boy in Midland College, we will have a boy who has been accepted at Michigan State and will enroll there this fall. His interest is electrical and electronic engineering. The estimated financial assistance required for these two boys for the coming school year is \$2,000.00 and each Grand Body is being requested to appropriate \$1,000.00.

By the granting of this appropriation the Grand Lodge will be assuring the continuation of this important phase of our responsibility to the children of our Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

### REPORT OF GRAND HISTORIAN

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

Our project this year was to write the history of our Past Grand Masters. We have devoted the entire year to the history of Robert Carrel Jordan, our first Grand Master, which is a volume in itself and is herewith presented to the Grand Lodge.

Well, Brethren and M. W. Grand Master, that is a little bit of the history of a man who lived 110 years ago thereabouts. Is it any wonder that we are as strong as we are. M. W. Grand Master, I am very happy indeed to present to you this particular document for preservation in the files of our archives if you please, that at the appropriate time when our financial structure is in better condition than it apparently is just now that it be published.

I discovered there are many beautiful volumes of art work in the vault. Without permission of anyone in particular, I took those volumes, 20 or 24 of them, which were a part of the library given to the Grand Lodge by the Lininger family following his demise, and placed them in care of the Joslyn Memorial Art Library hoping that they would take care of them and preserve them. They will be well taken care of and will be displayed from time to time and will carry book plates of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

In addition to these artworks there are great collections of other books, non-Masonic in their character, which have been preserved for future generations and these should be made available to those who would find great profit in them.

M. W. Grand Master, my recommendation is that we can continue to give very great concern and consideration to the preservation of our Masonic Library in particular, and at a future time, I hope not in the distant future, we may be able to house this library of ours in a suitable library properly catalogued, properly classified, properly shelved and made available for the use of any Mason who comes into the Grand Lodge anytime for the purpose of improving his knowledge and understanding of Masonic literature.

I move that the History of our Past Grand Masters be published in suitable brochure form as funds are available. (Adopted.)

M. W. John F. Futcher, Past Grand Master :

M. W. Grand Master, Brethren, I wanted to bring this point up before the Jurisprudence Committee brings in its report. Yesterday this Grand Lodge gave consideration to the increase of salary of our Grand Custodian. Because of a provision that will be presented to you for your consideration, I feel that the subject of an increase of salary for our Grand Secretary should be considered. As to the merit for this increase, I am sure there is no doubt in anyone's mind. Therefore, I will not take time to explore that subject any further. M. W. Grand Master, I would like to make the motion that the salary of our Grand Secretary for the ensuing year and long hereafter as it is necessary, shall be raised \$500. (Motion seconded and Carried.)

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, 149, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence which was adopted section by section then as a whole as amended.

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

Referring to the Grand Masters Address:

1. We recommend that Decision No. 1 relating to physical defects of a petitioner be approved. However, attention is called to the fact that Grand Lodge permission need not be obtained to receive and ballot upon a petition where a question of physical qualifications may be raised. (Adopted.)

2. We recommend that Decision No. 2 relating to the question presented by the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska be disapproved.

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

Brethren, I have no quarrel on the report of the Jurisprudence Committee on this particular subject, but I think that I can tell you exactly what my reason was on it. When this matter was first presented my thoughts were the same as those of the Jurisprudence Committee. But after thinking it over for awhile I changed my thinking because of the facts involved in this particular case which I think are a little bit unique. I realize that ordinarily we do a great deal of courtesy work and other Grand Lodges do the same for us. Under those circumstances, we of course, go along with the laws and regulations of those other Jurisdictions.

In this particular instance, however, the individual had established a residence in Nebraska early enough so that the Lodge who was conferring the work for the Kansas Lodge knew that he would be a permanent resident of Nebraska and also after giving him some of the degrees he most certainly knew that everyone else who took these



degrees in advance must become proficient. Although he had immediately upon receiving the third degree, applied for membership in this particular Lodge. That application was in process at the time he made application to the York Rite Bodies. I felt that under those circumstances, and I think our Grand Lodge law permits, that we should be able to govern his actions in this regard. So I felt that it was a little bit out of the ordinary run of applicants, and I realize that if he had waited, there would have been no question. His petition for the York Rite Bodies would have been accepted without him ever having to prove up on the third degree. I thought that under these particular circumstances, we should have been able to control it.

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

M. W. Grand Master, the Jurisprudence Committee also gave this a great deal of consideration and thinking and we came to conclusion that this Brother was still a member of a Kansas Lodge. He had not demitted or had his membership transferred to Nebraska, he was still a member of a Kansas lodge and, therefore, we actually had no control over him in this regard. We studied the sections of the law that we found to pertain to this, we were mostly of the opinion that this law pertained to members of a Nebraska lodge. When we are doing courtesy work for sister Jurisdictions the standards do not require proficiency examination our law would not apply to this Brother. That is the reason for our disapproval.

M. W. Edward F. Carter, Past Grand Master:

I quite agree from the practical standpoint that the majority may be right, but I submit that under our law, that any Mason who moves into Nebraska is subject to the law of Nebraska, and I further submit that our law doesn't permit of the result of the minority in this law voted for. I would like to move that the Jurisprudence Committee be directed to prepare an amendment to the law that will take care of situations of this kind and make it more clear. I think it would be a wholesome thing that the law be changed. Personally, I think that the sustaining of the Grand Master's decision sustains the law as we now have it is proper. I don't agree that from the practical standpoint it is right and for that reason I make this motion.

M. W. John F. Futcher, Past Grand Master:

I would like to second that motion, but I would like to make this comment. I do not agree that the Grand Master's decision was wholly correct. That is why I think we should have this matter considered. I think where a man is raised as a Master Mason in another jurisdiction and comes to this state and petitions one of the other bodies of Masonry, it should be assumed that he is a Master Mason in good standing, if there is a certificate to that effect, and that he should not be required to take proficiency examination. When a Nebraska Lodge confers the degrees

as a courtesy I think that the Brother should comply fully with our ritual which I think should include the examination for proficiency. For that reason I feel that this matter should be given further study and I second the motion.

M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, Past Grand Master :

It is not clear in my mind the extent of this motion. If the motion is limited to those who take their work in Nebraska by courtesy, that is one thing, but if it is being applied generally to those who have taken their work in other jurisdictions, then move into Nebraska, then we have another problem, another burden. I can see where there are two sides to it, as applied in the instant case by the Grand Master, I agree that this Grand Lodge has the power over any Mason living in Nebraska whether or not he is a member of a Nebraska Lodge. We have the power here to make him take an examination, but I question whether or not we would want to apply it.

Let's take this case. Let's assume that a member of a Kansas Lodge took his work twenty-five years ago and under the Kansas law does not have to prove up. He is in good standing, then he moves to Nebraska. Now you say, before he can become an Eastern Star, York or Scottish Rite Mason he has to take an examination in the Nebraska work when he took the Kansas work twenty-five years ago.

Now the substance of this motion, as I get it from M. W. Brother Carter, said that you have to do it. Now that is different than taking courtesy degrees. I will go along with it if the work is taken in Nebraska. I would like to ask M. W. Brother Carter, the extent of his motion, whether it applies to the courtesy work or whether it applies to all, that is to where one has taken his work in another jurisdiction and is in good standing there, then later moved to Nebraska. I would like to have a clarification of the motion.

M. W. Herbert T. White, Past Grand Master :

I want to know this. We had a good deal of discussion in the Jurisprudence Committee. We decided that on the basis of the report that you had made in your Address, we gathered that this man had not yet been elected to membership in a Nebraska Lodge. Were we right in that? Then he was not a member of a Nebraska lodge and may never have become a member of a Nebraska Lodge because he still had to undergo the scrutiny of the ballot before he became a member of a Nebraska lodge. I just point out to you, Brethren, what you are probably doing here unless we do something about it.

We have down here just south of Omaha a S.A.C. Headquarters. We do a lot of courtesy work as the result, and a great many of those Brethren come from another state. They may have one or two degrees, we may confer one, two or three degrees as requested. There are a number of other states as well as Kansas that do not require examination in the Master degree.

Now these Brethren come back to Nebraska a year, three years, five years from now and we require them to pass a Nebraska proficiency examination before they can become affiliated with any other Masonic body. I think we are just kicking the law of Masonic comity.

M.'W.'.Charles A. Chappell, Past Grand Master:

M.'W.'.Grand Master, Brethren, this is a far more serious proposition than maybe we fully realize at this time. The Jurisprudence Committee took the facts as they were set forth from the Grand Master's address. A lot has been said here this morning, it seems that there may have been additional facts or information that should have come to them. The Jurisprudence Committee's recommendation correctly states the law and does justice to all parties concerned. Now this has broadened out under the motion that has been made that the matter should not be decided hastily, and I believe that this substitute motion which I am about to offer should have serious consideration and I hope it will be adopted. I offer a substitute motion for the one made by Past Grand Master Carter that this matter, not the action of the Grand Master nor the Jurisprudence Committee, that this matter of the law be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for study and for report at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. I so move.

M.'W.'.Edward M. Carter, Past Grand Master:

M.'W.'.Grand Master, I will admit that at the time this matter was passed on by the Jurisprudence Committee, I wasn't there. I didn't feel that being absent had anything to do with it. But there was a substantial decision on the matter. Now personally I believe that when a Master Mason moves and resides within the jurisdiction of Nebraska, he is subject to its regulations. We try men who violate the liquor law, whether or not they ever become a member of a Lodge in Nebraska, if they reside within the state. M.'W.'.Brother White said he didn't know this man was a resident in Nebraska. Well, I knew it and I found it out in the Jurisprudence Committee. I don't know where it came from. But he was a resident of Nebraska and I submit that as long as he is that he is subject to the rules and regulations of Nebraska. I think that technically, the Grand Master's decision is written into the law and I move it be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee to study and make their amendment cover what we want covered in this situation. M.'W.'.Brother Ronin asked me to clarify what I had to say, and I personally didn't mention it, I want to study it and a proper law prepared and brought here for the consideration of the Grand Lodge. I am not saying what it ought to be, I don't know for sure what it ought to be, but it is quite evident as it now stands of creating difficulty in its enforcement and for that reason, we ought to have a study made and a proper amendment brought in. Now the Chappell substitute motion, calls for the same thing that I have just asked this Grand Lodge to do, and Brother Chappell, with all due respect to you, I think your motion is strict conformity with the one that I made and that is all that I made, study the proposed amendment and present it, whatever it might be, let it be brought in to Grand Lodge.

M. W. Charles A. Chappell, Past Grand Master:

M. W. Grand Master, Brother Carter, if you will just remain there a moment — is it or is it not the intention of the motion that it will have any affect or bearing on the ruling of the Past Grand Masters the matters we have just voted on?

M. W. Edward F. Carter:

I propose a prepared amendment to the law and that they consider everything and that it be a new amendment and have no relation whatever to what has been done by this Grand Lodge, that it be prospective in its operation and if Grand Lodge approves it.

M. W. Charles A. Chappell:

If that is the intention of your motion, there is no occasion for a substitute motion and, M. W. Grand Master, I ask leave to withdraw it. (Permission granted. The substitute motion of M. W. Brother Carter was adopted.)

3. Referring to the Section on Trial Commissions — in view of the fact that no detailed information is given we recommend that no action be taken on this, excepting to recommend that any appeals should be referred to the Committee on Grievances. (Adopted).

4. Referring to recommendations, we recommend that Recommendation No. 1 relating to the Nebraska DeMolay Foundation, Inc., be approved, with the amendment that the sum to be appropriated be \$500. (Adopted).

5. We recommend that the Grand Master's Recommendation No. 2 relating to the consolidation of the Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs and the Committee on Grand Lodge Office be amended to read as follows:

Section 1-322—Grand Lodge Offices.

(a) That hereafter there shall be a Committee to be known as the Committee on Grand Lodge Offices. This Committee shall examine the equipment of the Grand Secretary's office and the Grand Custodian'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 such offices. This Committee shall prescribe the business methods to be followed by the officers and committees of the Grand Lodge, including the filing, allowance and payment of claims, the keeping of records, the accounting and reporting of income and expenditures and such other matters of similar import that are not fixed by the Constitution, by-laws or action of the Grand Lodge. The determinations of the Committee shall be final until changed by the Grand Lodge. The Committee shall recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of rules and regulations when such rules and regulations shall appear to be for the best interest of the Grand Lodge. Such rules and regulations shall be effective when approved by the Grand Lodge. The

Committee shall have general supervision over such offices including the right to approve of the employment of the employees of such offices and their salaries and working conditions and to have authority and jurisdiction over all other matters relating to such offices not specifically vested in another Committee or Officer of the Grand Lodge.

All recommendations made to the Grand Lodge with reference to changes in the salaries of Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be referred to this Committee for its recommendation before action by the Grand Lodge can be taken thereon.

(b) The Committee on Grand Lodge Offices shall consist of Five Members permanently, and commencing in June, 1964 shall consist of the present members of the present Grand Lodge Office Committee and the present members of the Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs whose present term of office does not expire in 1964. As the Term of Office of the present members of each of said Committees as now constituted shall expire in 1965 and 1966 the Grand Master shall appoint one member for a Five-year term to fill the expiring Memberships, providing that the permanent membership of the Committee shall be thereafter maintained at Five members, each to be for a Five-year term, except that during those two years of 1965 and 1966 if for any reason a membership shall become vacant an appointment shall not be made which shall make the membership of said Committee more than Five.

(c) Except as provided in the above Paragraph "b" in case of vacancy in the membership of the Committee on Grand Lodge Offices, the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a member to fill the unexpired term.

That Sections 1-322 and 1-327 of the By-laws as now constituted be hereby repealed, and that the Sections as amended be adopted. (Adopted).

6. Referring to the Paragraph of the Grand Master's address on by-laws, we recommend that this paragraph be approved. (Adopted.)

7. Referring to the Paragraph of the Grand Master's address on Special Dispensations we recommend that this paragraph be approved. (Adopted).

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

## SECOND DAY — AFTERNOON SESSION

Wednesday, June 10, 1964

M.·W.·Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Master:

Brethren, I have the great pleasure of presenting to you the Worthy Advisor of Rainbow for Girls, Miss Laurie Meese, Assembly No. 25, Wahoo.

Miss Meese:

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

On behalf of Grand Assembly of Nebraska, it is my privilege to present to you a check for \$120 to be used for The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. I would like to congratulate you on a very successful Grand Lodge. I would also like to invite you to my Grand Assembly the 12th, 13th and 14th in Lincoln. Thank you.

M. W. Ralph M. Carhart, 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 is doing.

M. W. Joseph C. Tye, Special Representative of DeMolay to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

M. W. Grand Master, I have the honor and pleasure of introducing to you at this time, W. Robert E. Lund who wishes to introduce his distinguished guest.

W. Robert E. Lund, Executive Officer in Nebraska :

M. W. Grand Master, it is my pleasure at this time to present Donald C. Chase of Grand Island, State Master Counselor of State Chapter of the Order of DeMolay.

Donald C. Chase, State Master Counselor :

M. W. Grand Master, and members of the Grand Lodge, I want to congratulate you on your fine assembly you have today and thank you for the opportunity in letting me present the donation on behalf of Nebraska State Chapter Order of DeMolay, for The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. The Nebraska State Chapter Order of DeMolay during its past year has inaugurated a new program in obtaining the contribution for the Grand Lodge. We have promoted individual fund raising drives at the level of the local chapter. By doing this, we have increased the importance and, we hope, the value of our donation to the Grand Lodge. As I presented to Mr. Carhart, there is a note reading, "Future contributions will be received from the Nebraska State Chapter as they arrive from the local chapters."

I would like to say to you or impress upon you the importance of your leadership in the youth organization. You, as Masons, represent the present citizenry of the United States of America and of the various local communities. Because of this it is your duty and responsibility to give your efforts to the youth chapters. For in the youth Chapters are contained the future leaders of our country and possibly of the world. So it is a benefit to you and to our nation that you provide your help. Thank you very much.

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

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

W. Robert E. Lund, Executive Officer in Nebraska:

M. W. Grand Master, Grand Officers and Brethren, there is one little difference between the presentation of the Job's Daughters and the Rainbow Girls and the DeMolay, and that is this, that you men are the ones that are to look after the Chapters and not the Ladies. You are to be the guides of the Chapters of DeMolay and on behalf of the Supreme Council and on my own behalf as Executive Officer of the State of Nebraska, I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you who have been so helpful in conducting the affairs and looking after the affairs of the various Chapters in which you are interested and are serving as officers.

We have in this Grand Lodge many former DeMolays who were members in years gone by and I am sure that as years go by, we will have a great majority of you men who will be former DeMolays and will know of the influence and the importance of your action today, in the future lives of those who become the leaders of tomorrow. Thank you so much.

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. Ernest O. Van Wey, Past Grand Master:

This morning the Grand Lodge adopted a Resolution appointing a Committee from the Committee on Jurisprudence to study our law with regard to proficiency examination for brethren moving into Nebraska from other jurisdictions and petitioning Masonic bodies predicated on Ancient Craft Masonry. I would like to appoint as members of this Committee: M. W. Brothers Charles F. Adams, Chairman; John F. Fatcher and Herbert A. Ronin.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

W. Robert E. Lund, 323, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Finance which was adopted.

Your Committee on Finance is pleased to make the following report:

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

We wish to commend particularly the excellent records and careful vouchering of expenditures by the Grand Secretary, Grand Custodian and the Chairman of the Educational Committee.

The matter of signing and proper vouchering of all the expenditures by the various committees has been carefully attended to by all the Committees of this Grand Lodge.

We have also reviewed the audit as submitted by Mr. L. A. Nelson, certified public accountant, and have discussed the scope of the audit with him.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF GRAND LODGE  
GRAND LODGE FUNDS

	General	Supply	Relief	Centennial Contingent Fund
RECEIPTS:				
Per Capita dues .....	\$ 82,179.00	\$	\$ 9,131.00	\$
Fees .....	10,530.00			
Affiliations .....	60.00			
Investment Income .....	29,495.73	87.80	847.35	
Liability Insurance .....	3,287.16			
Supplies and Bond Premiums		5,528.26		
All other Income .....	1,767.12			51.00
(Includes George Washington Masonic National Memorial Funds)				
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> .....	<b>\$127,319.01</b>	<b>\$ 5,616.06</b>	<b>\$ 9,978.35</b>	<b>\$ 51.00</b>
DISBURSEMENTS:				
General Fund .....	72,845.29			
Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children .....	31,280.00			
Supplies .....		4,720.21		
Relief .....			5,000.00	
	\$104,125.29	\$ 895.85	\$ 4,978.35	\$ 51.00
Excess or (Deficit) .....	23,193.72	895.85	4,978.35	51.00
Overall Excess .....	29,118.92			
UNEXPENDED FUNDS AND REFUNDS:				
General Fund .....	23,193.72			
Orphans Educational Endowment Fund .....	131,860.54			
Committee on Masonic Education Refund .....	56.05			
Committee on Relief Refund .	972.39			
Assistant Custodian Travel Expense Refund .....	3.80			
Grand Custodian for Grand Lodge Functions Refund	23.51			
Grand Custodian's Office Expense Refund .....	71.79			
<b>Sub Total</b> .....	<b>\$156,181.80</b>			



ANTICIPATED INCOME:

Per Capita Dues .....	81,306.00
Initiations and Fees .....	10,000.00
Investment Income .....	26,000.00

TOTAL AVAILABLE

FOR BUDGET .....	\$273,487.80
TOTAL BUDGET	
REQUESTED .....	\$111,341.15

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

RECEIPTS:	General	Endowment	Seals
Per Capita dues .....	\$ 91,310.00		
Cash from Residents .....	98,736.20		
Miscellaneous Income .....	7,559.32		
Investment Income .....	12,790.04	64,061.77	246.81
Gains from Sales of Investments ....		61,426.52	
Other Sundry Receipts .....		2,881.98	45,110.00
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Total Receipts .....	\$210,395.56	\$128,370.27	\$45,356.81

DISBURSEMENTS:

General Operation .....	233,688.51		16,399.26
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Total Disbursements .....	\$233,688.51	—0—	\$16,399.26
Overall Excess or (Deficit) .....	(\$ 23,292.95)	\$128,370.27	\$28,957.55

UNEXPENDED BALANCES:

General Fund .....	\$ 18,924.26
General Investment .....	109,269.80
Purchasing Account .....	15,866.09
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Sub Total .....	\$144,060.15

ANTICIPATED INCOME:

Per Capita dues .....	\$ 90,340.00
Investment Income .....	41,000.00
Cash from Residents .....	100,000.00
Miscellaneous .....	15,000.00
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Sub Total .....	\$246,340.00

TOTAL AVAILABLE

FOR BUDGET .....	\$390,400.15
BUDGET REQUESTED .....	\$293,038.00

The following is a summary of the results of the Seal Fund Program.

## SEAL FUND PROGRAM SUMMARY

Balance on hand May 10, 1963 .....	\$16,094.76
Income during the year .....	45,356.81
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Total Receipts .....	\$61,451.57
Less Expense of operating Seal Fund ..	16,399.26
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Excess of receipts over expenses .....	\$45,052.31
Transfer from Seal Fund to Endowment and Request Fund .....	\$35,000.00
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Cash on hand May 10, 1964	\$10,052.31

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

W. Fred D. Moshier, 281, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Appropriations which was adopted. The Chairman distributed copies of the report prior to the reading thereof.

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA, A. F. & A. M.  
BUDGET FOR 1964 - 1965

a. Expense of Annual Communication	
1. Payroll 1964 Session .....	\$ 10,264.90
2. Recording & Transcribing 1964 Session .....	100.00
3. Grand Tyler .....	25.00
4. Grand Organist .....	10.00
5. Grand Master's Dinner for Past Grand Masters and Guests, 1965 .....	600.00
6. Printing Proceedings 1964 Communication .....	3,000.00
7. Grand Lodge Dinner for Delegates, 1965 .....	750.00
8. Entertaining of Distinguished Guests, 1965 .....	500.00
9. Printing Fraternal Review, 1964 .....	300.00
10. Preparing Fraternal Review, 1964 .....	300.00
11. Printing Secretary's Book, 1964 .....	415.00
12. Grand Lodge Dinner Speaker, 1964 .....	200.00
b. Expense of Grand Lodge Committees	
1. Masonic Education .....	4,000.00
2. Relief and Care of Orphans .....	400.00
3. Appropriations .....	75.00
4. Grand Lodge Office & Business Affairs .....	75.00
5. Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund .....	1,000.00
6. Finance .....	75.00
7. Work .....	75.00
8. Grand Trustees .....	2,000.00
9. Grand Historian Research Expense .....	350.00

c. Traveling Expense

1. Grand Master .....	3,000.00
2. Grand Secretary .....	1,000.00
3. Grand Custodian for Grand Lodge Functions .....	100.00
4. Grand Custodian, Assistant Custodians and Annual Custodians meetings .....	5,800.00
5. Grand Lodge Officers and Committees under the direction of the Grand Master .....	750.00
6. Grand Secretary Emeritus, Lewis E. Smith .....	500.00
7. Deputy Grand Master to Grand Master's Conference ..	450.00
8. Grand Masters' Conference & Grand Secretaries' Conference, Dues and Miscellaneous Expenses ....	300.00

d. Salaries

1. Grand Secretary .....	8,600.00
2. Grand Custodian .....	7,500.00
3. Grand Secretary's Clerical Staff .....	12,300.00
4. Social Security .....	850.00

e. Fixed Expense

1. Rent, Grand Lodge Offices (Note: Possible Increase) .	3,000.00
2. Grand Secretary's Office Expense .....	4,000.00
3. Jewel, Apron, and Card for Retiring Grand Master ....	193.44
4. Grand Custodian's Office Expense .....	900.00
5. Fifty-Year Buttons (300) .....	970.00
6. New Underwood Typewriter (Trade in IBM) difference	300.00

f. Insurance, Assessments and Contributions

1. Workman's Compensation & Liability Insurance to June 18, 1965 .....	35.80
2. Dues to Masonic Relief Association on 45,655 members to May 31, 1965 .....	290.76
3. Surety Bonds for Grand Lodge Officers and Employees .....	519.13
4. Grand Masters Car Insurance & Employees Car Ins. ...	25.00
5. Masonic Service Association for 45,655 members .....	1,663.10
6. Comprehensive Liability Insurance on Subordinate Lodges, Expiring June 17, 1965 .....	3,287.02
7. Office Contents and Liability Insurance .....	52.00
8. Nebraska DeMolay Foundation Donation 1964-1965 ...	500.00

g. Grand Lodge Responsibilities

1. Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont Budget 1964-1965 .....	91,880.00
(Amount needed from Grand Lodge Funds to Complete financing requirements for the Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont, 1964-1965 to be matched by Grand Chapter, O.E.S. ....\$30,040.00)	
2. The Nebraska Masonic Home .....	252,575.00

3. Nebraska Masonic Home Building Maintenance  
 Repair and Equipment ..... 24,463.00  
 (Note: \$10,000.00 of this amount is a re-  
 appropriation from the 1963-1964 budget  
 request and \$10,000.00 is a gift from  
 Nebraska Order of Eastern Star)
4. Nebraska Masonic Home Seal Program ..... 16,000.00  
 Grand Total ..... \$466,219.15
5. Per the action of the Grand Lodge at this session, Grand  
 Historian's report on Robert C. Jordan will be reproduced and  
 funds made available from Centennial Fund.

W. Richard L. Wait of Lincoln, is leaving our Committee this year. He has served long and faithful and we appreciate his fine work. I would like to extend personally and from this Grand Lodge our thanks for his devoted service to this Committee and the Grand Lodge.

### 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:

That Section 1-301, paragraphs 2 and 3, be amended to read as follows, and that the original paragraphs 2 and 3 of said section be repealed:

The Standing Committees shall be the following: Jurisprudence, Fraternal Relations, Fraternal Dead, Relief and Care of Orphans, Temple Building Advisory, Masonic Education, Grand Trustees, Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund, Applications for Reinstatement, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Nebraska Work, Finance, Appropriations, Grand Lodge Offices, and Lodge Advisory. Except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws, all Standing Committees shall consist of not less than three nor more than five members and shall be appointed by the Grand Master within ten days after his installation.

The Regular Committees shall be the following: Codification of the Law, Grievances, Doings of Grand Officers, Charters and Dispensations, Credentials, Entertainment of Distinguished Guests and Returns. The Regular Committees shall consist of not less than three nor more than five members and shall be appointed by the Grand Master at least sixty days prior to the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

By way of explanation, this amendment is made necessary for two reasons: (1) To add a new Standing Committee created by this Grand Lodge Session and to show a new Standing Committee created by combining two former committees, and (2) to correct two errors which have appeared in the Code either by a printing error or an error of this committee in the past. The Finance Committee appeared as both a Standing and a

Regular Committee, and the Committee on Fraternal Dead was omitted from the enumeration of committees.

That a new section of the By-Laws be enacted to be known as Section 1-328 as follows:

Section 1-328 — LODGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. — 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.

That Section 1-322 of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows and that the original Section 1-322 and also Section 1-327 be repealed:

Sec. 1-322—GRAND LODGE OFFICES.—

(a) That hereafter there shall be a Committee to be known as the Committee on Grand Lodge Offices. This Committee shall examine the equipment of the Grand Secretary's office and 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 such offices. This Committee shall prescribe the business methods to be followed by the officers and committees of the Grand Lodge, including the filing, allowance and payment of claims, the keeping of records, the accounting and reporting of income and expenditures and such other matters of similar import that are not fixed by the Constitution, By-Laws or action of the Grand Lodge. The determinations of the Committee shall be final until changed by the Grand Lodge. The Committee shall recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of rules and regulations when such rules and regulations shall appear to be for the best interests of the Grand Lodge. Such rules and regulations shall be effective when approved by the Grand Lodge. The Committee shall have general supervision over such offices, including the right to approve of the employment of the employees of such offices and their salaries and working conditions, and to have authority and jurisdiction over all other matters relating to such offices not specifically vested in another Committee or Officer of the Grand Lodge. All recommendations made to the Grand Lodge with reference to changes in the salaries of Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be referred to this Committee for its recommendation before action by the Grand Lodge can be taken thereon.

(b) The Committee on Grand Lodge Offices shall consist of five members permanently and commencing in June, 1964, shall consist of the present members of the present Grand Lodge Office Committee and the present members of the Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs whose present term of office does not expire in 1964. As the term of office of the present members of each of said Committees as now constituted

shall expire in 1965 and 1966, The Grand Master shall appoint one member for a five-year term to fill the expiring memberships, providing that the permanent membership of the Committee shall be thereafter maintained at five members, each to be for a five-year term, except that during those two years of 1965 and 1966, if for any reason a membership shall become vacant, an appointment shall not be made which shall make the membership of said Committee more than five.

(c) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this Section, in case of a vacancy in the membership of the Committee on Grand Lodge Offices, the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a member to fill the unexpired term.

Because of numerous amendments and additions to Part One, Chapter III, Committees, of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, since the printing of these By-Laws in 1957, your Committee on Codification of the Law recommends that the Most Worshipful Grand Master consider the advisability of a revision of this chapter of the By-Laws at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. This would provide an opportunity for a more logical and useful arrangement of the sections of the By-Laws relating to Committees, and would require only six to eight pages in the Cumulative Supplement to the By-Laws.

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

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

#### MINUTES APPROVED

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

M. W. Grand Master, I move that the published proceedings of the 106th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska held June 4 and 5, 1963 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 goes on record as expressing its appreciation and gratitude to the Officers and Members of the Omaha Lodges and the City of Omaha for the many courtesies, arrangements and kindnesses that they have extended to us and our visitors in making this Communication not only successful, but most pleasant. (Seconded and carried.)

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

M. W. Joseph C. Tye was Installing Officer and was assisted by M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, Installing Marshal.

M. W. Harry A. Spencer, Grand Master:

Brethren, you will recall that our law provides that our Annual meetings shall be held in Omaha unless the incoming Grand Master should request permission to take the next Grand Lodge Communication somewhere else. At this time, I would request permission to hold the next Annual Communication in Lincoln, Nebraska, at my disgression. I will say that the Chamber of Commerce there has underwritten the expenses of Pershing Auditorium, those of you who were there last year recall the facilities. There will be more details to work out and to settle, but on behalf of the Lincoln lodges, I do request permission to do this. (Permission was granted by the Grand Lodge.)

Grand Installing Officers, Members of this Grand Lodge, and Brethren:

This is a great and memorable moment in my life. It is the realization of a dream, and although I have thought about it now for 5 years, I find it difficult to frame into words the thoughts and emotions which fill my heart and mind.

At the session this morning, I attempted to express my gratitude for this great honor which has come to me and through me to my Lodge, and to indicate that I understand the full import of the tremendous responsibility that the acceptance of the honor entails.

I would be more than ungrateful, M. W. Brother Joe, if I did not express to you my appreciation and sincere thanks for making this occasion possible. You have assumed responsibility for the fate of our Grand Lodge during the coming year because you saw fit to give me my first appointment. We have been friends and coworkers for many years. I treasure your friendship and value your advice. Because of this, and because you are my Grand Lodge sponsor, I wanted you to be the Grand Installing Officer. You have discharged that duty in a gracious and a dignified manner and with your usual efficiency. I'll just say, "Thanks again," and that I shall try to justify your confidence in me.

M. W. Brother "Herb", we also have been friends of long-standing, and coworkers in many organizations. You have always been willing to lend a helping hand. As you do with any task you undertake, you have discharged the duties of Grand Installing Marshal not only with efficiency but with your usual poise and dignity.

V. W. Brother Levi, it has been a pleasure to work with you the last few years. I sincerely appreciate your service as Grand Installing Chaplain. I hope to further impose on your good nature as the year progresses.

To M. W. Brother Ralph, it has been an extreme pleasure to work with you again. I value your friendship and your advice. Your dedication

and competence make you a difficult person to follow, but I know that I can count on your assistance and advice.

To all the other Grand Lodge officers, elected and appointed, I am very fortunate to have you in our Grand Lodge family. Because I know each of you personally and value your friendship, it is going to be a distinct pleasure to have another year of work and association with you. I know that a good year lies ahead. I congratulate you and assure you that I intend to make full use of your many talents.

To W. Cecil C. Gates, Assistant Custodian; W. Harlan Cane; W. Master Steve Brown, and the other Past Masters, Officers and Brethren of North Star No. 227, I am particularly grateful for your presence here today. I know that some of you are here at a personal sacrifice. I value this evidence of your friendship and good will. Will you stand that the Brethren may acknowledge your presence.

I note many other Masonic friends from the Lincoln area. I thank you also for your presence. Will you also stand and be recognized.

This morning I made some observations on the program for the year. I now briefly supplement those remarks.

What is the basic purpose of a Masonic Lodge? The only possible answer is to make Master Masons. It is the meaning given to that act which identifies the purpose. It does not mean the mere exemplification of the degrees. It goes much further. I interpret it to mean an awakening of an interest in a receptive candidate not only in the ritual but also in the history and philosophy of Masonry. Epitomized, it means making our candidates Masons rather than merely members.

For this reason, the emphasis of the Grand Lodge in 1964-1965 will be to develop an authentic Masonic education program in every subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction.

At no time in our history has there been a greater need for an understanding of what Freemasonry is and what it stands for in today's world. While we revere the past, our institution stands on what it is in today's world. I do not infer that we need a new look or even a new emphasis. I mean that we need to understand what there is to know; to understand those principles which have brought Freemasonry down through the ages.

Masonry speaks loud and clear. We need, however, to listen and to understand. With pictures, parables, and drama, Masonry appeals to lovers of beauty, bringing poetry and symbol to the aid of philosophy, and art to the service of character. Broad and tolerant in its teachings, Masonry appeals to men of intellect, equally by the depths of its faith and its plea for liberty of thought, helping them to think things through to a more satisfying and hopeful vision of the meaning of life and the mystery of the world. But its profoundest appeal, more eloquent than all others, is to the deep heart of man, out of which arises the issues of life and destiny.

The purpose of Freemasonry is the same today as it has been through



the centuries — to make good men better. Have we grown careless? Our institution has survived because in the past we built an image that we were interested solely in quality and never in quantity. If we are to be true to our heritage, we should receive none knowingly into our ranks who are not moral and upright before God, and of good repute before the world. Such persons will be able to understand and benefit from a challenge to commit themselves to an active exemplification of those spiritual virtues which lead to man's right relationship with God through his brother man.

That challenge, incidentally, will be the corner-stone on which we will build our Masonic Temple for the year. I shall try to keep my sights turned high. With your cooperation and help, Masonry, I believe, will prosper in Nebraska. It is not a one-man job. It will require the united effort of all of us. My philosophy in this respect is well expressed in the following lines:

Stand off by yourself in your dreaming;  
And all of your dreams are vain.

No grandeur of soul or spirit  
Can man by himself attain.

It is willed we shall dwell as brothers;  
As brothers then we must toil.

We must act with a common purpose,  
As we work in a common soil.

And each who would see accomplished  
The dreams that he's proud to own,

Must strive for the goal with his fellows;  
For no man can do it alone.

With the guidance and strength given by Almighty God, we shall press forward this coming year to live up to the ideals of our institution by vitalizing those spiritual virtues embraced in the true meaning of brotherhood.

M. . W. . John E. Beaver, Past Grand Master:

M. . W. . Brother Ralph, one of the privileges of a Grand Master during his year of service, is to select and then to appoint a brother to the Grand Lodge line. Now this appointment can be for him and the Grand Lodge a great deal of pleasure, a great deal of joy. I want to assure you that during your work in the Grand Lodge line and your year as Grand Master, which is practically over, has been five years of great pleasure and satisfaction to me. It is with this feeling and satisfaction that I welcome the opportunity to present to you a Past Grand Master's jewel.

Your devotion to the institution of Masonry and your desire for the improvement of the work in Masonry will be remembered for many years to come. It has pointed you out as the proper object of our favor and esteem. You have provided for the brethren of this Jurisdiction the leadership, sincerity and the drive that has been needed to do the best kind of job, the best kind of work for this Jurisdiction. I am sure that your year as Grand Master will be remembered as one of a great many accomplishments. You have given to our brethren the need of teaching and a great philosophy of Masonry as we believe they should be practiced, they should be taught in the state of Nebraska.

M. W. Sir, it is a great honor and pleasure for me to present to you on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska your Past Grand Master's Jewel. Let me be one of the first to welcome you into our group of Past Grand Masters. M. W. Sir, I am very proud of you.

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

M. W. Brother John, M. W. Grand Master and brethren: I only hope that what M. W. Brother John has said is true. For a moment, kind sir, I thought you were pinning the jewel on me and talking about somebody else. This, of course, has been without question the greatest year of my life. Your appointing me made that possible. This Grand Lodge by continuing me in line and electing me Grand Master made it possible for me to attain this high position. I hope that what I have been able to do for this Grand Lodge and for Masonry in Nebraska and throughout the United States and the world, may really be of some little benefit.

M. W. Grand Master, you are very kind but when you said that you might call on me at various times, you know that I shall be ready and willing to serve at your command.

#### PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S APRON

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

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

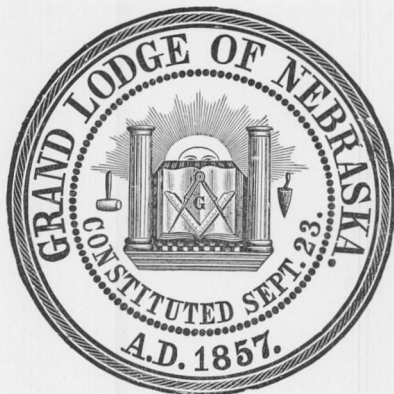
Brethren, I must tell you, Carl reminded me of a little instance. We were at Lincoln at one of the Area Meetings and W. George W. Rosenlof, Grand Historian, came without his apron and I very kiddingly told him that I would not receive him.

To my surprise he went home for his apron. Here I stand without an apron until you presented this beautiful one. Thank you, Carl.

At 4:20 p. m., no further business appearing, after prayer by the V. V. W. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

*Harry A. Spencer*

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 Seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held at Omaha, Nebraska, June 9 and 10, 1964, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska this 22nd day of July, 1964.

*Jack R. Feisen*

Grand Secretary

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
EARL J. LEE .....	Dec. 15th, 1963.	15.....	(76th)..1940
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

PAST GRAND MASTERS  
PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE

A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska

LEWIS E. SMITH	.....	(56th) ..	1921
1919 Otoe, Lincoln 68502			
CHARLES A. CHAPPELL	.....	(58th) ..	1923
Minden 68959			
RALPH O. CANADAY	.....	(68th) ..	1933
733 North Hastings St., Hastings 68901			
CHANCELLOR A. PHILLIPS	.....	(72nd) ..	1936
Cambridge 69022			
EDWARD F. CARTER	.....	(77th) ..	1941
State House, Lincoln 68509			
GEORGE A. KURK	.....	(78th) ..	1942
1909 Ryons St., Lincoln 68502			
WILLIAM B. WANNER	.....	(79th) ..	1943
2017 Stone St., Falls City 68355			
WILLIAM C. SCHAPER	.....	(80th) ..	1944-1945
1009 South D St., Broken Bow 68822			
BENJAMIN F. EYRE	.....	(81st) ..	1946
2001 Douglas Street, Omaha 68102			
EDWARD HUWALDT	.....	(82nd) ..	1947
Commercial National Bank, Grand Island 68801			
ELMER E. MAGEE	.....	(83rd) ..	1948
1201 O Street, Lincoln 68508			
THOMAS J. ARON	.....	(86th) ..	1951
Crete State Bank, Crete 68333			
EDWARD M. KNIGHT	.....	(87th) ..	1952
Alliance National Bank, Alliance 69301			
FAY SMITH	.....	(88th) ..	1953
Box 7, Imperial 69033			
CHARLES F. ADAMS	.....	(89th) ..	1954
Box 149, Aurora 68818			
HERBERT T. WHITE	.....	(90th) ..	1955
522 Insurance Bldg., Omaha 68102			
MERLE M. HALE	.....	(91st) ..	1956
1440 M St., Lincoln 68508			
ROY I. BABBITT	.....	(92nd) ..	1957
609 Bluff Street, Scottsbluff 69361			
JOHN E. BEAVER	.....	(93rd) ..	1958
% Whitmoyer Apts., Columbus 68601			
JOSEPH C. TYE	.....	(94th) ..	1959
Pratt Building, Kearney 68847			
JOHN F. FUTCHER	.....	(95th) ..	1960
5224 Crown Point, Omaha 68104			
HERBERT A. RONIN	.....	(96th) ..	1961
Court House, Lincoln 68508			
ERNEST O. VAN WEY	.....	(97th) ..	1962
802 11th Street, Gothenburg 69138			
RALPH M. CARHART	.....	(98th) ..	1963
822 Sherman, Wayne 68717			
ROSCOE POUND	.....	(Honorary) ..	1949
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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



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Colombia National Grand Lodge ...	Emerito de Lima .....	Apartadox Postal No. 333, Baranquilla
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Maryland	Gerald M. Pine	Masonic Temple, Baltimore
Massachusetts	Earl W. Taylor	Masonic Temple, Boston 16
Mexico (York Gr. Lg.)	Cantwell C. Brown	Hegel 416, Mexico 5, D. F.
Michigan	Charles T. Sherman	Masonic Temple, Grand Rapids
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New Jersey	Harvey E. Whiteley	Masonic Hall, Trenton
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New South Wales	James S. Miller	The Masonic Hall, 279 Castle-reagh Street, Sydney
New York	Edward R. Carman	Masonic Hall 71 W. 23rd St., New York 10
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Nicaragua	Greg A. Tapia	Box 102, Managua
North Carolina	Charles A. Harris	P. O. Box 6506, Raleigh
North Dakota	Clifford E. Miller	Box 1269, Fargo
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Nova Scotia	Harold F. Sipprell	Freemasons Hall, Halifax
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Oregon	Harry D. Proudfoot	1119 S. W. Park Ave., Portland 5
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Pennsylvania	Ashby B. Paul	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia 7
Peru	Jorge A. Butler M.	Box 587, Lima
Philippines	Esteban Munarritz	1440 San Marcelino, Manila
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Puerto Rico	Juan L. Matos-Cintrón	Box 8385, Ferndon's Juice Station, Santurce
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Queensland	V. I. Carter	Box 675, Brisbane
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South Carolina	Henry F. Collins	901 Palmetto State Life Bldg., Columbia
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Tennessee	Thomas E. Doss	Box 216, Nashville
Texas	Harvey C. Byrd	Box 446, Waco
Turkey	Nafiz Ekemen	Nuriziya Sak. No. 25, Istanbul.
Utah	Clarence M. Groshell	Masonic Temple 2, Salt Lake City
Vermont	Aaron H. Grout	Masonic Temple, Box 443, Burlington
Victoria	C. W. Davis	Freemasons Hall, 25 Collins St. Melbourne, Australia
Virginia	Archer B. Gay	Masonic Temple, Richmond, 20
Washington	Daniel T. Simmons	Masonic Temple, Tacoma 3
Western Australia	N. J. Munro	Box D 177, Gen. P. O. Perth
West Virginia	Julian B. Hollingsworth	P. O. Box 2346, Charleston 28
Wisconsin	Paul W. Grossenbach	1123 N. Astor St., Milwaukee 2
Wyoming	Marcus R. Nichols	Box 459, Casper

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

Lewis E. Smith, 62 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- 64
Charles A. Chappell, 53 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- 59-60-61-62-63-64
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
Benjamin F. Eyre, 42 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- 55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64
Raymond C. Cook, 42 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- 51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64
Carl R. Greisen, 41 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- 56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64
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
William B. Wanner, 38 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- 58-59-60-61-62-63-64
Ralph O. Canaday, 37 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- 60-61-62-63-64
Pearl C. Hillegass, 36 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- 61-62-63-64
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 34 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- 64
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, 30 Years	1932-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-48-49- 50-51-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-61-62-63-64
Otto Nelsen, 30 Years	1935-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51- 52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64
Harold H. Thom, 30 Years	1925-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-46-47-48-49-50- 51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64
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
William C. Schaper, 28 Years	1929-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52- 53-54-55-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64
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, 27 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
Robert E. Lund, 26 Years	1937-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-48-49-50-51-52-53-54- 55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64
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
Fay Smith, 25 Years	1936-37-38-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56- 57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64
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

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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. Lackwood, 265	Hastings	Dec. 15, 1959
Jose Gonzalez Ledo		Jan. 10, 1964	Argentina	Pearl C. Hillegass, 81	Rising City	Sept. 15, 1954
John Fietzer Sills, Jr.	Prescott	April 13, 1942	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, 1951	Austria	Louis J. Lepinski, 184	Omaha	Aug. 12, 1955
Rene Desgaigne		Nov. 13, 1962	Belgium	Leonard B. Woods, 103	Ord	Nov. 6, 1962
Raul Balalari de Carvalho	Val do Salvador	Sept. 19, 1936	Bolivia	Harold A. Tilton, 71	Neligh	Dec. 1, 1963
Romundo Nonata do Vale	Ceara	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Bahia United	Alfred E. Geschke, 25	Omaha	Sept. 23, 1964
Jose Cesario Horta	Minas Gerais	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Ceara	George O. Sizemore, 32	North Platte	Nov. 7, 1949
Guilherne 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	Jao Pessoa	Oct. 23, 1957	Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul	Clarence G. McNamee	Norfolk	Sept. 23, 1964
Dr. Walter Finto	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	Sao Paulo	Clyde D. Worrall, 59	Wahoo	Jan. 9, 1962
C. M. Pitts	Ottawa	April 15, 1944	British Columbia	Thomas J. Aron, 37	Crete	July 10, 1947
Jorge A. Wachholtz	Taiwan	Sept. 14, 1962	California	Herbert T. White, 11	Omaha	July 26, 1958
Tzeising Tuan	Barranquilla	July 31, 1951	Canada	Edward F. Carter, 201	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Jose Maria Serna			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 Lodge	Clifford D. Webster, 321	Sidney	July 30, 1957
Cecilia Nieto Casobo	San Jose	Dec. 10, 1918	Colorado	Carl R. Greisen, 32	Omaha	June 24, 1943
V. H. Francisco Enrique Garcia	Wilmington	Nov. 5, 1952	Connecticut	Chancellor A. Phillips, 150	Cambridge	Jan. 2, 1929
Fagan Simanton		July 27, 1954	Costa Rica	George W. Rosenlof, 314	Lincoln	Nov. 9, 1962
Mogens Millertz	Washington	Nov. 19, 1956	Cuba	Joseph C. Tye, 46	Kearney	June 25, 1954
John Linn McGrew	Guayaquil	July 6, 1917	Delaware	Ross Van Sickle, 184	Omaha	June 24, 1943
Fernandos Gayongos Araya	Wiltshire	June 17, 1953	Denmark	Vai Peterson, 276	Hastings	April 23, 1962
William R. S. Bathurst	Jacksonville	May 18, 1950	Dist. of Columbia	Herbert A. Ronin, 210	Lincoln	May 13, 1954
Orville A. Clark	Paris	Dec. 17, 1960	Ecuador	Clarence M. Pierson, 19	Lincoln	Sept. 14, 1962
Edward Jeanmonod	Frankfurt au Main	Sept. 14, 1954	England	Fay Smith, 198	Imperial	June 17, 1954
Olis E. Dixon	Athens	Jan. 15, 1957	Florida	Harry Z. Jackson, 253	Beemer	Oct. 1, 1958
Heinz Ziemer	Handuros	Dec. 26, 1963	France	Ralph M. Carhart, 120	Wayne	Sept. 23, 1954
George Sakellariou	Helgafell	April 10, 1954	Germany	Raymond F. Evers, 6	Plattsmouth	Aug. 3, 1960
Angel Gabriel Guzman	Nampa	Aug. 13, 1963	Greece	Henry Becker, 114	Wisner	July 31, 1959
Bjarne Bjarnason	Decatur	Jan. 7, 1953	Iceland	Stephen W. Beck, 43	Hebron	Sept. 3, 1960
George A. Spongenberg	South Bend	June 28, 1960	India	Gordon Chard, 240	Lyons	Nov. 3, 1962
Harry L. Kline	Dublin	July 11, 1950	Ireland	George A. Stevens, 183	Chadron	Sept. 23, 1964
John P. Lippincott	Tel Aviv	Feb. 26, 1949	Israel, State of	James M. Paxson, 302	Omaha	Aug. 11, 1960
Thomas M. Gick	Tachikawa	June 17, 1963	Italy	Warren W. Kelly, 290	Omaha	May 13, 1959
Israel Levin	Topeka	Sept. 14, 1954	Japan	Norris W. Lallman, 72	Hooper	May 21, 1959
Ronald E. Napier	Tapoka	July 25, 1958	Kansas	Roy W. Deal, 227	Lincoln	Sept. 17, 1963
Richard K. Hart	Louisville	Jan. 6, 1964	Kentucky	Richard L. Ely, 128	Guide Rock	June 17, 1958
C. James Hyde	Louisville	Sept. 18, 1962	Louisiana	William Grodinsky, 11	Omaha	July 26, 1954
Philip O. McLaughlin	Belfast	Jan. 23, 1961	Maine	Lewis R. Ricketts, 19	Lincoln	Sept. 14, 1962
James A. Sanker	Winnipeg	Sept. 14, 1946	Manitoba	Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	Lincoln	July 31, 1958
Nathan Rothstein	Worcester	Mar. 22, 1951	Maryland	Howard J. Hunter, 59	Wahoo	Jan. 13, 1950
Clifford S. Hubbard		Apr. 19, 1961	Massachusetts	Ralph S. Tully, 25	Omaha	Jan. 23, 1958
James E. Roy		Aug. 20, 1964		John A. Batorff, 49	Sutton	Feb. 24, 1958
				Robert W. Cook, 33	Grand Island	Aug. 1, 1960
				Harry Ahl, 112	Louisville	Sept. 14, 1962
				George A. Kurk, 54	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
				William B. Wanner, 9	Falls City	June 22, 1937

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Horace Dillon	Tarrence, Coah.	Mar. 17, 1944	Mexico	W. J. (Jack) Moeller, 290.	Omaha	May 26, 1964
Willard Sauer	Sparta	Feb. 14, 1958	Michigan	Lewis E. Smith, 136.	Lincoln	Aug. 29, 1917
Harbert S. Romberg	Ada	Jan. 16, 1953	Minnesota	Merle M. Hale, 54	Lincoln	Feb. 14, 1952
Otman Rinehart Smith	Carinth	June 21, 1957	Mississippi	Louis V. Sylvester, 281	Omaha	Sept. 8, 1953
Elson E. Jackson	Springfield	July 23, 1963	Missouri	William F. Patterson, 25.	Omaha	June 3, 1964
L. R. P. Reinemer	Circle	Feb. 3, 1953	Montana	Welcome W. Naylor, 158	Chadron	Mar. 4, 1930
J. F. A. Graevenberch		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. Futcher, 302	Omaha	July 21, 1955
Howard M. Sleeper	Santa Fe	Apr. 9, 1953	New Mexico	Harold D. Waddel, 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. Parter, 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
Arman E. Raggatt		Oct. 22, 1953	North Carolina	Levi B. Williams, 1.	Omaha	Sept. 17, 1962
Calvin E. Rustad	Grand Forks	Sept. 7, 1955	North Dakota	Austin F. Whitmire, 306.	Sidney	Dec. 20, 1944
Ole Kristofer Reed	Oslo	Feb. 8, 1956	Norway	Einar Hael, 11.	Omaha	June 9, 1964
C. Fraser Lorimer	Stellerton	July 28, 1957	Nova Scotia	Edmund D. Shaw, 254.	Bassett	Sept. 2, 1960
Juan L. Arocha	Monterrey	Oct. 23, 1950	Nuevo Leon	Winston C. Swanson, 120	Wayne	Aug. 10, 1960
Robert L. Troeschler	Youngstown	April 26, 1957	Ohio	Otto Nelsen, 300.	Lincoln	Feb. 17, 1958
Aubrey R. Erhart	Guyman	July 23, 1963	Oklahoma	Ralph R. Carleton, 306.	Sidney	Feb. 6, 1958
Norman W. Oliver	Burns	May 5, 1964	Oregon	Fred D. Mosher, 281	Omaha	Sept. 4, 1963
Elias S. Mizrachi	Panama	Jan. 12, 1953	Panama	Forest A. Lape, 183	Alliance	
Franco A. Zumaeta	Lima	Oct. 23, 1957	Peru	La Verne A. Walker, 55.	Norfolk	Feb. 8, 1958
Aurelio B. Aquino	Manila	Jan. 23, 1946	Philippines	John C. Green, 280.	Sargent	Oct. 17, 1945
Chester R. Martin	Caladonia	May 1, 1959	Prince Edward Island	Donald C. Smith, 1.	Omaha	Jan. 17, 1945
A. G. Lightbourn	Fajards	May 3, 1945	Puerto Rico	Roy I. Babbitt, 295	Scottsbluff	Aug. 23, 1952
G. Diamond		July 13, 1959	Quebec	John E. Beaver, 253	Columbus	Jan. 8, 1954
W. R. Gailey		Feb. 29, 1960	Queensland	Edward Huwaldt, 318	Grand Island	Oct. 31, 1940
Grafton H. Willey, Jr.	Cranston	Jan. 24, 1947	Rhode Island	Edward A. Hoogland, 25	Omaha	July 3, 1947
Guy H. Hummel	Nokomis	July 1, 1957	Saskatchewan	Robert E. Lund, 323.	Columbus	Sept. 17, 1962
William Sloss	Edinburgh	Aug. 30, 1963	Scotland	Harold H. Thom, 1.	Omaha	Sept. 17, 1962
Cyril W. C. Peaks		Sept. 9, 1959	South Australia	Frank F. McMullin, 241	Craig	Jan. 2, 1957
Horace Greeley Adams	Charleston	Aug. 7, 1947	South Carolina	Mark Mitchell, 138.	Oxford	Jan. 1, 1962
Robert F. Patterson	Vermillion	Feb. 3, 1955	South Dakota	Charles A. Chappell, 127	Minden	Aug. 26, 1918
Hj. August Lind	Linkoping	Apr. 4, 1958	Sweden	W. Alex Danielson, 116.	Alma	Sept. 10, 1953
Andre Starvo	Berne	Jan. 14, 1958	Switzerland	Paul O. Marti, 32.	North Platte	Jan. 14, 1958
V. H. Samuel Rodriguez	Tampico	Sept. 8, 1949	Tamilapuis	Homer C. Davey, 317.	Hastings	Jan. 3, 1960
S. V. Tilley	Hobart	Mar. 27, 1957	Tasmania	Lloyd I. Edwards, 110.	Ashland	Sept. 8, 1960
C. Cecil Broadwell	Jackson	Nov. 30, 1956	Tennessee	William C. Schaper, 148	Broken Bow	May 4, 1939
Harold A. Bateman	Dallas	July 28, 1954	Texas	Donald A. Keys, 300.	Lincoln	Dec. 20, 1961
Nebil Sarpel, Istanbul	Istanbul	July 19, 1963	Turkey	Melvin E. Johnson, 120.	Ralston	Aug. 27, 1963
John J. Greiner	Ogden	Sept. 10, 1959	Utah	Richard L. Wait, 19.	Lincoln	Nov. 23, 1958
David A. Smith	Shelburne	May 16, 1962	Vermont	Cary W. Dresslar, 32	North Platte	Jan. 14, 1956
Farrin Webb	Melbourne	Mar. 23, 1946	Victoria	Mathias E. Mauel, 173.	Stratton	Aug. 2, 1960
P. O. Shepherd, Jr.	S. Arlington	Jan. 2, 1952	Virginia	Ernest O. Van Wey, 249.	Gothenburg	Jan. 28, 1952
Stewart E. Perry	Puyallup	July 18, 1946	Washington	Edward M. Knight, 183.	Alliance	June 27, 1941
Frederick George Hatcher		Dec. 17, 1960	West Australia	Charles F. Adams, 68.	Aurora	July 10, 1947
James K. Ferguson		Sept. 28, 1961	West Virginia	Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9.	Falls City	Mar. 15, 1960
George J. Schreiber	Milwaukee	Mar. 23, 1946	Wisconsin	La Verne J. Smith, 288.	Omaha	Jan. 30, 1958

## 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: 1964 and 4,000—5964.

Royal Arch Masons—Add 530 to the current year, thus: 1964 and 530—2494.

Royal and Select Masters—Add 1,000 years to current year, thus: 1964 and 1,000—2964.

Knights Templar—From the Christian era take 1,118; thus 1,118 from 1964—845.

Order of High Priesthood—To the Christian era add 1913, the year of the blessing, thus 1964 and 1913—3877.

Scottish Rite—Add 3,760 to the current year; thus 1964 and 3,760—5724.

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