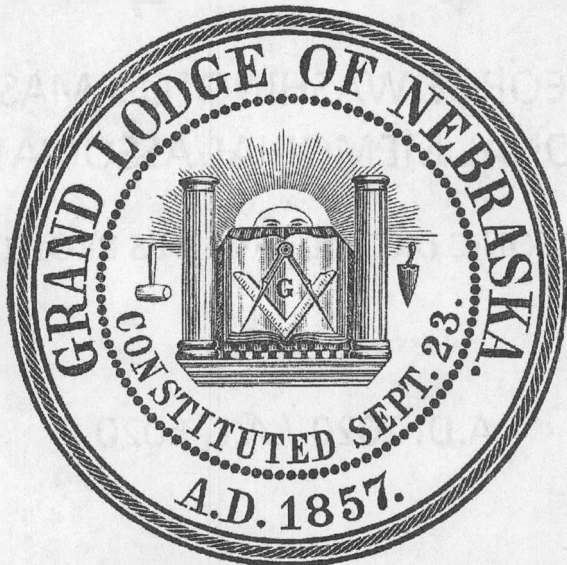


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*Prom Town House
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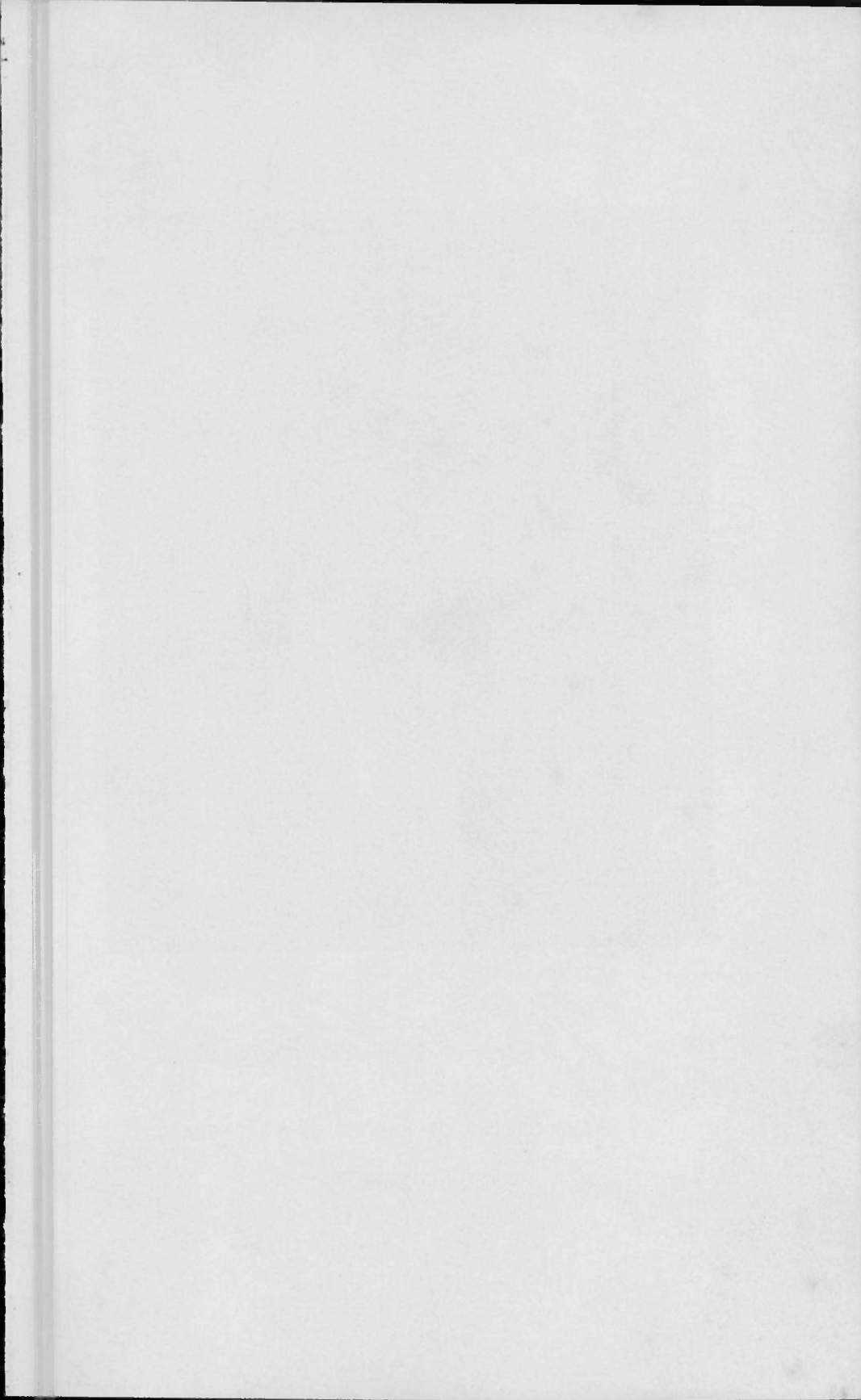
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Louis W. Lallman

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

1968-1969



Biographical

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Norris W. Lallman

Norris W. Lallman, 103rd Grand Master, was born on July 19, 1911 at Fontanelle, Nebraska, the son of William A. and Laura Lallman. He attended the Hooper Public Schools and attended Midland College and the University of Nebraska.

M. W. Brother "Norry" and Miss Alice von Seggern were married October 24, 1934. The Lallmans have two children, Alyce Ann of Omaha and William C. of Cody, Nebraska and serving in the armed forces in Viet Nam.

Brother Lallman is a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church at Hooper. He has served on the Church Council.

From 1932 until 1967 he and his father operated a grocery store at Hooper, under the name of "Lallman Bros". This business was sold in 1967. Presently he is serving as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

He served for 12 years on the Hooper Board of Education, is a Past President of the Hooper Lions Club, former Scoutmaster, and many other civic groups.

MASONIC RECORD

LODGE: Initiated September 16, passed October 15, raised November 12, 1937 in Hooper Lodge No. 72, and served as Worshipful Master in 1943. He was Secretary of Hooper Lodge No. 72 for 20 years.

GRAND LODGE: Appointed Grand Marshal in June 1958 by M. W. John E. Beaver; Appointed Grand Junior Deacon in 1963 by M. W. Ralph M. Carhart, advancing through the line and was elected and installed M. W. Grand Master June 5, 1968. He was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Indiana near Nebraska by M. W. John E. Beaver on May 21, 1959; elected and installed Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska A. F. & A. M. on June 4, 1969.

CHAPTER: Mark Master and Past Master September 18, 1963 and Most Excellent Master September 25, 1963 and Royal Arch Mason October 2, 1963, and in Signet Chapter No. 8 Fremont, Nebraska.

COUNCIL: Royal Master and Select Master October 16, 1963 in Hiram Council No. 7, Fremont, Nebraska.

COMMANDERY: Order of the Red Cross and Malta October 30,

1963 and Order of the Temple November 6, 1963 in Mt. Tabor Commandery No. 9, Fremont, Nebraska.

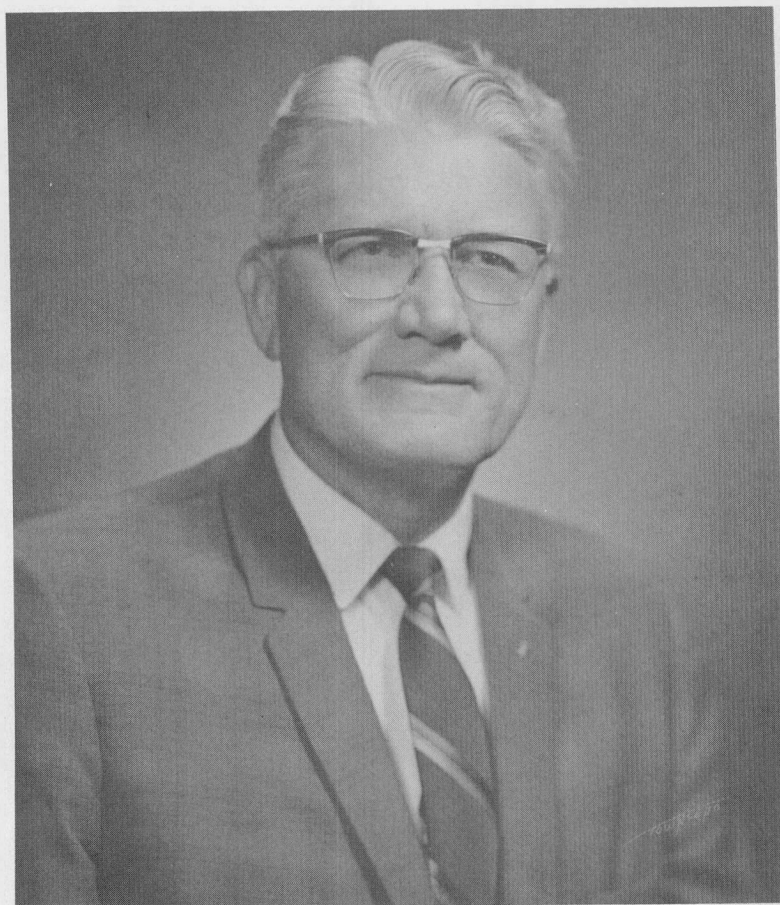
OTHER MASONIC BODIES: Scottish Rite, Valley of Omaha, 1953 and Tangier Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. 1953 and Red Cross of Constantine, Coeur De Lion Conclave and Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association and Order of the Eastern Star 1946 and Worthy Patron, Friendship Chapter No. 122 Hooper, 1952 and Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Nebr. 1955 and De Molay, Lewis M. Keene Chapter, Fremont 1925.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS: Honorary Past Grand Master of South Dakota and Kansas. Legion of Honor, International Supreme Council Order of De Molay 1957.

Member and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home.

In his service as Grand Master our Most Worshipful Brother has fully demonstrated those abilities and talents which were expected of him as he approached that exalted station. His faithfulness, devotion, and dedication not only has assured him a place in the ranks of the great leaders of our Craft, but is in itself a memorial to Most Worshipful Ralph M. Carhart, who years ago recognized his capabilities and gave him his first appointment in the Grand Lodge Line. His training as Secretary of his lodge has enabled him to assess critically the foibles and errors of his brethren; his many years of devoted service in the Church of which he is a member has given him the proper reverential perspective for the Craft and his unwearied activity in all phases of Masonry has given him a broad foundation upon which he has erected a structure of accomplishment and beauty, which will cause him to be well remembered by his brethren. Still in his prime of life, he will surely bring to the Fraternity that Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty which has marked his Masonic Career up to this time as he continues to serve in his new capacity as Grand Secretary. It is but a feeble gesture of thanks that is now offered as he lays aside his gavel of authority, but those who know him well will confidently expect his light to shine brighter and brighter for many years to come.

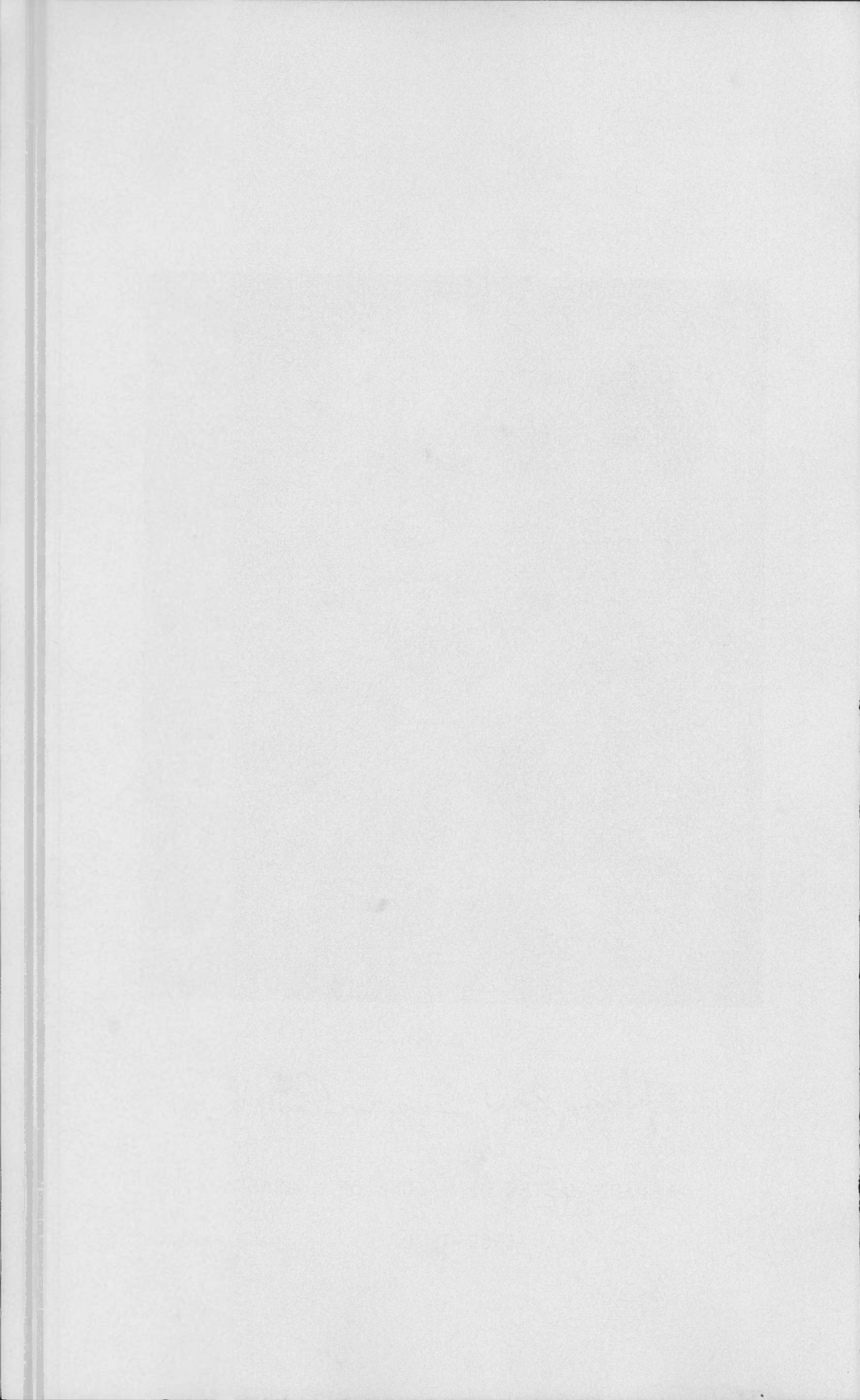
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Hugh W Eisenloeb

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

1969-1970



PROCEEDINGS

of the

Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable
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of Nebraska

ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Held in Omaha, June 3 and 4, 1969



FIRST DAY — MORNING SESSION

Tuesday, June 3, 1969

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska met in Annual Communication at the Prom Town House, Omaha at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 3, A.D. 1969, A.L. 5969.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

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| M.W. Norris W. Lallman, 72 | Grand Master |
| R.W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150 | Deputy Grand Master |
| R.W. John H. Brown, 1 | Grand Senior Warden |
| R.W. Warren K. Urbom, 314 | Grand Junior Warden |
| M.W. John F. Futcher, 302 | Acting Grand Secretary |
| V.W. Walter O. Samuelson, 326 | Grand Chaplain |
| W. Frank J. Mattoon, 75 | Grand Orator |
| W. George W. Rosenlof, 314 | Grand Historian |
| W. Ralph W. Gerry, 281 | Grand Custodian |
| W. T. Leo Stines, 36 | Grand Marshal |
| W. Russell L. Fickes, 33 | Grand Senior Deacon |
| W. Howard J. Hunter, 59 | Grand Junior Deacon |
| W. Gerald A. Moller, 15 | Grand Tyler |

Promptly at 8:30 a.m. a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in form by R.W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, Deputy Grand Master, the invocation being given by V.W. Walter O. Samuelson, Grand Chaplain.

M.W. Norris W. Lallman, Grand Master, was escorted to the East by M.W. Louis V. Sylvester, 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 112th 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. Walter O. Samuelson to the altar for the purpose of prayer.

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG

Presentation of the Flag of the United States was made by Sir Knights of Mt. Calvary Commandery No. I, K. T. T.

Following the seating of the Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance, The "Star Spangled Banner", was played by W. Edward H. Lockwood, 265.

W. Russell L. Fickes, Grand Senior Deacon, presented the following Past Grand Masters according to seniority:

PAST GRAND MASTERS

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|---------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Charles A. Chappell | (58th) | 1923 |
| George A. Kurk | (78th) | 1942 |
| William B. Wanner | (79th) | 1943 |
| Willaim C. Schaper | (80th) | 1944-1945 |
| Benjamin F. Eyre | (81st) | 1946 |
| Elmer E. Magee | (83rd) | 1948 |
| Thomas J. Aron | (86th) | 1951 |
| Edward M. Knight | (87th) | 1952 |
| Charles F. Adams | (89th) | 1954 |
| Herbert T. White | (90th) | 1955 |
| Merle M. Hale | (91st) | 1956 |
| Roy I. Babbitt | (92nd) | 1957 |
| Joseph C. Tye | (94th) | 1959 |
| John F. Futcher | (95th) | 1960 |
| Herbert A. Ronin | (96th) | 1961 |
| Ernest O. Van Wey | (97th) | 1962 |
| Harry A. Spencer | (99th) | 1964 |
| Louis V. Sylvester | (100th) | 1965 |
| Lewis R. Ricketts | (101th) | 1966 |
| John A. Bottorf | (102nd) | 1967 |
| Carl R. Greisen | (Honorary) | 1966 |

The Past Grand Masters were given a most cordial welcome, conducted to the East and given Grand Honors. The following Past Grand Masters were unable to be present because of illness or illness in their families: Ralph O. Canaday, Edward F. Carter, and Edward Huwaldt.

M. W. Elmer E. Magee gave the response.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The Committee on Entertainment of Distinguished Guests introduced the following: R. W. Clinton H. Lang, Deputy Grand Master and Personal Representative of M. W. William L. Mason, Grand Master, Illinois; M. W. Edwin A. Hamilton, Grand Master, Iowa; M. W. Carroll C. Arnett, Grand Master; M. W. Charles S. McGinness, Grand Secretary, Kansas; R. W. William W. Widstrand, Senior Grand Warden and Personal Representative of M. W. Franklin G. Emrick, Grand Master, Minnesota; M. W. John N. Thomson, Grand Master, South Dakota; M. W. D. Warner Wells, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Georgia.

Brother Raymond Ruth, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, O.E.S. of Nebraska; Ill. Joseph W. Seacrest, Inspector General of Nebraska and Grand Almoner, Supreme Council, S.J.; Brother Raymond F. Evers, Superintendent, The Nebraska Masonic Home; William F. Patterson, President, The Nebraska Masonic Home; Fred Mulford, Superintendent, The Masonic Eastern Star Home for children; M. E. Russell F. Richmond, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska; M. I. C. Harold Edwards, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. M. in Nebraska; Sir Knight Lester R. Kister, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska.

M. W. Edwin Hamilton, Grand Master of Iowa, gave the response. During the Grand Lodge Communication the M. W. Grand Master recognized the Distinguished Guests and each addressed the Grand Lodge.

GREETINGS AND MESSAGES

Greetings were received from the Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo, Brazil and Conrad Hahn, Executive Secretary, Masonic Service Association.

Brother Raymond Ruth, Worthy Grand Patron, presented a beautiful basket of flowers for and on behalf of the Grand Chapter, O.E.S. of Nebraska, and wished for us a successful and harmonious Communication.

INTRODUCTION OF ASSISTANT GRAND CUSTODIANS

M. W. Norris W. Lallman, Grand Master introduced the Grand Custodian W. Brother Ralph W. Gerry. This is Ralph's first year as Grand Custodian and it was my plea-

sure to appoint him last year to this office. He has done such an excellent job. I have been very proud of W. Brother Ralph. I have asked him to bring the welcome and introduce his Assistant Grand Custodians and Assistant Grand Custodians Emerti.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

M. W. Norris W. Lallman; Grand Master, requested the Grand Secretary to call the roll of Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges. Brethren, you are our ambassadors of good will and we depend on you to straighten the ties which reach around the world, binding us together in service one toward another. To you a special greeting and a sincere thanks for accepting the responsibilities that accompany the honor. I hope that each of you will convey my greetings to the Grand Jurisdiction you represent. All Grand Lodges that are in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Nebraska were present except: Alabama, Argentina, Austria, Santa Catarina, Canada, Chile, France, Germany, Iceland, Illinois, Ireland, Israel, Kentucky, Luxemborg, Maine, North Carolina, Norway, Ohio, Oklahoma, Price Edward Island, Quebec, Queensland, South Carolina, Switzerland, Texas, Victoria, Wisconsin.

W. Brother Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9, Grand Representative of West Virginia, gave the response.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME AND RESPONSE

Brother Fred Jacobberger, President of the City Council of Omaha, gave the Address of Welcome and W. Brother Charles A. Kurtz, 27, gave the response.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEES

Application for Reinstatement: W. Earl H. Furman, 290, Chairman; Herbert Egerer, 303; Elmer E. Smith, 326.

Appropriations: W. Melvin E. Johnson, 112 (1971), Chairman; Donald R. Swanson, 54, (1969); Alfred B. Saum, 46 (1970); Richard L. Wait, 19 (1972); Walter Truex, 55, (1973).

Charters and Dispensations: W. Harry M. Green, 25, Chairman; Mannie O. Hansen, 1; Donald J. Launer, 15.

Codification of the Law: W. Bernard T. Pipher, 31, Chairman; Gary Vicker, 1; David C. Jones, 325.

Credentials: W. Clyde H. Jones, 173, Chairman; Glenn F. Sperry, 139; William M. Hisey, 210; Kenneth C. Kling, 314; William W. Steen, 280; Albert B. Osborn, 318; Homer C. Davey, 317.

Doings of Grand Officers: W. Byron C. Jenkins, 325, Chairman; Donald E. Morrow, 72; Merle M. Roth, 184.

Entertainment of Distinguished Guests: M. W. John A. Bottorf, 49, Chairman.

Finance: W. Howard L. Patterson, 303, (1971), Chairman; Robert E. Lund, 323, (1969); LeRoy C. Sutton, 1, (1972); Fitzhugh L. Browne, 290, (1973).

Fraternal Dead: W. Gail E. Burbridge, 11, Chairman; Harold V. Reeves, 32; Paul Peterson, 101.

Fraternal Relations: R. W. Robert W. Cook, 33, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9; W. Edward J. Taylor, 150.

George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association: M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman; W. Irwin Osterloh, 72; W. Gary W. Dresslar, 32.

Grand Lodge Office: W. Alfred E. Geschke, 25, (1971), Chairman; James M. Paxson, 302, (1969); M. W. Merle M. Hale, 54, (1970); Harold C. Wurdeman, 323, (1972); William L. Hopson, 327, (1973).

Grand Trustees: M. W. John F. Futcher, 302, (1971), Chairman; Robert A. Wekesser, 54, (1969); Alfred E. Geschke, 25, (1970); Fred S. Kuethe, 1, (1972); Harold E. Gabrielson, 302, (1973).

Grievances: W. Clarence M. Pierson, 19, Chairman; Robert Imig, 38; Gerald A. Langemeyer, 95.

Jurisprudence: M. W. John A. Bottorf, 49, Chairman and all Past Grand Masters present.

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

Masonic Education: W. Howard J. Hunter, 59, (1969), Chairman; M. W. Harry A. Spencer, 227, (1969); Alfred G. Wurst, 59, (1970); Edward H. Lookwood, 265, (1970); M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19, (1971); M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281, (1971).

Nebraska Work: M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201, (1970), Chairman; M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281, (1969); M. W. Herbert T. White, 11, (1971).

Public Relations: W. John S. Savage, 11, Chairman; Joseph H. Hartley, 54; Al Ray Brown, 50.

Relief and Care of Orphans: W. Paul L. Toombs, 290, (1972); Chairman; Earl W. Schultz, 75, (1969); Otto Burkhardt, 55, (1970); James A. Bradley, 1, (1971); John S. Burley, 300, (1973).

Returns: Jerald J. Pomajzl, 37, Chairman; James D. Bishop, 98; Charles V. Carhart, 71.

Temple Building Advisory: W. Donald F. Sampson, 36, (1970), Chairman; Donald G. Hafer, 306, (1971); Robert E. Wolf, 1, (1969).

Lodge Advisory: M. W. Joseph C. Tye, 46, (1970), Chairman;

Ernest O. Van Wey, 249, (1971); Herbert A. Ronin, 210, (1969).

Arrangements for 112th Annual Communication: W. Ralph W. Gerry and Byron C. Jenkins, Co-Chairmen; Charles W. Amidon, Doyle E. Berg, Elmer E. Smith, Harvey A. Smith, Stanley E. Bena.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL, THE GRAND LODGE, ANCIENT,
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEBRASKA:

One year ago when you elected me to the office of Grand Master, I accepted the high honor bestowed upon me, with humility and a prayer in my heart. Humility as I realized the responsibilities that were mine and a prayer for wisdom, knowledge and understanding so that I could render you a service that would be evidence of my real appreciation of the confidence you placed in me.

Throughout the year, I have been mindful of my obligation and faithful to my pledge that I would give my whole hearted and sincere effort to the performance of my duties. My term of office as Grand Master is nearly ended and I have tried, to the best of my ability, to be of service.

This has been a wonderful year in my life, filled with rich and rewarding experiences. When problems arose, I made my decisions after prayerful and serious consideration. My records show no great or outstanding accomplishment attained but I can assure you, I have given of my best.

One cannot build alone. There must be cooperation from all who are interested in the welfare and prosperity of our Fraternity. I have had that cooperation and understanding from my Grand Lodge Officers, Committee members and the Past Grand Masters.

To the Omaha Lodges and to the members of the committee on arrangements for this Grand Lodge Communication, I thank you.

I wish to thank the Sir Knights of Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, K.T. for their part in the ceremonies this morning.

How pleased I am to have so many distinguished visitors from our Sister Grand Jurisdictions with us this morning. I have been treated so royally when I visited in your Grand Jurisdictions.

Grand Lodge has been extremely busy this year. I have travelled 45,000 miles in the performance of my duties. It has been a rewarding year providing much enjoyment, but not without its tribulations and many moments of great sorrow.

NECROLOGY

The Supreme Architect of the Universe, in his wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved Grand Secretary, R. W. Brother Robert W. Cook. His interest in all Masonic Affairs, and his devotion to the Craft will be missed by all of us. His passing was a distinct loss to our Grand Lodge and a personal one to me. We will miss his physical presence, but the policies and ideals set forth by Brother "Bob" will live on for years to come.

We were saddened by the deaths of two of our Past Grand Masters. On September 12, 1968, M. W. Brother Chancellor A. Phillips, quietly slipped into the presence of his Heavenly Father. He served as Grand Master in 1936. Masonic graveside services were conducted by our Grand Lodge with M. W. Herbert A. Ronin officiating.

On October 2, 1968, we mourned the passing of M. W. Brother Fay Smith. This distinguished member of our Fraternity had been a tireless worker for Masonry for many years. He served our Grand Lodge as Grand Master in 1953. We shall miss the wisdom of his counsel, but we shall cherish the memory of his kind and friendly disposition and his abiding faith in his God, whom he served so well. Masonic services were conducted by the Grand Lodge with M. W. Herbert A. Ronin officiating.

During the past year two of our committee chairmen have been called to their eternal rest. W. Brother Herman G. Reinholz, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Office committee and W. Jess W. Wade, Chairman of the finance committee. The passing of each of these Brethren creates a void in our ranks which will be difficult to fill.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead will report later in this 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, Kansas and the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario. Mrs. Lallman and I were shown every courtesy and were royally entertained. I received invitations to many other Grand Lodges that I could not accept because of previous commitments in our Jurisdiction.

I was privileged to attend two Centennial Celebrations: Lincoln Lodge No. 19 at Lincoln on June 25th and Washington Lodge No. 21 at Blair on June 24th. These were gala occasions, well planned and well attended.

I visited and was received in fifty four constituent Lodges during the past year. No attempt will be made to list these visitations.

One of the greatest joys of a Grand Master is that of presenting Fifty Year Badges and Bronze Jordan Medals. I presented many Fifty Year badges and one Jordan Medal.

V. V. W. Bro. Walter O. Samuelson, our Grand Chaplain presented The Gold Jordan Medal to V. V. Bro. William Ward on December 8, 1968. I was ill at the time and was unable to be present.

One of the highlights of my year was the reception that Hooper Lodge No. 72 held in my honor on June 30th.

I had the pleasure of attending the Mid-West Conference on Masonic Education at Grand Rapids, Michigan on October 10-11, 1968 and also the one at Wichita, Kansas on May 1-2, 1969. I attended all of the Area meetings held in our own Jurisdiction.

One of the finest two days I spent during the year was at the De Molay Conclave at North Platte. Brother Walter Miller is doing an outstanding job with De Molay in Nebraska.

I also attended and was the guest of many of our affiliated bodies. York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine Temples and Order of Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, Jobs Daughters and De Molay. In April my wife and I were banquet guests of the Knights of Columbus at their State Convention.

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS OF NORTH AMERICA

As has been the custom for many years the annual conference of Grand Masters of North America was held in Washington, D.C. during the week of George Washington's birthday. Also held during this same week were the annual meetings of the Grand Secretaries Conference, the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association and the Masonic Service Association. Here the Masonic leaders meet and exchange ideas, we listened to a number of debates on the problems which are confronting Masonry and although I did not agree with some of the actions that have been taken in other Grand Jurisdictions they were nevertheless thought provoking. M. V. W. Brother Herbert A. Ronin was elected Vice-President of the Masonic Service Association and M. V. W. Brother Charles F. Adams is a member of the Executive commission of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association. They have brought great honor to our Grand Lodge.

AMMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

Thirty five amendments to the By-Laws of constituent lodges were approved. Twenty seven were to increase dues and fees.

DISPENSATIONS

Twenty four requests for special dispensations for the conferring of Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees were received. All of these were for Brothers either in, or being called, to the armed services. I granted dispensations for these requests. In all cases the fee was waived.

Samaritan Lodge No. 158 at Chadron was granted a dispensation to move its charter to their new Masonic Temple.

Wayne Lodge No. 120 was authorized to move its charter to their new Temple.

Curtis Lodge No. 168 was authorized to move its charter from the American Legion Hall in Curtis to their newly re-modeled Temple.

Permission was granted to Waterloo Lodge No. 102, to move their charter to the Temple at Valley for the installation of officers and return the charter to Waterloo after the installation.

Wisner Lodge No. 114 was authorized to move their charter from their temporary quarters at Beemer, Nebraska to their new Temple in Wisner.

Atkinson Lodge No. 164 was granted permission to move their charter to their new Temple, which they have erected.

Waterloo Lodge No. 102 was granted permission to move their Charter from the present location at Waterloo to the new Masonic Temple at Elkhorn.

Jordan Lodge No. 27 at West Point was authorized to move their charter to the newly remodeled Temple.

Bloomfield Lodge No. 218 was granted permission to move their charter and to hold an outdoor meeting in a secluded spot northwest of Bloomfield. Lancaster Lodge No. 54 conferred the Master Mason degree and the re-obligation ceremony was given.

Due to the severe weather conditions in most of the State during December and January an unusual number of dispensations were granted for Elections and Installations. Four Lodges were granted dispensations to Elect officers at a time other than their regular meeting in December. Thirteen Lodges were given permission to Install in February. Permission was given Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 to Elect a Secretary in January, because of the death of the Secretary-Elect before he could be Installed. A Special Dispensation was granted to Signet Lodge No. 193 to hold their election on January 3, 1969. According to their by-laws their regular meeting is on the Friday night on or before the full moon of each month. There was no such a Friday night in December.

Because of circumstances the dispensation fee for the above cases was waived in all but two instances.

Six Lodges were given permission to examine Brothers for proficiency after more than the specified time had elapsed. I waived the pay-

ment of any fee in each case.

REINSTATEMENTS

Twenty—nine applications for reinstatement were approved during the year. My thanks to the Committee on Reinstatements for their work, their recommendation was followed in every instance.

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

I appointed three trial commissions. Two were for violation of Section 3—102 (d) (sale of liquor). The other complaint involved violation of Section 3—102 (c) (intoxication and intemperance). These cases are still pending.

CONSOLIDATIONS

I approved the consolidation of the following Lodges. In each case they have been submitted in accordance with the provisions of Section 2—207 of the Constitution and By—Laws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. The proceedings appeared to be regular and the Secretary of each Lodge has certified that the resident members of each Lodge were notified and that final action was favorable to the consolidation by the necessary two—thirds ballot in each Lodge.

Compass & Square Lodge No. 212 of Sumner into and becomes a part of Thistle Lodge No. 61 at Lexington.

Pioneer Lodge No. 322 of Lyman into and becomes a part of Oasis Lodge No. 271 of Morrill.

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

The Assistant Custodians have been unceasing in their efforts to help me during my year as Grand Master. I have called upon them many times for assistance and they were always most cooperative.

We have thirty—six of our authorized strength of forty Assistant Custodians.

W. Brother Augustus W. Clark found it necessary to relinquish his post as an Assistant Custodian during the past year.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES COMMISSIONED

Grand Representatives of Nebraska near other Jurisdictions were commissioned as follows: Vincent Vernon, Connecticut; Mack R. Chaffee, New York; R. W. Carlos Miranda, Gran Logia de Costa Rica; Lee Griswold, Nevada; R. W. William R. Robbins, Missouri; George C. Hobson, Grand Lodge of Southern Africa; and J. Turner Williams, Tennessee.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED

I recommended the following to be Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions near Nebraska: Arnold Mains, Connecticut; Frank J. Mattoon, Oregon; Ward L. McGlashan, Western Australia; Gerald V. Inslee, South Africa; Alton S. Mote, Denmark; Curtis J. Griess, Nova Scotia;

Stanley E. Brunton, Grand Lodge of Ceara; Walter O. Samuelson, Maryland; Charles F. Adams, England; and Gerald A. Moller, Grande Loja Do Para, Brazil.

“MASONIC HOMES”

The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth is faced with an ever-increasing number of Residents needing hospitalization. This of course necessitates an ever increasing budget. There are too many Masons and Eastern Star members who are not aware of the need. President William F. Patterson will give a full report of our Home later on during this Communication. Brother Patterson continues to see to it that the Board operates in an efficient manner. The Home is extremely fortunate in having Raymond F. Evers as its Superintendent, he is doing an outstanding job.

There was only one opportunity for me to visit the Masonic—Eastern Star Home for Children at a regular board meeting. It was an interesting and instructive meeting. M. W. Brother Herbert A. Ronin, President of the Board of Trustees, will give a detailed report during this Communication.

CORNER—STONES

The Grand Lodge has been kept extremely busy this year in the laying of corner—stones, and we are grateful for the opportunity to perform this very impressive ceremony.

The corner—stone for the new Masonic Temple at Wayne was laid on July 6, 1968. V. W. Walter O. Samuelson, Grand Chaplain delivered the address on this occasion.

On August 6, 1968, Grand Lodge laid a corner—stone for a new Public School at Central City. W. Frank J. Mattoon, Grand Orator, delivered the address.

The new Public Library corner—stone was laid October 5, 1968, at McCook. The request came from the Library Board, through McCook Lodge #135. We are grateful for the opportunity of laying corner—stones for Schools and Public Buildings. The address was given by W. Frank J. Mattoon, Grand Orator.

Another corner—stone the Grand Lodge was most happy to lay was the one for a new Masonic Temple at Chadron, on October 24, 1968. V. W. Walter O. Samuelson delivered the address.

On May 3, 1969 we laid the corner—stone for the Centura Junior-Senior High School at Cairo. The request was made by the Board of Education through Cairo Lodge No. 324. W. Frank J. Mattoon, Grand Orator, gave the address.

It was a pleasure to lay the corner—stone for a new Masonic Temple at Atkinson on May 17, 1969. W. Frank J. Mattoon, Grand Orator, delivered the address.

The last corner—stone to be laid was at Elkhorn on May 24, 1969.

Waterloo Lodge No. 102, moved from Waterloo to Elkhorn. Their fine new Temple is a splendid addition to that city.

DEDICATIONS

On July 27, 1968 we dedicated a newly-remodeled Temple at Randolph. Golden Sheaf Lodge No. 202, at Randolph, purchased a church which they remodeled. They have a beautiful Lodge. V. W. Walter O. Samuelson, Grand Chaplain gave the dedicatory address.

Grand Lodge dedicated a new Masonic Temple at Mullen on Sept. 13, 1968. Mullen Lodge No. 282 can be justly proud of their new facilities. V. W. Walter O. Samuelson, Grand Chaplain, gave the address.

On September 20, 1968, we dedicated a remodeled bank building which Wood Lake Lodge No. 221 has converted into a Masonic Temple. V. W. Walter O. Samuelson, Grand Chaplain, delivered the address.

Grand Lodge dedicated the new Masonic Temple at Wayne on April 26, 1969. I wish that our late Brother, M. W. Ralph M. Carhart could have been present to see the results of his labor. Wayne Lodge No. 120 can be justly proud of their new Temple. V. W. Walter O. Samuelson, Grand Chaplain, gave the dedicatory address.

Jordan Lodge No. 27, at West Point purchased a Church and remodelled it for a Masonic Temple. Grand Lodge dedicated this edifice on May 10, 1969. V. W. Walter O. Samuelson, Grand Chaplain, gave the address.

On May 17th we dedicated a new Temple at Atkinson. The cornerstone was laid in the afternoon and the dedicatory ceremonies in the evening. V. W. Walter O. Samuelson, delivered the address.

After laying the corner—stone in the afternoon, we dedicated the new Temple on the evening of May 24th. I am sure this new edifice will do much to further the cause of Masonry in Elkhorn. V. W. Walter O. Samuelson, gave the dedicatory address.

At all of these ceremonies, the Grand Lodge Officers were in attendance with but very few exceptions. I must give a special thank you to our Grand Marshal, W. T. Leo Stines, who is in charge of these ceremonies, to the Grand Orator, W. Frank J. Mattoon who gave such fine orations and to our Grand Chaplain, V. W. Walter O. Samuelson, who has been a tower of strength to me this year.

DECISIONS

I shall not report on replies to questions which merely required pointing out applicable provision of our law. I had many of this type.

1. The Secretary of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 wrote that a Brother received his Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees in 1967; before he received his Master Mason degree an objection was filed. The objector now wants to remove the objection. Can we proceed with the Master Mason degree or must he petition for that degree?

Sec.2—916 — Removal of Objections — States — “A candidate against whom objections have been made, may, as soon as these are

withdrawn or removed, petition anew." In Section 2-1101 - "Objections to initiation, passing, raising, affiliation or waiver of jurisdiction may be made, sustained, and terminated by the following manner only, and shall be in full force and effect until lawfully terminated;" in this same section under (i) Upon termination of an objection the petitioner cannot proceed excepting upon a new petition, and such new petition must in all respects take the same course as an original petition." The Brother in question must petition your Lodge for advancement and the petition must take the same course as an original petition.

2. An officer of Zion Lodge No. 234 wrote stating, "the education committee in reading the cumulative supplement to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, interpreted Section 3-102-(d) to mean that a bartender could be a Mason." In this section the word "incidental" made me have some doubts.

I informed the brother that he was right in having some doubts about a Mason being a bartender. Section 3-102-(d) states - "Engaging in the sale of such intoxicating liquors as a beverage, except where it is a part of one's duties as an agent or employee, and incidental only to the business of the principal or employer."

Therefore, a bartender could not be a Mason under any circumstances as this is his principal occupation. If, however, he worked in a store or business where he might occasionally have to sell or check-out intoxicating beverages and this service was incidental to his principal occupation, it would not be considered a Masonic offense.

3. The Secretary of Creighton Lodge No. 100 informed me that their Worshipful Master was killed in a truck accident, just after being installed. He wondered if a special dispensation could be granted to fill the vacancy? I replied as follows: Section 2-306 - states - "In case of the absence or removal of the Master from office. The Senior and Junior Warden, according to rank, shall succeed to the duties of his station." There is no provision to issue a dispensation to hold an election to fill the vacancy. After opening the Lodge the Senior Warden could appoint a qualified Past Master to fill the position. This appointment would be made on a meeting to meeting basis and not as an appointment for the balance of the year. In the absence of the Worshipful Master the Senior Warden assumes the duties of that station.

4. A Past Master of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210. wrote stating, "As a member of the Advisory Board of Rainbow for Girls, I would like to know if it is permissible to hold an installation of officers for the Rainbow Girls Assembly on Sunday in a Masonic Temple?"

I answered as follows: "Our law states that no Masonic meeting may be held on Sunday, except to conduct a funeral." However, The Grand Lodge assumes no jurisdiction over such organizations as the Rainbow for Girls, other than requiring that the hall be used according to our rules. As to the legality of their holding meetings on Sunday, this would

be strictly a matter for their Grand Officers to decide. This ruling was approved by the Grand Lodge in 1958. It is in Sec. 2-501 in the supplement of our Constitution and By-Laws.

5. The Secretary of Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, requested a ruling concerning their Lodge buying a Bingo game to be used for entertainment at parties. He wondered if Lodge funds could be used for this purpose. I answered as follows: You asked whether or not Lodge funds could be used to purchase a bingo game. Section—2—609 of our Constitution and By—Laws states: "Lodge funds cannot be used for any than strictly Masonic purposes, provided however, that funds may be used for the support of Order of De Molay, Order of Rainbow for Girls and Job's Daughters." Therefore, I rule that you may not purchase a bingo game with Lodge funds.

You further state, "these parties are generally given in the social room of the Temple", listed as a Masonic offense in our Code in Section 3-102 (e) "Attempting to give the aid of Freemasonry, in organized or individual form, to any lottery or gift enterprise, or the sale, purchase, or drawing of lottery tickets."

Therefore, no charge may be made to those participating in the game and no Lodge funds may be used for prizes. It must be a game strictly for entertainment and not as a fund raising enterprise.

6. The Secretary of Oshkosh Lodge No. 286 asks, "What would be the proper procedure to have a Brother of another Nebraska Lodge hold membership in our Lodge? He will continue to hold membership in the other Nebraska Lodge and he also has a membership in a Lodge in Kansas."

I Quoted Sec.-2-412 (Cumulative Supplement to the Constitution and By-Laws) Dual Membership — A Master Mason of this jurisdiction may be a member of not more than two Lodges in *this* Jurisdiction at one and the same time. He may, while holding membership in his parent Lodge and without demitting therefrom, petition another Lodge of His *present* residence for affiliation and, if elected, hold resident membership in such Lodge.

I ruled that a Brother holding a membership in a Kansas Lodge would have no bearing on his applying for dual membership in our Grand Jurisdiction.

7. The Secretary of Mid-West Lodge No. 317 wrote regarding the submission of a petition for restoration of a former member. He stated that the petitioner did not receive the necessary two-thirds vote in the Lodge. Some of the members thought it should be submitted to Grand Lodge, regardless. I answered as follows: If this petition for restoration did not receive the necessary two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting, it need not be forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

8. Right Angle Lodge No. 303 requested information on the following: "Is a prospect who is chief engineer in a brewery, in charge of machinery disqualified from petitioning."

I answered by stating: This man is not engaged in the sale or manufacture of intoxicating beverages. He is employed as an engineer in charge of machinery; he would come in the same category as a bookkeeper or any other employee who is not directly engaged in the sale or manufacture of intoxicating beverages. I ruled that it would not prevent a man from petitioning a Masonic Lodge for membership.

9. The Secretary of McCook Lodge No. 135 wondered if it would be permissible for the McCook Lodge to purchase turkeys for the widows of deceased Masons of his Lodge at Thanksgiving time. Is such a practice and the use of Lodge funds in this manner permissible under and according to Masonic Law?"

I answered him with the following: Remembering widows of deceased Master Masons on special occasions would be classified as Masonic Charity. I think it is a fine thing for your Lodge to do. However, you must vote at a regular meeting as to the disposition of Lodge funds for any purpose.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

Grave concern is being expressed by Masons everywhere over the matter of a decline in membership and poor attendance at Lodge meetings. We do have a problem, what we should do to correct it is our chief concern.

We still have too many Brethren suspended for non-payment of dues. M. W. John A. Bottorf has completed a two year survey on suspended Master Masons. Later in this Communication he will give a report his findings.

It is with the deepest regret, that I must report to you that we again show a loss in membership. We now have 42,687 members which reflects a net loss of 619. I will not enlarge on this, as the Grand Secretary's report contains membership statistics.

I do not believe that we can measure our progress in terms of membership alone. The Fraternity is properly judged, not by the number of members, but by the number of members who develop into Masons. Our real strength, lies in the caliber of the individual members of each Lodge, and the desire of each Brother to live according to the teachings he has received.

This year I have stressed the importance of actively supporting our youth organizations. Since the founding of the Order of De Molay in 1919, more than three million young men have been members: more than 51% of these young men later on in life became members of the Masonic Fraternity. The potential growth of Masonry is largely dependent upon this Order. The impact which Masons of today reflect in their attitude toward our youth will be reflected on our membership rolls in future years.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education continue to do their job well. Great strides have been made in the Educational program

at the local level and the Lodges who have an active committee are showing the results of their efforts.

I have had excellent reports on the outstanding work that is being done by our Grand Custodian and his fine staff of Assistant Custodians. The Central Schools of instruction have been well attended and the proficiency of our ritualistic work is at an all time high.

The Grand Trustees are to be commended for the outstanding job they are doing in investing the available funds of Grand Lodge. They spend untold hours, when occasion demands, in supervising the financial affairs of our Fraternity.

If each of us will work just a little bit harder to promote Masonry by thoughts, words and deeds; we can remove our membership figures from the minus column and put them back into the plus column, where they should be.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. I recommend that Sec. 2-412 - Dual Membership, be amended to read as follows: A Master Mason of this Jurisdiction may be a member of not more than two Lodges in this Jurisdiction at one and the same time. He may, while holding his membership in his parent Lodge, and without demitting therefrom, petition another Lodge for affiliation and, if elected, hold membership in such Lodge. The words "Parent Lodge" shall be construed to mean the Lodge in which a member holds his membership at the time he applies to another Lodge for membership.

The only changes would be in the sixth line of (paragraph 1) deleting the words "of his present residence" and deleting the word "resident" in the tenth line of paragraph 1.

This would permit a Brother to become affiliated with another Lodge as a Dual member without having to be a resident of that particular Lodge's jurisdiction. Many Masons would like to re-join their original Lodge, but are not permitted to do so because of the resident requirement.

2. Memorial Services: Because of the decreasing number of Masonic funeral services that are being held, I recommend that the committee on "Work" of our Grand Lodge along with the Grand Custodian, provide a Memorial Service that could be given on the evening prior to the Church Service.

This would in no way deprive a Master Mason from having a Masonic funeral, if requested by him in his life time, or by his relatives after his death.

3. I recommend that Section 2-601 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be amended, by adding thereto, an additional paragraph as follows: That all Lodges that are consolidated into another Lodge, shall pay to the Grand Secretary all indebtedness including the per capita tax, based upon the number of members in said Lodge at the time of their consolidation.

APPRECIATION

As one nears the end of his year as Grand Master and reflects upon the many courtesies that have been extended to him, he realizes that he owes so much to so many that it is impossible to thank each one to whom he is indebted.

First, I pause to give thanks to Almighty God, without his help my efforts would have been futile.

Last June when I accepted this office, I knew our distinguished group of Past Grand Masters were willing to assist me in any task that might be assigned to them. They have been most loyal and helpful. It has been a privilege to walk in their footsteps. I trust I am worthy to join your ranks.

To the Grand Lodge Officers: You have been truly Grand — Alice and I have enjoyed your companionship, and we will always remember you for your kindness and splendid cooperation. Our travels together have not only been fun but have given us the opportunity of knowing each other better. May our friendship continue and may God bless you and give you health and happiness in the years to come.

To Hooper Lodge No. 72 — There are no words of mine to express my sincere appreciation for all the things you have done for me during my years in the Grand Lodge line. I will always remember the reception given in my honor last year. I owe you a great debt which I can repay only with deep gratitude.

To the officers and members of the many Lodges which I have been privileged to visit, may I take this means of expressing my sincerest thanks for all the courtesies that have been extended to me.

I trust that I have merited the faith which M. W. Ralph M. Carhart placed in me, by appointing me his Grand Junior Deacon. I regret that he did not live to see me attain this high office.

My father, to whom Masonry meant so much, attended the installation ceremonies last June, I regret that he could not live to share this Grand Lodge Communication with me.

In a few short hours the leadership of this Grand Lodge will be turned over to a most capable successor. I hope that you will give him the same fine support and co-operation you have given to me.

In closing, I should like to repeat substantially what I said in my Installation talk one year ago. Again, I want to thank you for the very great honor you have conferred upon me, I endeavored to serve you to the best of my ability to merit that honor.

Let us follow the obligations we have assumed. Let us use our working tools. Let us perfect our ashlar, breaking off its rough corners and squaring it with the square of virtue, "thereby fitting us as living stones for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

"I sought my soul, but my soul I could not find;
I sought my God, but my God eluded me;
I sought my Brother, and I found all three."

Sincerely and fraternally submitted,

Norris W. Fallman
Grand Master.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The following is the report of the Office of Grand Secretary:

Complete returns have been received from 264 Lodges and all dues and fees for the year 1968 have been paid in full.

CONSOLIDATIONS

Compass and Square Lodge No. 212 of Sumner voted to consolidate with Thistle Lodge No. 61, at Lexington.

Pioneer Lodge No. 322, Lyman voted to consolidate with Oasis Lodge No. 271, Morrill.

The final action was favorable to the consolidations by the necessary two thirds ballot in each lodge. Grand Master, M. W. Norris W. Lallman has given his approval of these consolidations.

GRIEVANCES

Five petitions for restoration have been received. These have been referred to the Committee on Grievances for their consideration as this Annual Communication.

FIFTY YEAR BUTTONS

There were 400 buttons presented this year. In many cases special meetings were held for the occasion of presentation.

JORDAN MEDALS

It is our pleasure to report that the lodges are making a special effort for the presentation of the Bronze Jordan Medal to senior members of the lodge residing in Nebraska. These presentations are made at an interesting ceremony.

GOLD JORDAN MEDAL

Brother William A. Ward is the wearer of the Gold Jordan Medal. It was presented to Brother Ward, Sunday, December 8, 1968. The presentation took place at The Nebraska Masonic Home where Brother Ward has been a resident since October 25, 1963. Brother Ward has been a member of Springfield Lodge No. 112 for 74 years, and is 95 years young.

SECRETARIES MEETINGS

Ten Secretaries meetings were held this year in conjunction with the Area Meetings of the Committee on Masonic Education. Each meeting was well attended and much was accomplished.

LOCAL MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Our sincere appreciation and thanks go to the brethren of Omaha and Lincoln Association. As you know, these Associations assist out-state lodges in hospital calls as well as assisting sojourning Masons, their widows and orphans.

MEMORIAL LODGE OF OMAHA U. D. :

Our thanks and appreciation go to Memorial Lodge U. D. which is called upon many times during the year to conduct a funeral of a sojourning Brother. Credit should go to W. Brother Wade E. Sheppard and

the Officers and Brethren of Memorial Lodge.

CHARTERED LODGES

Auburn Lodge No. 124; Wallace Lodge No. 279 and Oak Leaf Lodge No. 312 have failed to be represented at the last two Annual Communications and have been cited to appear before the Committee on Charters and Dispensations at this Communication.

LIBRARY

The progress which we have made in the past in developing our library has come to a halt because of the death of W. Herman G. Reinholz, who worked long hours and gave untiring effort in the work of the displaying and indexing the volumes in our Library. We will greatly miss Brother Herman, not only in this connection, but for his efforts in connection with the Grand Lodge Office Committee, of which he served as Chairman. We have been extremely fortunate in that our Grand Master has appointed W. Alfred E. Geschke, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Office Committee. Since his appointment, Brother Geschke has given of his time and efforts in a full time capacity.

FRATERNAL REVIEW

M. W. William B. Wanner has prepared for distribution at this Annual Communication, an outstanding review which should be read by every Master Mason in Nebraska. It has been observed that his reviews in the past have invoked considerable correspondence and attention from other Grand Lodge Jurisdictions. It could well be used by the Master of Lodges and the Committee on Masonic Education for the entire year. A copy is available for those who desire to have one.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund Receipts

| | |
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| Cash, U. S. National Bank, May 10, 1968. | \$181,751.66 |
| Per Capita Tax @ \$4.00 per member | 173,176.00 |
| Initiations @ \$10.00 per member | 6,750.00 |
| Affiliations @ \$10.00 per member | 90.00 |
| Surety Bond Premiums | 743.60 |
| Liability Insurance Premiums | 3,038.05 |
| Supplies. | 2,951.26 |
| Refunds from various Committees. | 284.56 |
| George Washington Masonic National Memorial Assoc. | 617.00 |
| Custodial Fees. | 765.00 |
| Dispensation Fees. | 10.00 |
| Interest and Dividends on Investments. | 40,475.90 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$410,653.03 |

Disbursements

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|--|---------------------|
| George Washington Masonic National Memorial Assoc. | \$ 575.00 |
| Liability Insurance Premium | 2,956.00 |
| Supply Account | 1,386.55 |
| Relief Account | 2,241.69 |
| The Nebraska Masonic Home-General Fund | 86,866.00 |
| The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children | 26,635.00 |
| 1968-1969 General Budget | 103,953.08 |
| Securities Purchased | 64,681.25 |
| Cash, U. S. National Bank, April 30, 1969 | 121,358.46 |
| | <u>\$410,653.03</u> |

Retirement Fund

Receipts

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|---|---------------------|
| Cash, U. S. National Bank, May 10, 1968 | \$ 2,920.19 |
| Interest and Dividends on Investments | 5,705.96 |
| Bonds Matured | 7,739.04 |
| Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. & The Nebraska Masonic Home | 25,830.00 |
| | <u>\$ 42,195.19</u> |

Disbursements

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Securities Purchase | \$ 41,023.16 |
| Payments to retired Employees | 471.48 |
| Cash, U. S. National Bank, April 30, 1969 | 700.55 |
| | <u>\$ 42,195.19</u> |

RETURNS

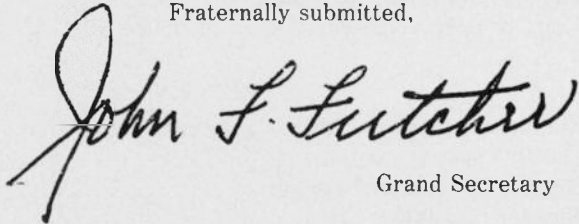
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|--|---------------|
| Number of Chartered Lodges last year | 264 |
| Charters consolidated | <u>2</u> |
| Number of Chartered Lodges | 262 |
| Number initiated | 695 |
| Number passed | 617 |
| Number raised | 619 |
| Number affiliated | 292 |
| Number dual members | 18 |
| Number reinstated | 192 |
| Number gained by other causes | <u>32</u> |
| Total gross increase | <u>1,153</u> |
| Number demitted | 224 |
| Number deceased | 1000 |
| Number suspended | 524 |
| Number expelled | 0 |
| Number lost by other causes | <u>24</u> |
| Total gross loss | 1,772 |
| Net loss for year ending December 31, 1968 | 619 |
| Number of Master Masons on Rolls December 31, 1967 | 43,306 |
| Number of Master Masons on Rolls December 31, 1968 | <u>42,687</u> |

It should be pointed out that the figure representing the number of Master Masons on the rolls December 31, 1967 does not agree with the figure used in last years report. The number of Master Masons reported in last years report was 43,433. The number of Master Masons on December 31, 1967 in this report is 43,306. This figure, 43,306 represents the actual number of Master Masons for whom the lodges paid the Grand Lodge per capita tax. The change is shown to point up discrepancies in the number of Masons due to our method and procedure of reporting consolidations. Also, the fact that the Grand Lodge does not receive the per capita tax with respect to a Mason who is suspended on December 31, of any one year, but who reinstates within a few months in the following year.

Acting only as Grand Secretary temporarily until the election at this Grand Communication, it was my opinion that this should be pointed out to the Grand Lodge with the hope that some legislation may take place to improve the records of the Grand Secretary.

I wish to express my personal appreciation to the Grand Master for the Interim appointment as Grand Secretary, for the cooperation of Alfred E. Geschke in handling the accounting of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home; and especially to all of the employees of the Grand Lodge Office, whose patience with one who is completely unfamiliar with the work, has been an inspiration.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John F. Litcher". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Grand Secretary

| NAME OF LODGE | No. of Lodge | E. A. S. | | F. C. S. | | MASTER MASONS | | | | | | | | | | | No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1968 | No. of Lodge | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|-------|--------------|----------|---------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| | | No. Initiated | No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1968 | No. Passed | No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1968 | No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1967 | GAIN | | | | | TOTAL | LOSS | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | By Raising | By Affiliation | By Dual Membership | By Reinstatement | Other Causes | | By Demission | By Death | By Suspension | By Expulsion | | | Other Causes | TOTAL LOSS |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nebraska | 1 | 8 | 18 | 3 | 23 | 1037 | 23 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1067 | 2 | 40 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 51 | 1016 | 1 |
| Western Star | 2 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 282 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 288 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 268 | 2 |
| Capitol | 3 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 692 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 711 | 4 | 22 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 44 | 667 | 3 |
| Nemaha Valley | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 41 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 41 | 4 |
| Omadi | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 104 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 107 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 102 | 5 |
| Plattsmouth | 6 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 341 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 345 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 332 | 6 |
| Falls City | 9 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 224 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 227 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 221 | 9 |
| Solomon | 10 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 103 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 107 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 105 | 10 |
| Covert | 11 | 13 | 35 | 2 | 29 | 1610 | 28 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1643 | 8 | 37 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 1588 | 11 |
| Orient | 13 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 48 | 13 |
| Peru | 14 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 96 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 99 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 97 | 14 |
| Freemont | 15 | 7 | 18 | 3 | 15 | 640 | 17 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 667 | 0 | 17 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 644 | 15 |
| Tecumseh | 17 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 150 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 151 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 143 | 17 |
| Lincoln | 19 | 12 | 13 | 3 | 13 | 862 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 876 | 3 | 17 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 844 | 19 |
| Washington | 21 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 149 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 156 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 151 | 21 |
| Pawnee | 23 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 103 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 105 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 103 | 23 |
| Saint Johns | 25 | 6 | 13 | 2 | 14 | 893 | 16 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 912 | 1 | 27 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 39 | 873 | 25 |
| Beatrice | 26 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 366 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 372 | 0 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 358 | 26 |
| Jordan | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 71 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 74 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 70 | 27 |
| Hope | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 34 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 33 | 29 |
| Blue River | 30 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 89 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 83 | 30 |
| Tekamah | 31 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 187 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 192 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 186 | 31 |
| Platte Valley | 32 | 18 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 578 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 586 | 3 | 13 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 558 | 32 |
| Ashlar | 33 | 13 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 538 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 551 | 0 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 529 | 33 |
| Acacia | 34 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 167 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 171 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 164 | 34 |
| Fairbury | 35 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 217 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 219 | 0 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 206 | 35 |
| Lone Tree | 36 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 201 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 205 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 198 | 36 |
| Crete | 37 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 198 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 202 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 192 | 37 |
| Oliver | 38 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 167 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 167 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 156 | 38 |
| Papillion | 39 | 12 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 278 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 286 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 278 | 39 |
| Humboldt | 40 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 90 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 98 | 40 |
| Northern Light | 41 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 64 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 68 | 41 |
| Hebron | 43 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 116 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 118 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 112 | 43 |
| Harvard | 44 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 79 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 44 |
| Rob Morris | 46 | 9 | 10 | 5 | 10 | 359 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 375 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 358 | 46 |
| Fairmont | 48 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 88 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 89 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 85 | 48 |
| Evening Star | 49 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 101 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 101 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 98 | 49 |
| Hastings | 50 | 13 | 12 | 1 | 6 | 505 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 516 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 23 | 493 | 50 |
| Fidelity | 51 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 137 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 141 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 135 | 51 |

| NAME OF LODGE | No. of Lodge | E.A. | | F.C. | | MASTER MASONS | | | | | | | No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1968 | No. of Lodge | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | No. Initiated | No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1968 | No. Passed | No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1968 | No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1967 | GAIN | | | | LOSS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Porter..... | 106 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 65 | 106 |
| Table Rock..... | 108 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 32 | 108 |
| Pomegranate..... | 110 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 200 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 204 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 195 | 110 |
| Dewitt..... | 111 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 43 | 111 |
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| Wisner..... | 114 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 96 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 97 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 91 | 114 |
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| Warne..... | 120 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 194 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 197 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 188 | 120 |
| Sup. Flor..... | 121 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 169 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 175 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 172 | 121 |
| Auburn..... | 124 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 123 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 127 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 121 | 124 |
| Mt. Nebo..... | 125 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 89 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 80 | 125 |
| Stromshurk..... | 126 | 5 | 15 | 1 | 13 | 144 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 157 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 151 | 126 |
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| Guide Rock..... | 128 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 74 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 71 | 128 |
| Serfimer..... | 132 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 48 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 43 | 132 |
| Elm Creek..... | 133 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 133 |
| Solar..... | 134 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 66 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 69 | 134 |
| McCook..... | 135 | 6 | 10 | 0 | 7 | 331 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 342 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 330 | 135 |
| Long Pine..... | 136 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 48 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 48 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 46 | 136 |
| Upright..... | 137 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 60 | 137 |
| Rawalt..... | 138 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 85 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 88 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 85 | 138 |
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| Western..... | 140 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 34 | 140 |
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| Siloam..... | 147 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 147 |
| E. Crawford..... | 148 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 191 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 192 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 189 | 148 |

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| Pythagoras | 156 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 156 |
| Samaritan | 158 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 249 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 256 | 0 | 15 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 235 | 158 |
| Ogalla | 159 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 156 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 160 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 150 | 159 |
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| Tresle Board | 162 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 80 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 76 | 162 |
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| Atkinson | 164 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 51 | 164 |
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| Mystic Tle | 166 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 44 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 43 | 166 |
| Elwood | 167 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 56 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 57 | 167 | |
| Curtis | 168 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 78 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 79 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 78 | 168 |
| Amity | 169 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 95 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 95 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 92 | 169 |
| Mason City | 170 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 170 |
| Merna | 171 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 54 | 171 |
| Robert Burns | 172 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 77 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 75 | 172 |
| Culbertson | 174 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 61 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 174 |
| Temple | 175 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 43 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 175 |
| Gladstone | 176 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 77 | 176 |
| Hay Springs | 177 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 115 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 117 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 115 | 177 |
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| | E. A. F. C. C. | | | | | GAIN | | | | | LOSS | | | | | | | | |
| | No. Initiated | No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1968 | No. Passed | No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1968 | No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1967 | By Raising | By Affiliation | By Dual Membership | By Reinstatement | Other Causes | TOTAL | | | By Demission | By Death | By Suspension | By Expulsion | Other Causes | TOTAL LOSS |
| Seneca..... | 284 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 68 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 75 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 64 | 284 |
| Camp Clarke... | 285 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 148 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 153 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 144 | 285 |
| Oshkosh..... | 286 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 98 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 98 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 96 | 286 |
| Union..... | 287 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 61 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 57 | 287 |
| Omaha..... | 288 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 514 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 518 | 3 | 21 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 477 | 288 |
| Lotus..... | 289 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 161 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 161 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 158 | 289 |
| J. J. Mercer..... | 290 | 19 | 30 | 11 | 31 | 1573 | 36 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 1620 | 7 | 29 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 1574 | 290 |
| Diamond..... | 291 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 69 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 65 | 291 |
| Wolbach..... | 292 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 39 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 38 | 292 |
| Monument..... | 293 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 66 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 64 | 293 |
| Kimball..... | 294 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 190 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 194 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 182 | 294 |
| Minatare..... | 295 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 85 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 84 | 295 |
| Colter..... | 297 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 282 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 288 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 283 | 297 |
| Chester..... | 298 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 48 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 51 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 49 | 298 |
| Sutherland..... | 299 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 85 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 87 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 84 | 299 |
| Liberty..... | 300 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 466 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 475 | 2 | 7 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 443 | 300 |
| Bayard..... | 301 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 85 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 82 | 301 |
| Mizpah..... | 302 | 8 | 13 | 2 | 13 | 1125 | 13 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1146 | 4 | 18 | 20 | 0 | 42 | 1104 | 302 |
| Right Angle..... | 303 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 535 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 541 | 4 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 521 | 303 |
| Newmen Grove..... | 305 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 62 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 60 | 305 |
| Golden Rod..... | 306 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 87 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 88 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 85 | 306 |
| Perkins..... | 308 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 94 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 104 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 92 | 308 |
| Winnebago..... | 309 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 309 |
| Victory..... | 310 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 206 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 209 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 204 | 310 |
| Polk..... | 311 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 65 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 67 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 67 | 311 |
| Oak Leaf..... | 312 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 47 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 46 | 312 |
| Potter..... | 313 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 98 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 99 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 96 | 313 |
| Craftsmen..... | 314 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 590 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 597 | 2 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 581 | 314 |
| Alpha..... | 316 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 183 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 189 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 183 | 316 |
| Mid West..... | 317 | 21 | 10 | 7 | 11 | 550 | 14 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 677 | 11 | 18 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 646 | 317 |
| Grand Island..... | 318 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 347 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 356 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 346 | 318 |
| Bladen..... | 319 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 37 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 36 | 319 |
| College View..... | 320 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 160 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 169 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 158 | 320 |
| Harmony..... | 321 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 55 | 321 |
| Pioneer..... | 322 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 72 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 72 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 69 | 322 |
| Lebanon..... | 323 | 14 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 224 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 228 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 224 | 323 |
| Caro..... | 324 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 69 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 68 | 324 |
| Bellevue..... | 325 | 6 | 28 | 5 | 30 | 407 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 440 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 431 | 325 |
| Centennial..... | 326 | 16 | 13 | 8 | 7 | 475 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 485 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 469 | 326 |
| Shion..... | 327 | 10 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 71 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 80 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 79 | 327 |
| | | 767 | 695 | 258 | 617 | 43306 | 619 | 292 | 181 | 92 | 32444 | 61 | 224 | 1000 | 524 | 0 | 241 | 772 | 42867 |

VETERAN SECRETARIES

Who have served 25 years or more.

| | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| Carl H. Hoge | Lebanon No. 323..... | 37 years |
| Roy T. Stiehl..... | Hay Springs No. 177..... | 34 years |
| William E. Edwards | Alliance No. 183..... | 31 years |
| Harve I. Lang..... | Litchfield No. 278..... | 31 years |
| Charles F. Eberline..... | East Lincoln No. 210 | 30 years |
| Floyd Christy | Trestle Board No. 162 | 29 years |
| Warren C. Hall..... | Nelson No. 77..... | 29 years |
| John V. Maddox..... | Crystal No. 191..... | 28 years |
| Claude A. Rennau | Aurora No. 68..... | 27 years |
| Donald D. Hill, Sr..... | Scribner No. 132 | 27 years |
| August W. Teter | Bartley No. 228 | 27 years |
| F. Otto Nelson..... | Signet No. 193 | 26 years |
| Wayne Warden Loftis..... | Landmark No. 222..... | 26 years |
| Bernard Besse Harris | Robert W. Furnas No. 265..... | 26 years |
| Donald S. Hinman..... | Antelope No. 276 | 26 years |
| Clyde H. Jones..... | Robert Burns No. 173 | 25 years |
| Albert B. Osborn | Grand Island No. 318 | 25 years |

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

To the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska. The Annual Report of the Grand Custodian is hereby fraternally submitted.

Twenty-one Central schools were held this year, reaching nearly every interested Brother throughout the State. Attendance in most cases was very good.

One night sessions for 2nd Section of the Masters Degree continue to be very popular.

A Central School outside the large Metropolitan areas for outlying lodges proved successful enough to warrant the same again next year.

Total number of Lodges certified was one hundred sixty three. Certifying for the first time, Chester 298 and Lily 154, Congratulations.

Following are the brethren who have certified for the first time: Edwin J. Brailey, 11; Fred L. McDonald, 25; Marshall N. Zalkin, 25; Sydney G. Spurling, 132; G. Wendell Merz, 284; John L. W. Nelson, 1; James N. Emery, 1; Lloyd Boswell, 314; Martin W. Challberg, 54; John L. Waner, 326. We welcome these fine brethren to this select group of dedicated Masons.

MERIT HONORS:

Twenty year Certificates of Merit were issued to the following brethren: William W. Bauer, 19; Orin J. Diedricksen, 301; Burrell R. Dunn, 19; Frank B. Elftman, 289; Ben D. Fussell, 79; John F. Futcher, 302; Donald E. Gregg, 297; Mervil L. Greenlee, 201; Robert E. Harry, 56; Robert E. Heath, 317; John J. Helzer, 158; Erwin J. Imig, 38; D. Charles Irwin, 50; Don Jones, 201; Arthur W. Kaman, 271; Alfred R. Kenoyer, 191; L. Wayne Ketler, 180; Donald A. Keys, 300; George Maser, 210; Rudy Melchior, 3; William H. McHargue, 239; Samuel J. Person, 17; George B. Pribyl, 302; Maynard S. Range, 6; Marion Reed, 6; Sebert A. Stover, 281; LeRoy J. Trabert, 183; James P. Vance, 300; Lowell W. Watkins, 225; Benjamin D. Wood, 33; Alfred G. Wurst, 59; Clarence A. Wymore, 210; Charlie H. Zareter, 310.

We mourn the loss of Brother William A. Lallman who has had continuous Certification for forty-four years.

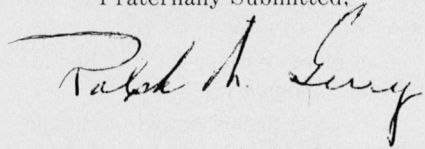
Our faithful staff of Assistant Grand Custodians, as in the past, have been carrying out their duties to the fullest extent, making them the hardest working, most dedicated Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction. Masonry shall always be indebted to these fine men.

Upon completion of the first year as your Grand Custodian I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to our Grand Master M. W. Norris W. Lallman, for the appointment, R. W. Robert W. Cook Grand Secretary, a true and trusty friend, the Committee on the Work, M. W. Edward F. Carter, M. W. Herbert T. White, M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, and

the entire staff of Assistant Grand Custodians for all the kindnesses and cooperation.

May the Grand Architect of the Universe be with and watch over our Ritual always.

Fraternally Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert A. Eury". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Grand Custodian

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS

The Committee respectfully submits as its report that the Address of M. W. Norris W. Lallman, Grand Master, be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

The section on Necrology.

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The section on Dispensations.

The section on Consolidations.

To the Committee on Grievances:

The section on Trial Commissions.

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The section on Amendments to By Laws.

The section on Decisions.

Recommendations Nos. 1 and 3.

The entire report indicates an untiring devotion 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 Chapters and Dispensations:

The section on Consolidations.

The section on Chartered Lodges.

To the Committee on Grievances:

The section on Grievances:

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The paragraph in the section on Returns suggesting Legislation to improve the records of the Grand Secretary.

To the Committee on Finance:

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

It is with sadness we note the passing of our Grand Secretary R. W. Robert W. Cook. He was as devoted to this Grand Lodge as any Brother could be, and had been carrying out his work in an efficient and capable manner. We commend and thank M. W. John F. Futecher for his labor in finishing this important task.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

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

Fraternally submitted,

W. Byron C. Jenkins, 325 Chairman

W. Donald E. Morrow, 72

W. Merle M. Roth, 184



ASSISTANT GRAND CUSTODIANS

| | |
|----------------------------|------|
| Harold D. Weddel, 61 | 1937 |
| Stephen W. Beck, 43 | 1940 |
| LaVerne A. Walker, 55 | 1946 |
| Paul D. Fleming, 93 | 1949 |
| Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9 | 1955 |
| Clifford D. Webster, 321 | 1956 |
| Frank H. Smith, 301 | 1957 |
| Harry N. Ahl, 112 | 1959 |
| Lloyd I. Edwards, 110 | 1960 |
| Alfred R. Kenoyer, 191 | 1960 |
| Sebert A. Stover, 281 | 1960 |
| T. Leo Stines, 30 | 1960 |
| Stanley E. Brunton, 222 | 1961 |
| Glenn W. Binder, 23 | 1961 |
| Gordon Chard, 240 | 1962 |
| Harold A. Tilton, 71 | 1962 |
| Stuart A. Johnson, 169 | 1963 |
| Aruthur S. Dye, 317 | 1964 |
| W. Upton Dawson, 135 | 1964 |
| Ralph I. Berry, 256 | 1965 |
| Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210 | 1965 |
| Robert W. Boon, 33 | 1965 |
| Alton S. Mote, 183 | 1965 |
| Arnold F. Mains, 15 | 1965 |
| Harold J. Oehlerking, 159 | 1966 |
| Gwynne L. Neubauer, 258 | 1966 |
| Ward L. McGlashan, 180 | 1966 |
| Curtis J. Griess, 49 | 1966 |
| Walter Brown, 1 | 1967 |
| John C. Nelson, 250 | 1967 |
| Mervin E. Ransom, 65 | 1967 |
| Donald A. Kychkelhahn, 210 | 1967 |
| Howard G. Whitmore, 161 | 1967 |
| Frank R. Harris, 77 | 1967 |
| Gerald V. Insee, 158 | 1968 |

ASSISTANT GRAND CUSTODIANS EMERITI

| | |
|-------------------------|------|
| George A. Stevens, 158 | 1916 |
| Frank M. Johnson, 188 | 1920 |
| Earl Barnette, 146 | 1929 |
| Austin F. Whitmire, 75 | 1931 |
| Henning C. Johnson, 171 | 1932 |
| Carroll C. Raymer, 164 | 1932 |

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| Cecil C. Gates, 227 | 1938 |
| Clarence G. McNamee, 55 | 1941 |
| Louis V. Sylvester, 281 | 1942 |
| Lewis E. Baker, 135. | 1943 |
| George S. Schwab, 49 | 1946 |
| Harold M. Wilkerson, 54 | 1947 |
| Ernest E. James, 1 | 1948 |
| Charles M. Frederick, 136 | 1949 |
| Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314 | 1954 |
| Matthias E. Mauel, 173 | 1956 |
| Erwin J. Imig, 38. | 1960 |
| Richard L. Wait, 19 | 1962 |

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

W. Howard L. Patterson, 303, Chairman, presented the report on Finance which was adopted.

Your Finance Committee has been handicapped by illness and death of experienced chairman, W. Jess Wade, the death of W. Herman G. Reinholz, who was instrumental in setting up the accounting system used by Grand Lodge, and our Grand Secretary R. W. Robert W. Cook.

In the examination of the books and accounts of the Grand Lodge, we were unable to locate some vouchers for June, 1968, salary adjustments, Grand Trustees audit, and others, but from examination of the ledger and journal entries, we were completely satisfied the adjustments were in order. The Grand Master's account was not overdrawn but one voucher was charged improperly — should be charged Grand Office expense, not overdrawn.

We found a contribution of \$300 to the Community Chest United Fund paid out of committee on relief. Your financial committee well recognizes the worthiness of this cause, but does not believe it should be a Grand Lodge expense. We therefore recommend no further contributions of this nature, not Masonic obligations, should be made from Grand Lodge funds.

We would recommend the expense of Grand Tyler and Grand Organist, a budgeted item of \$25 and \$10 respectively, be combined with payroll for annual communication and not carry separate accounts for single items of expense such as this.

Since we are closing the books for the accounting year ending April 30, we recommend that all necessary bills for carrying on the functions of the Grand Lodge during the Month of May be paid each year. — I so move.

Reference is made to a/c 406.7. Property Insurance.

It appears an invoice from Pinkerton-Madden-Burford for \$67 covering office contents for the period January 8, 1969 to January 8, 1970 has been duplicated and is shown as \$134 on the annual audit report. This item is being checked by the office staff who will see that reimbursement be made if in order.

The previous finance committee report showed the individual receipts and expenditures. However, since this information is included in the auditor's report, we do not see the necessity of duplicating in this report.

An examination of the records indicates the following accounting in excess of the amounts appropriated as at April 30th:

| | | |
|--|----|----------|
| 401.12 Printing Fraternal Review | \$ | 8.75 |
| 401.13 Printing Secretary Book | | 42.11 |
| 401.19 Printing Incidental Material (Non Approp.) | | 221.32 |
| 402.02 Unassigned Incidental Expense (Non Approp.) | | 55.44 |
| 404.4 Social Security Tax | | 137.25 |
| 404.5 State Unemployment Tax (Non Approp.) | | 1,479.13 |
| 404.6 Federal Unemployment Tax (Non Approp.) | | 195.07 |
| 405.1 Grand Lodge Office Rent | | 620.23 |
| 405.4 Grand Lodge Office Expense | | 1,791.61 |
| 405.5 Jewel and apron Retiring Grand Master | | 251.15 |
| 405.8 Banking Expense (Service Charge) Non Approp. | | 8.22 |
| 406.1 Compensation | | 9.20 |
| 406.2 Masonic Relief Association Dues | | 2.68 |

ANTICIPATED INCOME

| | | |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| Number of Master Masons on Rolls, December 31, 1968 | | |
| 42,687 | \$1.80 | \$ 76,836.60 |
| Initiation Fees (700 | \$10.00) | 7,000.00 |
| Investment Income | | 41,000.00 |
| | Sub-Total | \$124,836.60 |
| General Fund-Cash on Hand | | \$121,413.96 |
| Unexpended funds returned: | | |
| Comm. on Relief & care of Orphans | \$ | 299.46 |
| Comm. on Masonic Education | | 132.95 |
| Comm. on Work Grand Custodian | | |
| Comm. on Masonic Eastern Star Student Fund | | |
| Assistant Custodian Travel Expense Collections | | |
| | Sub-Total | \$122,551.37 |
| Total Available for Budget | | \$247,387.97 |
| Total request of Appropriations Committee | | \$490,928.15 |

The Committee expresses appreciation to the Grand Lodge officers and office staff for their cooperation and help in preparing this report. Your chairman of Finance Committee expresses sincere appreciation to W. . Robert W. Lund and W. . Fitzhugh L. Browne who worked diligently in preparing this report.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

W. Melvin E. Johnson presented the preliminary report on Appropriations.

| A. EXPENSE OF ANNUAL COMMUNICATION | 1968-69 | 1969-70 |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Payroll | \$ 8,000.00 | \$ 8,000.00 |
| 2. Recording & Transcribing | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| 3. Grand Tyler | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| 4. Grand Organist | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| 5. Printing Proceedings 1969 Session | 3,500.00 | 3,800.00 |
| 6. Printing Fraternal Review 1970 | 350.00 | 400.00 |
| 7. Printing 1969 Supplement | 400.00 | 450.00 |
| 8. Grand Master's Dinner for P.G.M.'s & Guests | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| 9. Grand Lodge Dinner for 1969 Delegates | 1,200.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 10. Entertainment of Distinguished Guests | 500.00 | 750.00 |
| 11. Preparing Fraternal Review 1970 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 12. Printing Secretary's Desk Book 1969-70 | 1,050.00 * | 750.00 |
| 13. Omaha Auditorium Expense 1969 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| 14. Printing Programs and incidental Matter 1969 | | 300.00 |
| 15. Paper Aprons for 1969 Grand Lodge Session | | 51.00 |
| | \$ 16,335.00 | \$ 17,336.00 |
| B. EXPENSE OF GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES | | |
| 1. Masonic Education | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,250.00 |
| 2. Relief and Care of Orphans | 100.00 | 50.00 |
| 3. Appropriations | 75.00 | 75.00 |
| 4. Grand Lodge Office | 75.00 | 75.00 |
| 5. Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund | 1,350.00 | 400.00 |
| 6. Finance | 75.00 | 75.00 |
| 7. Work | 75.00 | 75.00 |
| 8. Grand Trustees | 6,979.00 | 4,205.00 |
| 9. Grand Historian | 350.00 | 325.00 |
| 10. Printing History of Nebraska Masonic Home | 900.00 | |
| | \$ 12,229.00 | \$ 9,530.00 |
| C. TRAVEL EXPENSE | | |
| 1. Grand Master | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| 2. Grand Secretary | 1,500.00 | 1,800.00 |
| 3. Grand Custodian for Grand Lodge Functions | 700.00 | 700.00 |
| 4. Grand Custodian Department | 7,000.00 | 7,000.00 |
| 5. Grand Lodge Officers & Committees under the Direction of the Grand Master | 1,800.00 | 3,300.00 |
| 6. Deputy Grand Master to the Grand Masters Conference | 450.00 | 450.00 |
| 7. Grand Masters Conference & Grand Secretary's Conference-Dues & Misc. Expense | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 8. Masonic Service Association Training Program | 350.00 | 350.00 |
| | \$ 15,300.00 | \$ 17,100.00 |

D. SALARIES

| | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Grand Secretary | \$ 9,100.00 | \$ 9,100.00 |
| 2. Grand Custodian | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 |
| 3. Grand Secretary's Clerical Staff | 13,700.00 | 6,400.00 |
| 4. Social Security | 1,300.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 5. Unemployment Insurance | | 450.00 |
| | <u>\$ 32,100.00</u> | <u>\$ 35,450.00</u> |

E. FIXED EXPENSE

| | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Rent of Grand-Lodge Offices | \$ 6,350.00 | \$ 8,100.00 |
| 2. Grand Lodge Office Electricity | 900.00 | 900.00 |
| 3. Grand Lodge Office Expense | 4,300.00 | 6,500.00 |
| 4. Jewel and Apron for Retiring Grand Master | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 5. Grand Custodians Office Expense | 600.00 | 400.00 |
| 6. Retirement Fund for Grand Lodge Employees | 5,830.00 | 4,357.00 |
| 7. Museum and Library | 300.00 | 150.00 |
| 8. Retirement Benefit 1969-70 | | 5,117.88 |
| 9. Grand Lodge Supply Account | | 4,000.00 |
| 10. Fifty Year Buttons | | 1,800.00 |
| | <u>\$ 18,580.00</u> | <u>\$ 31,624.88</u> |

F. INSURANCE-ASSESSMENTS & CONTRIBUTIONS

| | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Workmens Compensation & Liability Insurance | \$ 33.20 | \$ 50.00 |
| 2. Dues to The Masonic Relief Association on 42687 Members | 279.67 | 280.00 |
| 3. Surety Bond for Grand Lodge Officers & Employees | 742.70 | 700.00 |
| 4. Car Liability on Grand Masters and Employees Car | 28.00 | 30.00 |
| 5. Masonic Service Association for 42687 Members | 1,118.66 | 1,112.00 |
| 6. Comprehensive Liability on Lodges | 3,167.01 | 3,100.00 |
| 7. Office Contents Fire Insurance | 67.00 | 75.00 |
| 8. Nebraska DeMolay Foundation | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 9. George Washington National Memorial Association | | 700.00 |
| (\$1.00 per Master Mason raised) | <u>\$ 5,936.24</u> | <u>\$ 6,547.00</u> |

G. GRAND LODGE RESPONSIBILITIES

| | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children | \$ 26,635.00 | ** \$ 26,787.00 |
| 2. The Nebraska Masonic Home | 295,050.00 | 302,750.00 |
| 3. The Nebraska Masonic Home, Maintenance, Repair & Equipment | 11,100.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 4. Seal Program | 20,000.00 | 15,000.00 |
| 5. The Nebraska Masonic Home Retirement Program | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 |
| 6. The Nebraska Masonic Home Special Sewer Assessment | 7,752.00 | |
| 7. The Nebraska Masonic Home, Ventilating & Air Conditioning | 252,450.00 | |
| | <u>\$632,987.00</u> | <u>\$865,537.00</u> |

Notes:

*2 Year Expense

**Matched by the Grand Chapter in Like Amount

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations respectively reports that there has been no change in our Fraternal Relations with other Jurisdictions with whom we are now exchanging Representatives during the past Masonic Year.

During the past Masonic Year, your Committee has received requests for recognition and exchange of Representatives from the following Grand Lodges:

Gran Logia de Columbia, Bogota

Gran Logia de La Republica Dominicana — Santo Domingo

Under date of August, 1968 we received a begging letter from Abraham Lincoln Lodge in Manaus, Brazil stating that they had selected the name of that great Mason Abraham Lincoln for their lodge and asking for a gift of \$2000 to help erect their Temple. Unfortunately Abraham Lincoln was not a Mason and we do not have that kind of money to send for the purpose and must deny the request.

We also received a letter of April 14, 1969 from the Grand Secretary for Foreign Relations of the Grand Lodge of Rio Grande Do Sul, which we recognize, warning us of the efforts of the Grande Orient of Rio Grande Do Sul to obtain recognition. They state that the Grande Orient is an irregular and spurious Power existing in the State of Rio Grande Do Sul. That they are merely an agent for the Grand Orient of Brazil, a power equally considered irregular by the Regular Grand Lodges of the U.S.A., Central and South America.

Under date of March 26, 1969 we received a letter from W. J. Brother Stubbs, Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England. He states that he had read my report of last year and was quite critical of this Reviewer, stating that I prefer to get my information 2nd or 3rd hand, referring to my three quoted sources of last year. He refers me to their District Grand Secretary in Brazil.

Now the above letter from Brazil was certainly written by a Grand Lodge on the scene, who should know the score. Furthermore under dates of July 30th and August 5, 1968, we received two circulars from the Grande Loza Do Estado Da Guanabara, who are also most certainly on the scene in Brazil. These two circulars make quite serious charges against both the Grand Orient and also against the Grand Lodge of England itself. "We emphasize that the Grand Orient of Brazil remain irregular and in our Country because — it accept unrecognized rituals inclusively the Modern where are initiated atheists; it act irregularity without the apron and the Book of the Law, etc." (Language theirs)

In the circular of Aug. 5th, they state the Grand Orient was considered as an irregular body as long ago as Aug. 3, 1927. Also in Paris in 1929 by the International conference of Supreme Councils.

They claim in this circular that the United Grand Lodge of England with this treaty with the Grand Orient did enter into an alliance with a clandestine, illegitimate and irregular Power in the general assent of universal Freemasonry. "Whereas with such a treaty, the U.G.L. of England can be considered irregular because it had violated the "eight points of regularity" that itself had been created in September 1929 and still because it had violated the Ancient Landmarks of the Order." (language theirs) And so on for two and one-half pages of legal size paper.

Now I have no quarrel with Brother Stubbs. I respect him very highly, but I do not care to have the validity of the sources of my reports questioned by him or anyone else. I do not do business that way. There is just one question that I would like to ask Brother Stubbs: "If the Grand Orient of Brazil is such a fine organization, why in their long history, has not one recognized Grand Lodge, outside of the British Isles, accepted them worthy of recognition throughout the whole Masonic World? I hope this will close this matter completely as far as I am concerned.

I am very happy to report that the difficulties reported last year between Oklahoma and Mississippi and New Jersey and New York have been settled and peace again reigns in our Land.

Also along this same line, last year I reported the separation of a small group from the Grand Lodge of Turkey in support of the effort of the Scottish Rite to form a separate Grand Lodge. In May, a year ago, it would seem that a letter was sent out, which I did not receive, but information in Wyoming, Alberta and Quebec, indicate that peace and harmony have been re-established with the Grand Council. The Scottish Rite reorganized themselves and amended their By-Laws to conform to those of the Grand Lodge and making membership in the Grand Lodge as a requisite for membership in the Scottish Rite.

Also in Peru, the Grand Lodge and the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, after a series of meetings, have made up their differences also, so peace generally prevails at the present time almost everywhere.

Several Grand Lodges comment on conditions in Egypt and at least two, Minnesota and Virginia have canceled their recognition of what was left of Masonry in this area.

The National Grand Lodge of France, founded in 1913, continues to progress in a genuinely acceptable Masonic Manner. They are rejoicing in their new Temple in Paris. They have had an increase of two lodges and now have 96.

In Israel there are now 52 lodges. They are covering a great many fields in their charitable efforts: one peculiar one, funds for delinquent youth to enable them to find work to improve their condition and give them hope for the future. This Grand Lodge continues to send greetings to all Grand Lodges in the World at the time of their Annual Communi-

cations. Jewish candidates are not required to kneel, they only bow the head, which is covered while taking their OBs. Christians and Moslems do kneel. This refers to the destruction of the Temple at Jerusalem, only in Yom Kippur do they kneel.

India now has 178 lodges with about 9000 members. A member with his son, who visited the U. S. for open heart surgery was taken under the wing of the Grand Lodge of Alabama and given every assistance. For which the Grand Lodge of India expressed their gratitude. Their largest group of lodges has from 40-60 members. The largest lodge only has 120 members. Four brethren have over sixty years of membership. An inquiry in regard to Jewish candidates elicited the reply from England, Scotland and Ireland that it should be done in the Jewish manner for them; for others in the Christian, Hindu, Moslem, Parsi, Sikh manner. They get along together here too.

Finland has 45 lodges with a new Temple at Kasarmikatu. Nine of these lodges were established in 65-66, four in localities where none existed before. They have relations with most of the Grand Lodges of the World.

China had a gain of 31, slightly more than the year previous. The ritual for the first degree has been translated into Chinese and is in use. It is said the 2nd and third degrees have been finished, but not as yet issued, until the ritual for the first has been tried out and proven to be acceptable by the lodges. Maine, the last holdout, has now recognized this Grand Lodge on Taiwan.

Greece continues its troubled way. The Grand Master did say: "Our World is a better human society where the ideal Temple would house more Social Justice under the emblem of the Level; brotherhood and uprightness under the emblem of the Square. A better mankind with assured peace giving splendour to the shining Star. A human Society having the mark of hope, which mankind impatiently awaits and which will lead our shaking steps towards a definite universal peace, concord and Brotherhood."

All of their twenty lodges were present at the opening of the Grand Lodge of Japan. 104 Jurisdictions now recognize this Grand Lodge. They made a gain of 109 for the year. In 1965 there were only 100 Japanese Nationals on the rolls. Now there are some 500 there and a total of almost 4600, so it is becoming more of a Japanese Grand Lodge indeed. Eighteen of their twenty lodges have Japanese members; ten lodges can use either English or Japanese in conferring degrees. They make donations to our Masonic Service Association and to the American Cancer Society.

The Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo, perhaps the most successful of all the Brazilian Grand Lodges, has 64 lodges, one working in German, one in Hungarian and the rest in Portuguese. Brother Ervin Seignmartin is now Grand Secretary. He is the individual who almost single-handedly obtained recognition for his group. They have relations with 120 jurisdictions.

The Philippines continue to show a gain, with three new lodges and one re-activated. Five others were given dispensations, one in South Korea and one in Viet Nam.

Cuba continues to be a puzzle, but from all information received it would appear that the Grand Lodge of Cuba continues to operate its 332 lodges and show a gain in spite of some governmental regulations. There are inspectors, generally not Masons who harass the lodges by frequent visits, who have the power to levy fines for infractions of numerous restrictions, but are not concerned with ritual or lodge management. Several other states have broken relations, but as before this committee sees no reason to change. In Havana, they still use two floors of their Temple, but have lost all the rental space to the government.

In regard to the application of the Grand Lodge of Columbia at Bogota, I can see no good reason why this request should not be granted. We first received such a request back in 1961. In 1964 we received a request from the Serenisima Gran Logia Nacional De Columbia, State of Cartagena. For many years we have recognized only the Grand Lodge of Barranquilla. As I have said before, there are five Grand Lodges in Columbia, each separated by difficult mountainous terrain, which limits communication. Each recognizes all the others. The Commission on Recognition of the Grand Master's Conference states that all are equally entitled to recognition.

In the matter of the Grand Lodge of the Dominican Republic, I have some mixed feelings about this item. The instability of the country at the present time argues that it should be denied. On the other hand it has been operating since 1858 and operates under all the requirements necessary for the recognition of any Grand Lodge. In 1858, this Grand Lodge was formed by five lodges. Legitimate in origin it has steadfastly adhered to the Ancient Landmarks; now they have 22 lodges with over 3000 members. Another item in their favor is the fact that the 8th Interamerican Conference of Symbolic Freemasonry will be held here in March 1970. Surely the Dominican Republic would not have been picked unless it was felt this was a legitimate Grand Lodge. In this past year they have received the support of many Grand Lodges in the U.S. and other sections of the World. Pennsylvania and Texas have recognized them.

We therefore recommend recognition and exchange of Representatives with these two applicants from Columbia and with the Dominican Republic.

Hoping this brief account of other Jurisdictions is of some interest to the Brethern of Nebraska, your committee now recommends that all past applications be continued for further study, without prejudice, until the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. Most worshipful Sir, I move that this report be printed and spread in full on the minutes of this Communication and that its recommendations be adopted.

Sincerely and fraternally submitted:
M. W. William B. Wanner, 9

At 11:50 The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

TUESDAY JUNE 3
FIRST DAY — AFTERNOON SESSION

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

W. Frank J. Mattoon, Grand Orator:

M. W. Sir, esteemed visiting Brother Masons from other States, Past Grand Masters and my fellow brethren: One can not help but feel a sense of ineptitude and humility as he stands before this group of Brother Masons. And were it not for the brotherly love which I am sure you have for me and which I can extend to you, I feel that I would shrink from this obligation and pleasant duty. And yet, seeing the number here, visualizing the impact of Masonry throughout the world and throughout the United States, I am comforted in the fact that we all can take home lessons from this Grand Lodge Communication, to our own lodge and to exert our combined influence as individual Masons in our own communities, for a better society, for better things to come for our generation and for the unborn generation which will follow. Is this truly a period of gloom and despair? Are the problems of our days so difficult that they are not susceptible of solution? Are Masons today so busy, so absorbed in daily life and supporting their families, to hurl themselves into the fray to save this great society of ours? Each of these questions can and must be answered in the negative. It is with this conclusion that I commence.

It is not my intention here today, to paint a picture of abject gloom and despair for which there are no solutions, but I feel that I must urge upon all of us as Brother Masons, that we can not bury our heads in the sand as the ostrich, hoping that the problems that confront our society today, will in some measure go away. We must recognize that we have a part in these problems, we have a part in the solution of them. As Masons, and as those who adhere to the principals of friendship, morality and brotherly love. Yes, these are the days of consternation in our community. These are the days of immorality and, if you please, decadence. These are the days when we observe the armed attacks upon our Colleges and Universities. When armed militant would throw out the administrations and replace a well adjusted educational system with anarchy. Yes, these are the days when we see in our churches the object of subversion. These are the days when our homes have been perverted. When our young people are subjected to the use of LSD, marijuana, heroin and other drugs. When we see them going to our Colleges and Universities and into the world, with fine characters — only a few years hence to see them return broken in mind and spirit. This is the condition of our Society of 1969. It is with this picture in mind, with this picture in the background, that we as Masons must now pick ourselves up and go forward as individuals and as Brothers in arms to do something about it. We owe this to our children.

There is a need in the world today for the application of the principles to which we owe our existence. The world cries out at this time for leadership based upon principle. The world cries out for the Masonic Brethren, with their deep sense of responsibility and adherence to principle, to come forth now as they have in the ages past, to do the things which are necessary in this great society of ours. For if we wait too long, the result will be decided for us.

Yet in a lighter vein, I sometimes wonder, as all of us do, why do we come to a Grand Lodge Communication? Why do we come to any type of a Convention? Once more the ravages of time have taken from us one year of Masonry. The Grand Master here today, and the W. L. Master of last January, reflected upon a job well done and things left undone. There were those of our lodges who had plans, plans which failed — plans which succeeded. Yet, we meet here today in a renewed spirit. To go forward rededicated to Masonry. To go forward with something for our Society and to go forward with something for ourselves and for all Eternity. We meet here in a spirit of friendship, renewed vigor and a re-dedication to the principles for which many Masons have lived and died. This is the time of reflection and report. A time for projection and study. A time for enthusiastic action from this day forward.

The problems, the differences, the debates that we will have in these lodge halls will be resolved. We will leave these tiled walls in a sense of harmony and brotherhood. To go forward as all Masons have done in ancient time past — to greater things for the Society in which we live. And so it was with our ancient brethren, when they founded the Order under King Solomon, in the building of the Temple in strength and beauty. This was the job for their day. The building of the Temple, erected to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. And the duty passed from David the planner to Solomon his son, who received the sepulcher of Israel. And Solomon paused to dedicate that great Temple unto the God of His Fathers, in order that it might live through the ages. In the construction, he brought together Hiram King of Tyre, Hiram Abiff, seventy thousand Entered Apprentice Masons; eighty thousand Fellow Craft Masons and thirty-three hundred Master Masons, welded into one great unified body to go forward with the construction of the edifice. And so there on Mount Moriah, the place of the altars of Abraham and David, was founded the perfect sample. The first convocation, the first communication, the first assemblage of Masons was had and done.

And from this auspicious beginning, Masonry traveled westward to the shores of the Mediterranean where the pillars of Hercules guarded the portals of that great and forboding sea. And to many other nations and in many other countries, were found the meetings and the convocations of Masons. We find evidence in the ancient cleft rock of India of the sculptured emblems of our ancient order. And in Central America under the veiled tangle of vegetation in the dense forests, we find the altars of the ancient Masons. And in primitive England, where at a meeting of Masons the Ancient York Rite Masonry was born under the charter

of Saxony. And in the catacombs of Rome early Christians met with Masonic brethren and under the protection afforded by Masonic Brethren from the Rulers of that particular time. And at Palestine with the early Christians, the Holy Sepulcher was returned. Yes, Masons have met all over the world in all times with all purposes; each in accordance with the tempo of the times in which they lived.

And to the Virgin shores of the United States, Masons have traced their influence upon the history of a new nation, dedicated to the quality of man under God. Yes, and we found evidence in Washington's Battlefield tent, in the Revolution, where Masons met to offer up their adorations to Diety. Yes, from north to south, from the Orient of Maine to the Occident of Oregon, Masons have met and the influence of Masonry has been present through the ages.

Can you imagine immediately prior to the Civil War, when Masons pondered on one of the most serious, devastating problems that has ever confronted any country in the history of the World. When brother would be asked to fight his brother — when father would be asked to fight his son — when families would be split asunder — when the entire nation would be divided. We hear the words of Worshipful Brother John F. Kinney, in his address to The Grand Lodge at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on June 5, 1861, and we can only imagine the anguish in his voice as he said. 'Brethren, let me exhort you to remain standfast supporters of the Government; and, if necessary for its protection, exchange the gavel for the musket; the trowel for the sword, and labor according to the designs which may be laid down upon the Military trestleboard, in perpetuating the civil and religious liberties handed down to us by our Fathers and Brethren of the Revolution.'

Knowing full well that these words meant that Brother Masons would soon be engaged in deadly conflagration and bloody conflict with their Brother Masons from the south.

But I suppose on a lighter vein, at the meetings of the Grand Lodge held at Plattsmouth, Brownville and Nebraska City in the early days of our own Grand Lodge, each lodge had before it a problem of the particular day, requiring some kind of a solution.

And then there were meetings in other places in the World. Immediately prior to World War II, imagine the Masons meeting in some basement in Berlin under the close scrutiny of the Nazis of that period. And in France, Sweden, England, Australia and Canada — from these meetings and from the history of Masonry have come great statesmen, clergy, lawyers, doctors, merchants, soldiers, poets, scholars, historians and philosophers. All have drunk from the same fountain and received the wages of Masonry. Among these are the names of Saint Austin, Alfred, Prince Edwin, James I, Frederick the Great, Newton, Loche, Essex, Woolsey, Howard, Wren, Napoleon, LaFayette, Marshall, Blucher, Cowper and Burns. Yes, in young America just born — the names of Washington, Hamilton, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Hancock, Adams, Patrick Henry, Clinton, Livingston, Tompkins, Franklin, Marshall and

Jackson. What an imposing array of Masons who have called out to us to follow in their footsteps!

I say to you and ask this question — Are we ready to do so? For problems are ever changing in accordance with the times. No longer can we live within the tiled walls of our Fraternity and enjoy the placid of waters of harmony, but we must encounter the problems of our days. There were other problems. There have been direct attacks upon Masonry down through the ages. The skeptics of one time traced the origin of Masonry to the druids, and claimed that we left after us the clumsy ruins of Stonehenge and Salisbury.

The anti-Masons through lack of understanding spit venom upon our time honored usages and customs. We were accused of being a secret order which was not apparent to the naked eye of our neighbor and brother. We have been charged with being agnostic and infidels. We have been charged with persecution upon the Holy Rites of ceremony. We have even been charged with being anti-Christ.

Our brothers, our forebearers have dispelled these misconceptions of Masonry and it leaves a clear note for us today, to proceed to the solutions of our contemporary problems. It is in a sense of brotherly love, founded upon basic and honest discussion, that we can solve the problems with which we are confronted — that decisions can be made.

My Brethren, these are the lessons given to us by another group which today in this presentation, I would be remiss in not mentioning — The influence and the impact of the lives of our departed Brethren; some of whom have left us within the past year. We would be neglectful if we did not reflect for a moment upon the deeds and actions of our contemporaries who have gone to their eternal reward. We view their parting with tearful eyes and feel a gnawing emptiness akin only to hunger unfulfilled. But if we left it there, we would do them a sad injustice. No, we must rejoice in the memory of their lives spent for and made a part of Masonry — dedicated to the principle of brotherly love, relief and truth. Yes, they took the great steps assured in their belief in eternal life. They walked down the rocky path of life and at the last moment turned ever so briefly and gave to us that last smile — and that last gesture of assurance. To them we are indebted. To them we must now say, "We will move forward."

For ourselves, for our youth, for the generation yet to come, we will answer their call. From our deliberations shall come the forward application of the principles of Masonry in every walk of life in this United States. To do otherwise is to deny the heritage; to negate the efforts of many fine Masons, living and dead, who lived the precepts of Masonry. To do otherwise, is to give truth to the charges which have been leveled against us. To rest on antiquity and history is to make a mockery of Masonry. Organization for the sake of organization has no purpose. Meeting for the sake of meeting has no significance. Social graces and niceties are not ultimate ends in and of themselves. Ritual and proficiency are not as the ultimate goals of Masonry.

But there is room for organization through which Masons can go forward and the impact felt in every area of this society of ours — the principles and the application of those principles to our everyday life, and to answer the challenge which is before us. And meetings are necessary as is this Communication, this Grand Assembly, where we can plan and work and dedicate our lives anew to the principles of Masonry to those goals yet unrealized, and go forward from this meeting inspired to do something in our own community, and in the State of Nebraska, and in the other States, for the furtherance of the goals of peace and brotherhood. Social graces and niceties are also necessary to recognize the labors of those who have given much of their time and effort. Ritual and proficiency are absolutely essential, so that the principles of Masonry will not be subjected to the whims and pleasures of each proceeding generation, but will continue to grow upon foundations of certainty and stability.

Yes, the time tested principles and lessons of Masonry are before us for our use, for our application. But just as King Solomon's Temple was destroyed by the Assyrians, Masonry can be destroyed by being inert or ineffective in spousing its principles and its way of life.

I would like to quote from Daniel Webster when he said,

"If we work marble, it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear Temples, they will crumble under dust; but if we work upon immortal minds and instill into them just principles, we are then engraving upon tablets which no time will erase, but will brighten to all Eternity."

How well we might heed the words of this great Statesman. From whence come these principles — from what source are they derived? I give to you a simple but profound answer, a simple but profound source. It is the one great common denominator — The Holy Bible upon the Altar.

To every Mason there has come the demand, "let there be light" and the response "and there was light". We cling to the Holy Bible as the rule and guide of our faith. We cling to the principles of Masonry which have withstood the ravages of time. The principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. Upon these corner-stones are founded our Order. What is the difference, why have we existed, what makes Masonry perpetual. I can tell you in one small phrase — the Great Light of Masonry, the Holy Bible from whence comes all truth. For Nations despots Governments, Orders, and Irregiliuous cults have come and gone, but Masonry lives on forever!

So as we come to this Communication here, as we observe the principles of Masonry, we also must observe the source of our strength, our power and our life. These principles must be applied to meet each modern area. We would shrivel and die if we merely reflect upon our antiquity and do not project and apply these principles to new situations. What a dynamic force would be the three million Masons throughout the United States and the Western World — to band together to make

certain that we do have peace in our time, to dispel anarchy, to place right above might! And to dispel the forces of insurrection and rebellion which surround us. We reflect upon the principle of brotherly love — the brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God, as we hear the words of Malachi the Prophet: "Have we not all of us one Father? Hath not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our Fathers?"

Yes, when you apply this to today's problems, Masonry rejects racism. Masonry rejects those who would exert their own wishes and desires above the good of their brethren, and Masonry accepts the concept of Brotherhood in our every day life. Masonry rejects riots, arson, robbery and murder. We will not allow it to run rampant in this modern society of ours. We will apply in its stead, the Golden Rule and we will combat, under this Golden Rule, the loose morals in our society of today. For if we do not recognize it soon, all will be lost. Masonry will lose its chance.

We should defend the Constitution of the United States, as our Forefathers helped to write it. We should defend the Institutions of learning in our great country. We must participate in and defend the life of our Churches. We must participate in and defend the lives of our homes and our Government. This is the roll of 1969 Masonry. We can no longer sit still, but we must take an active part. We no longer can say that we are too busy to participate in the solution of the problems of the day. Masons must move forward and they must move forward now or there is no real reason for Masonry to exist.

Suddenly we come to application of the principle of relief and charity; where the apostle Paul said to us, "Faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. For faith may be lost in sight, hope ends fruition, but charity endures beyond the grave." Here we have a specific example of charity Masons of Nebraska. They give a lending hand to the brethren who now require it — at the Home in Plattsmouth. I commend your reading the report of W. Brother Dr. Rosenlof in the 1968 proceedings of the Grand Lodge. Where he traced the history, the purposes, requirements and needs of our Home at Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Here is something that we can take back to our local lodges.

Here is a place where we, when we go back to our local lodges, can stand and say, "if we need financial support now for the Masonic Home, we are indeed practicing charity". To this we subscribe in our dedication to Masonry — now let us apply it. And gentlemen and brethren, I exhort you now to go back to your lodges, to support the institutions of Masonry in a concrete way. And in no less manner we should support also the Children's Home in Fremont. We have a duty to widows and orphans of Masons. We will fulfill that duty, for it is in this way that we can breathe renewed life into Masonry and our return will be many fold.

The last principle which should definitely be applied in every walk of life, in every vocation, in every area of the United States of America,

is the principle which we call the Truth. Adherence to the lessons taught by the great light of Masonry. Acceptance of it as the final word of God. We should teach it, we should preach it, we should believe in it. All of us can participate in the activities of our local churches. The image of Masonry must come forward in that area. For if the Bible is not the true word of God, Masonry has no meaning. If we who have faith forget the great light and deny it, we are not Masons but agnostics or infidels. Masons forever hold the sprig of acacia as the symbol of life everlasting. The reward to those whose lives the Great Architect of the Universe has applied the implements of Masonry and found those lives and actions, "plum, square and level."

Here is the subject which is nearest, and I think dearest to my heart, perhaps because I have, as you do, such profound love for my own family.

We must instill in our youth, the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. We must encourage our youth, our young people to accept these, not as substitutes, but as the true way of life. Encourage them to adhere to these principles while we still have a chance to deal with the young minds of our nation, instead of allowing some Tom, Dick and Harry on the street corner to give them other principles by which they would destroy the society in which they live. You know, I wonder sometimes if Masons really realize what the image is to the younger person — the image of a Mason. The other day, my son is the Master Counselor in DeMolay in Sidney, and I am proud of that — I don't mind saying so — but he reported to me after the initiation degree that they gave, and he said, "Dad, you know that there were seven Masons there", and his eyes held the admiration for the Masonic Fraternity. I hope it continues.

I was standing on the street corner in Lincoln several years ago wearing Shrine Fez. A little boy, five or six years old, came up to me and, as I was watching the parade, I felt a tug on my sleeve. I looked down and this little face looked up at me and he said, "Mr., are you a Mason?" and I said, "Yes, son I sure am." He looked at me a minute and his eyes widened and he said "Gosh", and then he ran off. Here was a little boy who had an image of Masonry, he respected our Fraternity as we should respect it. Sometimes I wonder really if we do. There are many of these young men and women in our High Schools, in our Junior High Schools and in our Grade Schools, who would like to be recognized by Masonry. But I would like to ask you this one question — (I will not embarrass you by asking you to raise your hands in reply) — How many of you have recently attended a meeting of the DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls — how many? How many of you who have been asked to take an automobile to a DeMolay Conclave and have replied, "I am sorry, but I am too busy?" How many of you have been asked to participate as a DeMolay Dad or on the Advisory Council and have replied, "I am sorry, I am too busy." The time has long since past when Masons can afford to be "too busy!" We must support these youth organizations or Masonry will die on the vine. We can not become ingrown and die as the small

fish in the too small lake. We must be vigorous, we must participate, we must recognize the strength from which our future will come.

So I would like to quote to you from the Words of the Oratorical Poet, who stated.

"God give us men,
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands.
Men who the lust of office does not kill.
Men whom the spoils of office can not buy.
Men who possess opinion and a will.
Men who have honor.
Men who will not lie."

Now is the time as we go forward from this Grand Lodge Communication, that we will re-dedicate ourselves to the principles of Masonry, re-dedicate our lives to the principles of Masonry and the application of the same to this great society of ours. Re-dedicate our lives and take a long look in a mirror, and then, and I quote

"when the square, that perfect implement with heavenly care, shall be applied to every block we bring, no fault shall see, Our Master and our King."

M. W. Norris W. Lallman, Grand Master: Thank you W. Brother Frank for a masterful oration. We can learn much by some of the principle that you set forth in this oration.

We will now have the report of the Committee on The Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund by W. Brother Delbert H. Pinkerton.

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

Your Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund Committee respectfully submits the following report:

Of the five boys from our Children's Home in Fremont who graduated from Fremont High School last May, your committee approved three for sponsorship and assistance toward further education.

We assisted one lad through the first semester at Chadron State College, but he left school at that time and is no longer under our sponsorship.

We enrolled a second boy in Nebraska Vocational Technical School in the January term and he attended school for that term. He is presently on temporary "leave" from school and is temporarily employed by a home construction firm in Lincoln in anticipation of returning to N.V.T.S. in August to continue his education in the home building trade.

The third boy is currently enrolled in a computer programming school and will complete this course of study in July.

You may be interested to learn that the boy we had sponsored for 3-1/2 years at Michigan State University, and who disappointed us by leaving school to be married, turned that disappointment to gratifica-

tion recently when we learned that he did return to school later and, on his own, completed his studies for a degree and is now successfully employed.

The only resident at the Children's Home who is a high school graduate this spring is a girl and she has not requested the assistance of our Committee for any advanced education. Therefore, during the ensuing year we will only be sponsoring two boys — the one who will soon complete his computer programming training, and the one who will return to N.V.T.S. later this summer.

We have returned \$613.18 of unused appropriation from this year just ending, of which \$306.59 was returned to the Grand Lodge and a like amount to the Grand Chapter O.E.S. We anticipate a need of \$800.00 for the sponsorship of our students for the coming year, of which \$400.00 has been requested and granted from the Grand Chapter O.E.S. We respectfully request an appropriation from the Grand Lodge in an equal amount of \$400.00 to enable us to continue our sponsorship of these two lads who were former residents of our Children's Home in Fremont.

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 Wymore Lodge No. 104 and recommends that the Petition be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a member.

Your Committee finds from its investigation that this former member was expelled from membership on January 14, 1956; that he petitioned for restoration in Wymore Lodge No. 104 on February 26, 1969; that the investigating committee voted favorably for restoration and his petition was granted and your committee offers the following resolution and moves its adoption:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the petition of a former member of Wymore Lodge No. 104 for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

Your Committee on Grievances reports that an investigation was made into the merits of the Petition for Restoration of a former member of Ogallala Lodge # 159 and recommends that the Petition be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a member.

Your Committee finds from its investigation that this former member was expelled from membership on May 26, 1936; that he petitioned for restoration in Ogallala Lodge # 159 in August of 1968; that the investigating committee voted favorably for restoration and his Petition was granted and your Committee offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the petition of a former member of Ogallala Lodge # 159 for restoration be granted and that he be restored to

good standing as a Mason.”

Your Committee on Grievances reports that an investigation was made into the merits of the Petition for restoration of a former member of Jordan Lodge #27 and recommends that the Petition be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a member.

Your Committee finds from its investigation that this former member was expelled from membership on April 4, 1950; that he petitioned for restoration in Jordan Lodge #27 on November 26, 1968; that the investigating committee voted favorably for restoration and his Petition was granted and your Committee offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the petition of a former member of Jordan Lodge #27 for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.”

Your Committee on Grievances reports that an investigation was made into the merits of the Petition for Restoration of a former member of North Star Lodge #227 and recommends that the Petition be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a member.

Your Committee finds from its investigation that this former member was expelled from membership on November 6, 1963; that he petitioned for restoration in North Star Lodge #227 in May of 1968; that the investigating committee voted favorably for restoration and his Petition was granted and your Committee offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the petition of a former member of North Star Lodge #227 for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.”

Your Committee on Grievances reports that an investigation was made into the merits of the Petition for restoration of a former member of Blue Hill Lodge #129 and recommends that the Petition be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a nonaffiliated Mason.

Your Committee finds from its investigation that this former member was expelled from membership on May 31, 1961; that he petitioned for restoration in Blue Hill Lodge #129 in 1968; that the investigating committee voted favorably for restoration and his Petition was granted and your Committee offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the petition of a former member of Blue Hill Lodge #129 for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a nonaffiliated Mason.”

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

W. Gail Burbridge, 11, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity

of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

Your Committee, on whom the honor was conferred of making the report on deceased Brethren, respectfully submit the following report:

We can bring no word or thought that is wholly new in this report, but we pause in our deliberation to cast upon the screen of memory some cherished pictures of the departed Masons who were our Brethren only a year ago.

We do not tarry to lament or bear our sorrow, but in a spirit marked by affectionate remembrance of their smiles, their friendly words, and kindly deeds; a spirit marked by faith in the Supreme Intelligence and a spirit filled with the assurance that when we, too, have joined in "the innumerable caravan", we shall be reunited with them.

We who play our parts as true Masons on the Stage of Life would be untrue to our teachings if we would not adhere to a belief in God and Immortality as expressed by the inspired poet:

"Alas, for him who never sees
 The stars shine through his Cypress trees;
 Who hopeless lays his dead away
 Nor looks to see the breaking day
 Across the mournful marbles play;
 Who hath not learned in hours of faith
 The truth to flesh and sense unknown:
 That Life is ever Lord of Death.
 And Love can never lose its own."

— Whittier

Though we do not possess proof borne of any traveler returned from the Great Beyond, there is evidence on every hand to warrant our convictions.

While science has uncovered but a fraction of the wonders of the Universe, it has discovered that from the simple beauty of the Lily to the Galaxies of the "Milky Way" there is unerring response to the direction by some Omnipotent Mind. It has been proved that while energy may be transformed, it is never lost. Is man then an exception? Grains of wheat entombed with the Mummies of the Pharaohs will yet spring to life when given soil and water. Would Infinite Wisdom forget man whilst he remembers a kernel of corn?

In all walks of life and under all conditions of man, death is ever present, and constantly reminds us that sooner or later we must face that eventuality. Yet death is not the all important event. It matters not when we are born, or how soon we die. The IMPORTANT POINT is the manner in which we employ that space of time between those events. The Bible tells us that Methuselah lived some 900 years and begat a lot of children — but that is all we know about him. CHRIST lived only a brief 33 years, — yet the world has never been the same since He taught us to live uprightly; to build character that is strong enough to withstand the ravages and onslaughts of evil forces which surround us.

Since we last met, the Grand Lodge has suffered the loss of our Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Fay Smith, who died October 2, 1968. He was born March 21, 1909, at Bellwood, Nebraska. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on August 21, 1926, in Purity Lodge No. 198, Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons in Imperial, Nebraska, and served as Master in 1938 and 1941. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska from June 10, 1953, to June 8, 1954.

Nebraska Masonry suffered the loss of another Past Grand Master in the death of Most Worshipful Brother Chancellor A. Phillips who was Grand Master of Nebraska from June 9, 1936, to June 8, 1937.

Our Grand Secretary, Worshipful Robert W. Cook, passed away April 5, 1969. He was appointed Grand Secretary on June 6, 1968, and served until his death. He was born at Hebron, Nebraska, on October 22, 1907, and was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on August 19, 1943, in Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island, and served his Lodge as Master in 1948 and as Secretary from 1951 until his appointment as Grand Custodian on June 9, 1965. He was appointed Assistant Custodian in 1949, serving until his appointment as Grand Custodian.

Our Grand Secretary has received Memorial Cards from 29 Grand Lodges reflecting the death of 39 Past Grand Masters. It has also been reported to our Grand Secretary the death of three Deputy Grand Masters from other Grand Jurisdictions, the death of a Grand Junior Warden, and a Grand Chaplain. Our Grand Lodge has suffered the death of 1,000 Masons since the last Grand Lodge Meeting.

When we finally appear before the One Great Judge on that Happy Day he will examine our records, and we know that they will be written in the words of the poet, in this spirit:

"For when the ONE GREAT SCORER comes,
To write against our name;
He writes not that we won or lost,
But how we played the game."

In that spirit we say —

Death does not extinguish the lights;
It is putting out the lamp because the DAWN HAS COME.

Most Worshipful Sir, we recommend that this report be spread upon the proceedings of the Grand Lodge and included in the published report of the proceedings, and may we suggest that you have this Grand Lodge stand in tribute to our departed Brethren, while our Grand Chaplain offers a prayer.

V. W. Walter O. Samuelson, Grand Chaplain: Like a ship out to sea, so these our brethren have sailed away in calm serenity. Shall we stand in silence reminding ourselves once more of those who were with us yesterday but are no more. "Almighty God and Heavenly Father, we pause for a moment dedicating these moments to the memory of those with whom we walked but yesteryear, side by side in one way or

another, laughing one moment and weeping the next, up one hill and down another, through the meadows of pleasure, through the valley of gloom. And as we walk together, we found that their association was very sweet, reminding us of the things we ought to do. As we gather here this afternoon, in this Annual Communication, we would not forget the families, the hearth fires from whence these came, for the part they played in that family circle, we know that care brings heartache, tears flow unbidden across the cheeks, but may they take consolation of the fact that these who have placed their trust in God and they knew what the great light of Masonry would teach them when they followed it, and they knew as they crossed the checkered pavement of time, that they would find themselves standing before the Grand Master of the Universe.

Be with each and every home that now feels this sting and each and every lodge where once they sat, and may we find ourselves preparing for that moment when we too shall lay aside the working tool of our profession and stand before the Great Judge of all the Universe. We ask these things in Thy name. Amen."

Plattsmouth, Nebraska
May 25, 1969

To the Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officers and
all Members of the Nebraska Masonic Lodges A. F. & A. M. .

It is impossible to write to each member so would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You.

To every member you were very special to Bob, he enjoyed his work as Assistant Custodian, then Grand Custodian. He felt during this time he knew your lodges and members personally. Then serving you as your Grand Secretary. He gave his all for the good of Masonry and had hoped to do much more. But God knew best and took him to his Heavenly Home.

To each of you My Thank You for your Prayers, Cards and Memorials. You have been so thoughtful of me. Accepting Bob's death has been very hard for me, so I have moved over to The Nebraska Masonic Home to work. By helping others I am helping myself. Both Bob and I loved the Home very much. There is so much to be done to help make life a little easier for our Brothers and Sisters who make their home here.

"How can I ever repay you?"

I've said it, and so have you.

How can I ever in all this world

Repay the things you do?

Perhaps I never can repay

To you — or you to me.

But we can pass that kindness on

To others we may see.

And though you never need my help

I Pray you never do — — —

By helping others, I'll repay

My heartfelt debt to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Iola I. Cook

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL
ASSOCIATION**

M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee which was read and adopted.

The 59th Annual Meeting of the Association was held in the Memorial Building at Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, February 22, 1969. Nebraskans in attendance included M. W. Brother Norris W. Lallman, Grand Master, R. W. Brother Hugh W. Eisenhart, Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Brother Robert W. Cook, Grand Secretary, M. W. Brother Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary Emeritus, M. W. Brother Herbert A. Ronin, Past Grand Master, and M. W. Brother Charles F. Adams, Past Grand Master and Second Vice President of the Association.

As mentioned in previous reports, the building is now completely finished on the inside with all rooms, including those in the tower, furnished and occupied. The exterior of the building is complete with the exception of the granite facing around the base. Present cost estimates for this work exceed \$750,000. Meanwhile, the building has aged to the point when much modernization is imperative. The first project of this kind involving a substantial expenditure of funds is the re-building of the heating system. Very little expense has been incurred during the life of the building and it became necessary to replace much of the existing system at a cost of approximately \$135,000. However, the annual cost of operation will be materially reduced due to the greatly increased efficiency of the new equipment.

A new color brochure is in the process of publication. All copies of the old brochure had been distributed or sold. The new edition will be on sale at the souvenir stand in the building and copies will also be distributed to the member Grand Lodges of the Association. All Grand Lodges now have a 16 mm. color and sound motion picture film which is available for showing to groups of Masons and friends. These were released in 1967 and are very well done, both as to sound and photography. The Grand Secretary's office will be glad to send this film to any lodge or Masonic group on request.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia furnished a special exhibit of items and memorabilia of our Brother George Washington for display at this annual meeting. Also, at the request of the State Department, a special exhibit of Washington items was sent to the American Embassy in Paris for a special display there.

The Endowment Fund continues to grow, but at a slower pace. Total assets of the fund now stand at approximately \$2,600,000. Nebraska has not yet fully discharged its responsibilities in this connection. Your Committee plans to present a proposed program for raising our share of this fund in its next annual report.

REPORT OF GRAND TRUSTEES

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

Last year in our report to the Grand Lodge, we pointed out that new offerings of bonds had reached an historical high, that interest rates had spiraled upward to a level that the Market has not seen for 100 years; that based upon this situation, your Board of Grand Trustees have delayed entering into the Stock Market with funds which were acquired through sale and in fact had used these funds to purchase corporate bonds, which were then yielding from six and a quarter per cent to as much as seven and a quarter per cent.

A review of what actually occurred in 1968 may be of interest.

During the early part of 1968 interest rates soared to a new record level. The demand for loanable funds expanded sharply as the economy boomed. Consideration by the Congress of a surtax again raised the question whether or not the Federal Reserve would be required to create another "credit crunch" similar to that of 1966.

However, in May and June there was a sharp drop in interest rates. By early August, short term rates had declined about one per cent and bond yields had fallen one half to three-fourths of one per cent. It is reported that this decline was touched off by the enactment of the ten per cent surtax and the expectation that this would permit the Government to ease credit. Bond underwriters bid aggressively for bonds as yields declined, and dealers built up inventories in the expectation of softening of interest rates. However, the decline in interest rates had run its course by late August and began to move upward again. The assigned reason for this change was that in spite of the surtax consumer spending continued at a very high level. It was then apparent that the monetary authorities would be forced to retreat from credit ease until the surtax began to take its toll. In fact, this is what happened and the dealers were forced to liquidate inventories as interest rates rose.

Accompanying this new offerings of securities were expanded in anticipation of an expected rise in interest rates. As of this time, long term interest rates have moved up again to levels at least equal to higher, than those of last spring and short term rates have begun to approach the levels of that time.

Because of this your Board of Grand Trustees, in view of the fact that we have had little money for long term investment, have concentrated on short term purchases of Commercial paper. In the last year we have earned on such purchases an interest rate from 5-1/2 to 7 per cent on thirty day paper.

During the last fiscal year, the Board of Grand Trustees have made 51 separate transactions in the purchase of Commercial paper. This involved the investment and re-investment many times amounting to \$2,150,000.00. It should be understood that these purchases involve

the same money on many occasions.

Perhaps an explanation of the reason your Board of Grand Trustees make short term investments would be in order. As you know, the Grand Lodge receives a substantial part of its money during the early part of the year. These funds are used to pay the operating expense of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home. The money is needed and used through the entire fiscal year, therefore, if these funds were not invested in short term investments, they would remain in the bank at no interest. We, however, schedule the maturities of our short term paper so that funds will be available to pay the operation of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home month by month.

During the last fiscal year, short term investments returned in interest to the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home, \$63,514.64.

Long term investments were made in the Grand Lodge General Fund amounting to \$50,000 principal amount. These funds were derived from the maturity of bonds previously held in the General Fund.

In the Grand Lodge Retirement Fund, long term investments were made in bonds amounting to \$20,000 and Common Stock at a cost of \$20,587. These funds were derived through appropriation of the last Grand Lodge Session, and the appropriation for The Nebraska Masonic Home with respect to the employees in both corporations, and also from interest received on previous purchases.

No long term investments were made in the General Fund of The Nebraska Masonic Home, as this fund which is the operating fund of the Masonic Home, showed a deficit, which according to our Accountants amounted to \$59,940.00. Long term investments were made in the Endowment and Bequest Fund through the purchase of bonds in the amount of \$105,000 principal amount. These funds were derived from maturities of bonds previously held in this fund.

Additional long term investment in the Endowment and Bequest Fund were made in the form of Real Estate Mortgages to two of our lodges, for the purpose of constructing new Temples. The total amount of these mortgages was \$38,500.

At the time this report was prepared, we had not yet received a copy of the final audit of our Auditing Firm, Haskell and Sells. However, preliminary figures have been made available.

With respect to the Grand Lodge, the total assets of the General Fund remain practically the same as last year. The balance sheet will show a book value of investments amounting to \$853,688. The Retirement Fund of the Grand Lodge will show assets in the amount of \$118,463.00. This is an increase over last year of \$30,979.00. This increase in the Retirement Fund was obtained by virtue of an appropriation of the Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication and by interest received into the fund. The Retirement Fund was created by the Grand Lodge for the purpose of providing Retirement benefits for Grand Lodge employees

and employees of The Nebraska Masonic Home. Under the plan, these funds and the accumulation can not be used for any other purpose.

The preliminary figures furnished us by our Accountant with respect to The Nebraska Masonic Home, show total assets of the General Fund of The Nebraska Masonic Home, which is the operating fund at \$225,664.00. This is a decline of approximately \$23,000.00 over last year.

Likewise, the preliminary figures show the Endowment and Bequest Fund of The Nebraska Masonic Home to be \$2,483,144.00.

Our investments are carried on our books at our cost or at our amortized cost in regard to bonds. This is the basis on which the foregoing figures have been given and are those which are contained in our Audit.

To understand this situation, let us go back to the subject of rising interest rates. Between mid 1965 and through 1968, interest on corporate bonds increased from 4.58% to 7.11%.

This appears to look like a very happy state of affairs for bond buyers. And in fact, it is for buyers of new bonds, but what about the older bonds which are outstanding? As yields increase prices decline. Therefore, if liquidation of bonds would be necessary at this time, the sale of low yielding bonds would produce a price less than that at which the bonds were purchased.

We have stated, the value of our bonds in the Endowment and Bequest Fund at \$2,483,144.00 and an analysis of the list of these bonds show that out of this, only \$394,000 principal amount provide an interest rate in excess of 6%. The other bonds making 89% of the aforementioned total were purchased at times when the interest rates was from 4-1/2% to less than 6%. In the Grand Lodge General Fund, out of \$853,688.00 stated value, only \$50,000 of bonds were purchased at a rate of interest of 6% or more. The same situation exists with respect to the Retirement Fund which book value amounts to \$118,463.00. Out of which only \$45,000 is in bonds yielding 6% or more.

It should be apparent that the sale or liquidation of any of these bonds prior to maturity, would produce a substantial loss in principal.

An institutional investor should not purchase bonds except with the intention of holding the same until maturity, and should make such purchases only for the purpose of receiving income.

Your Board of Grand Trustees functions and derives its authority from Section 1-401 of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge. We interpret this Section to authorize the Board of Grand Trustees to handle the investment of surplus funds of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home, and we have taken the position that it is not our duty to advise the Grand Lodge, with the respect to its operation nor The Nebraska Masonic Home concerning its income and disbursement.

Since, however, it has been claimed by some that our authority extends to the whole financial operation of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home, we have no reluctance in including in this report,

matters concerning income and disbursements other than those in connection with the investments. We shall in this report, and in subsequent reports, advise the Grand Lodge of the financial operations of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home until such time as some Committee complains that we are usurping its authority.

Income received by the Grand Lodge comes from the dues or per capita tax which is paid by the lodges, initiation and affiliation fees, sale of supplies and moneys received to provide Liability Insurance and Bonds for lodges. In addition to this income the Grand Lodge receives income from investments as heretofore reported. Our discussion of income and expense shall be directed solely to the General Fund of the Grand Lodge, as the other Fund and other accounts are either self-liquidating or can be used for only the purpose for which the Fund or account was created. As to the latter two items, we refer to the Retirement Fund and the Relief Account.

Total income to the General Fund of the Grand Lodge was \$129,493.76. The total expenses of operation of the General Fund was \$132,814.45. These expenses are listed and itemized in our audit. From these figures it is apparent that the Grand Lodge General Fund operated at a deficit of \$3,320.69.

Included in expenses are items of non-recurring expense which should not be present in the fiscal year beginning after this Grand Lodge session. One item of non-recurring expense was \$2800 for a special audit which it was determined necessary under circumstances existing last year. Another item was a printing expense due to a change in Grand Secretary. Furthermore, the Grand Lodge office committee has instituted a program to cut expenses of operation of the Grand Lodge Office.

The income of The Nebraska Masonic Home to the General Fund is derived from the per capita tax received from lodges, cash received from Residents, donations, proceeds from the Seal Program and investment income received with respect to securities held in the General Fund. The total income received by The Nebraska Masonic Home for the General Fund was \$259,909.70. The operating expenses together with the expense of the Seal Program, amounted to \$319,849.89. All operating expenses are listed in detail in our audit and of course on the records of the Grand Lodge office. The deficit in operation of The Nebraska Masonic Home was \$59,940.19. This deficit was defrayed by transferring income received on investments of the Endowment and Bequest Fund to the General Fund. Investments in the Endowment and Bequest Fund returned to The Nebraska Masonic Home \$129,524.47, and in addition a gain from the sale of investments of \$9,443.86. It is apparent from these figures, that the General Fund required a contribution from the Endowment and Bequest Fund of approximately one half of the income of the latter fund.

For your information, the Home was operated at a deficit for the fiscal year ending May, 1968 of \$69,636.84; for the year 1967 of \$60,922.27.

For the two fiscal years ended May 1965 and 1966, the Home would have been operated at a deficit except for capital gains in securities.

Because of these operations at a deficit over a period of several years, I understand this Grand Lodge will be asked for authority to increase the per capita tax for the benefit of The Nebraska Masonic Home.

The Board of Grand Trustees have advised the Appropriations Committee on the projected income available for expenses for operation of the Grand Lodge for the year ended in 1970. It is our understanding that the Home Board has likewise advised the Appropriation Committee of its expected income. This advice has been given the Appropriation Committee to permit it to adjust its appropriation to fit our projected income.

There will be attached to this report, after the same has been received, figures taken from the audit showing the assets and liabilities and an analysis of surplus and fund balances reflecting the financial condition of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home. It is requested that the Grand Trustees be authorized to incorporate these figures as a part of the Annual Proceedings.

We, as your Board of Grand Trustees have been pleased to serve the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home during the past year in the capacity assigned to us and have received personal satisfaction in this privilege.

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

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
APRIL 30, 1969 AND MAY 11, 1968

| ASSETS | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| GENERAL FUND | | |
| | 1969 | 1968 |
| CASH ON HAND AND ON DEPOSIT | \$121,413.96 | \$181,936.55 |
| INVESTMENTS (at amortized cost — Pages 7 and 8): | | |
| Bonds | 705,091.00 | 640,008.50 |
| Stocks | 148,597.59 | 148,597.59 |
| Total investments | 853,688.59 | 788,606.09 |
| SUPPLY INVENTORY — At cost | 3,946.90 | 8,653.65 |
| OTHER ASSETS: | | |
| Due from the Nebraska Masonic Home . . . | 15.29 | 15.29 |
| Stock in Nebraska Masonic Home — 1,518 shares capital stock (at nominal value) | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Stock in Masonic Eastern Star Home — at nominal value | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Furniture & fixtures — at nominal value | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Total other assets | 18.29 | 18.29 |
| TOTAL GENERAL FUND | \$979,067.74 | \$979,214.58 |

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY
GENERAL FUND

| | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| LIABILITIES — Accrued withholding taxes | \$ 374.83 | \$ 87.62 |
| GENERAL FUND EQUITY: | | |
| General | 891,315.81 | 894,636.50 |
| Supply account | 18,789.84 | 21,933.75 |
| Relief account | 68,545.26 | 62,556.71 |
| George Washington Memorial | 42.00 | |
| Total General Fund Equity | 978,692.91 | 979,126.96 |
| TOTAL GENERAL FUND | \$979,067.74 | \$979,214.58 |

ASSETS
RETIREMENT FUND

| | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| CASH ON DEPOSIT | \$ 700.55 | \$ 2,920.19 |
| INVESTMENTS (at amortized cost—Page 9): | | |
| Bonds | 97,165.87 | 84,564.10 |
| Stocks | 20,597.33 | |
| Total investments | 117,763.20 | 84,564.10 |
| TOTAL RETIREMENT FUND | \$118,463.75 | \$ 87,484.29 |

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY
RETIREMENT FUND

| | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| RETIREMENT FUND EQUITY | \$118,463.75 | \$ 87,484.29 |
| TOTAL RETIREMENT FUND | <u>\$118,463.75</u> | <u>\$ 87,484.29</u> |

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
APRIL 30, 1969 AND MAY 11, 1968

ASSETS
GENERAL FUND

| | 1969 | 1968 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| CASH ON DEPOSIT..... | \$ 116,767.89 | \$ 114,629.83 |
| ACCRUED BLUE CROSS RECEIVABLE | | 143.64 |
| INVESTMENTS (Note 4 and Page 6): | | |
| Bonds..... | 99,261.13 | 99,326.35 |
| Stocks..... | 9,533.88 | 34,065.28 |
| Total investments | <u>108,795.01</u> | <u>133,391.63</u> |
| PROPERTY (Note 2): | | |
| Buildings & grounds — Masonic Home ... | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Furnishings — Masonic Home..... | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Total property | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| TOTAL GENERAL FUND..... | <u>\$ 225,564.90</u> | <u>\$ 248,167.10</u> |

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY
GENERAL FUND

| | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| LIABILITIES: | | |
| Accrued withholding taxes | | \$ 153.56 |
| Due The Nebraska Masonic Home endowment & bequest fund | \$ 147.88 | 147.88 |
| Due The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Nebraska..... | 15.29 | 15.29 |
| Total liabilities..... | <u>163.17</u> | <u>316.73</u> |
| GENERAL FUND EQUITY: | | |
| Capital stock — authorized 10,000 shares par value \$100 per share; issued and outstanding 2,230 shares (Note 3) | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Other equity accounts: | | |
| General | 194,308.83 | 208,611.54 |
| Entertainment account..... | (2,459.47) | 4,261.73 |

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Memory account | 31,933.17 | 27,820.42 |
| Room furnishings account | 1,014.20 | 139.20 |
| Edwards memorial account | 284.00 | 284.00 |
| Evers memorial account | 320.00 | 320.00 |
| Thanksgiving account | | 5,637.48 |
| Perpetual room account | | 775.00 |
| Total fund equity | <u>225,400.73</u> | <u>247,849.37</u> |
| Total general fund equity | <u>225,401.73</u> | <u>247,850.37</u> |
| TOTAL GENERAL FUND \$ | <u>225,564.90</u> | <u>\$ 248,167.10</u> |

ASSETS
ENDOWMENT AND BEQUEST FUND

| | | |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| CASH ON DEPOSIT | \$ 280,398.81 | \$ 85,686.31 |
| ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE: | | |
| Accrued interest receivable | | 115.56 |
| Due from The Nebraska Masonic Home | | |
| General Fund | 147.88 | 147.88 |
| Total accounts receivable | <u>147.88</u> | <u>263.44</u> |
| NOTE RECEIVABLE — Masonic Manor | | 40,000.00 |
| INVESTMENTS (Note 4 and Pages 7 to 11): | | |
| Bonds | 1,758,084.34 | 1,935,806.33 |
| Stocks | 657,001.54 | 377,663.83 |
| Mortgages | 68,058.28 | 40,531.60 |
| Total investments | <u>2,483,144.16</u> | <u>2,354,001.76</u> |
| TOTAL ENDOWMENT AND BEQUEST | | |
| FUND | <u>\$2,763,690.85</u> | <u>\$2,479,951.51</u> |

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY
ENDOWMENT AND BEQUEST FUND

| | | |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| ENDOWMENT AND BEQUEST FUND EQUITY: | | |
| Endowments & bequest received | \$1,286,555.97 | \$1,024,883.47 |
| Capital contributed from general fund | 99,950.00 | 99,950.00 |
| Fund surplus | 1,377,184.88 | 1,355,118.04 |
| TOTAL ENDOWMENT AND BEQUEST | | |
| FUND | <u>\$2,763,690.85</u> | <u>\$2,479,951.51</u> |

M. W. Norris W. Lallman, Grand Master:

Brethren, at this time we will discuss the proposed Amendments. At this time I will ask the Grand Secretary to read the proposed amendment to the Constitution.

RESOLUTION:

M. W. John F. Futcher, Grand Secretary:

Resolved that Article VI of the Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following: "There shall be no Honorary Officer or Officers of the Grand Lodge."

M. W. Norris W. Lallman, Grand Master:

The Constitution provides that the amendment is adopted if approved by a majority of the Lodges and if approved by a majority vote of those present at this Grand Lodge Communication. You have heard the proposed amendment, it has been read to you, you have been told how the Lodges about the state voted on the proposition. We will now vote on the proposed amendment. The resolution was adopted.

M. W. Norris W. Lallman, Grand Master:

At the last Grand Lodge Communication a resolution was presented and laid over to be acted upon at this Communication. At this time I will ask the Grand Secretary to read the proposed amendment to our By-Laws, as it was presented to you last year and held over for action.

RESOLUTION:

M. W. John F. Futcher, Grand Secretary:

"We the undersigned members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, do hereby propose and second the following amendment to Part III, Chapter I, Sec. 3-102 (d) of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska be amended as follows:

Sec. 3-102 Enumerated — the following are specifically declared to be Masonic offenses:

(d) Engaging in the manufacture, bottling, blending, selling, bartering, transporting, delivering, furnishing or possessing any alcoholic liquor for beverage purpose contrary to or in violation of the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Sec. 3-102 (d) and subsequent amendments thereto are repealed.

M. W. Norris W. Lallman, Grand Master:

This proposed resolution would change our By-Laws and will require a two-thirds majority to be adopted. I have allotted thirty minutes for discussion on this proposal, at which time we will vote by ballot on the proposed amendment.

At this time we will ballot on the election of officers and at the same time on the proposed amendment to the By-Laws.

W. Brother Harold Weddel will you and ten of the Assistant Custodians serve as tellers.

The Grand Secretary has a resolution to read while the ballots are being gathered.

M. W. John F. Futcher, Grand Secretary:

The following resolution was handed to me and is signed by nine Master Masons:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska: We the undersigned, offer the following resolution and move its adoption.

An amendment to provide that Section 2-801 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge relating to territorial jurisdiction of subordinate lodges be changed to provide that all subordinate lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge have concurrent jurisdiction and to repeal said original Section 2-801 of the By-Laws.

Section I

Be it enacted that Section 2-801 of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows:

Section 2-801 "How Determined:"

"All lodges, either chartered or under dispensation, shall have concurrent Jurisdiction within the State of Nebraska."

Section II

That said original Section 2-801 of the By-Laws be and the same hereby is repealed.

Section III

This amendment shall become effective upon its passage and approval by this Grand Lodge.

M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, Past Grand Master:

M. W. Grand Master, I would like to request unanimous consent to consider this resolution at this meeting.

M. W. Norris W. Lallman, Grand Master:

There has been a request for unanimous consent to consider this resolution at this Communication.

An objection for unanimous consent was registered, by a voting delegate to the Grand Lodge.

M. W. Norris W. Lallman, Grand Master:

There being an objection to granting unanimous consent, this resolution will lie over until the next Annual Grand Lodge Communication in 1970, the 113th Annual Communication. It will be placed on file.

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

I wish to offer this resolution: Resolved: That Sections, paragraph 3 of Section 2-601 and Section 1-407 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws be amended to read as follows: Section 2-601, the phrase "the sum of \$4.00" shall be amended to read "the sum of \$7.00". Section 1-407 — The per capita tax of \$7.00 shall be divided as follows:

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| To The Nebraska Masonic Home. | \$5.00 |
| To the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans | .20 |
| To the General Fund | \$1.80 |

The Initiation fee of \$10.00 and all affiliation fees shall be allocated to the General Fund. That Section 1-407 enacted in 1960 be repealed.

After a discussion on the proposed amendment, M. W. Joseph C. Tye requested unanimous consent to consider the proposed amendment at this Communication. A delegate from a subordinate Lodge objected to unanimous consent.

M. W. Norris W. Lallman, Grand Master:

We do not have unanimous consent, therefore the resolution must lie over for the next Grand Lodge Communication.

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

Brethren, in view of your action just now in delaying the consideration of this amendment, I want to plead with you to give unanimous consent to a resolution which I am going to introduce. It is to change the per capita tax law, leaving the amounts just the same as they are now, but repealing this paragraph that is in the law.

"Provided however, that when the increase in dues is available neither capital funds nor capital gains shall be expended for current expenses."

Your Grand Trustees can not operate any longer with the provision like that in the law. And so, I submit this resolution that Section 1-407 — ALLOCATION OF FUNDS — to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., be amended to read as follows:

"The per capita of \$4.00, just the same as it is now, shall be divided as follows:

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| To The Nebraska Masonic Home | \$2.00 |
| To the Relief and Care of Orphans | .20 |
| To the General Fund | 1.80 |

The initiation fee of \$10.00 and the affiliation fees shall be allotted to the General Fund.

Unanimous consent was granted, and the resolution to amend Section 1-407 of the By-Laws was adopted.

REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren:

The Grand Historian, happily reports that his latest historical account, "The History of the Nebraska Masonic Home 1903-1968," was published as a part of the 1968 Proceedings of the One Hundred Eleventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska. The Board of Trustees of our Home authorized the issuance of this historical treatise as a separate brochure to serve as an appropriate public relations bulletin thus insuring a wider interest in the Home and a deeper appreciation of the magnificent accomplishments of this Grand Lodge in providing a home for our "needy brethren, wives, and widows."

It is a home that has truly provided skillful, tender and loving care to all its residents. It represents the highest concepts of Masonic charity and benevolence.

As Brother Harold Thom said in 1959, this Home may well be "acclaimed by thousands as a great humanitarian project blessing the lives of so many." Both the residents, privileged to be there, and the many who have in any degree contributed to its realization may take pride in all that has been achieved.

The next undertaking of the Grand Historian, it is hoped, will be the preparation of an historical account of what is tentatively entitled "The Grand Masters' Address."

The By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, as originally adopted in September, 1857, provided in Section V that:

It shall be considered the duty of the Most Worshipful Grand Master to communicate in writing, immediately after the appointment of the standing committees, a statement of his official acts during the recess of the Grand Lodge, with such matters as he may deem advantageous to the Craft; he shall also give to the Grand Lodge information upon subjects of masonic interest, and recommend for its consideration any measures he shall deem expedient; which communication shall be referred to such appropriate committees as its various details require.

Section V of the By-Laws has not at any time been subject to amendment and stands today after more than one hundred years exactly as it was originally enacted.

With the change of administration, each of our Grand Masters has been able to carry out his official duties and report thereon. He has confronted many and various problems and has made decisions on all matters relating thereto and under provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws, has submitted his report to the Grand Lodge for appropriate action. There have been a few occasions when the actions reported upon have been disapproved or otherwise modified. The Grand Master is not and cannot be autocratic. He is subject to the will of the representatives of the constituent lodges when assembled in Annual Communications.

Any changes in the Constitution or the By-Laws are subject to the will of the "Subordinate Lodges." Article XVII of the Constitution and Section XXXII of the By-Laws make due and necessary provisions relating thereto.

The Grand Master's annual address is, therefore, a vital and important — yes, a key document. It sets the stage for almost every action to be taken. It represents the best experience and the most careful as well as thoughtful consideration of the Grand Master. Naturally he has sought the counsel of his Grand Lodge Officers whenever that is possible or necessary. He was also very conscious of the vast experiences of the Past Grand Masters and seldom did he recommend any significant changes without consulting those who were in a position to be of assistance. We are hoping that this projected historical record will be most revealing as to problems faced by the Grand Masters and the ways in which noteworthy progress was achieved.

To conclude this annual report, attention is called to certain events that occurred just one hundred years ago. The Grand Lodge Communication, the twelfth since its founding in 1857 was held at Nebraska City, October 26, 1869. The regularly elected Grand Master, Most Worshipful O. H. Irish was unable to preside and in his stead, as the Constitution and By-Laws provide, the Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Harry P. Deuel presided as Grand Master.

A special communication had been called to meet in Omaha on June 24, 1869 at which time the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Orsamus H. Irish, made known that he had received an appointment from the President of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, and was "about to absent himself both from the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and of the United States." His appointment was that of "United States Consul at Dresden, Saxony."

The Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, D. H. Wheeler, offered a laudatory resolution prepared under the authority of the special committee, of which he was the chairman, the two other members being, Past Grand Master, R. W. Furnas, and Past Deputy Grand Master, George B. Graff.

This resolution expressed both by direction and by implication the very high esteem in which he was held by his Brethren. It read as follows:

Whereas, the Most Worshipful the sitting Grand Master of Masons, Orsamus H. Irish, of this jurisdiction being, by virtue of an appointment from the President of the United States — and whereas this Grand Lodge being desirous of furnishing him with suitable credentials to enable him to travel in foreign lands, that he may be the better enabled to dispense and obtain masonic knowledge both for his personal gratification and advancement and for the future benefit of this jurisdiction that he may derive therefrom: therefore

Resolved, By the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of Nebraska, of the United States of America, that we most fraternally and earnestly recommend and endorse our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Orsamus H. Irish, to the Masonic Fraternity throughout the globe, on hill-top or in vale, on land or sea, in the Grand or subordinate lodges concerned, or upon the grip and word whereby one Mason may know another in the dark as well as in the light, we present him, as a representative of American Freemasonry, and ask for him that consideration and deference abroad, which is justly due his high station at home.

These "suitable credentials" were prepared, duly signed, and sealed by the proper officials of the Grand Lodge and placed in the hands of Brother Irish.

Grand Master Irish did prepare the Annual Address which was read by Brother Furnas, and which recounted all the official acts of the Grand Master O. H. Irish. Among other things, the Grand Master said:

"When this is laid before you, may it find you gathered in peaceful communication around our Holy Altar, as did the ancient people of God at Jerusalem, in their annual service in the temple, wherein our Grand Masters labored — The fostering care of an all-wise Providence has been around us as an order, presiding in the midst of our deliberations, leading us forth for purposes of benevolence, and to the accomplishment of good. May that influence be around you as you are assembled together. May that Divine Being who only can impart wisdom be with you in all your communications and such plans be devised and such measures be adopted as tend to His honor and the greatest good of our common humanity."

It is just such a faith and trust that has given to Masonry during this past one hundred years the strength and assurance to carry on the ideals and purposes of our Fraternity. How else can we explain the many successes and achievements of each successive administration of our Grand Masters and their officers. We dare say that such a faith and hope for the future has its guarantee for solving major problems confronting our society and our Order in these critical years just ahead.

It might well be said that his last years were spent in Washington, D.C. where he was Chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Turning back to 1869, we find that dispensations for new lodges were issued to Pawnee Lodge No. 23, Tecumseh Lodge Number 17, and St. Johns Lodge No. 25 in Omaha.

The statistical condition of the Grand Lodge summed up in the report of the Grand Secretary revealed these facts: Of the twenty five lodges chartered one, that of Columbus Lodge No. 8 had surrendered its charter. The total number of Master Masons was shown to be 893. Fellow-crafts numbered 53, Entered apprentice, 101. During the year the total number initiated was 105, 78 passed and 73 raised. Fifty had been admitted by demit. On the other hand 27 were demitted. One had been suspended and 3 had been expelled. Three deaths were reported. Money wise, \$508.40 had been given to the Orphans' Fund. Annual Grand Lodge dues amounted to \$405.00 compared to figures reported at this one hundred and twelfth communication these figures are indeed, very small.

The Acting Most Worshipful Grand Master, Harry P. Deuel in his address gave special attention to the continuing problem of "procur-ing a uniformity of work throughout the state." He noted that in scarcely two lodges was the "work" alike in the details and earnestly suggested that the Grand Lodge take steps to "remedy this evil."

Attention was called to the fact that in the Iowa Jurisdiction the Grand Lodge had adopted a plan of having a Grand Lecturer and several Assistants, or Custodians of the work, they receiving the "Work" from him. It was suggested that the state be divided into districts with a Custodian for each district charged with the responsibility of personally visiting each lodge in his district and instructing the officers of each lodge in all matters relating to the work. A "certificate of proficiency" as it came to be known, was to be awarded. The attention of the brethren is called to the "Historical Account of the Grand Custodians of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Nebraska" as found in the Annual Proceedings of 1967 — pages 417-460.

It is of note to remind you that in 1870 a plan was adopted. Our first Grand Master had in 1858 first called attention to "uniformity of work." It took twelve years to achieve what was seen as a necessity for accomplishment.

One of the high lights of this twelfth communication was the address of the Grand Orator the Right Worshipful Brother O. B. Hewett, Nemaha Valley, Lodge No. 4, Brownville. In this address he presented some of the foundation stones upon which the structure of free Masonry rests and in his own words he discussed the "polity of Masonry, considered with reference to its social, political, and religious influence. It was a most scholarly and interesting, not to say compelling message.

Finally, let me state that three of our constituent lodges are, during this year, celebrating their one-hundredth anniversary. These are, as already noted: Tecumseh Lodge No. 17, Pawnee City Lodge No. 23, and St. John's Lodge No. 25 located in Omaha. These three lodges were of-

ficially chartered on October 28, 1869. The first was created December 7, 1867; the second on January 4, 1869; and the last on May 28, 1869.

May the Grand Historian take this occasion to encourage all our constituent lodges to take note of the importance of these significant occasions. In 1870 there will be six lodges that will be celebrating their centennials. From an historical point of view nothing could be of greater importance to the future of the Masonic Fraternity than such notable events as these. Let me add that semi-centennial or Seventy-five Year celebrations are of equal importance and should be encouraged.

In 1858, our first Grand Master, Robert Carrel Jordan in his annual address suggested the "propriety of taking steps to preserve everything connected with the introduction of Masonry in this territory." To examine and overhaul the musty records of our lodges in existence a half century or more ago will be most revealing and interesting to the brethren and certainly of increasing value in days to come. The Grand Lodge did follow up the suggestions made by the Grand Master and caused these records to be prepared and published in the Proceedings in 1860. One of the most recently published histories of a constituent lodge is that of Lincoln Lodge No. 19. This lodge celebrated its Centennial in June of 1968. A number of others have been prepared since 1957.

To do this we would suggest that in each lodge there be selected some member to assume the responsibility of making an historical study of their lodge and have it ready for presentation at the time any celebration is held.

And so, most Worshipful Grand Master, I bring my report for this communication to a close expressing my deepest appreciation of your confidence in having appointed me to serve you and this Grand Lodge as Grand Historian.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REINSTATEMENTS

M. W. John F. Futcher, presented the report of the Committee on Reinstatements, which was adopted.

The Reinstatement Committee continues to operate each year with about the same amount of activity as in previous years.

This year we handled a total of 37 applications. In the majority of these your Committee recommended to the Grand Master that the action of the Lodges be approved. We are glad to report that in each case the Grand Master concurred with our recommendations.

This Committee endeavors to be extremely favorable to all who wish to be reinstated and we try to give every break possible to any former Brother who wishes to be readmitted into the fraternity.

We appreciate the fine cooperation received from the Secretaries through out the State.

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4
SECOND DAY — MORNING SESSION

At 8:30 a.m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
GRAND LODGE OFFICE

W. Brother Alfred E. Geschke, 25, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office, which was adopted.

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

Last year, W. Bro. Herman G. Reinholz reported to you that much work remained to be done in the Museum and Library areas of the Grand Lodge office.

I can report to you today, having observed W. Bro. Reinholz at his labor of love over a period of many months, that, although the work is not finished, much was accomplished before his untimely death.

Agreeable to this Committee's supplemental report to the Grand Lodge last year, we had a number of meetings with R. W. Bro. Robert W. Cook, then Grand Secretary, W. Bro. Jess W. Wade, Chairman of the Finance Committee and members of our new accounting firm of Haskins and Sells to consider changes in our accounting procedures, for both the Grand Lodge and the Nebraska Masonic Home accounts. Changes agreed upon were introduced into the systems in July, 1968.

The Committee also decided to hire a full-fledged accountant and W. Bro. George B. Pribyl agreed to serve in that capacity on a part-time basis. This has worked out very well.

Our budget request for Grand Lodge office expense of \$6,500.00 has been submitted to the Appropriations Committee for their consideration. This amount is somewhat higher than the original request last year. As you well know, cost of supplies and services of all kind, postage and repairs have increased tremendously in the last few years, and it is impossible to operate on the lesser amount.

The budget request for staff salaries provides for a modest increase for some individuals. However, it is about \$2,000.00 lower than last year's budget, after giving consideration to the special appropriation for the bookkeeper.

May I express to you, Most Worshipful Sir, my heartfelt thanks for your confidence in appointing me to the unexpired term on this Committee.

To W. Bro. Ralph W. Gerry, our Grand Custodian, and the very able office staff, my sincere appreciation for their patience and understanding and their willingness to pitch in when the going got rough.

And last, but certainly not least, my approbation to Most W. Bro. John F. Futchter, whose steady hand at the helm brought us through

the tempestuous seas of the last few weeks. Without him, we would have had a most difficult time.

REPORT OF TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

W. J. Donald F. Sampson, 39, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Temple Building, which was adopted.

There has been considerable activity in the building, buying and remodeling of buildings for lodge purposes during the past year.

Monument Lodge No. 293 at Arapahoe made inquiry in March relative to the procedure for constructing a new lodge building, but no further application has been received.

Floor plans and financing of a new lodge building for Atkinson Lodge No. 164 were approved in the summer of 1968 and their new building was recently dedicated.

Cairo Lodge No. 324 had a most unusual opportunity presented to them this past year. The owner of the building in which the lodge had occupied the second floor offered to sell the building for a down payment of \$2,000.00, and the balance payable over a nine year period, without interest, and the annual payment was to be less than they had been paying for rent. One meeting of the brethren raised enough money to make the down payment and provide all the necessary money for complete remodeling. Needless to say their plans were promptly approved.

Plans and financing of a fine new building for the Masonic bodies at Chadron were approved in 1968 for Samaritan Lodge No. 158. The cornerstone was laid last fall.

Humboldt Lodge No. 40 received approval to purchase the lower floor of the building which they have occupied for some years. The building has been purchased and the cost fully paid. It is expected that the plans for remodeling and its financing, if necessary, will be received in the near future.

Kimball Lodge No. 294 purchased two buildings some time this past year without prior approval. Very limited floor plans were submitted on March 21 and forwarded to Brother Don Hafer of our committee for further investigation. At the same time the requirements with respect to purchasing, building and remodeling were furnished to the Master of the lodge. When Brother Hafer made a personal inspection on May 6th, he discovered that a great deal of work had already been done on the remodeling without any approval whatever. The lodge has thus far furnished us no information relative to how they propose to remodel the exterior except to say "it will be refaced with new attractive material." Financing is apparently no problem and lack of approval of the Temple Building Advisory Committee no deterrent. We do not question the good intent of the Lodge, but we do feel it is unfair to ask our com-

mittee to approve plans when we do not know what we are asked to approve.

Mount Zion Lodge #161 at Shelby asked for information relative to the purchase of a church building for lodge purposes. A personal inspection revealed a suitable structure but our committee has received no further communications or application for approval.

Mount Moriah Lodge #57 at Syracuse has established a building committee to investigate the possibility of constructing a new lodge building and our committee is working with them.

Wayne Lodge No. 120 has completed their new building. The necessary financing was approved, and the dedication services were held on April 26th.

Waterloo Lodge No. 102 received approval of their plans for construction last August and the financial statement submitted at that time made it appear they would require no loan. It subsequently appeared that the pledges were payable over a three-year period and approval was given for the necessary loan. The new building was recently dedicated.

Jordan Lodge No. 27 at West Point requested permission to purchase a church building for lodge purposes. Approval of their purchase, remodeling plans, and financing were approved by this committee, and the building was recently dedicated.

Wisner Lodge No. 114 apparently purchased a building, remodeled it, and asked permission to move into the new quarters in January. They were apparently debt free. Our committee was unaware of this until in February and know nothing about it.

Wolbach Lodge No. 292 was considering the purchase of a building to be remodeled for lodge purposes. The building could be remodeled to provide excellent quarters, but it was suggested they get plans prepared, ascertain the cost, establish a sound plan of financing, and then submit the matter to our committee for approval. Nothing further has been heard from them to this date.

An effort was made in February to prepare some written guidelines relative to the procedure for building, buying or remodeling lodge properties. There is presently nothing to guide either the lodges or this committee. It was our hope that something definite could be adopted by the Grand Lodge at this meeting, but due to the illness and death of our Grand Secretary, nothing definite has been done.

The necessity and the usefulness of this committee seems rather questionable when the foregoing report demonstrates that lodges can, and do, buy, build and remodel without committee approval.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

M. W. Herbert T. White, 11, presented the report of the Committee on Work, which was adopted.

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

We have examined and approved the report of the Grand Custodian for 1969. The report is indicative of the fine manner in which the work has been promulgated during the past year. The Grand Custodian and his Assistant Grand Custodians are to be commended for the dedicated work they have done in perpetuating the work among the Craft.

We have approved a budget in the amount of \$8,100 for the operation of the office of the Grand Custodian and for the payment of the expenses of the Assistant Grand Custodians. All such expenses for the past year have been kept within budget limitations.

We have a minimum of questions concerning the Esoteric, Monitorial, and floor work although we have a few matters of this nature pending which will soon be disposed of. The manner employed in perpetuating the work has been alleviated by the efforts of your committee in insuring the correctness of the work.

We have been very happy with the work of our new Grand Custodian who is now completing his first year in the office. All reports concerning his handling of the work have been very complimentary. We are extremely fortunate in having a man so well prepared to step into the position when it suddenly became vacated. Brother Gerry is a dedicated Mason who likes the work. We trust that he will be in a position to serve Freemasonry for many years to come.

We would be derelict in our duty if we did not pay our respects to the memory of our former Grand Custodian, Robert W. Cook. He was a fine Grand Custodian, ceaseless in his labors and attached to his work. He was a man of integrity, dignity, and honesty, as well as a dedicated Freemason. We sincerely regret his passing at a time when he was giving so much to the Order. We shall not forget the years he gave to this Grand Lodge, few though they be. We sorrow at his untimely passing, but we are grateful for the years that he was associated with us.

REPORT ON SUSPENDED MASONS

M. W. Brother John A. Bottorf, 49, presented this report which was accepted.

One year ago I reported as your Grand Master. In that report I said that I had mailed out 559 letters to suspended Master Masons; That the replies were individually answered and tabulated; That my observations were that there was APATHY and a LACK OF COMMUNICATION between the Blue Lodge and its members. At the conclusion of Grand Lodge I asked our Grand Master for permission to continue that study for another year.

Nebraska has not been the only jurisdiction with the problem of loss of membership. Some appear to be content and to let the situation continue. They appear to have the feeling that we "Have too many members

and not enough Masons". Others are not willing to give up without a try. They, too, wanted to know WHY? May I select two such sister jurisdictions and comment on their findings:

MINNESOTA polled 300 Master Masons from four selected lodges. The form letter contained 28 questions which the brother was asked to comment upon. The problem to be resolved was: why had the brother LOST ACTIVE INTEREST IN HIS LODGE?

I believe that, more significant than the answers received, is the fact that only 16 per cent, or 48 of these 300 brothers took the time to reply. Minnesota summarized from these 48 answers that what was needed in the lodges was FELLOWSHIP and MASONIC TEACHINGS. That Masonic Teaching is the responsibility of the Blue Lodge officers and the RIGHT OF ALL BRETHREN TO RECEIVE IT

MISSOURI conducted two such inquiries: The first was by its Grand Master who stated that he had mailed our 5000 personal communications to members who had been suspended or failed to advance. His summarization is:

"In a majority of instances these men should not have been made Freemasons in the first place. A dedicated and alert investigation committee could have detected the reasons. This committee should go further than merely to determine whether the petitioner is a man of good moral character . . .

"Symbolically, each lodge has two doors — One by which a new Brother enters, and the other by which the members leave. Too many UNQUALIFIED men are passing through the entrance door, and far too many brethren are leaving by the exit."

Missouri also conducted a smaller survey as to why the candidates failed to advance. The survey was actually made by an independent person, a non-mason and a member of the Catholic Church. This man called upon 14 candidates. Nine were residents of Kansas City and had received some degree work in the largest lodge in that area. The other five were from a rural area about 40 miles northeast of Kansas City.

The answers were the usual ones: No time to get off work to take instruction — sickness in the family — didn't realize that it would require so much time — too many conflicts with family-social and church activities. Many candidates felt that there was a lack of ability on the part of the posting committees to teach what Masonry was about: Some objected to the manner in which the lodge was conducted, and especially the lack of cleanliness in the candidate's costume and the brother's aprons.

Missouri concluded that there is a need for an educational program tailored to the NEEDS OF EACH SPECIFIC LODGE.

WHAT IS WRONG IN NEBRASKA? WHY DO WE CONTINUE YEAR AFTER YEAR TO LOSE TOO MANY MASTER MASONS BY WAY OF SUSPENSION?

Before we start coming to any conclusions, let us back up and see just what the job of finding out the answers actually amounts to — How many hurdles are set up before the start.

We had 267 Blue Lodges in 1968. During the last year there had been 474 suspensions for non-payment of dues. These were from only 125 of our lodges. In order to obtain the names and addresses of these 474 former members I wrote a letter to the Master of these 125 lodges. The letter was mailed July 1, 1968. I enclosed enough cards for him to fill in the name, address and other pertinent data so that I could write a personal letter to each former member. By October, I was still waiting to get an answer from 43 of these Masters, who had not seen fit to send back the 134 cards for members suspended by their lodges.

For instance, on November 20, 1968, the Secretary of one lodge wrote me:

“Our Master, _____, has asked me to answer your letter of July 1, 1968, in regard to our suspended Brother _____”
 “. . . We are concerned about this brother and would certainly like to get him to reinstate his membership.”

Why send the request to the Master instead of the Secretary? First, it is the Masters' responsibility to see that his lodge is properly supervised. Secondly, until the Master starts getting involved in the problem we are at a standstill. I will state that several of the replies received were from the Secretary to whom the Master had delegated the job.

By the time I had received 320 cards from the lodges, I had also determined that 68 of the brothers had already been reinstated. It was decided then to go ahead with the remaining 252 letters.

A year ago I attempted the same job with just a “FORM LETTER”. The result of that method is a waste of postage. This year a personal letter was prepared, read and signed for each of these 252 brothers. I tried to give them pertinent information of their own lodge and of their own situation. Again, I did not try to get them to reinstate, but I did inform them of the procedure. I wanted to find out WHY they had become drop-outs.

Lets see if Nebraska fits into the Missouri determination that a majority should not have become Masons in the first place. What age group were we talking about and why did they stop being Masons or rather why did they stop being dues-paying Masons? From the records of 320 of these suspensions we find.

| MEMBERSHIP YEARS | NUMBER SUSPENDED |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1- 5 years | 33 |
| 5-10 | 61 |
| 10-15 | 68 |
| 15-20 | 58 |
| 20-25 | 45 |
| 25-30 | 11 |

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|---------------|----|
| 30-35 | 6 |
| 35-40 | 9 |
| 40-45 | 9 |
| 45-50 | 15 |
| Over 50 years | 5 |

If we consider that a man, who should not have been made a Mason in the first place, will probably find it out within ten years, then we have only 94 such. What about the 226 members who dropped out after they had been members for more than ten years?

One of these men who had belonged since 1956 was the surgeon who very shortly was to perform twice on the questioner. Another was a personal friend of twenty-years membership, a meticulous attorney and one of leaders in the profession. These are successful and capable men, the type of leaders for whom we are looking. I feel that no investigating committee would recommend disapproval of their petition. Time and ability had nothing to do with their decision, as each finds time to do research and reports in his respective field.

The program came to a screeching halt so far as I was concerned. September 3rd found me unable to continue with the sending of letters. I still continued to receive answers from the ones I had mailed out. In fact, these continued until December 28; I also kept on receiving back the letters I had written and these were marked "Addressee Unknown. Moved. Left no Forwarding Address." Actually, only 47 suspended brothers took the time and effort to give me a reasoned answer. I wish I had time to read several of these to you. I will only read excerpts from one and will summarize what the others had to say.

1. FINANCES: Most of these were regrets that the brother was on retirement or social security and just did not have the funds to keep his dues up. One had been a dues-paying member for fifty-one years. One brother was then in a hospital, but hoped to be able to reinstate when he got out. Another was totally disabled but proudly stated "I still have my Past Master's Card". Still another was crippled with multiple sclerosis. Finally, another brother wrote to me that he had just finished paying up his back dues and was reinstated after 2-1/2 years in the Veterans Hospital.

I doubt if any investigating committee would have been able to anticipate these conditions when these brothers were balloted upon. In each case I sent a copy of such letter to the Master of the Lodge. Must all of our CHARITY be exercised through our Home? Is there still a Blue Lodge responsibility toward its members? What happened to the Master and committee charged with communicating with a brother who is in such circumstances?

2. THE MOVERS: Several brothers reported that when they had moved from the home area they just lost interest and all contacts with the home lodge. These reported that they felt ill-at-ease when attending the new lodge; That the examining committees were trying to give

them a "refresher course" in the ritual rather than determining eligibility. One brother reported that he had been a member for forty years and had never seen a Master Mason degree conferred in his home lodge! Most of these brothers felt that if they had had some real contacts with the home lodge during their absence, that they probably would have been better in attendance; They suggested newsletters, even if only twice a year. One fifty-year member reported that the only word he had had in twenty years was when his dues were due.

Here is the opportunity for the real Master to put some more brethren to work. Here also would be a great field for the Grand Lodges to get together and pass information along to the jurisdiction into which a brother moves.

3. GENERAL: You just cannot classify the balance of the letters. Each is a jewel of thought in itself. These pass from a letter received from a disgruntled wife of a former member who complained that there were not enough social activities; to the ones which thought we should have special membership dues for members on active military service. Then a few brothers thought there should be a means whereby one can WITHDRAW from the lodge for a few years and then come back in good standing; Also, several mentioned that if we would not collect dues from members of 50 years standing, that they would have held off until that time.

But then there were those who were disgruntled over something that they had observed, or failed to observe in their home lodge. These followed two patterns. Either they were disgusted at the actions of the officers and members of their lodge in their daily lives, or thought that their lodge was placing too much stress on the ritual and obtaining additional candidates to swell the membership ranks.

May I now read to you a letter that I received and one which has given me much thought.

"I AM AN ALCOHOLIC" I have tried to keep my dues up, but have not attended lodge. I did receive the notices, but only to find myself getting further in arrears. I have found sobriety for six months. I belong to Alcoholics Anonymous and have been working very hard on the program.

"IT IS A PECULIAR THING. ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS IS NOTHING MORE THAN A FELLOWSHIP THE SAME AS MASONRY. BUT IT SEEMS TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE FOR ME. I was searching hard for a fellowship that understood one another's problems. Nevertheless, I feel that if I were back in Masonry, that I now could, and now would, use it to a much better purpose and have a better understanding of why I felt so distressed with the brethren. I will always have the proud feeling of once having been a Mason, in good standing or not. I do not feel that I needed help badly. I know it would have been difficult for my brothers to know what to do. However, I believe they could have extended a helping hand to my wife during this period. This was never done so far as I know."

This brother had been a Master Mason for twenty years and wrote me the letter on August 26, 1968, from Topeka, Kansas. This is one I received while in the hospital. I did answer and also requested permission to use his letter.

On March 18, 1969, this brother visited with me in my home. He has now re-instated in the Nebraska Lodge, applied for membership in the Kansas Lodge, has his family with him and is currently employed as a consultant for one of the Kansas hospitals. I cannot claim any part in his recovery, but I am sure that he certainly assisted in mine.

What conclusions can be drawn from the study? First, I would say that this is a BLUE LODGE PROBLEM. The Grand Lodge cannot shoulder the duties and responsibilities of the Masters of all local lodges.

The Grand Lodge can further the program of passing along information to other jurisdictions when one of our members has moved. But the local lodge must see that the information is timely and completely given to the Grand Lodge. I like to consider that this past year's activities have proved the advantage of some personal communication. One hard-working secretary of an Omaha Lodge reported that of the 27 members suspended on December 31, 1967, there were 16 reinstatements, some of these indicated to him the receipt of my letter, but more significant is the fact that the membership committee really functioned this past year and the suspensions dropped in that lodge to five for a net gain of 24 members for the year. With help like that, a Master's job can be much easier.

In the first part of this report I referred to the findings of similar studies in Minnesota and Missouri. These thoughts were that we need FELLOWSHIP and MASONIC TEACHINGS within the Blue Lodge; That there was a real need for an EDUCATION PROGRAM TAILORED TO THE NEEDS OF EACH SPECIFIC LODGE and finally, that the INVESTIGATING COMMITTEES should be more strict and complete in their investigation and not recommend acceptance of a candidate just for the sake of increase in numbers. To these I would add a couple of thoughts and re-phrase their summaries.

MASONIC EDUCATION, REAL CONCERN AND COMMUNICATION have to be the answer:

MASONIC EDUCATION that is actually received in the lodge by all brothers, and not merely passed on to a few committee members at a special meeting for that purpose. Not just a course in administration details and ritual, but one which helps to relate the obligations and ritual to life, assistance and charity TODAY.

CONCERN with the personal well-being of a brother. Not by a "Calling Committee" but by a BROTHER.

COMMUNICATION that keeps an absent brother interested, and an attending brother busy.

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Brother William F. Patterson, 327, presented the report of The Nebraska Masonic Home, which was adopted.

My Brethren:

On behalf of my Brother Trustees this is the report we always give you at this time on your Home.

First, our population stays as in past years in the 80's, with an average age over 80.

As those who have proceeded them, a good two thirds are in bed with ailments we cannot cure. It is the result of the aging process and all we can do is give them our love and the excellent care we have always done.

We have told you before of this but it bears repeating that this sort of care is expensive. It requires dedicated nursing and a considerable amount of medication.

Here is a typical day of medication copied from the nursing records — all doctors orders:

- 54 Diuretic Tablets
- 121 Analgesic (Pain capsules or tablets)
- 41 For Blood Pressure
- 44 Tablets for Dizziness
- 170 Tranquilizers
- 37 Heart Tablets
- 8 Hypos — 44 Sedative Pills for sleep

This is why our medical supplies run over \$17,000.00 in our budget.

Every resident in the Home requires treatment or medication for at least one condition and the maximum any one person is treated for is 7.

Speaking of the budget, I see no relief in our operating cost in the foreseeable future.

Your news media carries the answer, rising cost on every item we need and use. It is a frightening thing to see and I hope we can continue to cope with it.

The cost of maintaining a resident in the Home in 1968 rose to an all time high of \$3,696.00 per person. With an average period of residence of almost 8 years, this means a cost of almost \$30,000.00 per person during their lifetime at the Home.

We feel we may be working against ourselves in this in that there is little doubt that the elimination of the anxieties of life, a balanced diet, good care and plenty of love has extended the lifetime of our residents.

But would you have us do otherwise?

Strangely, most of our residents, in spite of all this are happy. Some of them happier than some of us.

The entire staff works to achieve this and they know how.

As in former years our good friend Bob Boon and his friends in lodges in Grand Island and vicinity and J.C.Peterson of Scottsbluff and his group of lodges in that vicinity came in with the food trucks that help us so very much in our food requirements. We are grateful to every man and every lodge for constantly providing this help.

At Christmas, the Omaha Masters and Wardens, on behalf of all Masters and Wardens in Nebraska, saw to it that the annual Christmas party was a success.

We have been remembered in endowments during the year for which we are thankful. Even in these days of inflated costs, we still hope that some day your Home will be fully endowed. It is a long way ahead of us but if we continue to be remembered in the wills of our friends, it will someday come to pass. Then when the rains come, as they have a habit of doing, our Home will survive.

This year the seal fund has not done as well as in former years. Why — I do not know. We hope the drop in returns will prove to be temporary.

You all know of our loss this year of W.'. Brother Cook, our Grand Secretary. He was elected at last Grand Lodge and passed this life before his first year was ended. He was a great and dedicated gentleman. His efforts as Secretary of our Home Board never ended. He worked many nights after a long hard day and the results of numerous changes he made will be of benefit to the Home for years to come.

We also have suffered the loss of M.'.W.'. Brother Fay Smith and W.'. Brother Reinholz. Both of them Trustees and valuable ones. We shall feel the loss of these gentlemen. For the Trustees, this has been a sad year indeed.

My Brethren, we have many people to thank and there isn't room here to name them all. We are grateful to the Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderies, Scottish Rite Bodies, Masters & Wardens, O.E.S. Chapters and the youth groups. Again, our thanks to our friends in the Scottsbluff and Grand Island areas who send the food trucks and never forget.

Our appreciation to our Grand Master: M.'.W.'. Norris W. Lallman is two fold. First, for his never ending work on behalf of the Home as Grand Master but also as a valuable member of the Board of Trustees of the Home.

We have in Raymond F. Evers the finest superintendent in any Home in this country. We are grateful that he always goes beyond the day we expect in keeping this a great Home.

If you have read the letters sending you the seals twice each year, you have seen the names of the 15 Trustees of this Home. Some of those men have served you and the Home for more years than some of you are old. Others are younger in service but all are dedicated

to making life just a little easier for those we are obligated to help.

This is the fourteenth year I have reported to you on the affairs of your Home. There would be no report were it not for the gentlemen I am privileged to call my Brother Trustees and on whose behalf this report is made. Fine gentlemen, fine Masons, dedicated men, my Brothers. I salute them.

Thank you my Brethren.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MASONIC- EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210, presented the report of the Board of Trustees of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, which are adopted.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren, and Distinguished Guests:

It is my privilege to make this annual report for our Board of Trustees of our Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont which is jointly operated, owned and controlled by our Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. This is in itself an unique feature that insures to the benefit of the home.

Our members should know that our Children's Home is presently highly rated and respected by our State Welfare Department and others knowledgeable in this area of the care of children. I should like to briefly list for your information certain factors which contribute to make our home one of the finest in the state:

1. We have a well qualified Superintendent in Fred Mulford by reason of his education, training and experience. He is enthusiastic, energetic, and is an excellent public speaker. He probably spoke to more Masonic and Eastern Star meetings last year than any previous Superintendent in any prior year.

2. The thorough investigation of all applications for admission and screening out those with delinquency traits.

3. The separate cottage system which makes our home more like an average family home than an institution.

4. The operation of the farm and 4-H activities program under the active supervision of our Assistant Superintendent, Robert F. Delp. This is not only constructive training for our children, but Brother Delp is a competent individual in charge when the Superintendent is absent.

5. Our children attend the public schools, churches and fine community facilities and activities of Fremont which is a real asset for our home.

6. The statewide good will and support of Eastern Stars and Masons is very real and reassuring.

The new Junior Boys home has now been completed, occupied and enjoyed! A new cement patio and driveway were added this fall, and gas air-conditioning has been installed. These features, together with all furniture and furnishings in the home, were purchased from funds raised from the Lamplighter Project of Joan Steen, P.G.M. On the Open House held on Sunday afternoon, October 20, 1968, several hundred people toured the new home and attended a fine program held in the Administration Building. From funds left over Sister Joan has refurbished the Senior Boys Home. At the Open House program, musical numbers were rendered by the Children's Band. The band instruments were rented, with the rental to apply on the purchase price in the event

they were later purchased. The Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Lucile Titus, then made one of her projects the assumption of the balance of the purchase price of these instruments which now belong to us.

There are 31 children living at the home at this time, and about two-thirds of them are boys. We are operating at about sixty per cent of capacity and there is of course no waiting list. Nine of the children have no Masonic or Eastern Star prerequisite relationship and we are being compensated for their staying at the home. The remainder are children or grandchildren of a Mason or an Eastern Star, and are for the most part from a broken home. We endeavor to make them feel wanted and to heal the emotional strain that may have resulted, and to not only finish high school but to go on with their secondary education and to eventually become good and self-sustaining citizens.

The budget being submitted by our Board of Trustees for next year's fiscal operations is for the sum of \$100,924.00 which is the largest in the history of the home. However, the amount requested from each the Grand Chapter, O.E.S. and our Grand Lodge is \$26,787.00 which is almost the same as last year. Inflation and the adherence to high standards of operations, accounts for the budget increase. The Board has painstakingly prepared the budget and recommend it as being realistic as being based on the number of children now present in the home.

We are grateful for your response to our Mother's Day and Christmas letters from our home. We rely on your generosity. We are grateful for the legacies, memorials and other thoughtful gifts for the home. Unless they are designated for a special purpose, these funds are placed in our permanent endowment fund, the interest from which is budgeted and used for the support of the home. The principal of the endowment fund is held intact to serve mankind for many years to come. Our home is now approximately 17% funded, that is, the interest from the endowment fund pays for 17% of the maintenance and operational costs of the home. This is most important for the future security of the home. We gratefully acknowledge all your gifts, whether large or small, and we hope that you will continue to make some provision for the home in your will, which is tax exempt. The names of those who are memorialized are placed in our Memory Book. We believe that these gifts and remembrances for the future lives of precious children are a worthy investment for anyone to make.

We extend to each of you a standing invitation to visit our children's home, and especially for you to see our new Junior Boys' home.

Our Grand Master, Norris W. Lallman, nearby at Hooper, is personally and genuinely interested in the home, and has attended a number of our Board Meetings. We are grateful for all our employees and many others who have assisted the children in the home.

The following eloquent words of the poet express the thinking and fine spirit of your Board of Trustees and we believe it personifies this Grand Lodge's love for the children of our Home:

“Our time we give freely
to our children in need,
With a home well provided
We do our good deed,
If their lives can be brighter
Along life’s weary mile,
Then our goal is attained,
In the Temple of Smiles.”

REPORT OF MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

M. W. L. Herbert A. Ronin, 210, presented the report of the Masonic Service Association, which was adopted.

M. W. L. Grand Master and Brethren:

The Masonic Service Association held its 50th Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. at the conclusion of the Grand Master's Conference in February, 1969. Our Grand Master, M. W. L. Norris W. Lallman, served on the Education and Publication Committee whose report was adopted by the Association. Our Deputy Grand Master, R. W. L. Brother Hugh W. Eisenhart also participated in the work of the Session.

The published history of The Masonic Service Association was prepared for this golden anniversary of its founding. It is entitled “Free-mason’s Servant, the First Fifty Years,” and was written by a fine Masonic scholar, Brother Allen E. Roberts of Virginia.

The Veterans’ Hospital visitation program of the Association is extremely active with the influx of wounded veterans of the Vietnam War. One of the encouraging aspects of the Masonic work in Veterans’ Hospitals is the increasing participation by volunteers under the direction of the M.S.A. Field Agents. There are now over 500 young people in this volunteer group including many DeMolay boys. They are involved in pushing wheel chairs, library service, and entertainment of the patients. This is truly Masonry in action!

Our Association publishes the Monthly Short Talk Bulletins which are an aid to our Masonic Education program. It also makes many surveys and up-date reports on various Masonic activities, Groups and Rites. A recent Bulletin on Frank Land, Founder of DeMolay, has proven very popular. The Masonic Service Association personnel under the supervision of our Association’s able Executive Secretary M. W. L. Bro. Conrad Hahn, assist the Grand Masters’ Conference in taking care of many duties and assignments.

Last year the sum of \$350.00 was appropriated for the purpose of further study of our participating in the Hospital Visitation Program such as are carried on in many of our neighboring states in furtherance of our Masonic obligation of Relief and fraternal love in this important area of Masonic Service. None of this amount was spent last year. I have recommended that a similar sum of \$350.00 be reappropriated for this budgetary item for next year, which can only be expended under the express approval of the Grand Master.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

W. 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 Nebraska Grand Lodge to the news, electronic media and the wire services of the state.

This report is only a repetition of the publication of various events that have appeared in the newspapers and on television and broadcast by radio which had both general public interest and special importance to members of our fraternity.

Appropriate coverage was given to ten Area Meetings, held by the Committee on Masonic Education from October 1968 through March of 1969, in Broken Bow, Kearney, North Platte, Scottsbluff, O'Neill, South Sioux City, Fremont, Omaha, Fairbury and Lincoln.

Both news and photo coverage were given to eight corner-stone, Masonic Temple and other dedication ceremonies at Mullen, Wood Lake, McCook (City Library), Wayne, Cairo (High School), West Point, Atkinson and Elkhorn.

Special news and photo coverage was given to the presentation of the Gold Jordan Medal to Brother William Ward, 95, of Springfield Lodge 212. The presentation was made by Grand Chaplain W. O. Samuelson at the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth on December 8, 1968.

In addition to the Grand Lodge responsibilities, this committee also wrote and released stories concerning the Scottish and York Rite Masons of Nebraska and the Order of DeMolay, which invested both Grand-Master-Elect Hugh W. Eisenhart and Deputy Grand Master-Elect John H. Brown with the DeMolay Legion of Honor in Omaha on June 1.

A news release announcing the 112th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was made last week and given state-wide coverage by the more than 250 Nebraska newspapers, 41 radio stations and 14 television stations.

Another story for state-wide release was prepared concerning the election and appointment of Grand Lodge Officers for 1969-70. This was held for release after 6 p.m. yesterday to the above news and electronic news media and the two wires services — the Associated Press and United Press International. Photographs and printing mats of our newly elected Grand Master were mailed with the news release.

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

In total, the foregoing report represents more than a thousand separate mailings during the past twelve months and in this connection — your committee on public relations requests from each delegation pres-

ent to send us a tear sheet or clipping of any publicity appearing in your local newspaper or report of any usage of our material by radio or television in order that we may evaluate the response of our efforts.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

W. Jerry J. Pomajzl, 37, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Returns, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

Your Committee on Returns has checked the reports of the subordinate lodges for the year 1968. In general, we find the returns have been very satisfactory, and we commend the secretaries for their diligence in making their reports.

We commend the secretaries of the subordinate lodges for their efforts and labors during the past year and solicit their greater effort in maintaining correct and up-to-date reports and records.

Secretaries should maintain a progress report sheet which will enable them to prepare their yearly reports more efficiently and accurately and continue to reduce the correspondence thereto.

Monthly returns should be mailed to the Grand Secretary's office by the tenth of each month. Yearly returns are due February 10th and payment of Grand Lodge dues and fees by April 10th of each year.

In checking the returns, your committee found that five lodges still hold their regular monthly meetings by the moon. These are known as the Moon Lodges.

The following are a few suggestions for the secretaries:

1. The annual report should be typewritten, if possible, and handwritten reports should be written very plain.
2. Be certain that the Seal of the lodge is affixed to the annual report as well as the Worshipful Master's and Secretary's signature.
3. Make certain Jordan Medal information is in the return.
4. Mail monthly reports to the Grand Secretary's office by the 10th of the month. Many lodges fail to send in reports during the summer months when they don't have meetings because they meet twice a month during the winter. A report is required each month.
5. Be accurate in carrying forward the balance of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Masons from the preceeding month. Deaths, Suspensions and Affiliations should be listed accurately monthly.
6. On affiliations, show date of election to membership, not demit date. On demissions show what lodge the brother demitted to.

We wish to thank the Grand Secretary's office for the excellent and efficient records kept, and for extending the courtesy and cooperation to us when we were in Omaha to examine the returns.

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 submits the following report to the 112th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska for its consideration and approval.

The following Lodges of their own free will and accord voted for consolidation and were accepted as follows.

Pioneer Lodge No. 322 of Lyman, Nebraska voted for consolidation with Oasis Lodge No. 271, Morrill, Nebraska and was accepted.

Compass & Square Lodge No. 212 Sumner, Nebraska voted for consolidation with Thistle Lodge No. 61, Lexington, Nebraska and was accepted.

We concur with the Grand Master in his approval of the consolidation it being for the good of Masonry.

The following named Lodges which were cited to appear before this committee for violation of Sec.2-514 of the law having failed to be represented at two consecutive Annual Grand Lodge Communications, the 110th & 111th, appeared and were represented as follows.

Auburn Lodge No. 124, Auburn, Nebraska was represented by W. . Fred Obermeyer, Secretary.

Wallace Lodge No. 279, Wallace, Nebraska was represented by W. . Hobert D. Bancroft, proxy for the Worshipful Master.

Oak Leaf Lodge No. 312, Lynch, Nebraska was represented by W. . Leslie E. Stewart, Secretary.

Satisfactory explanation was given by all three lodges and it is the recommendation of this Committee that no further action be taken against them.

The following Lodges should be cited to appear before the Grand Lodge Committee on Charters & Dispensation at the 113th Annual Grand Lodge Communication to show cause why their charters should not be forfeited for violation of Section 2-514 of the Grand Lodge Law by failing to have been represented at the 111th & 112th Annual Grand Lodge Communications. Table Rock No. 108; Pythagoras No. 156; Signet No. 193; Highland No. 194; Napthali No. 206.

It has been a pleasure to serve the 112th Annual Grand Lodge Communication as members of this Committee.

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 has had a quiet year with only the usual payments. Two requests were routed through our Committee but neither required any payment to date.

Our total payments were \$2,678.57. With 42,687 Masons on the rolls as of January 1, 1969, that represents \$.0628 per member.

We shall be happy to entertain requests from any Lodge or answer any questions that may arise as to the workings of our fund.

M. W. Norris W. Lallman, Grand Master:

W. Harold D. Weddel, Chairman of the Election Committee will now announce the results on the Election of Officers and also the result of the Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws.

W. Harold D. Weddel, 61, Assistant Custodian:

M. W. Grand Master, the Tellers are ready to report.

On the proposed amendment to our by-laws there were 428 ballots cast, 184 for the amendment and 244 against. The amendment failed.

M. W. Grand Master, the following Officers were elected to serve:

- Brother Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150 M. W. Grand Master
- Brother John H. Brown, 1 R. W. Deputy Grand Master
- Brother Warren K. Urbom, 314 R. W. Grand Senior Warden
- Brother Russell L. Fickes, 33 R. W. Grand Junior Warden
- Brother Norris W. Lallman, 72 M. W. Grand Secretary

Later in the Communication appointment was made of

- Brother Walter O. Samuelson V. W. Grand Chaplain
- Brother Jack H. Hendrix, 174 W. Grand Orator
- Brother George W. Rosenlof, 314 W. Grand Historian
- Brother Ralph W. Gerry, 281 W. Grand Custodian
- Brother T. Leo Stines, 36 W. Grand Marshal
- Brother Howard J. Hunter, 59 W. Grand Senior Deacon
- Brother Frank J. Mattoon, 75 W. Grand Junior Deacon
- Brother John W. McLane, 150 W. Grand Tyler

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

Application for Reinstatement: W. Earl H. Furman, 290, Chairman; Herbert Egerer, 303; Elmer E. Smith, 326.

Appropriations: W. Melvin E. Johnson, 112 (1971) Chairman; Alfred B. Saum, 46, (1970); Donald R. Swanson, 54, (1972); Walter Truex, 55, (1973); E. Forrest Estes, 19, (1974).

Finance: W. Fitzhugh L. Browne, 290, (1973), Chairman; Howard L. Patterson, 303 (1971); LeRoy C. Sutton, 1 (1972); Ansel Toft, 232 (1970); Harold E. Day, Jr., 150, (1974).

Fraternal Dead: W. Gail E. Burbridge, 11, Chairman; Harold V. Reeves, 32; Paul C. Peterson, 101.

Fraternal Relations: M. W. Norris W. Lallman, 72, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9; W. Edward J. Taylor, 150.

George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association: M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman; W. Irwin Osterloh, 72; W. Cary W. Dresslar, 32.

Grand Lodge Office: W. Alfred E. Geschke, 25 Chairman, (1971); M. W. Merle M. Hale, 54, (1970); W. Harold C. Wurdeman, 323 (1972); W. William L. Hopson, 327 (1973); W. Thomas H. Blanchard, 21 (1974).

Grand Trustees: M. W. John F. Fitcher, 302 (1971) Chairman; Harold E. Gabrielson, 302 (1973); Robert A. Wekesser, 54 (1974); Alfred E. Geschke, 25, (1970); Fred S. Kuethe, 1 (1972).

Grievances: W. Clarence M. Pierson, 19, Chairman; Robert Imig, 38; Robert R. Prouty, 95.

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

Masonic Education: W. Howard J. Hunter, 59, Chairman (1972); James W. Fegley, 316 (1972); Alfred G. Wurst, 59 (1970); M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19 (1971); M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1971); W. Edward H. Lockwood, 265 (1970).

Nebraska Work: M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201, (1970), Chairman; M. W. Herbert T. White, 11, (1971); M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281, (1972).

Public Relations: W. Joe H. Hartley, 54, Chairman; W. John S. Savage, 11; Al. Ray Brown, 50.

Relief and Care of Orphans: W. Paul L. Toombs, 290, (1972), Chairman; Earl W. Schultz, 75, (1974); Otto Burkhardt, 55, (1970); James A. Bradley, 1, (1971); John S. Burley, 300, (1973)

Temple Building Advisory: W. Donald F. Sampson, 36, (1970), Chairman; W. Donald G. Hafer, 306, (1971); W. Robert E. Wolfe, 1, (1972).

Lodge Advisory: M. W. Joseph C. Tye, 46, (1970), Chairman; M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, 249, (1971); M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210, (1972).

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

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

Your Committee is pleased to report that we have had ten very successful and well attended Area Meetings on Masonic Education throughout the state during this Masonic year. Fall Area Meetings were held at Broken Bow, Kearney, North Platte, Scottsbluff, O'Neill and South Sioux City, and this spring at Fremont, Omaha, Fairbury and Lincoln. The host lodges in each area planned well for the meetings and the local lodge

officers' ladies were very helpful in arranging for a meeting place for the visiting ladies during the afternoon.

The word that has come to us from those in attendance expressed appreciation of the fact that our meetings started promptly at 1:00 p.m. and were concluded by 8:30 p.m. They appreciated a fast-moving program in which all can participate and gain knowledge in various facets of our Craft law, history, customs and usages.

Our Deputy Grand Master Hugh W. Eisenhart has acted as Master of Ceremonies at our dinners following the afternoon meetings and either our Grand Master Norris W. Lallman or V. W. Walter O. Samuelson, our Grand Chaplain, was speaker of the evening. Each in his own admirable way brought much of interest to the brethren and their ladies.

The attendance in general at these Area Meetings has been getting better each year, particularly as to representation from more lodges. It is now the exception when a lodge does not have representation at an Area Meeting and is usually indicative of weakness in that lodge. We attribute much of the popularity of the Area Meetings to attendance by most of our Grand Lodge officers and their ladies at each Area Meeting and there is no better place for the local brethren and their ladies to become better acquainted with their Grand Lodge officers and their ladies. This is one of the great strengths of Nebraska Masonry in that the Grand Lodge through the Education Committee Area Meetings keeps itself closely in tune with its members at the grass-roots level.

Your Committee is deeply appreciative of the active support of the Grand Lodge officers and particularly the Grand Master, Norris W. Lallman. The Grand Custodian, Ralph W. Gerry with his fine assistant custodians, works completely in harmony with the Grand Lodge Education Committee, and they hold their own Ritualistic Central Schools for floor work and ritual proficiency.

In addition to the Area Educational meetings, the Grand Lodge Committee furnishes Masonic literature for the candidates and the local lodge Education Committees. This includes current world items of Masonic interest and ideas that can be passed on to the candidates and members through the lodge programs. A strong lodge Education Committee is of great help to the Worshipful Master in assisting him with his lodge programs for each year. The day of just handing a candidate a booklet to read and thinking the job is done is long gone. The day of just opening lodge and reading the minutes and putting on a degree and thinking there will be good attendance is also gone. Our members demand a better overall program of meetings, and they want Masonry! It is up to the Master, his officers and his Education Committee to plan the trestle board months in advance for continuity of interest and sustained attendance, and it is the responsibility of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education to assist and promote this in every way possible.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

W. C. Clyde H. Jones, 173, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Credentials which was adopted.

Your Committee on Credentials report that all lodges are represented except Nos. 29, 53, 64, 67, 98, 106, 108, 111, 117, 125, 128, 136, 137, 143, 147, 154, 156, 170, 181, 188, 193, 194, 199, 206, 218, 224, 226, 243, 267, 276, 277, 278, 282, 293, 301, 309, 316.

Total number of lodges 262, number not represented 37. Lodges not represented for the last two Annual Communications: Nos. 108, 156, 193, 194 and 206.

All Grand Officers are present and all Past Grand Masters except M. W. Brothers Ralph O. Canaday, Edward F. Carter, Edward Huwaldt.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

| Lodge | No. | Master | Senior Warden | Junior Warden |
|----------------|-----|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Nebraska | 1 | Herbert D. Cornell | James N. Emery | Joe N. Lindquist |
| Western Star | 2 | Melvin J. Johns | ..... | Wm. T. Brockley |
| Capitol | 3 | S. Wm. Greulich | Donald E. Olson | Robert E. Noah |
| Nemaha Valley | 4 | *J. Adolf Wensien | ..... | ..... |
| Omadi | 5 | Vern M. Jensen | ..... | ..... |
| Plattsmouth | 6 | Fred C. Arnold | Roger D. Hild | Roger R. Wehrbein |
| Falls City | 9 | Lloyd F. Bindle | ..... | *Robert R. Zoeller |
| Solomon | 10 | James E. Strat- bucker | Roland W. Husk | Ralph W. Steyer |
| Covert | 11 | *John S. Savage | Melvin M. Kent | John C. Williams |
| Orient | 13 | *Ralph Zoeller | *Willard L. Lewis, Jr. | *Louis Buising |
| Peru | 14 | Darrell E. Wininger | ..... | ..... |
| Fremont | 15 | Donald J. Launer | Garvis E. Burrell | *Gerald A. Moller |
| Tecumseh | 17 | Ormal K. Richardson | ..... | ..... |
| Lincoln | 19 | Gordon H. Larson | Gary L. Powell | Marvin K. Morehead |
| Washington | 21 | *Thomas H. Blanchard | ..... | ..... |
| Pawnee | 23 | Glenn H. Schultz | *Glenn H. Schultz | *Charles Kalina |
| St. Johns | 25 | Fred L. MacDonald | Marshall N. Zalkin | William E. Reibold |
| Beatrice | 26 | Rodney L. Marshall | Duaine R. Blaser | *John Brandt |
| Jordan | 27 | Charles A. Kurtz, Sr. | ..... | ..... |
| Hope | 29 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Blue River | 30 | Glenn B. Weaver | Lee R. Newton | Richard T. Dugdale |
| Tekamah | 31 | Floyd D. Ray | Larry S. Jackson | *Larry S. Jackson |
| Platte Valley | 32 | Fora O. Thayer | ..... | *Arthur A. Weeks |
| Ashlar | 33 | *Donald M. Petersen | Otto A. Niess | *Robert W. Boon |
| Acacia | 34 | Quentin R. Enochson | Joseph Hoffman | Alfred Tichacek |
| Fairbury | 35 | *George Dalke | Roy L. Stiles | ..... |
| Lone Tree | 36 | Arnold L. King | Loris L. Neal | John F. Jefferson |
| Crete | 37 | Ted Conley | Franklin H. Mills | David A. Johnson |
| Oliver | 38 | *Erwin J. Imig | Alan G. Loftis | *Carroll R. Reinert |
| Papillion | 39 | Owen H. Dierks, Sr. | ..... | ..... |
| Humboldt | 40 | *Galen H. Vaughn | ..... | ..... |
| Northern Light | 41 | Wallace B. Barth | *Wallace B. Barth | *Wallace B. Barth |
| Hebron | 43 | *J. W. Cederholm | J. W. Cederholm | ..... |
| Harvard | 44 | Donald L. Stillely | *Donald L. Stillely | *Donald L. Stillely |
| Rob Morris | 46 | Rolland W. Dunn | Raymond E. Hensley | Milton A. Meredith |
| Fairmont | 48 | Lewis E. McCreath | Paul A. Whorlow | ..... |
| Evening Star | 49 | Gene W. Bauer | Ken Barnell | *Ken Barnell |
| Hastings | 50 | Richard D. Bronson | *Harold R. Williams | Wayne Dillin |
| Fidelity | 51 | Joseph C. Hranac | ..... | *C. E. Baker |

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

| Lodge | No. | Master | Senior Warden | Junior Warden |
|-------------|-----|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Hiram | 52 | Theodore W. Buchardt | | |
| Charity | 53 | | | |
| Lancaster | 54 | Richard B. Hobson | Lawrence R. Jones | Frank W. Brooks |
| Mosaic | 55 | *Larry Thomsen | *Walter Truex | *C. G. McNamee |
| York | 56 | *Arnold G. Gill | *Elton F. Moomey | Arnold G. Gill |
| Mt. Moriah | 57 | *M. K. Schroeder | *M. K. Schroeder | *M. K. Schroeder |
| Wahoo | 59 | James L. Fauver | Donald H. Rood | Harold L. Miller |
| Melrose | 60 | Raymond Pyell | *Raymond Pyell | *Raymond Pyell |
| Thistle | 61 | William G. Page | *William G. Page | *G. Hanford Smith |
| Keystone | 62 | *Donald Schuster | *Donald Schuster | *Donald Schuster |
| Blue Valley | 64 | | | |
| Osceola | 65 | Mervin Ransom, Jr. | *Mervin Ransom, Jr. | *Mervin Ransom, Jr. |
| Edgar | 67 | | | |
| Aurora | 68 | Roger L. Anderson | Harris D. Ulmer | Kyle M. Lantz |
| Sterling | 70 | Landis A. Rulla | | |
| Trowel | 71 | Charles L. Gillespie | Roger V. Baker | Eugene J. Udey |
| Hooper | 72 | Ronald Fauss | Delbert D. Larsen | Cecil W. Hocking |
| Friend | 73 | Charles Cogswell | *Charles Cogswell | *Charles Cogswell |
| Alexandria | 74 | *Donald Kerwood | *Donald Kerwood | *Donald Kerwood |
| Frank Welch | 75 | Lewis M. Huddleston | Kenneth G. Fleming | *Frank J. Mattoon |
| Nelson | 77 | *Harry E. Weekly | *Frank Harris | *Frank Harris |
| Albion | 78 | Roy Smith | | |
| Geneva | 79 | Maurice A. Nichols | Ben D. Fussell | *David A. Portwood |
| Composite | 81 | Gerald Selden | Marcel Matousek | *Gerald Selden |
| St. Paul | 82 | H. Howard Lemburg | | |
| Corinthian | 83 | *V. H. Robert Hanson | *V. H. Robert Hanson | *V. H. Robert Hanson |
| Fairfield | 84 | *Warren Wilson | | |
| Ionic | 87 | *Robert F. Drake | Robert F. Drake | *Robert F. Drake |
| Star | 88 | | Robert Christiansen | |
| Cedar River | 89 | Wayne H. Nicholls | *Wayne H. Nicholls | *Wayne H. Nicholls |
| Oakland | 91 | Franklin W. Johnson | *Franklin W. Johnson | *Franklin W. Johnson |
| Beaver City | 93 | Charles W. Harman | *Charles W. Harman | *Charles W. Harman |
| Bennett | 94 | Earl J. TeSelle | Donald C. Carter | *Earl J. TeSelle |
| Garfield | 95 | Paul L. Shelhamer | Rob R. Prouty | Gordon W. Mitchell |
| Utica | 96 | Robert O. Rhodes | *E. Dale Sampson, Sr. | Harold K. Kruse |
| Euclid | 97 | Ralph D. Binger | Charles L. Spohr | *Lemuel R. Lane |
| Republican | 98 | | | |
| Shelton | 99 | *Hughes B. Morris, Jr. | *Hughes B. Morris, Jr. | Hughes B. Morris, Jr. |

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

| Lodge | No. | Master | Senior Warden | Junior Warden |
|-------------|-------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Creighton | 100 | *Ivan E. Johnson | *Robert L. Sperslad | Edward B. Smith |
| Ponca | 101 | Robert L. Anderson | *Harry Stammer | *Paul C. Peterson |
| Waterloo | 102 | Richard L. Engel | Karl H. Klebe | Donald P. Feller |
| Ord | 103 | Adolph J. Sevenker | Charles B. Zangger | Bud T. Brickner |
| Wymore | 104 | *Robert A. Norris | Robert A. Norris | *Robert A. Norris |
| Stella | 105 | Keith E. Wheeler | Richard V. Wheeler | *Earl Hicks |
| Porter | 106 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Table Rock | 108 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Pomegranate | 110 | Gary E. DeFoil | *Lloyd I. Edwards | *Arthur W. Laughlin |
| DeWitt | 111 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Springfield | 112 | Donald J. Kroese | B. Joe Rea | ..... |
| Globe | 113 | Dick L. Ray | *Harry L. Purdy | ..... |
| Wisner | 114 | Richard R. Alexander | Edmund H. Schlueter | Richard J. Breitkruetz |
| Harlan | 116 | *Allen W. Parker | ..... | ..... |
| Hardy | 117 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| North Bend | 119 | Paul R. Hamilton | Herman Barnes | Paul Eveland |
| Wayne | 120 | Arnold R. Marr | *Arnold R. Marr | *Arnold R. Marr |
| Superior | 121 | Jens P. Nielsen | *Jens P. Nielsen | *Jens P. Nielsen |
| Auburn | 124 | *Fred A. Obermeyer | ..... | ..... |
| Mount Nebo | 125 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Stromsburg | 126 | Gary B. Allison | Alton A. Werth | Larry L. Cook |
| Minden | 127 | *Nels D. Winther | *Charles A. Chappell | *Charles A. Chappell |
| Guide Rock | 128 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Scribner | 132 | Kenley Carson | *S. G. Spurling | Donald J. Bosworth |
| Elm Creek | 133 | Wayne Webb | ..... | ..... |
| Solar | 134 | L. Clark Caley | ..... | ..... |
| McCook | 135 | W. Charles Bush | John G. Massey | Byron O. Neiman |
| Long Pine | 136 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Upright | 137 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Rawalt | 138 | Lowell T. Coakley | *Lowell T. Coakley | *Lowell T. Coakley |
| Clay Centre | 139 | Victor E. Nowka | *Nelson L. Hughes | *Glenn F. Sperry |
| Western | 140 | Rolland Winter | Joey Krajnik | ..... |
| Crescent | 143 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Bancroft | 145 | *August Zuhlke | ..... | *Lawrence H. Preston |
| Jachin | 146 | Melvin W. Johnston | ..... | *Arthur Anderson |
| Siloam | 147 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Emmet | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Crawford | 148 | Harry W. Cosnor | Duane C. Wright | ..... |
| Cambridge | 150 | Dale Hecox | Carl Staley | Raleigh J. Clegg |
| Evergreen | 153 | *Homer F. Birch | | |

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| Lodge | No. | Master | Senior Warden | Junior Warden |
|---------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Lily | 154 | | | |
| Hartington | 155 | *Ralph E. Clements | *Ralph E. Clements | *Ralph E. Clements |
| Pythagoras | 156 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Samaritan | 158 | G. Richard Myers | | Gerald R. Nolan |
| Ogalalla | 159 | Richard M. Baron | Howard L. Harrington | ..... |
| Zeredatha | 160 | Floyd McInay | ..... | Edmund N. Cerveny |
| Mt. Zion | 161 | Mervin D. Hiemer | Dean White | Benjamin R. Wagner |
| Trestle Board Unity | 162 | Robert C. Harkins | *Robert C. Harkins | ..... |
| | 163 | Louis D. Jeffrey | Robert W. Richmond | Harold Lee Jewett |
| Atkinson | 164 | Clarence E. Spence | Maynard O. Coleman | *Clarence E. Spence |
| Barneston | 165 | Walter F. Manley | ..... | ..... |
| Mystic Tie | 166 | Dorian Wright | ..... | ..... |
| Elwood | 167 | Don W. Ringenberg | Cloid J. Ringenberg | Norman Falleson |
| Curtis | 168 | Carl A. Younkens | *Carl A. Younkens | *Carl A. Younkens |
| Amity | 169 | *Robert M. Higgs | *Robert M. Higgs | *Robert M. Higgs |
| Mason City | 170 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Merna | 171 | Allen L. Geiser | ..... | ..... |
| Robert Burns | 173 | ..... | Loren T. Hawkinson | *Stanley Williamson |
| Culbertson | 174 | Jerry D. Williams | *Jerry D. Williams | *Jerry D. Williams |
| Temple | 175 | Ivan W. Hedge | ..... | ..... |
| Gladstone | 176 | Donald G. Butler | ..... | ..... |
| Hay Springs | 177 | H. Dean Clements | Joe G. Schneider | Allen E. Alcorn |
| Prudence | 179 | Robert D. Carr | *Grant Hansen | ..... |
| Justice | 180 | Ray Balderson | ..... | Kenneth L. Frasier Sr. |
| Faith | 181 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Alliance | 183 | William A. Roy | ..... | Morace M. Smith |
| Bee Hive | 184 | Merle M. Roth | Joseph Rex Grady | D. L. Williams |
| Boaz | 185 | *Robert A. Puelz | *Robert A. Puelz | ..... |
| Meridian | 188 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Granite | 189 | *Otis D. Applegate | ..... | ..... |
| Amethyst | 190 | Chester C. Hawley | ..... | ..... |
| Crystal | 191 | Darrel L. Vance | *Darrel L. Vance | *Darrel L. Vance |
| Minnekadusa | 192 | *U. Wesley Fox | William S. Powell | |
| Signet | 193 | | | |
| Highland | 194 | | | |
| Arcana | 195 | Michal J. Kacere | | |

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| Lodge | No. | Master | Senior Warden | Junior Warden |
|---------------|-------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Purity | 198 | Sterling W. Powell | | |
| Gavel | 199 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Blazing Star | 200 | *Leslie F. DeLashrutt | ..... | ..... |
| Scotts Bluff | 201 | Robert L. Entrekim | *Robert L. Entrekim | Albert E. Christy |
| Golden Sheaf | 202 | *M. Dean McGrew | ..... | ..... |
| Roman Eagle | 203 | *Loren J. Callahan | *Edward McQuiston | ..... |
| Plainview | 204 | John R. Bowen | ..... | Fred C. Gardner |
| Golden Fleece | 205 | Louis M. Vance | *Louis M. Vance | *Louis M. Vance |
| Naphthali | 206 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Parian | 207 | *Allston Asmus | *Allston Asmus | *Allston Asmus |
| Canopy | 209 | Eldon J. Mendenhall | ..... | Wendell Cook |
| East Lincoln | 210 | Robert A. Metcalf | Alvia A. Simmons | George R. Osborn |
| Cement | 211 | Donald L. Hadan | *Donald L. Hadan | *Donald L. Hadan |
| Plumblime | 214 | Henry C. Graefe | ..... | ..... |
| Occidental | 215 | Bob Wiegand | ..... | ..... |
| Palisade | 216 | *William B. Gubser | Preston P. Harrington | ..... |
| Wauneta | 217 | Jerry L. Jackson | ..... | ..... |
| Bloomfield | 218 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Relief | 219 | ..... | Milo Patefield | Donald J. Juhlin |
| Magnolia | 220 | *Wynn W. Carter | Wynn W. Carter | ..... |
| Wood Lake | 221 | Richard W. Tetherow | ..... | ..... |
| Landmark | 222 | Joe C. Cameron | Howard J. Laughlin | *Wayne W. Loftis |
| Eminence | 223 | Eldon K. Hunnicutt | Melvin H. Obermeier | ..... |
| Silver Cord | 224 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Cable | 225 | Robert J. Lucas | ..... | ..... |
| Grace | 226 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| North Star | 227 | Herbert H. Glancy | *William E. Williams | Keith Hatfield |
| Bartley | 228 | Don R. Burton | *Don R. Burton | *Don R. Burton |
| Comet | 229 | *Delbert D. Lowell | ..... | ..... |
| Mt. Herman | 231 | ..... | ..... | *D. D. Brown |
| John S. Bowen | 232 | William R. Byers | William R. Harper. Jr. | ..... |
| Gilead | 233 | Elmer P. Holm | Gus A. Siolet | *Max O. Brown |
| Zion | 234 | ..... | John D. Streiff | ..... |
| Fraternity | 235 | *Gail Axen | ..... | ..... |
| Golden Rule | 236 | Victor A. Carpenter | *K. R. Mitchell | Howard Gillaspie |
| Cubitt | 237 | Lloyd Ferguson | ..... | ..... |
| Friendship | 239 | ..... | Robert E. Comer | ..... |
| Pilot | 240 | *Gordon Chard | ..... | ..... |
| George | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Armstrong | 241 | Jack Carson | Robert E. Wolfe | Robert P. Loftis |
| Tyrian | 243 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Hampton | 245 | Raymond J. Reeh | ..... | ..... |

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

| Lodge | No. | Master | Senior Warden | Junior Warden |
|--------------------|-----|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Nehawka | 246 | William J. Bescheinen | C. E. Morris | ..... |
| Laurel | 248 | *Merlin Swanson | Merlin Swanson | *Everard Burns |
| Gothenburg | 249 | James S. Ostergard | *James S. Ostergard | *James S. Ostergard |
| George Washington | 250 | Wayne C. Marshall | Henry H. Hansen | Olin F. Wissler |
| Wausa | 251 | *Melvin E. Rosen | *Melvin E. Rosen | *Melvin E. Rosen |
| Beemer | 253 | *Fred Buhk | ..... | ..... |
| Bassett | 254 | Oscar R. Peacock | *Earl L. Anderson | ..... |
| Hickman | 256 | Clifford R. DeBoer | ..... | ..... |
| Anselmo | 258 | *Gwynne L. Neubauer | ..... | ..... |
| Ornan | 261 | *George Spangler | ..... | ..... |
| Endeavor | 262 | *Howard H. Caine | Howard H. Caine | Willard P. Elmer |
| Mitchell | 263 | James L. Elliott | ..... | ..... |
| Franklin | 264 | William H. Smith | *Jesse V. Malick | ..... |
| Robert W. Furnas | 265 | *Edward H. Lockwood | *Allen B. Connell | ..... |
| Silver | 266 | Clinton P. Colby | Robert L. Tooker | ..... |
| James A. Tulleys | 267 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| George W. Lininger | 268 | Jack C. Burriss | Gerald K. Hall | ..... |
| Oasis | 271 | Oak W. Glenn | ..... | *Bernard Walker |
| Lee P. Gillette | 272 | Dale H. Ganzel | ..... | ..... |
| Crofton | 273 | *Lender Elliason | Lender Elliason | ..... |
| Olive Branch | 274 | Robert Robertson | *Lester Hrdy | ..... |
| Ramah | 275 | *Robert L. Davis | *Robert L. Davis | *Robert L. Davis |
| Antelope | 276 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Sioux | 277 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Litchfield | 278 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Wallace | 279 | *Hobart D. Bancroft | ..... | ..... |
| Swastika | 280 | *William W. Steen | *William W. Steen | *William W. Steen |
| Florence | 281 | Harry A. Tollander | Doyle E. Berg | Frank J. Velasco |
| Mullen | 282 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Seneca | 284 | David A. Miller | *David A. Miller | *David A. Miller |
| Camp Clarke | 285 | Darrell D. Schuler | Rodney R. Weaver | ..... |
| Oshkosh | 286 | Clifford A. Stahly | ..... | ..... |
| Union | 287 | Leslie L. Weatherhogg | ..... | ..... |
| Omaha | 288 | Warner R. White | Joseph A. Peterson | *Jake Wine |
| Lotus | 289 | ..... | Benjamin L. Russell | Frank M. Campbell |
| John J. Mercer | 290 | Charles R. Gove | D. Thomas Hill | *Robert McBride |
| Diamond | 291 | *Claude Elliott | ..... | ..... |

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

| Lodge | No. | Master | Senior Warden | Junior Warden |
|--------------|-----|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Wolbach | 292 | Elton J. Jess | *Elton J. Jess | *Elton J. Jess |
| Monument | 293 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Kimball | 294 | G. Melvin Hensley | Patrick A. Dunegan | *G. Melvin Hensley |
| Minatare | 295 | Norman W. Alexander | *N. E. Alexander | *Roy J. Babbitt |
| Cotner | 297 | *James Quinn | ..... | ..... |
| Chester | 298 | Elijah F. Mumm | Marlon G. Loftis | *Richard A. George |
| Sutherland | 299 | Donald R. McVay | ..... | ..... |
| Liberty | 300 | Adam Heckel | Joseph P. Damm | Robert J. Reitz |
| Bayard | 301 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Mizpah | 302 | Gerald D. Garrett | *Dan W. Campbell | Lanney F. Godsey |
| Right Angle | 303 | Vernon E. Tuttle | *Wendell W. George | Hollis E. Gwin |
| Newman Grove | 305 | *C. Sherman Johnson | ..... | ..... |
| Golden Rod | 306 | Frank W. Pivonka | ..... | ..... |
| Perkins | 308 | Marion Thayer | ..... | ..... |
| Winnebago | 309 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Victory | 310 | Clarence B. King | William P. Buckley | Harold E. Knaus |
| Polk | 311 | Donald Miller | Noel E. Kealiher | *Mervin Carlson |
| Oak Leaf | 312 | *Leslie E. Stewart | ..... | ..... |
| Potter | 313 | Leslie L. Lipska | *Leslie L. Lipska | *Leslie L. Lipska |
| Craftsmen | 314 | Robert T. Wheeler | Albert L. Keedy, Jr. | *August W. Edling |
| Alpha | 316 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Mid-West | 317 | Virgil M. Doudna | James M. Warden | Ray E. Gaymon |
| Grand Island | 318 | *Albert B. Osborn | ..... | ..... |
| Bladen | 319 | Henry O. Peterson | ..... | ..... |
| College View | 320 | Harold E. Dallinger | ..... | *R. George Meininger |
| Harmony | 321 | ..... | Jack M. McVicker | ..... |
| Lebanon | 323 | Fred L. Shaw | *Robert E. Lund | *Harold C. Hurdeman |
| Cairo | 324 | Orland F. Quest | ..... | Lawrence O. Rolfson, Jr. |
| Bellevue | 325 | Leo M. Smith, Sr. | Ronald L. Nelson | Charles W. Jacobs |
| Centennial | 326 | Stanley E. Bena | Edward L. Davis | *Harvey A. Smith |
| Shiloh | 327 | Robert W. Peterson | Sam K. Nielsen, Jr. | Eugene C. Baker |

FINAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

W. Melvin E. Johnson, 112, Chairman, presented the final report of the Committee on Appropriations, which was adopted.

This budget covers the same period as the Finance Committee and the Auditors report which covers the period May 1, 1969 to April 30, 1970.

Section A. "Expense of Annual Communication:" Minor changes have been made in the Appropriated amounts changing the total from \$17,336.00 to \$16,950.00.

Section B. "Expense of Grand Lodge Committee:" Again minor changes in the Appropriated Amounts and the addition in this section of the Relief Fund changes the total from \$9,530.00 to \$18,317.40.

Section C. "Travel Expense:" This expense reduced from \$17,100.00 to \$15,900.

Sections D, E, F. "Salaries, Fixed Expense and Insurance Assessments and Contributions:" Remain as reported in the Preliminary report.

Section G. "Grand Lodge Responsibilities:" The addition of the item of Legal fees in the amount of \$601.87, changing the total from \$365,537.00 to \$366,138.87.

These changes increased the Preliminary Budget total of \$483,124.88 to \$490,928.15.

The estimated Grand Lodge revenues exceeds the Grand Lodge Expense in amount of \$13,318.06. However the expenditures requested for operations of the Nebraska Masonic Home exceed the estimated current income by the amount of \$68,134.00. Thus the deficit for total Grand Lodge operation is \$54,815.94.

We, the Committee, wish to thank the Grand Master and other Grand Officers and the Grand Lodge Committees for their fine cooperation in arriving at this budget.

FINAL REPORT

| A. EXPENSE OF ANNUAL COMMUNICATION | 1969-1970 |
|--|-------------|
| 1. Payroll | \$ 8,000.00 |
| 2. Recording & Transcribing | 100.00 |
| 3. Grand Tyler | Inc. |
| 4. Grand Organist | Inc. |
| 5. Printing Proceedings 1969 Session | 3,800.00 |
| 6. Printing Fraternal Review 1970 | 400.00 |
| 7. Printing 1969 Supplement | 450.00 |
| 8. Grand Master's Dinner for P.G.M.'s & Guests | 600.00 |
| 9. Grand Lodge Dinner for 1969 Delegates | 1,200.00 |
| 10. Entertainment of Distinguished Guests | 500.00 |
| 11. Preparing Fraternal Review 1970 | 300.00 |
| 12. Printing Secretary's Desk Book | 750.00 |

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| 13. Omaha Auditorium Expense 1969 | 200.00 |
| 14. Printing Programs and incidental Matter 1969 | 350.00 |
| | <u>\$ 16,950.00</u> |

B. EXPENSE OF GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| 1. Masonic Education | \$ 4,250.00 |
| 2. Relief and Care of Orphans | 50.00 |
| 3. Appropriations | 25.00 |
| 4. Grand Lodge Office | 50.00 |
| 5. Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund | 400.00 |
| 6. Finance | 50.00 |
| 7. Work | 50.00 |
| 8. Grand Trustees | 4,205.00 |
| 9. Grand Historian | 150.00 |
| 10. Printing History of Nebraska Masonic Home | 550.00 |
| 11. Relief Fund (20¢ per number on 42,687) | 8,537.40 |
| | <u>\$ 18,317.40</u> |

C. TRAVEL EXPENSE

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| 1. Grand Master | \$ 3,000.00 |
| 2. Grand Secretary | 1,800.00 |
| 3. Grand Custodian for Grand Lodge Functions | 700.00 |
| 4. Grand Custodian Department | 7,000.00 |
| 5. Grand Lodge Officers & Committees under the Direction of the Grand Master | 2,300.00 |
| 6. Deputy Grand Master to the Grand Masters Conference | 450.00 |
| 7. Grand Masters Conference & Grand Secretary's Conference-Dues & Misc. Expense | 500.00 |
| 8. Masonic Service Association Training Program | 150.00 |
| | <u>\$ 15,900.00</u> |

D. SALARIES

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| 1. Grand Secretary | \$ 9,100.00 |
| 2. Grand Custodian | 8,000.00 |
| 3. Grand Secretary's Clerical Staff | 16,400.00 |
| 4. Social Security | 1,500.00 |
| 5. Unemployment Insurance | 450.00 |
| | <u>\$ 35,450.00</u> |

E. FIXED EXPENSE

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| 1. Rent of Grand Lodge Offices | \$ 8,100.00 |
| 2. Grand Lodge Office Electricity | 900.00 |
| 3. Grand Lodge Office Expense | 6,500.00 |
| 4. Jewell and Apron for Retiring Grand Master | 300.00 |

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| 5. Grand Custodians Office Expense..... | 400.00 |
| 6. Retirement Fund for Grand Lodge Employees | 4,357.00 |
| 7. Museum and Library..... | 150.00 |
| 8. Retirement Benefit 1969-70..... | 5,117.88 |
| 9. Grand Lodge Supply Account..... | 4,000.00 |
| 10. Fifty Year Buttons..... | 1,800.00 |
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| | \$ 31,624.88 |

F. INSURANCE-ASSESSMENTS & CONTRIBUTIONS

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| 1. Workmens Compensation & Liability Insurance | \$ 50.00 |
| 2. Dues to The Masonic Relief Association on 42687 Members..... | 280.00 |
| 3. Surety Bond for Grand Lodge Officers & Employees | 700.00 |
| 4. Car Liability on Grand Masters and Employees Car..... | 30.00 |
| 5. Masonic Service Association for 42687 Members | 1,112.00 |
| 6. Comprehensive Liability on Lodges | 3,100.00 |
| 7. Office Contents Fire Insurance | 75.00 |
| 8. Nebraska DeMolay Foundation..... | 500.00 |
| 9. George Washington National Memorial Association | 700.00 |
| (\$1.00 per Master Mason raised) | |
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| | 6,547.00 |

G. GRAND LODGE RESPONSIBILITIES

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| 1. Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children..... | \$ 26,787.00 |
| 2. The Nebraska Masonic Home | 302,750.00 |
| 3. The Nebraska Masonic Home, Maintenance, Repair & Equipment | 1,000.00 |
| 4. Seal Program..... | 15,000.00 |
| 5. The Nebraska Masonic Home Retirement Program..... | 20,000.00 |
| 6. The Nebraska Masonic Home Special Sewer Assessment | |
| 7. The Nebraska Masonic Home, Ventilating & Air-Conditioning | |
| 8. Legal Fees..... | 601.87 |

Total \$366,138.87

Notes:

** Matched by the Grand Chapter in Like Amount

Grand Total \$490,928.15

SPECIAL REPORTS

July 7, 1968 — The Appropriation Committee was called for the purpose of considering emergency appropriations on the following items:

1. Retirement Benefit for Carl R. Greisen, Past Grand Secretary in the amount of \$387.20 per month for the next 12 months.
2. Salaries of Grand Secretary's office personnel increased from \$13,700 to \$18,466.67; an increase of \$4,766.63 to cover the salary of a book-keeper.
3. Grand Trustees budget increased in the amount of \$121.00 from \$6,979.00 to \$7,100.00.
4. George Washington Memorial Appropriation of \$750.00 to cover the amount paid to the Memorial Committee on an estimated 750 new Master Masons.
5. The Relief Fund appropriation in the amount of \$8,686.60 representing 20¢ per member.
6. \$500.00 appropriated for Pensions now being paid to recipient of Pension funds.
7. Supply Account:
The Committee recognizes that funds in the Supply Account are received from the Sale of Supplies to the Subordinate lodges, and paid out in the purchase of supplies. We therefore, proposed a budget of \$4,200.00 for the Supply Account.

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS:

1. Grand Lodge Officers and Committees under the direction of the Grand Master — \$1,500.00
2. Masonic Education Committee an additional — \$600.00

MINUTES APPROVED

R. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, Deputy Grand Master:

M. W. Grand Master, I move that the published proceedings of the 111th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska; held June 4th and 5th, 1968 and all previous proceedings of the Grand Lodge published and distributed by the Grand Secretary, be ratified and approved. (Seconded and carried).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. John A. Bottorf, 49, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted section by section, then as a whole.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence herewith reports its recommendations as to those portions of the Grand Master's Address which were

referred to it.

Amendments to By-Laws (page 3)

The amendment to By-Laws of subordinate lodge, which were reported, submitted and approved have been reviewed. We recommend approval of that portion of the Grand Master's address with one exception.

Crete Lodge No. 37 submitted an amendment to their existing Article VI, Section 1, subdivision (a) which is inconsistent with existing Grand Lodge regulations. We therefore recommend that such amendment be disapproved by this Grand Lodge and referred back to such lodge for its correction and proper amendment.

Decisions

Brethren, the Decisions which will now be discussed, commence on page 7 of the advance proceedings which have been distributed.

1. We recognize that a correct decision was arrived at in disposing of the question relating to the procedure required for advancement following the removal of objections. We also recognize that little is to be gained by republishing the quoted sections of the code, either as part of the proceedings or as annotations to the code. We therefore recommend that decision No. 1 be approved without the same being annotated in the supplement.

2. The question presented by Decision No. 2 is hypothetical, rather than factual. The Grand Master should not be called upon to render a decision in such a case. For that reason, we recommend that decision No. 2 be disapproved and the same not be annotated.

3. We recommend that Decision No. 3, relating to succession in event of the death of an installed Master be approved.

4. Decision No. 4, relating to the Sunday use of the Masonic Temple by the Rainbow Girl's Assembly was, as stated by our Grand Master, approved by the Grand Lodge in 1958. We recommend the approval of this decision, and as it would be cumulative only, that such decision not be printed as an annotation.

The use of lodge funds to buy a bingo game, to be used for entertainment at parties, is dealt with by Decision No. 5. We have considered the same in that context, rather than any attempt to obtain approval of a fund-raising scheme. We would therefore recommend that this decision be amended in the following particulars:

(a) Delete the last sentence of paragraph one, as it appears:
"therefore, I rule that you may not purchase a bingo game with lodge funds."

(b) Amend the last paragraph of such Decision to read:
"Therefore, no charge may be made to those participating in the game. It must be a game strictly for entertainment and not as a fund raising enterprise."

We recommend that Decision No. 5 as so amended, be approved.

6. Decision No. 6 clarifies the fact that the present limitation of Dual Memberships in lodges of this Jurisdiction, has no reference to membership in lodges of another Grand Jurisdiction, and we recommend approval of this decision.

7. We recommend approval of Decision No. 7, relating to requirements of a petition for restoration.

8. Decision No. 8, relating to the disqualifications of a man to become a Mason, is explicitly covered by Section 2-904 of the Code. While that law remains in effect we must uphold it. We believe that a "Chief Engineer of a Brewery," is a vital and necessary person in the manufacture of the product.

We therefore recommend that Decision No. 8 be disapproved.

9. We recommend the changing of one word in decision No. 9, approving the purchase of Thanksgiving Turkeys for the widows of deceased Masons. That none of its recipients may look upon such gifts as alms, we would amend this decision by substituting the word "purposes" for the term "charity".

As so amended, we recommend the approval of Decision No. 9.

Recommendations (page 11)

1. We recommend the approval of Recommendation No. 1 and that the same be submitted to the Committee on Codification of the Law for preparation in final form.

2. We have studied the purpose and intent of Recommendation No. 3. We believe that the same is only a partial answer. A loss of Grand Lodge dues or per capita tax results when a brother is suspended and later reinstated and also in consolidation of lodges. Annual Grand Lodge dues are determined by reference to the number of Master Masons reported in the preceding year's printed Grand Lodge proceedings. Until such time as the code may be revised, we submit the following as a substitute recommendation No. 3:

That paragraph three of Section 2-601 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge to be amended to read as follows:

Each lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge on or before the 10th day of April, for each initiation during the preceding calendar year, the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and for each member, the sum of Four Dollars (\$4.00) as a per capita tax. In addition thereto, in the case of reinstatement of suspended members, the per capita tax for the year of suspension shall be paid to the Grand Lodge with the annual report for the calendar year of reinstatement. Before any lodge shall be consolidated with another lodge, the per capita tax for the year preceding the year of consolidation shall be determined and paid. Each subordinate lodge shall collect and transmit to the Grand Lodge with its annual returns the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) from each Master Mason affiliating therewith during the year covered by said returns: Provided, that this shall not apply to any Master Mason in good standing at the time he presents his petition for affiliation.

That the original paragraph three of said Section 2-601 of said By-Laws and amendment thereto are repealed.

M. W. Grand Master, in order to place in effect the approved recommendations 1 and 3 of your report, we have presented the same to the Committee on Codification of the Law for their action and report.

DISPENSATIONS

We recommend approval of the section on dispensations as reported by the Grand Master.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

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

Your Committee on Codification of the Law submits its report and recommends amendments to the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska as follows:

That paragraph three of Sec. 2-601 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

Each lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge on or before the 10th day of April, for each initiation during the preceding calendar year, the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and for each member, the sum of Four Dollars (\$4.00) as a per capita tax. In addition thereto, in the case of reinstatement of suspended members, the per capita tax for the year of suspension shall be paid to the Grand Lodge with the annual report for the calendar year of reinstatement. Before any lodge shall be consolidated with another lodge, the per capita tax for the year preceding the year of consolidation shall be determined and paid. Each subordinate lodge shall collect and transmit to the Grand Lodge with its annual returns, the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) from each Master Mason affiliating therewith during the year covered by said returns; Provided, that this shall not apply to any Master Mason in good standing at the time he presents his petition for affiliation.

That the original paragraph three of said Sec. 2-601 of said By-Laws and amendments thereto are repealed.

That Sec. 1-407 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended by deletion of the last sentence thereof so that said section shall read as follows:

Sec. 1-407 — ALLOCATION OF FUNDS. — The per capita tax of \$4.00 shall be divided as follows:

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| To The Nebraska Masonic Home..... | \$2.00 |
| To The Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans | .20 |
| To The General Fund..... | 1.80 |

The Initiation Fee of \$10.00 and all affiliation fees shall be allotted to the General Fund.

That the original Sec. 1-407 and amendments thereto are repealed.

That Sec. 2-412 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-412 — DUAL MEMBERSHIP. — A Master Mason of this Jurisdiction may be a member of not more than two Lodges in this Jurisdiction at one and the same time. He may, while holding his membership in his parent Lodge, and without demitting therefrom, petition another Lodge for affiliation and, if elected, hold dual membership in such Lodge. The words "parent Lodge" shall be construed to mean the Lodge in which a member holds his membership at the time he applies to another Lodge for membership.

The petition for affiliation as a dual member in a Lodge must state the name, age, and residence of the applicant, and the name and number and location of the parent Lodge of which said petitioner is a member; petition must be signed by the petitioner and be recommended by two Master Masons, members of the Lodge to which the petition is addressed, and shall be governed by the same procedure relating to regular petitions for affiliation.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Lodge, upon the election of a brother to a dual membership, to promptly report the fact to the Lodge in which he maintains his parent membership. The Secretary of the Lodge having dual members, shall keep a record of all such members, and shall make annual report to the Grand Secretary, listing the names of all such members, together with the name of the parent Lodge and Grand Jurisdiction thereof. Such dual member shall be counted by the Lodge in which he holds such membership only for the purpose of fixing and paying to this Grand Lodge such dues or contributions as it may be entitled to. Provided, that if the parent membership is with a Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction, then he shall be counted for all purposes by the Lodge in which he holds his dual membership.

In the event that a member of a Lodge in this Jurisdiction holding a dual membership in another Lodge of said Jurisdiction shall become suspended or expelled, by either his parent or dual Lodge, he shall be automatically suspended or expelled in his other Lodge without further action being required by said other Lodge than noting the fact upon the minutes thereof; Provided, that if said suspension or expulsion shall be for the nonpayment of his dues to one of said Lodges, his standing in his other Lodge shall not be affected thereby. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Lodge inflicting any such penalty to immediately report the same to the other Lodge in which such member holds membership. In the event that a member holding his parent membership in another Grand Jurisdiction and his dual membership in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction is suspended or expelled by his Lodge in this Jurisdiction, such fact shall be immediately reported to the Secretary of his parent Lodge.

Any member of a Lodge holding a dual membership in another Lodge, who shall be suspended or expelled for any cause other than non-payment

of dues, shall, upon restoration to membership by the Lodge so suspending or expelling him, be automatically restored to membership in his other Lodge, unless a protest is filed by a member thereof with the Worshipful Master.

Both of the Lodges to which a dual member belongs, if located in this Grand Jurisdiction, shall pay to the Grand Lodge such per capita tax, dues or contributions on such member as are now or shall hereafter be required by this Grand Lodge from its regular members.

No fee shall be charged by a Lodge electing any applicant to dual membership therein.

A member holding a dual membership in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction shall have all the rights and privileges therein of other members; shall be eligible to hold office therein; Provided, such a member cannot hold office in both Lodges at the same time.

A member holding dual membership in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction may apply for and be granted a demit from such Lodge or from his parent Lodge by presenting to such Lodge a petition stating that he desires to demit therefrom for the purpose of terminating his dual membership. Such petition shall be read in open Lodge and if the brother is not subject to any of the restrictions named in paragraph one of Section 2-1401 (Demit) the Worshipful Master shall order the demit to be issued and mailed to the Lodge in which the brother continues to hold membership.

In the event the petition for dual membership in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction is rejected by blackball or protest, the Lodge does not retain any jurisdiction of the applicant thereby, as is provided in the case of original applicants for Masonry, so as to require a waiver of jurisdiction by such Lodge should application be made thereafter to another Lodge for such membership.

Any brother holding his parent membership in a Lodge of this Jurisdiction and domiciled in another Grand Jurisdiction with which we are in fraternal relations, is privileged to petition a Lodge in such Jurisdiction for dual membership therein, if such membership is authorized by the laws of such Jurisdiction.

That the original Sec. 2-412 and amendments thereto are repealed.

That the decisions of the Grand Master which have been approved or which have been amended and approved by the Grand Lodge should be placed as annotations under the proper sections of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, except those decisions to be omitted from printing therein as annotations as set forth in the approved report of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

At 11:20 a.m. the Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshments.

SECOND DAY — AFTERNOON SESSION

W. Russell L. Fickes, 33, Grand Senior Deacon, presented the following representatives of Job's Daughters, Order of Rainbow for Girls and

Order of DeMolay. Order of Rainbow for girls was represented by Dixie Rumsey, Grand Worthy Associate Advisor. Order of DeMolay was represented by Brother Walter Miller, Executive Officer, and Dan Nelson, State Master Counselor. Job's Daughters were represented by Mrs. Irene Craig, Grand Guardian, and Susan Schultz, Grand Bethel Honored Queen.

Dixie Rumsey, Grand Worthy Associate Advisor:

M. .W. .Grand Master, It is a great pleasure to be here today and I am speaking on behalf of our Grand Worthy Advisor, Susan Sexton from Grant. I would like to present this check to the Grand Lodge and I wish to thank all of the Masons for their continued support that they have given to the Order of Rainbow for Girls.

M. .W. . Norris W. Lallman, Grand Master:

Thank you so much, Dixie, during my year as Grand Master. I have spent much time talking about our Youth Organizations, I am sure they are our future in Masonry and in the Order of the Eastern Star. We are so happy to have you with us, and we thank you for this check which you have presented to the Grand Lodge. Thank you for coming.

**DAN MELTON, STATE MASTER COUNSELOR OF
DEMOLAY:**

On behalf of the DeMolay of Nebraska, I am here to thank all of the Masons of Nebraska for the past support and backing they have given us throughout the years. For, without you Masons, there would be no DeMolay here in Nebraska. So to you, we owe our lives, for our Order. Again I thank you.

M. .W. .Norris W. Lallman, Grand Master:

Dan, I had such a wonderful time when I attended the State Conclave at North Platte last year. It was a wonderful two days with the DeMolay young men, they were a fine group. We thank you for coming.

Brother Walter Miller, Executive Officer in Nebraska:

Grand Master, that was a mistake to ask Walt Miller to say a few words on the Order of DeMolay. I would like, if I might, take this moment to read to you a few names. Edward M. Knight, Charles F. Adams, Merle M. Hale, Joseph C. Tye, Lewis R. Ricketts, Norris W. Lallman and Hugh W. Eisenhart. If I were to ask you who they were after this session of the Grand Lodge, you would say they are Past Grand Masters. The fact is that some 35-40 years ago each in their turn, just as our State Master Counselor did a few years ago, knelt at the altar of DeMolay.

The Dan Meltons and the young men, 2000 young men of the State of Nebraska, and 166,000 young men throughout our lands, will be better men, and in the years ahead, they, too, like the leaders of our Grand Lodge, may well be examples for those that follow. Thank you, M. .W. . Grand Master.

M. .W. .Norris W. Lallman, Grand Master:

Thank you, Brother Walter. The Grand Lodge appreciates the fine job that you are doing for the Boys of DeMolay in Nebraska.

Mrs. Irene Craig, Grand Guardian of Job's Daughters:

This is indeed a pleasure to be here this afternoon. I don't come to sell Job's Daughters and myself, I come to bring our Daughters, they are foremost in our thoughts always. Thank you so much for having us this afternoon. The girls of Job's Daughters are going to perform with one of their drills.

Susan Schultz, Grand Bethel Honored Queen:

The girls in Job's Daughters are extremely lucky because you, the Master Masons are the people who have given us our wonderful heritage. On behalf of the Grand Guardian Council of the International Order of Job's Daughters of Nebraska, it is my pleasure to present to you this check, hoping the Grand Lodge Communication has been a success.

M. W. Norris W. Lallman, Grand Master:

Thank you so much Susan for this check which you have presented to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. We are so happy that you could come to our Communication, and Mrs. Craig, we thank you for bringing them with you.

SECOND DAY — AFTERNOON SESSION

At 2:30 p.m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

M. W. Norris W. Lallman, Grand Master:

I would like to have the following Brethren stand and be recognized. These Brothers were in charge of arrangements for this Grand Lodge Communication. The Co-Chairmen are Byron C. Jenkins and Ralph W. Gerry, other members are Doyle E. Berg, Charles Amidon, Elmer E. Smith and Harvey A. Smith. My Brethren, I appreciate your efforts in making this Communication a successful one.

R. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, Deputy Grand Master:

My Brethren, I fraternally request that the 113th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge be held in the City of Lincoln on June 9th and 10th 1970. I think that you should know that Pershing Auditorium will be made available to the Grand Lodge at no charge through the courtesy of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce. I so move that this request be granted by the Grand Lodge. The motion was seconded and carried.

M. W. Norris W. Lallman, Grand Master:

This will be my last opportunity to address this group as Grand Master, and I should like so much to thank all the brethren who have made my year a success. I have enjoyed this year very much, there have been many heartbreaks during the year, but there has been a lot of joy and gladness. So many people around the state have done so much, my Grand Lodge Officers have been most loyal, and the Past Grand Masters have been so helpful to me in every respect, I wish to thank everyone of you. Thank you so much.

We are now ready to proceed with the ceremonies of installation and I should like to present the Installing Officer — M. W. Harry A. Spencer, he will introduce the rest of his Installing officers.

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

The other Installing Officers will be: Installing Marshal M. W. Joseph C. Tye; Installing Secretary, M. W. Charles F. Adams; and Installing Chaplain, V. W. Walter O. Samuelson.

THE NEW GRAND MASTER

M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, Grand Master:

M. W. Sirs, Grand Lodge Officers, my brethren, guests: I have a two fold purpose in making a few remarks at this time. First of all, of course, to thank those who make it possible for me to be here, and secondly, to give some indication of what I hope for in the way of this year's program. First of all, we are most happy to welcome our guests and friends to this open installation, and as a side to that, we, in the Grand Lodge heartily recommend to all the subordinate lodges that they hold open installation of their officers.

We hope that this installation has given our friends and guests today, some little insight into the ideals of Freemasonry, Because we feel that the more people know about Freemasonry, the better it will be for the Craft. To M. W. Brothers Spencer, Tye and Adams, my sincere thanks for your participation as Installing Officers today.

I felt that it would be particularly appropriate since these M. W. Brothers are my direct line predecessors in the Grand Lodge family. To my brethren in the Grand Lodge, my appreciation for the confidence that you have reposed in me by placing me in the position as your Grand Master for this Masonic year. It is a privilege and an honor and I am most grateful for the many acts of kindness, the words of encouragement and advise, the helping hands and prayers that you have bestowed upon me. I look forward to this year of service to the Craft with great anticipation for its possibilities of service. Those of us who love Masonry, should think of how we can best serve it. Our best way to tell the story is to learn all we can about Masonry, and then live it by example in our various walks of life. Certainly, there is an opportunity for each of us to acquire more light by application of Masonic principles. Let us reflect on the progress achieved in the past by our M. W. Predecessors and the former members of the Grand Lodge, and let us look ahead to the plans that we need to make for the future. It is my hope that we can continue to refine and develop our Masonic education program, to reach more brethren and inspire them to carry the lessons to the Masons in their home lodges. We want to emphasize the need for the Masters, Wardens and Secretaries and members of the Masonic Education Committee, to attend the Area Meetings, because if we do not get our message to you, we can not get it to the brethren in the subordinate lodges. We especially urge the use of the Masonic Education Handbook and we suggest that you make use of the various publications that are available through the Grand Lodge Office, to assist you in different ways. We will be getting the dates of the various area meetings to you as soon as possible, and we hope that you will mark your calendars and plan to

attend and participate in the meeting, by bringing any problems for discussion that will be of interest to the Craft.

One of my first acts as your Grand Master, will be to request the Deputy Grand Master and the Wardens to write to their counterpart for each Area meeting and ask them to make every effort to be present at this area meeting. It is our hope that the program of accenting the effort of the membership committees to strive to keep suspensions to a minimum will be continued. And that every possible avenue will be explored to prevent suspensions. We hope the Masters will take it upon themselves to see that their committees function in their lodges. Along the line of cutting down suspensions, we are recommending that every lodge make a sincere effort to improve your communication with the members. Those who have an information bulletin are to be commended. I am sure that they would be the first to recommend to others, the use of a bulletin, and those who do not have any form of communication with their members are respectfully requested to develop some form of bulletin, if only a mimeographed sheet periodically, because you will find that the brethren will appreciate it, particularly, its older members and those who are non-residents. Since we have found in many cases that these are the people who are being suspended for non-payment of dues. We would hopefully suggest that all can offer greater support for our youth groups since this is the 50th anniversary of DeMolay, they will be having celebrations throughout the year and we should make an extra effort to offer our time and talent to help them in any way we can. The Job's Daughters and the Rainbow Girls are deserving of our assistance because they someday may have much to do with the suggestions in us receiving men interested in our fraternity.

These young people offer the potential resource of active and devoted Masons and Eastern Stars in the future, and the satisfaction that we can realize by assisting in their programs, will repay us many many times for our efforts. We want to call your attention to the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. We can be proud of the service that we are performing and we want to encourage our brethren to visit the Home and have the opportunity to see this wonderful institution, appreciate the benefits that are being enjoyed by our guests there. Partly through gifts and contributions and partly from your dues paid to Grand Lodge. It is a Masonic charity of which we can all be proud. We have found that all too many of the brethren throughout the state know nothing about it and have never visited it. May we urge that you do so. I would like to encourage the Masters of our subordinate lodges to call for the pledge of allegiance as a part of their lodge program.

I have visited some lodges that use the pledge of allegiance as part of their opening ceremonies. I think it is very impressive and I believe that in these times, it might help to keep us mindful of our obligation as citizens. I want to again express my thanks to M. W. Brother Harry A. Spencer, for my appointment in the line five years ago. I shall try to merit the confidence to carry out the duties of the office to the best of my ability. I want to recognize my family and friends for their en-

couragement and the support that you have given me. And to the members of my lodge, Cambridge No. 150, I appreciate your being here today. And particularly to my old friend John McLane, our new Grand Tyler. He encouraged me and inspired me to work in Freemasonry many years ago by making my first appointment in my home lodge.

To the other members of the Grand Lodge family, my thanks for your past consideration and my hopes for your cooperation for the coming year. I hope we may continue to work together for the harmonious manner of good Masonry in Nebraska. To my brethren throughout the state, I would hope to widen and develop the friendship begun in these past years, and assure you that I will do everything possible to develop stronger Masonic lodges in Nebraska.

Many people have asked me how and why a person takes the time and effort to work through the Grand Lodge line and my answer is, the wages are the friendships that we have developed. With the guidance and strength from Almighty God, let us work together to make Masonry outstanding among men in Nebraska. Thank you.

Now I will have to put my hat back on. For the information of you ladies, the presiding officer in a Masonic lodge wears a hat as a symbol of his office. It is not a discourtesy to you.

We must ask you now to be excused.

M. W. Brother Hugh, I have a group of telegrams here, they are all addressed to you. Hugh Eisenhart, Grand Master, Nebraska Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Prom Town House. Congratulation from the citizens of Cambridge upon your election as Grand Master. Mayor Harold Hilton, Cambridge. Congratulations, Grand Master. Cambridge is proud of you and are happy to have you represent us. Cambridge Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations on your installation as Grand Master, best wishes for a successful term. Cambridge Assembly No. 9 Order of Rainbow for Girls. Congratulations as Grand Master, we are all very proud of you. You have our support. Cambridge Lodge No. 150. Congratulations on your installation as Grand Master, we wish you a most successful year. Mistletoe Chapter No. 187, Cambridge.

W. John W. McLane, Grand Tyler:

M. W. Brother Hugh, it is my honor and privilege to present to you this gavel on behalf of Cambridge Lodge No. 150. We know that you will wield it with prudence and justice and it is the gift to assure you that your home lodge supports you all the way in your new position.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL

M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, Past Grand Master:

M. W. Brother Norris, we in the Grand Lodge know our place under the authority of the presiding Grand Master, and we would never during his year attempt to order him around, for in doing so, you know we would each be put in our own place. But M. W. Brother Norris, you are now relegated to the questionable status of a Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, and at this time I will direct you now to approach the lecturer

here. M. W. Brother Norris, I would like to say this. I think that at least since the year that I presided over our Grand Lodge, you are the most handsome individual that we have had as a Grand Master. I think at this time I should let our Grand Lodge members and our guests in on what I think was one of the most closely guarded secret that we have had during this past year. And that was, that this humble Past Grand Master had a lot to do with the things that went on in Grand Lodge this year, under the direction of the Grand Master, and I had quite a little influence. I think this all came about by the fact that M. W. Brother Norris wore my hat throughout the twelve months of his service. And I was about at this time or order you, M. W. Brother Norris, to pass that hat to me, that I might enjoy it around the house as a keepsake. But I notice already that one of our Grand Masters decided that he would likewise like to be known as a handsome individual and has already expropriated my hat.

Seriously, M. W. Brother Norris, time is pleading and it is only a short matter of some 6 years ago when our beloved M. W. Past Grand Master Ralph M. Carhart was looking about for an appointment in our Grand Lodge line. And having observed your devotion to the Craft in your subordinate lodge, your dedication and your faithfulness, M. W. Brother Ralph, chose you and appointed you as the Grand Junior Deacon of our Grand Lodge. I feel very humble at this very moment that I am privileged to stand here assuming the place which normally M. W. Brother Ralph would have had, and to present you with your jewel of office, were he privileged to be here and were it not for the fact that our Heavenly Father called him to his Home some years ago now. I know that were M. W. Brother Ralph present to make this presentation to you, he would say to you as I do now, that throughout this past year, you have served our Grand Lodge faithfully with fidelity, with sincerity, with humbleness and yes, with forcefulness on those few occasions when it was called for. And as the result of this faithful leadership which you have given to us, our Grand Lodge today, is that much stronger than it was a year ago. Now, you have left this office and you take your place among the ranks of the Past Grand Masters of this association, of this Grand Lodge, in the knowledge that you have done a fine job and that you have written upon the pages of the history of this Grand Lodge, those things in the way of accomplishment which will never be erased.

Both Dorothy and I are also most appreciative, M. W. Brother Norris, of the consideration and the friendship which you have offered to us, both you and Alice, throughout the time that you have been serving through the Grand Lodge, and certainly during this past year as our Grand Master. So now, on behalf of the brethren, it is my great pleasure and privilege to present to you, your jewel of office as a Past Grand Master, as a token of our esteem in which we all hold you for your fine services. I might just make this one additional remark. That investing you with this jewel, I note that you perhaps are the most decorated Grand Secretary that this Grand Lodge has ever had. With all the jewels now, and I rather think that you are going to find it rather difficult in

the days to come as you attend the various functions of our Grand Lodge throughout the state from week to week, in changing from one personality to another, and I don't envy you the job of relinquishing one jewel and wearing another when you are introduced as a Past Grand Master, changing aprons on those occasions and then immediately changing back when you are introduced as a Grand Secretary. But that is something you will have to work out for yourself.

M. W. Brother Norris, congratulations on a very fine year and good luck to you as Grand Secretary.

M. W. Norris W. Lallman, Past Grand Master: Thank you M. W. Brother Lou. I should have liked very much to have had M. W. Brother Ralph M. Carhart do the presentation today, but that was not possible. God did not will it that way, and I am very happy to have our Past Grand Master, Brother Lou. present it to me, I shall always try to wear this with pleasure to myself and honor to the Fraternity. Thank you so much, Brother Lou.

M. W. John F. Futcher, Grand Secretary:

M. W. Brother Norris, it seems that the last two months I have been handing you one problem after another. We confused one another in our discussions of these problems, and now it seems that I am going to put the last stamp upon you as a Has been and I am going to also confuse you presenting you with an apron and you already have one. So you are going to have to decide when and where you are going to wear this apron which I will present you. I don't have that problem anymore, so don't come around to me for any suggestions or advise. But it is with a great deal of pleasure that I was selected by you to present this apron.

We have had quite a few months together trying to pick up the threads of the office that Bob Cook passed on when he died, and I think, if I may be a little bit proud and brag a little bit, this Grand Lodge session did not fall apart, it seemed to move along quite smoothly and we just. I guess pulled together. Brother Norris, will you stand? M. W. Brother Norris, I know one thing that will ease your confusion as to which apron you should wear. When you go home this evening, you stand before the mirror, put on one apron and then the other one, and I am quite sure you will be most proud to wear the apron which I have presented you.

M. W. Norris W. Lallman, Past Grand Master: Thank you, M. W. Brother John. I really feel dressed up now. I ought to stand out here and have you take a good look at this apron. If this Grand Lodge Communication proceeded with some degree of smoothness, I am sure that much of this is due to John Futcher's efforts in arranging for this Grand Lodge Communication. After Bob Cook's death, he has been most helpful, he has performed a distinct service to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. John, I am so happy to have had you present me with my Past Grand Master's apron.

At 3:45 no further business appearing, after prayer by the V.V.W.V. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

Hugh W. Eisenlohr

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 Twelfth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, June 3 and 4, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. of Nebraska this 2nd day of July, 1969.



Joseph W. Lellman

Grand Secretary

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

| NAME | Died | Lodge | Year Served |
|----------------------|----------------|-------|------------------|
| Robert C. Jordan | Jan. 9, 1899 | 3 | (1st) 1857-58-59 |
| George Armstrong | Nov. 12, 1896 | 3 | (2nd) 1860-61-62 |
| Daniel H. Wheeler | Nov. 27, 1912 | 6 | (3rd) 1863-64 |
| Robert W. Furnas | June 1, 1905 | 4 | (4th) 1865-66 |
| Orsamus H. Irish | Jan. 27, 1883 | 5 | (5th) 1867-68 |
| Harry P. Deuel | Nov. 23, 1914 | 11 | (6th) 1869-70 |
| William E. Hill | Dec. 29, 1917 | 2 | (7th) 1871-72 |
| Martin Dunham | Feb. 18, 1915 | 3 | (8th) 1873 |
| Frank Welch | Sept. 4, 1878 | 27 | (9th) 1874 |
| Alfred G. Hastings | July 10, 1894 | 19 | (10th) 1875 |
| George H. Thummel | Feb. 5, 1932 | 33 | (11th) 1876 |
| George W. Lininger | June 8, 1907 | 3 | (12th) 1877 |
| Edward K. Valentine | April 11, 1916 | 27 | (13th) 1878 |
| Rolland H. Oakley | Feb. 2, 1904 | 19 | (14th) 1879 |
| James A. Tulleys | Jan. 21, 1901 | 53 | (15th) 1880 |
| James R. Cain, Sr. | Nov. 24, 1920 | 9 | (16th) 1881 |
| Edwin F. Warren | July 9, 1923 | 2 | (17th) 1882 |
| Samuel W. Hayes | Nov. 15, 1913 | 55 | (18th) 1883 |
| John Jay Wemple | May 28, 1943 | 50 | (19th) 1884 |
| Manoah B. Reese | Sept. 18, 1917 | 59 | (20th) 1885 |
| Charles K. Coutant | Aug. 23, 1910 | 11 | (21st) 1886 |
| Milton J. Hull | Sept. 18, 1923 | 67 | (22nd) 1887 |
| George B. France | Aug. 16, 1914 | 56 | (23rd) 1888 |
| John J. Mercer | Feb. 25, 1915 | 4 | (24th) 1889 |
| Robert E. French | Feb. 16, 1927 | 46 | (25th) 1890 |
| Bradner D. Slaughter | May 8, 1909 | 89 | (26th) 1891 |
| Samuel P. Davidson | Dec. 8, 1928 | 17 | (27th) 1892 |
| James P. A. Black | Nov. 12, 1918 | 76 | (28th) 1893 |
| John A. Ehrhardt | Nov. 1, 1925 | 41 | (29th) 1894 |
| Henry H. Wilson | June 28, 1941 | 19 | (30th) 1895 |
| Charles J. Phelps | Aug. 24, 1915 | 34 | (31st) 1896 |
| John B. Dinsmore | Oct. 6, 1915 | 49 | (32nd) 1897 |
| Frank H. Young | Dec. 24, 1917 | 207 | (33rd) 1898 |
| William W. Keysor | Aug. 17, 1922 | 25 | (34th) 1899 |
| Albert W. Crites | Aug. 23, 1915 | 158 | (35th) 1900 |
| Robert E. Evans | July 8, 1925 | 5 | (36th) 1901 |
| Nathaniel M. Ayers | Nov. 19, 1913 | 93 | (37th) 1902 |
| Frank E. Bullard | Jan. 31, 1933 | 32 | (38th) 1903 |
| Charles E. Burnham | May 29, 1933 | 55 | (39th) 1904 |
| Melville R. Hopewell | May 2, 1911 | 31 | (40th) 1905 |
| Zuingle M. Baird | Dec. 17, 1916 | 155 | (41st) 1906 |
| Ornan J. King | Dec. 26, 1927 | 54 | (42nd) 1907 |
| William A. DeBord | May 17, 1916 | 3 | (43rd) 1908 |

| NAME | Died | Lodge | Year Served |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------|-----------------|
| Michael Dowling | May 5, 1921 | 119 | (44th) 1909 |
| Harry A. Cheney | June 27, 1948 | 100 | (45th) 1910 |
| Henry Gibbons | Aug. 22, 1923 | 46 | (46th) 1911 |
| James R. Cain, Jr. | Sept. 3, 1950 | 105 | (47th) 1912 |
| Alpha Morgan | April 17, 1924 | 148 | (48th) 1913 |
| Thomas M. Davis | Aug. 12, 1919 | 93 | (49th) 1914 |
| Samuel S. Whiting | Aug. 11, 1931 | 54 | (50th) 1915 |
| Andrew H. Viele | May 9, 1941 | 55 | (51st) 1916 |
| Frederic L. Temple | Aug. 13, 1944 | 61 | (52nd) 1917 |
| Ambrose C. Epperson | Mar. 16, 1944 | 139 | (53rd) 1918 |
| John J. Tooley | July 31, 1934 | 258 | (54th) 1919 |
| Joseph B. Fradenburg | June 14, 1950 | 3 | (55th) 1920 |
| Lewis E. Smith | July 10, 1965 | 136 | (56th) 1921 |
| Edward M. Wellman | Aug. 31, 1922 | 1 | (57th) 1922 |
| Robert R. Dickson | June 18, 1941 | 95 | (59th) 1924 |
| John Wright | Oct. 29, 1936 | 19 | (60th) 1925 |
| Edwin D. Crites | Nov. 7, 1953 | 158 | (61st) 1926 |
| Albert R. Davis | Mar. 7, 1929 | 120 | (62nd) 1927 |
| Frank H. Woodland | Oct. 23, 1940 | 25 | (63rd) 1928 |
| Ira C. Freet | Oct. 13, 1944 | 56 | (64th) 1929 |
| Orville A. Andrews | Oct. 16, 1936 | 19 | (65th) 1930 |
| John R. Tapster | Mar. 21, 1954 | 119 | (66th) 1931 |
| Edwin B. Johnston | Feb. 11, 1933 | 33 | (67th) 1932 |
| Archie M. Smith | May 8, 1950 | 203 | (69th) 1933 |
| Virgil R. Johnson | Aug. 7, 1956 | 26 | (70th) 1934 |
| William C. Ramsey | May 19, 1938 | 268 | (71st) 1935 |
| Chancellor A. Phillips | Sept. 12, 1968 | 150 | (72nd) 1936 |
| William A. Robertson | July 3, 1944 | 6 | (73rd) 1937 |
| Walter R. Raecke | April 9, 1960 | 36 | (74th) 1938 |
| William J. Breckenridge | Nov. 16, 1951 | 317 | (75th) 1939 |
| Earl J. Lee | Dec. 15, 1963 | 15 | (76th) 1940 |
| Roscoe Pound | July 1, 1964 | 54 | (Honorary) 1949 |
| Ernest S. Schiefelbein | April 20, 1959 | 59 | (84th) 1949 |
| John S. Hedelund | Jan. 30, 1962 | 268 | (85th) 1950 |
| Fay Smith | Oct. 2, 1968 | 198 | (88th) 1953 |
| John E. Beaver | Sept. 20, 1965 | 153 | (93rd) 1958 |
| Ralph M. Carhart | Nov. 10, 1965 | 120 | (98th) 1963 |

PAST GRAND MASTERS
 PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE
 A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska

| | | |
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| CHARLES A. CHAPPELL, 127..... | (58th) .. | 1923 |
| Box 269 Minden 68959 | | |
| RALPH O. CANADAY, 50..... | (68th) .. | 1933 |
| 733 North Hastings St., Hastings 68901 | | |
| EDWARD F. CARTER, 201..... | (77th) .. | 1941 |
| State House, Lincoln 68509 | | |
| GEORGE A. KURK, 54..... | (78th) .. | 1942 |
| 1085 Santa Cruz Ave., Apt. 1, Menlo Park, California 94025 | | |
| WILLIAM B. WANNER, 9..... | (79th) .. | 1943 |
| 2017 Stone St., Falls City 68355 | | |
| WILLIAM C. SCHAPER, 148..... | (80th) .. | 1944-1945 |
| 345 South 10th Avenue, Broken Bow 68822 | | |
| BENJAMIN F. EYRE, 1..... | (81st) .. | 1946 |
| 3644 Grand, Omaha 68111 | | |
| EDWARD HUWALDT, 318..... | (82nd) .. | 1947 |
| 1908 West Charles, Grand Island 68801 | | |
| ELMER E. MAGEE, 227..... | (83rd) .. | 1948 |
| 1201 O Street, Lincoln 68508 | | |
| THOMAS J. ARON, 37..... | (86th) .. | 1951 |
| Crete State Bank, Crete 68333 | | |
| EDWARD M. KNIGHT, 183..... | (87th) .. | 1952 |
| Alliance National Bank, Alliance 69301 | | |
| CHARLES F. ADAMS, 68..... | (89th) .. | 1954 |
| Box 167, Aurora 68818 | | |
| HERBERT T. WHITE, 11..... | (90th) .. | 1955 |
| 643 Omaha National Bank Bldg., Omaha 68102 | | |
| MERLE M. HALE, 54..... | (91st) .. | 1956 |
| 1915 D, Lincoln 68502 | | |
| ROY I. BABBITT, 295..... | (92nd) .. | 1957 |
| 609 Bluff Street, Scottsbluff 69361 | | |
| JOSEPH C. TYE, 46..... | (94th) .. | 1959 |
| Box 636, Kearney 68847 | | |
| JOHN F. FUTCHER, 302..... | (95th) .. | 1960 |
| 5224 Crown Point, Omaha 68104 | | |
| HERBERT A. RONIN, 210..... | (96th) .. | 1961 |
| Court House, Lincoln 68508 | | |
| ERNEST O. VAN WEY, 249..... | (97th) .. | 1962 |
| 802 11th Street, Gothenburg 69138 | | |
| HARRY A. SPENCER, 227..... | (99th) .. | 1964 |
| State Capitol, Lincoln 68509 | | |
| LOUIS V. SYLVESTER, 281..... | (100th) .. | 1965 |
| 801 S. 52nd, #2105, Omaha 68106 | | |
| LEWIS R. RICKETTS, 19..... | (101st) .. | 1966 |
| 600 South 11th, Lincoln 68508 | | |

- JOHN A. BOTTORF, 49. (102nd) .. 1967
Sutton 68979
- NORRIS W. LALLMAN, 72. (103rd) .. 1968
201 Masonic Temple, Omaha 68102
- CARL R. GREISEN, 32 (HONORARY) .. 1966

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 7, 1946, to June 6, 1968
- *ROBERT W. COOK June 6, 1968, to April 5, 1969
- NORRIS W. LALLMAN June 4, 1969
- *Deceased

**LIST OF GRAND LODGES AND THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES
OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES**

| GRAND LODGE | GRAND SECRETARY | ADDRESS |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Alabama | Gordon L. Evatt | Box 6195, Montgomery 36106 |
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| Arkansas | Jack B. Donham | 700 Scott St., Little Rock 72201 |
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| Brazil, Pernambuco | Pedro Soares de Queiroz | Caixa Postal 1415 Recife |
| Brazil, United Grand Lodge of Bahia | Ivo Lopes da Silva | Masonic Temple Rua Carlos Gomes, N. 21, Salvador |
| Brazil, Ceara | Antonio Zelalon Filho | Box 76, Fortaleza |
| Brazil, Matto Grasso | Acyllino P. Baptista | Caixa Postal 130, Campo Grande |
| Brazil, Minas Gerais | Sergio Alexandre Ivanenko | Avenida do Brasil, 478, Box 5, Belo Horizonte |
| Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul | Kurt Max Hauser | Box 683, Paraco Garibaldi 21, Porto Allegro |
| Brazil, Grand Lodge of Guanabaro | Jose Isaac Kac | Box 2215, Rio de Janeiro |
| Brazil, Santa Catarina | Sergio Bopppe | Caixa Posta D-33 Florianapolis Catarina, Brazil |
| Brazil, Sao Paulo | Erwin Seignemartin | Av Brigadeiro Luis Antonio 1195, Apt. 72, Sao Paulo |
| Brazil, Grand Lodge of Paraiba | Napoleon Grispem | Box 3, Paraiba |
| Brazil, Grand Lodge, Parana | Antonio Andre Jansson | Caixa Postal 1363, Cuistiba |
| British Columbia | J. H. N. Morgan | Freemason's Hall, 692 Seymour St., Vancouver |
| California | Edward H. Siems | California Masonic Memorial Temple, 1111 California St., San Francisco 91408 |
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| Chile | Oscar Pereira H. | Casilla 2867, Santiago |
| China | H. T. Wei Lott | Box 758, Taipei, Taiwan, Formosa |
| Colorado | Dean C. Settle | Suite 300, Masonic Temple, Denver 80202 |
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| Connecticut | William Campbell | 201 Ann St., Hartford 06103 |
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| Cuba | Jose Alvarez Rivera Maldonado | Apartado 72, La Habana, Fla. |
| Delaware | James B. Kilvington | 818 Market Street, Wilmington 19801 |
| Denmark National Grand Lodge | E. Hess Thaysen | Bledgamsvj 23, Copenhagen |
| District of Columbia | Harry B. Savage | Masonic Temple, 801 - 13th St., N. W. Washington 20005 |
| Ecuador | V. H. Rodrignez Roditi | Box 932, Guayaquil |
| England | James W. Stubbs | Freemason's Hall, Great Queen St., London, W. C. 2 |

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| GRAND LODGE | GRAND SECRETARY | ADDRESS |
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| Finland | Martii V. Mustakallio | P. Esplanaadikatu 35, E. Helsinki |
| Florida | William A. Whitcomb | 220 Ocean St., Jacksonville 32202 |
| National Grand Lodge France | Robert Brisson | 65, Boulevard Bineau, Neuil- lyur, Seine Paris |
| Georgia | Daniel W. Locklin | 811 Mulberry, Macon 31202 |
| Germany, United Grand Lodge | Frederick Heller | Emser St. 12-13, Berlin 81 |
| Greece | Evangelhos J. Macrymichalos | Tektonikon Idrma, 39 Ypsil- antou, St. Athens-140 |
| Guatemala | Humbesto E. Solorzano | P. O. Box 34, Guatemala, C.A. |
| Honduras | Juan Rees | Apartado 336, Tegucigalapa |
| Iceland | Otto B. Arnar | Freemasonry Hall, Borgartun 4, Reykjavik |
| Idaho | Gifford R. Shaffer | Box 1677, Boise 87301 |
| Illinois | Paul R. Stephens | Box 110, Rushville 62681 |
| India | P. M. Sundaram | Freemasons Hall, Janpath, P. O. Box 681, New Delhi |
| Indiana | Dwight L. Smith | Masonic Temple, Indianapolis 46204 |
| Iowa | Ralph E. Whipple | 815 1st Ave. S. E., Box 271 Cedar Rapids, 52406 |
| Ireland | J. O. Harte | Freemasons Hall, Dublin |
| Israel | J. Bar Nar | P. O. Box 2080, Tel Aviv |
| Italy | Guiseppe Telaro Campag | Palazzo Giustiniani Via, Giustiniani 5, Rome |
| Japan | Noheo O. A. Peck | Masonic Bldg., Sakae-Cho, Minatoku, Tokyo 13 |
| Kansas | Charles S. McGinness | 320 W. 8th, Topeka 66601 |
| Kentucky | Joe C. McClanahan | 1000 S. 4th St., Louisville 40203 |
| Louisiana | D. Peter Laguens, Jr. | Masonic Temple, New Orleans 70301 |
| Luxembourg | Leon Hamus | Case Postale 260, Luxembourg |
| Maine | Earle D. Webster | 415 Congress St., Portland 04111 |
| Manitoba | Thomas C. Jackson | Masonic Temple, Winnipeg |
| Maryland | Gerald M. Pine | Masonic Temple, Baltimore 21201 |
| Massachusetts | Robert P. Beach | 186 Tremont St., Boston 02111 |
| Mexico (York Gr. Lg.) | Reginald E. Dobson | Hegel 416, Mexico 5, D. F. |
| Michigan | Glen L. Alt | Masonic Temple, Grand Rapids 49502 |
| Minnesota | Harvey R. Hansen | Masonic Temple, St. Paul 55102 |
| Mississippi | Cecil A. Thorn | P. O. Box 1030, Meridian 39302 |
| Missouri | Elmer W. Wagner | 3681 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis 63108 |
| Montana | Lyman E. Smith | Box 1158, Helena 59601 |
| Nebraska | Norris W. Lallman | 201 Masonic Temple, Omaha 68102 |
| Netherlands | W. Veenstra | 22 Fluwelen Burgwal, The Hague |
| Nevada | Royal D. Crowell | Box 186, Gardnerville 89410 |
| New Brunswick | A. C. Lemmon | P. O. Box 430, Saint John Box 299, Concord, 03301 |
| New Hampshire | | |
| New Jersey | John R. Garey | Masonic Hall, Trenton 08608 |
| New Mexico | Chandler C. Thomas | Box 1805, Albuquerque 87103 |
| New South Wales | R. H. Burley | The Masonic Hall, 279 Castle- reagh Street, Sydney |

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| New York | Wendell K. Walker | Masonic Hall, 71 W. 23rd St., New York 00010 |
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| Nicaragua | Greg A. Tapia | Box 102, Managua |
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| North Dakota | Edwin A. Haakenson | Box 1269, Fargo 58103 |
| Norway | Rolf Nerem | Frimuerlogen, Nedre Vold- gate 19, Oslo 1 |
| Nova Scotia | Harold F. Sipprell | Freemasons Hall, Halifax |
| Nuevo Leon, Mexico | Mario G. Zavalo | Apt. Num. 309, Monterrey |
| Ohio | Andrew J. White, Jr. | 634 High St., P. O. Box 208, Worthington 43085 |
| Oklahoma | J. Fred Latham | Masonic Temple, Guthrie 73044 |
| Oregon | W. Dexter Elliott | 1119 S. W. Park Ave., Portland 97205 |
| Panama | Juan E. Urriola | P. O. Box 84, Panama |
| Pennsylvania | Ashby B. Paul | Masonic Temple, Philadelphia 19107 |
| Peru | Eduardo Mendoza Silva | Box 587, Lima |
| Philippines | Esteban Munarriz | 1440 San Marcelino, Manila |
| Prince Edward Island | Frank A. Van Iderstine | Box 337, Charlottetown |
| Puerto Rico | Juan L. Matos-Cintron | Box 8385, Fernndon's Junce Station, Santurce |
| Quebec | W. G. Parker | 2295 St. Mark St., Montreal 25 |
| Queensland | H. P. Walker | Box 675, Brisbane |
| Rhode Island | Sidney A. Capwell | Freemasons Hall, 127 Dor- rance St., Providence 02876 |
| Saskatchewan | T. M. Spencer | P. O. Box 246, Regina |
| Scotland | Alexander F. Buchan | Freemasons Hall, 96 George St., Edinburgh |
| Southern Africa | C. Graham Vos | 608-613 Nataid House, 14 Plyein St., Johannesburg |
| South America | Victor M. Osorio | Apartado Aeres 6672 or de Bogota, Colombia |
| South America | Alfredo de La Cuesta | Apartado No. 209, Santa Do- mingo, Republic Dominicana |
| South Australia | J. H. R. Garde | Freemasons Hall, North Ter- race, Adelaide |
| South Carolina | Henry F. Collins | 901 Palmetto State Life Bldg., Columbia 29209 |
| South Dakota | John S. Rowe | Box 468, Sioux Falls 57101 |
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| Texas | Harvey C. Byrd | Box 446, Waco 76703 |
| Turkey | Nafiz Ekemen | Nuriziya Sak. No. 25, Istanbul |
| Utah | Clarence M. Groshell | Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City 84102 |
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| Virginia | Archer B. Gay | Masonic Temple, Richmond 23220 |
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| Wyoming | Marcus R. Nichols | Box 459, Casper 82602 |

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

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| Charles A. Chappell, 58 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- 59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69 |
| Benjamin F. Eyre, 47 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- 55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69 |
| Carl R. Greisen, 44 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- 56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69 |
| George A. Stevens, 44 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- 51-54-55-57-58-59-60-63-65-66-67-68 |
| William B. Wanner, 43 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- 59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69 |
| Ralph O. Canaday, 41 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- 60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68 |
| Pearl C. Hillegass, 39 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- 61-62-63-64-65-66-67 |
| Herbert T. White 39 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- 64-65-66-67-68-69 |
| 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 |
| George A. Kurk, 35 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- 65-66-69 |
| Harold H. Thom, 33 Years | 1925-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-46-47-48-49-50- 51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65- 66-67 |
| Otto Nelsen, 33 Years | 1935-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51- 52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66- 67 |
| Edward F. Carter, 33 Years | 1932-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-48-49- 50-51-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-61-62-63-64-66-67- 68 |
| Elmer E. Magee, 34 Years | 1927-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50- 51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-65-66- 67-68-69 |

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| Merle M. Hale, 32 Years | 1936-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48 49-50-51-52- 53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-65-66-67-68- 69 |
| William C. Schaper, 31 Years | 1929-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52- 53-54-55-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-67-68-69 |
| Robert E. Lund, 31 Years | 1937-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-48-49-50-51-52-53-54- 55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69 |
| Edward M. Knight, 28 Years | 1938-39-40-41-42-43-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55- 56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-66-67-69 |
| Thomas J. Aron 29 Years | 1930-31-32-33-39-40-42-44-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54- 55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-65-66-67-68-69 |

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| Nebraska | No. 1 | Omaha..... | Douglas..... | February —, 55... | Oct. 3, 55 *1 |
| Western Star | " 2 | Nebraska City..... | Otoe..... | May 10, 55... | May 28, 56 *2 |
| Capitol | " 3 | Omaha..... | Douglas..... | January 9, 57... | June 3, 57 *3 |
| Nemaha Valley | " 4 | Brownville..... | Nemaha..... | December 15, 57... | June 2, 58 |
| Omadi | " 5 | Dakota City..... | Dakota..... | January 18, 58... | June 2, 58 |
| Plattsmouth | " 6 | Plattsmouth..... | Cass..... | January 18, 58... | June 2, 58 |
| Falls City | " 9 | Falls City..... | Richardson..... | October 4, 64... | June 23, 65 |
| Solomon | " 10 | Fort Calhoun..... | Washington..... | August 15, 65... | June 22, 66 |
| Covert | " 11 | Omaha..... | Douglas..... | July 24, 65... | June 22, 66 |
| Orient | " 13 | Rulo..... | Richardson..... | June 23, 66... | June 19, 67 |
| Peru | " 14 | Peru..... | Nemaha..... | May 23, 67... | June 19, 67 |
| Fremont | " 15 | Fremont..... | Dodge..... | July 3, 66... | June 20, 67 |
| Tecumseh | " 17 | Tecumseh..... | Johnson..... | December 7, 67... | Oct. 28, 69 |
| Lincoln | " 19 | Lincoln..... | Lancaster..... | May 4, 68... | June 25, 68 |
| Washington | " 21 | Blair..... | Washington..... | February 24, 68... | June 25, 68 |
| Pawnee | " 23 | Pawnee City..... | Pawnee..... | January 4, 69... | Oct. 28, 69 |
| St. Johns | " 25 | Omaha..... | Douglas..... | May 28, 69... | Oct. 28, 69 |
| Beatrice | " 26 | Beatrice..... | Gage..... | March 23, 70... | June 22, 70 |
| Jordan | " 27 | West Point..... | Cuming..... | December 25, 69... | June 23, 70 |
| Hope | " 29 | Nemaha..... | Nemaha..... | November 8, 69... | June 23, 70 |
| Blue River | " 30 | Milford..... | Seward..... | April 25, 70... | June 23, 70 |
| Tekamah | " 31 | Tekamah..... | Burt..... | August 19, 69... | June 23, 70 |
| Platte Valley | " 32 | North Platte..... | Lincoln..... | January 15, 70... | June 23, 70 |
| Ashlar | " 33 | Grand Island..... | Hall..... | August 11, 70... | June 22, 71 |
| Acacia | " 34 | Schuyler..... | Colfax..... | July 18, 70... | June 19, 72 |
| Fairbury | " 35 | Fairbury..... | Jefferson..... | June 30, 71... | June 19, 72 |
| Lone Tree | " 36 | Central City..... | Merrick..... | August 9, 71... | June 19, 72 |
| Crete | " 37 | Crete..... | Saline..... | January 8, 72... | June 19, 72 |
| Oliver | " 38 | Seward..... | Seward..... | July 25, 71... | June 18, 73 |
| Papillion | " 39 | Papillion..... | Sarpy..... | November 18, 72... | June 18, 73 |

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| Humboldt | No. 40 | Humboldt..... | Richardson..... | December 16, 72... | June 18, 73 |
| Northern Light | " 41 | Stanton..... | Stanton..... | January 20, 73... | June 18, 73 |
| Hebron | " 43 | Hebron..... | Thayer..... | March 10, 73... | June 18, 73 |
| Harvard | " 44 | Harvard..... | Clay..... | March 25, 73... | June 18, 73 |
| Rob Morris | " 46 | Kearney..... | Buffalo..... | February 21, 73... | June 26, 74 |
| Fairmont | " 48 | Fairmont..... | Fillmore..... | December 4, 73... | June 26, 74 |
| Evening Star | " 49 | Sutton..... | Clay..... | December 22, 73... | June 26, 74 |
| Hastings | " 50 | Hastings..... | Adams..... | January 3, 74... | June 26, 74 |
| Fidelity | " 51 | David City..... | Butler..... | January 19, 74... | June 26, 74 |
| Hiram | " 52 | Arlington..... | Washington..... | February 26, 74... | June 26, 74 |
| Charity | " 53 | Red Cloud..... | Webster..... | March 2, 74... | June 26, 74 |
| Lancaster | " 54 | Lincoln..... | Lancaster..... | April 20, 74... | June 26, 74 |
| Mosaic | " 55 | Norfolk..... | Madison..... | October 1, 74... | June 23, 75 |
| York | " 56 | York..... | York..... | October 1, 74... | June 23, 75 |
| Mount Moriah | " 57 | Syracuse..... | Otoe..... | November 7, 74... | June 23, 75 |
| Wahoo | " 59 | Wahoo..... | Saunders..... | January 20, 75... | June 23, 75 |
| Melrose | " 60 | Orleans..... | Harlan..... | March 10, 75... | June 24, 75 |
| Thistle | " 61 | Lexington..... | Dawson..... | May 8, 75... | June 21, 76 |
| Keystone | " 62 | Phillips..... | Hamilton..... | January 1, 76... | June 21, 76 |
| Blue Valley | " 64 | Wilber..... | Saline..... | October 6, 76... | June 20, 77 |
| Osecola | " 65 | Osecola..... | Polk..... | November 23, 76... | June 20, 77 |
| Edgar | " 67 | Edgar..... | Clay..... | February 27, 77... | June 20, 77 |
| Aurora | " 68 | Aurora..... | Hamilton..... | February 10, 76... | June 19, 78 |
| Sterling | " 70 | Sterling..... | Johnson..... | July 16, 77... | June 19, 78 |
| Trowel | " 71 | Neligh..... | Antelope..... | January 28, 78... | June 19, 78 |
| Hooper | " 72 | Hooper..... | Dodge..... | March 19, 78... | June 25, 79 |
| Friend | " 73 | Friend..... | Saline..... | May 4, 78... | June 25, 79 |
| Alexandria | " 74 | Alexandria..... | Thayer..... | December 26, 78... | June 25, 79 |
| Frank Welch | " 75 | Sidney..... | Cheyenne..... | December 26, 78... | June 25, 79 |
| Nelson | " 77 | Nelson..... | Nuckolls..... | March 15, 79... | June 23, 80 |

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| LODGE | | TOWN | COUNTY | CREATED | CHARTERED |
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| Albion | No. 78 | Albion..... | Boone..... | August 1, 79... | June 23, 80 |
| Geneva | " 79 | Geneva..... | Fillmore..... | November 24, 79... | June 23, 80 |
| Composite | " 81 | Rising City..... | Butler..... | March 20, 80... | June 22, 81 |
| Saint Paul | " 82 | Saint Paul..... | Howard..... | April 15, 80... | June 22, 81 |
| Corinthian | " 83 | Wakefield..... | Dixon..... | April 22, 80... | June 22, 81 |
| Fairfield | " 84 | Fairfield..... | Clay..... | September 3, 80... | June 22, 81 |
| Ionic | " 87 | Niobrara..... | Knox..... | January 24, 81... | June 20, 82 |
| Star | " 88 | Decatur..... | Burt..... | September 17, 81... | June 20, 82 |
| Cedar River | " 89 | Fullerton..... | Nance..... | January 19, 82... | June 20, 82 |
| Oakland | " 91 | Oakland..... | Burt..... | February 7, 82... | June 19, 83 |
| Beaver City | " 93 | Beaver City..... | Furnas..... | May 3, 82... | June 19, 83 |
| Bennett | " 94 | Bennet..... | Lancaster..... | May 5, 82... | June 19, 83 |
| Garfield | " 95 | O'Neill..... | Holt..... | June 23, 82... | June 19, 83 |
| Utica | " 96 | Utica..... | Seward..... | July 14, 82... | June 19, 83 |
| Euclid | " 97 | Weeping Water..... | Cass..... | July 21, 82... | June 19, 83 |
| Republican | " 98 | Republican City..... | Harlan..... | July 27, 82... | June 19, 83 |
| Shelton | " 99 | Shelton..... | Buffalo..... | July 28, 82... | June 19, 83 |
| Creighton | " 100 | Creighton..... | Knox..... | August 19, 82... | June 19, 83 |
| Ponca | " 101 | Ponca..... | Dixon..... | September 1, 82... | June 19, 83 |
| Waterloo | " 102 | Waterloo..... | Douglas..... | September 7, 82... | June 19, 83 |
| Ord | " 103 | Ord..... | Valley..... | September 14, 82... | June 19, 83 |
| Wymore | " 104 | Wymore..... | Gage..... | November 10, 82... | June 19, 83 |
| Stella | " 105 | Stella..... | Richardson..... | December 4, 82... | June 19, 83 |
| Porter | " 106 | Loup City..... | Sherman..... | December 9, 82... | June 19, 83 |
| Table Rock | " 108 | Table Rock..... | Pawnee..... | January 24, 83... | June 19, 83 |
| Pomegranate | " 110 | Ashland..... | Saunders..... | February 13, 83... | June 19, 83 |
| DeWitt | " 111 | DeWitt..... | Saline..... | February 23, 83... | June 19, 83 |
| Springfield | " 112 | Springfield..... | Sarpy..... | March 30, 83... | June 19, 83 |
| Globe | " 113 | Madison..... | Madison..... | February 16, 82... | June 24, 84 |

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| Wisner | No. 114 | Wisner..... | Cuming..... | February 12, 83... | June 24, 84 |
| Harlan | " 116 | Alma..... | Harlan..... | July 12, 83... | June 24, 84 |
| Hardy | " 117 | Hardy..... | Nuckolls..... | July 18, 83... | June 24, 84 |
| North Bend | " 119 | North Bend..... | Dodge..... | September 5, 83... | June 24, 84 |
| Wayne | " 120 | Wayne..... | Wayne..... | September 26, 83... | June 24, 84 |
| Superior | " 121 | Superior..... | Nuckolls..... | November 22, 83... | June 24, 84 |
| Auburn | " 124 | Auburn..... | Nemaha..... | December 25, 83... | June 24, 84 |
| Mount Nebo | " 125 | Genoa..... | Nance..... | January 1, 84... | June 24, 84 |
| Stromsburg | " 126 | Stromsburg..... | Polk..... | January 16, 84... | June 24, 84 |
| Minden | " 127 | Minden..... | Kearney..... | January 22, 84... | June 24, 84 |
| Guide Rock | " 128 | Guide Rock..... | Webster..... | January 28, 84... | June 24, 84 |
| Scribner | " 132 | Scribner..... | Dodge..... | July 9, 84... | June 24, 85 |
| Elm Creek | " 133 | Elm Creek..... | Buffalo..... | August 8, 84... | June 24, 85 |
| Solar | " 134 | Clarks..... | Merrick..... | August 8, 84... | June 24, 85 |
| McCook | " 135 | McCook..... | Red Willow..... | October 6, 84... | June 24, 85 |
| Long Pine | " 136 | Long Pine..... | Brown..... | October 6, 84... | June 24, 85 |
| Upright | " 137 | Burchard..... | Pawnee..... | November 14, 84... | June 24, 85 |
| Rawalt | " 138 | Oxford..... | Furnas..... | November 15, 84... | June 24, 85 |
| Clay Centre | " 139 | Clay Center..... | Clay..... | December 6, 84... | June 24, 85 |
| Western | " 140 | Western..... | Saline..... | December 6, 84... | June 24, 85 |
| Crescent | " 143 | Primrose..... | Boone..... | January 24, 85... | June 24, 85 |
| Bancroft | " 145 | Bancroft..... | Cuming..... | April 30, 85... | June 24, 85 |
| Jachin | " 146 | Holdrege..... | Phelps..... | July 13, 85... | June 17, 86 |
| Siloam | " 147 | Stuart..... | Holt..... | August 15, 85... | June 17, 86 |
| Emmet Crawford | " 148 | Broken Bow..... | Custer..... | August 10, 85... | June 17, 86 |
| Cambridge | " 150 | Cambridge..... | Furnas..... | March 31, 85... | June 17, 86 |
| Evergreen | " 153 | Pierce..... | Pierce..... | November 27, 85... | June 17, 86 |

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| Lily | No. 154 | Davenport..... | Thayer..... | November 28, 85... | June 17, 86 |
| Hartington | " 155 | Hartington..... | Cedar..... | January 26, 86... | June 17, 86 |
| Pythagoras | " 156 | Page..... | Holt..... | October 24, 86... | June 16, 87 |
| Samaritan | " 158 | Chadron..... | Dawes..... | March 17, 86... | June 16, 87 |
| Ogallala | " 159 | Ogallala..... | Keith..... | August 14, 86... | June 16, 87 |
| Zeredatha | " 160 | Reynolds..... | Jefferson..... | August 21, 86... | June 16, 87 |
| Mount Zion | " 161 | Shelby..... | Polk..... | August 25, 86... | June 16, 87 |
| Trestle Board | " 162 | Brook..... | Nemaha..... | October 9, 86... | June 16, 87 |
| Unity | " 163 | Greenwood..... | Cass..... | December 18, 86... | June 16, 87 |
| Atkinson | " 164 | Atkinson..... | Holt..... | August 19, 86... | June 21, 88 |
| Barneston | " 165 | Barneston..... | Gage..... | August 20, 86... | June 21, 88 |
| Mystic Tie | " 166 | Tilden..... | Madison..... | February 18, 87... | June 21, 88 |
| Elwood | " 167 | Elwood..... | Gosper..... | June 21, 87... | June 21, 88 |
| Curtis | " 168 | Curtis..... | Frontier..... | June 21, 87... | June 21, 88 |
| Amity | " 169 | Rushville..... | Sheridan..... | July 29, 86... | June 21, 88 |
| Mason City | " 170 | Mason City..... | Custer..... | August 1, 87... | June 21, 88 |
| Merna | " 171 | Merna..... | Custer..... | August 2, 87... | June 21, 88 |
| Robert Burns | " 173 | Stratton..... | Hitchcock..... | November 15, 87... | June 21, 88 |
| Culbertson | " 174 | Culbertson..... | Hitchcock..... | November 16, 87... | June 21, 88 |
| Temple | " 175 | Filley..... | Gage..... | December 9, 87... | June 21, 88 |
| Gladstone | " 176 | Ansley..... | Custer..... | February 18, 88... | June 21, 88 |
| Hay Springs | " 177 | Hay Springs..... | Sheridan..... | February 20, 88... | June 21, 88 |
| Prudence | " 179 | Beaver Crossing..... | Seward..... | August 24, 88... | June 20, 89 |
| Justice | " 180 | Benkelman..... | Dundy..... | October 8, 88... | June 20, 89 |
| Faith | " 181 | Crawford..... | Dawes..... | December 13, 88... | June 20, 89 |
| Alliance | " 183 | Alliance..... | Box Butte..... | January 18, 89... | June 20, 89 |
| Bee Hive | " 184 | Omaha..... | Douglas..... | January 22, 89... | June 20, 89 |
| Boaz | " 185 | Danbury..... | Red Willow..... | January 24, 89... | June 20, 89 |
| Meridian | " 188 | Cozad..... | Dawson..... | February 4, 89... | June 20, 89 |

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| Granite | No. 189 | Gibbon | Buffalo | February 18. 89... | June 20. 89 |
| Amethyst | " 190 | Stapleton | Logan | August 5. 89... | June 20. 90 |
| Crystal | " 191 | Scotia | Greeley | August 7. 89... | June 20. 90 |
| Minnekadusa | " 192 | Valentine | Cherry | August 15. 89... | June 20. 90 |
| Signet | " 193 | Leigh | Colfax | September 3. 89... | June 20. 90 |
| Highland | " 194 | Cortland | Gage | September 21. 89... | June 20. 90 |
| Arcana | " 195 | Gordon | Sheridan | October 17. 89... | June 20. 90 |
| Purity | " 198 | Imperial | Chase | December 24. 89... | June 20. 90 |
| Gavel | " 199 | Carleton | Thayer | July 20. 89... | June 18. 91 |
| Blazing Star | " 200 | Burwell | Garfield | August 5. 90... | June 18. 91 |
| Scotts Bluff | " 201 | Gering | Scotts Bluff | August 8. 90... | June 18. 91 |
| Golden Sheaf | " 202 | Randolph | Cedar | August 29. 90... | June 18. 91 |
| Roman Eagle | " 203 | Pender | Thurston | August 30. 90... | June 18. 91 |
| Plainview | " 204 | Plainview | Pierce | September 1. 90... | June 18. 91 |
| Golden Fleece | " 205 | Chappell | Deuel | September 2. 90... | June 18. 91 |
| Napthali | " 206 | Diller | Jefferson | December 31. 90... | June 18. 91 |
| Parian | " 207 | Callaway | Custer | January 31. 91... | June 18. 91 |
| Canopy | " 209 | Elmwood | Cass | September 4. 91... | June 16. 92 |
| East Lincoln | " 210 | Lincoln | Lancaster | November 5. 91... | June 16. 92 |
| Cement | " 211 | Wood River | Hall | November 27. 91... | June 16. 92 |
| Plumblin | " 214 | Adams | Gage | November 17. 91... | June 15. 93 |
| Occidental | " 215 | Cedar Bluffs | Saunders | July 16. 92... | June 15. 93 |
| Palisade | " 216 | Palisade | Hitchcock | July 18. 92... | June 15. 93 |
| Wauneta | " 217 | Wauneta | Chase | December 7. 92... | June 15. 93 |
| Bloomfield | " 218 | Bloomfield | Knox | January 18. 93... | June 15. 93 |
| Relief | " 219 | Coleridge | Cedar | January 19. 93... | June 15. 93 |
| Magnolia | " 220 | Emerson | Dixon | January 21. 93... | June 15. 93 |
| Wood Lake | " 221 | Wood Lake | Cherry | September 22. 92... | June 21. 94 |

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| Landmark | No. 222 | Herman..... | Washington..... | March 1, 93... | June 21, 94 |
| Eminence | " 223 | Giltner..... | Hamilton..... | September 26, 93... | June 21, 94 |
| Silver Cord | " 224 | Ainsworth..... | Brown..... | October 17, 93... | June 21, 94 |
| Cable | " 225 | Arnold..... | Custer..... | November 17, 93... | June 21, 94 |
| Grace | " 226 | Wilcox..... | Kearney..... | January 20, 93... | June 13, 95 |
| North Star | " 227 | Lincoln..... | Lancaster..... | July 28, 94... | June 13, 95 |
| Bartley | " 228 | Bartley..... | Red Willow..... | November 23, 94... | June 13, 95 |
| Comet | " 229 | Ceresco..... | Saunders..... | December 5, 94... | June 13, 95 |
| Mount Hermon | " 231 | Cook..... | Johnson..... | December 19, 94... | June 13, 95 |
| John S. Bowen | " 232 | Kennard..... | Washington..... | February 6, 95... | June 13, 95 |
| Gilead | " 233 | Butte..... | Boyd..... | November 22, 94... | June 10, 96 |
| Zion | " 234 | Hyannis..... | Grant..... | July 19, 95... | June 10, 96 |
| Fraternity | " 235 | Winside..... | Wayne..... | August 2, 95... | June 10, 96 |
| Golden Rule | " 236 | Allen..... | Dixon..... | August 3, 95... | June 10, 96 |
| Cubit | " 237 | Douglas..... | Otoe..... | August 9, 95... | June 10, 96 |
| Friendship | " 239 | Chapman..... | Merrick..... | October 7, 95... | June 10, 96 |
| Pilot | " 240 | Lyons..... | Burt..... | November 29, 95... | June 10, 96 |
| George Armstrong | " 241 | Craig..... | Burt..... | August 1, 95... | June 17, 97 |
| Tyrian | " 243 | Oak..... | Nuckolls..... | August 24, 98... | June 8, 99 |
| Hampton | " 245 | Hampton..... | Hamilton..... | July 13, 99... | June 7, 00 |
| Nehawka | " 246 | Nehawka..... | Cass..... | January 2, 00... | June 7, 00 |
| Laurel | " 248 | Laurel..... | Cedar..... | February 12, 00... | June 7, 00 |
| Gothenburg | " 249 | Gothenburg..... | Dawson..... | June 20, 00... | June 6, 01 |
| George Washington | " 250 | Lincoln..... | Lancaster..... | June 20, 00... | June 6, 01 |
| Wausa | " 251 | Wausa..... | Knox..... | November 18, 00... | June 6, 01 |
| Beemer | " 253 | Beemer..... | Cuming..... | January 1, 02... | June 5, 02 |
| Bassett | " 254 | Bassett..... | Rock..... | October 8, 02... | June 4, 03 |
| Hickman | " 256 | Hickman..... | Lancaster..... | December 7, 03... | June 9, 04 |
| Anselmo | " 258 | Anselmo..... | Custer..... | December 10, 04... | June 7, 05 |

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| Ornan | No. 261 | Spencer..... | Boyd..... | March 5, 06... | June 5, 07 |
| Endeavor | " 262 | Indianola..... | Red Willow..... | June 28, 06... | June 5, 07 |
| Mitchell | " 263 | Mitchell..... | Scotts Bluff..... | July 5, 06... | June 5, 07 |
| Franklin | " 264 | Franklin..... | Franklin..... | June 11, 07... | June 10, 08 |
| Robert W. Furnas | " 265 | Scottsbluff..... | Scotts Bluff..... | June 21, 07... | June 10, 08 |
| Silver | " 266 | Silver Creek..... | Merrick..... | June 14, 07... | June 10, 08 |
| James A. Tullevs | " 267 | Overton..... | Dawson..... | December 26, 07... | June 10, 08 |
| George W. Lininger | " 268 | Omaha..... | Douglas..... | February 26, 08... | June 10, 08 |
| Oasis | " 271 | Morrill..... | Scotts Bluff..... | June 14, 09... | June 8, 10 |
| Lee P. Gillette | " 272 | Dunbar..... | Otoe..... | June 14, 09... | June 8, 10 |
| Crofton | " 273 | Crofton..... | Knox..... | July 10, 09... | June 8, 10 |
| Olive Branch | " 274 | Walthill..... | Thurston..... | September 20, 09... | June 8, 10 |
| Ramah | " 275 | Bertrand..... | Phelps..... | November 8, 09... | June 8, 10 |
| Antelope | " 276 | Elgin..... | Antelope..... | January 12, 10... | June 8, 10 |
| Sioux | " 277 | Harrison..... | Sioux..... | June 10, 10... | June 6, 11 |
| Litchfield | " 278 | Litchfield..... | Sherman..... | December 19, 10... | June 6, 11 |
| Wallace | " 279 | Wallace..... | Lincoln..... | February 25, 11... | June 4, 12 |
| Swastika | " 280 | Sargent..... | Custer..... | October 18, 12... | June 4, 13 |
| Florence | " 281 | Omaha..... | Douglas..... | January 17, 13... | June 4, 13 |
| Mullen | " 282 | Mullen..... | Hooker..... | July 22, 13... | June 9, 14 |
| Seneca | " 284 | Theford..... | Thomas..... | September 29, 13... | June 9, 14 |
| Camp Clarke | " 285 | Bridgeport..... | Morrill..... | October 16, 13... | June 9, 14 |
| Oshkosh | " 286 | Oshkosh..... | Garden..... | November 25, 13... | June 9, 14 |
| Union | " 287 | Palmyra..... | Otoe..... | December 15, 13... | June 8, 15 |
| Omaha | " 288 | Omaha..... | Douglas..... | March 24, 14... | June 8, 15 |
| Lotus | " 289 | Ravenna..... | Buffalo..... | June 11, 14... | June 8, 15 |
| John J. Mercer | " 290 | Omaha..... | Douglas..... | November 21, 14... | June 8, 15 |
| Diamond | " 291 | Orchard..... | Antelope..... | November 23, 14... | June 8, 15 |
| Wolbach | " 292 | Wolbach..... | Greeley..... | December 18, 14... | June 8, 15 |
| Monument | " 293 | Arapahoe..... | Furnas..... | December 18, 14... | June 8, 15 |

ROLL OF EXISTING NEBRASKA LODGES, WITH LOCATIONS, DATES CREATED AND CHARTERED.

| LODGE | | TOWN | COUNTY | CREATED | CHARTERED |
|--------------|---------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Kimball | No. 294 | Kimball..... | Kimball..... | June 10, 15 | June 7, 16 |
| Minatare | " 295 | Minatare..... | Scotts Bluff..... | June 10, 15 | June 7, 16 |
| Cotner | " 297 | Lincoln..... | Lancaster..... | June 15, 17 | June 5, 18 |
| Chester | " 298 | Chester..... | Thayer..... | June 27, 17 | June 5, 18 |
| Sutherland | " 299 | Sutherland..... | Lincoln..... | June 23, 17 | June 5, 18 |
| Liberty | " 300 | Lincoln..... | Lancaster..... | January 10, 18 | June 5, 18 |
| Bavard | " 301 | Bayard..... | Morrill..... | January 19, 18 | June 5, 18 |
| Mizpah | " 302 | Omaha..... | Douglas..... | November 12, 18 | June 4, 19 |
| Right Angle | " 303 | Omaha..... | Douglas..... | September 24, 19 | June 9, 20 |
| Newman Grove | " 305 | Newman Grove..... | Madison..... | January 14, 20 | June 9, 20 |
| Golden Rod | " 306 | Lodgepole..... | Cheyenne..... | August 19, 20 | June 8, 21 |
| Perkins | " 308 | Grant..... | Perkins..... | December 1, 20 | June 8, 21 |
| Winnebago | " 309 | Winnebago..... | Thurston..... | December 6, 20 | June 8, 21 |
| Victory | " 310 | Valley..... | Douglas..... | December 27, 20 | June 8, 21 |
| Polk | " 311 | Polk..... | Polk..... | January 4, 21 | June 8, 21 |
| Oak Leaf | " 312 | Lynch..... | Boyd..... | June 23, 21 | June 7, 22 |
| Potter | " 313 | Potter..... | Cheyenne..... | September 10, 21 | June 7, 22 |
| Craftsmen | " 314 | Lincoln..... | Lancaster..... | March 22, 22 | June 5, 23 |
| Alpha | " 316 | South Sioux City..... | Dakota..... | January 27, 25 | June 10, 25 |
| Mid-West | " 317 | Hastings..... | Adams..... | January 8, 25 | June 10, 25 |
| Grand Island | " 318 | Grand Island..... | Hall..... | April 1, 25 | June 9, 26 |
| Bladen | " 319 | Bladen..... | Webster..... | January 11, 26 | June 9, 26 |
| College View | " 320 | Lincoln..... | Lancaster..... | July 1, 27 | June 6, 28 |
| Harmony | " 321 | Dalton..... | Cheyenne..... | February 21, 28 | June 5, 29 |
| Lebanon | " 323 | Columbus..... | Platte..... | November 14, 28 | June 5, 29 |
| Cairo | " 324 | Cairo..... | Hall..... | January 16, 36 | June 8, 37 |
| Bellevue | " 325 | Bellevue..... | Sarpy..... | March 5, 55 | June 8, 55 |
| Centennial | " 326 | Omaha..... | Douglas..... | November 26, 55 | June 6, 56 |
| Shiloh | " 327 | Omaha..... | Douglas..... | September 3, 65 | June 10, 66 |

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GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

LODGES ORGANIZED IN TERRITORY OTHER THAN NEBRASKA

| Name of Lodge | Location |
|-------------------------|---|
| Summit No. 7 | - Parkville, Colorado . . Instituted May 6, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861. |
| Rocky Mountain No. 8 | - Gold Hill, Colorado . . Instituted May 21, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861. |
| Central City, U. .D. . | - Central City, Colorado . . Instituted 1860 or 1861. |
| Bannack City, U. .D. . | - Bannack City, Idaho . . Instituted April , 1863, or June 21, 1863. |
| Monitor Lodge, U. .D. . | - United States Army . . Instituted July 30, 1863. Became extinct, prior to 1867. |
| Idaho Lodge, U. .D. . | - Nevada City, Idaho . . Instituted November 17, 1863. Became extinct June 23, 1864. |
| Wyoming Lodge No. 28 | - South Pass City, Wyoming . . Instituted November 24, 1869. Chartered June 23, 1870. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Wyoming, December 15, 1874. |

CONSOLIDATIONS

- Joppa Lodge No. 76 with Franklin No. 264, Oct. 18, 1934.
- Parallel Lodge No. 152 with Barneston No. 165, Jan. 2, 1940.
- Tyre Lodge No. 85 with Wymore No. 104, July 7, 1941.
- Bradshaw Lodge No. 255 with Hampton No. 245, May 21, 1942.
- Level Lodge No. 196 with Cambridge No. 150, June 4, 1942.
- Riverside Lodge No. 269 with Cedar River No. 89, June 5, 1942.
- Juniata Lodge No. 42 with Kenesaw No. 144, July 15, 1942.
- Palmer Lodge No. 315 with St. Paul No. 82, Oct. 6, 1942.
- Riverton Lodge No. 63 with Franklin No. 264, May 16, 1945.
- Elk Creek Lodge No. 90 with Tecumseh No. 17, Nov. 11, 1944.
- Hildreth Lodge No. 252 with Grace No. 226, Oct. 11, 1945.
- Hubbell Lodge No. 92 with Hebron No. 43, Feb. 8, 1946.
- Incense Lodge No. 182 with Jewel No. 149, April 22, 1947.
- Bee Lodge No. 259 with Oliver No. 38, June 13, 1947.
- Tuscan Lodge No. 130 with Composite No. 81, Feb. 9, 1963.
- Delta Lodge No. 230 with Albion No. 78, Jan. 1, 1965.
- Jewel Lodge No. 149 with Geneva No. 79, Sept. 9, 1966.
- Valley Lodge No. 157 with Beaver City No. 93, Mar. 8, 1966.
- Ruskin Lodge No. 304 with Nelson No. 77, Sept. 23, 1966.
- Morning Star Lodge No. 197 with Stromsburg No. 126, Dec. 9, 1967.
- Cornerstone Lodge No. 247 with Plainview No. 205, Dec. 12, 1967.
- Kenesaw Lodge No. 144 with Midwest No. 317, Jan. 13, 1968.
- Blue Hill Lodge No. 129 with Midwest No. 317, Mar. 19, 1968.
- Pioneer Lodge No. 322 with Oasis No. 271, Apr. 10, 1969.
- Square & Compass No. 212 with Thistle No. 61, Apr. 20, 1969.

EXTINCT NEBRASKA LODGES

| NAME & LOCATION | DATE OF BECOMING EXTINCT |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Decatur No. 7 - Decatur | June 18, 1873 |
| Columbus No. 8 - Columbus | June 25, 1868 |
| Nebraska City No. 12 - Nebraska City | March 10, 1903 |
| Eureka No. 16 - Arago | December 23, 1875 |
| Ashland No. 18 - Ashland | August 17, 1881 |
| Rock Bluff No. 20 - Rock Bluff | July 16, 1884 |
| Macoy No. 22 - Plattsmouth | December 31, 1877 |
| Lafayette No. 24 - Lafayette Pct. (later Grant) | March 27, 1877 |
| Palmyra No. 45 - Palmyra | November 20, 1901 |
| Salem No. 47 - Salem | June 18, 1891 |
| Lebanon No. 58 - Columbus | June 6, 1928 |
| Livingstone No. 66 - First | June 5, 1907 |
| Fortitude No. 69 - Ulysses | July 14, 1887 |
| Waco No. 80 - Waco | January 31, 1885 |
| Steele City No. 107 - Steele City | August 13, 1902 |
| Arapahoe No. 109 - Arapahoe | June 8, 1904 |
| Brainard No. 115 - Brainard | September 5, 1903 |
| Doric No. 118 - Dorchester | June 4, 1930 |
| Jasper No. 122 - Odell | April 24, 1901 |
| Indianola No. 123 - Indianola | June 8, 1904 |
| Ark & Anchor No. 131 - Ainsworth | September 2, 1890 |
| Summit No. 141 - Johnson | February 5, 1900 |
| Anchor No. 142 - North Loup | June 5, 1901 |
| Square No. 151 - Valparaiso | October 9, 1962 |
| Parallel No. 152 - Liberty | January 2, 1940 |
| Grafton No. 172 - Grafton | December 31, 1948 |
| Hesperia No. 178 - Shickley | September 9, 1905 |
| Plumb No. 18 - Grant | November 15, 1897 |
| Israel No. 187 - Ulysses | December 18, 1956 |
| Gauge No. 208 - Areadia | May 29, 1965 |
| Square & Compass No. 213 - Miller | June 6, 1918 |
| Ithmar No. 238 - Crab Orchard | February 9, 1903 |
| Orion No. 242 - Ravenna | July 6, 1904 |
| Sincerity No. 244 - Battle Creek | June 6, 1928 |
| Springview No. 260 - Springview | August 6, 1920 |
| Huntley No. 270 - Huntley | June 7, 1939 |
| Holbrook No. 257 - Holbrook | June 11, 1959 |
| Exeter No. 283 - Exeter | December 16, 1952 |
| Cowles No. 296 - Cowles | December 31, 1946 |
| William E. Hill No. 307 - Otoe | December 15, 1964 |
| Doniphan No. 86 - Doniphan | May 12, 1966 |

| REPRESENTATIVE | ADDRESS | DATE OF APPOINTMENT | GRAND LODGE | REPRESENTATIVE | ADDRESS | DATE OF APPOINTMENT |
|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Hubert P. Key | Birmingham | Feb. 3, 1960 | Alabama | John W. McLane, 150 | Cambridge | Aug. 7, 1969 |
| F. Whitfield | Edmonton | Mar. 7, 1944 | Alberta | Edward H. Lockwood, 205 | Hastings | Dec. 15, 1959 |
| Jose Gonzalez Ledo | | Jan. 10, 1964 | Argentina | Pearl C. Hillegass, 81 | Rising City | Sept. 15, 1954 |
| John Fletcher Sills, Jr. | Prescott | Apr. 13, 1949 | Arizona | Erwin J. Imig, 38 | Seward | Aug. 6, 1960 |
| Frank A. Smith | Little Rock | Jan. 27, 1958 | Arkansas | Elmer E. Magee, 227 | Lincoln | Aug. 24, 1944 |
| Hugo Barber | Vienna | Mar. 22, 1951 | Austria | O. Robert H. Beezley, 250 | Lincoln | Apr. 21, 1965 |
| Rene Desgain | | Nov. 13, 1962 | Belgium | Leonard B. Woods, 103 | Ord | Nov. 6, 1962 |
| Raul Ballalai de Carvalho | Val do Salvador | Sept. 19, 1936 | Bolivia | Harold A. Tilton, 71 | Neligh | Dec. 1, 1963 |
| Roumundo Nonata do Vale | Ceara | Sept. 21, 1949 | Brazil, Bahia | Alfred E. Geschke, 25 | Omaha | Sept. 23, 1964 |
| Jose Cesario Horta | Minas Gerais | Sept. 21, 1949 | Brazil, Ceara | Stanley E. Brunton, 222 | Herman | |
| Oscar de Paula Assis | Rio de Janeiro | Aug. 1, 1969 | Brazil, Matto Grosso | Gwynne L. Neubauer, 258 | Brewster | |
| Ewald Helmuth Langweiler | Rio Grande do Sul | Feb. 18, 1965 | Brazil, Minas Gerais | Ernest E. James, 1 | Omaha | Jan. 7, 1950 |
| Jose Agular E. Silva | Para | Oct. 10, 1968 | Brazil, Guanabara | Cecil C. Gates, 227 | Lincoln | Sept. 19, 1941 |
| Joao Bento | Paraiba | Oct. 23, 1957 | Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul | Clarence G. McNamee, 55 | Norfolk | Sept. 23, 1964 |
| Habib-Chehade Jeha | Parana | Mar. 7, 1968 | Brazil, Para | Gerald A. Moller, 15 | Fremont | Dec. 10, 1968 |
| Francisco Venango Dias | Pernambuco | Oct. 22, 1969 | Brazil, Paraiba | Benjamin F. Eyre, 1 | Omaha | Jan. 3, 1936 |
| Walker Pinto | Sao Paulo | Nov. 14, 1951 | Brazil, Parana | Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210 | Lincoln | Mar. 7, 1968 |
| Nicholas Mussalleem | Vancouver | Apr. 13, 1965 | Brazil, Pernambuco | | | |
| Harold Loewenthal | Eureka | Apr. 23, 1969 | Brazil, Santa Catarina | Wallace E. Moffett, 312 | Lynch | Sept. 7, 1963 |
| F.W. Nance Kivell | | Dec. 16, 1965 | Sao Paulo | Clyde D. Worrall, 59 | Wahoo | Jan. 9, 1962 |
| Jorge A. Wachholtz | Taiwan | Jan. 10, 1962 | British Columbia | Thomas J. Aron, 37 | Crete | July 10, 1947 |
| Tze Tsing Tuan | Barranquilla | Sept. 14, 1962 | California | Herbert T. White, 11 | Omaha | July 26, 1958 |
| Jose Maria Serna | | July 31, 1951 | Canada | Edward F. Carter, 201 | Lincoln | June 22, 1937 |
| Thomas H. Cox | Olathe | Feb. 20, 1932 | Chile | Ralph O. Canaday, 50 | Hastings | Feb. 17, 1930 |
| Vincent Vernon | Collinsville | Mar. 18, 1969 | China | Earl H. Furman, 290 | Omaha | Apr. 13, 1960 |
| Carlos Miranda | | Oct. 22, 1968 | Columbia Nat'l Grand Lodge | Clifford D. Webster, 321 | Sidney | July 30, 1957 |
| V.H.F.E. Gracia | Wilmington | Nov. 5, 1952 | Colorado | Carl R. Greisen, 32 | Omaha | June 23, 1943 |
| Eagan Simonton | | July 27, 1954 | Connecticut | Arnold F. Mains, 15 | Fremont | Dec. 13, 1968 |
| Godfrey L. Munter | | May 6, 1969 | Costa Rica | George W. Rosenlof, 314 | Lincoln | Nov. 9, 1962 |
| F.G. Araya | Guayaquil | June 17, 1953 | Cuba in Exile | Joseph C. Tye, 46 | Kearney | June 25, 1954 |
| W.R.S. Bathurst | Willshire | May 18, 1950 | Delaware | T. Leo Stines, 36 | Central City | Feb. 18, 1967 |
| Orville A. Clark | Jacksonville | Dec. 17, 1960 | Denmark | Alton S. Mote, 183 | Alliance | Dec. 2, 1968 |
| Edward Jeanmonod | Paris | Sept. 14, 1954 | Dist. of Columbia | Herbert A. Ronin, 210 | Lincoln | May 13, 1954 |
| John M. McClurd | Frankfurt | May 13, 1969 | Ecuador | Clarence M. Pierson, 19 | Lincoln | Sept. 14, 1962 |
| Heinz Ziemer | Athens | Dec. 26, 1963 | England | Charles F. Adams, 68 | Aurora | Dec. 2, 1968 |
| Geo. Sakelloriou | | Apr. 10, 1954 | Finland | Sebert A. Stover, 281 | Omaha | Feb. 9, 1968 |
| Angel G. Guzman | Helgafell | Aug. 13, 1963 | Florida | Byron C. Jenkins, 325 | Bellevue | Aug. 8, 1966 |
| Bjarne Bjarnason | Kendrich | Jan. 7, 1953 | France Nat'l Grand Lodge | Robert D. Cresap, 158 | Omaha | Oct. 5, 1966 |
| Eugene Taylor | Decatur | Nov. 9, 1966 | Georgia | Raymond F. Evers, 6 | Plattsmouth | Aug. 3, 1960 |
| Harry L. Kline | South Bend | July 11, 1950 | Germany | J.F.M. Heumann, 290 | Omaha | July 28, 1965 |
| John P. Lippincott | Bombay | Feb. 26, 1949 | Greece | Stephen W. Beck, 43 | Hebron | Sept. 3, 1960 |
| H.J. Engineer | Dublin | Aug. 7, 1963 | Honduras | Gordon Chard, 240 | Lyons | Nov. 3, 1962 |
| Thomas M. Gick | Tel Aviv | June 17, 1963 | Iceland | George A. Stevens, 158 | Chadron | Sept. 23, 1964 |
| Israel Levin | Rome | Sept. 14, 1965 | Idaho | James M. Paxson, 302 | Omaha | Aug. 11, 1960 |
| Maurizio Segre | Topoka | Feb. 9, 1967 | Illinois | Warren W. Kelley, 290 | Omaha | May 13, 1959 |
| Edward W. Knepper | Louisville | Sept. 17, 1965 | Indiana | Norris W. Lallman, 72 | Omaha | May 21, 1959 |
| Richard K. Hart | | Jan. 6, 1964 | India | Warren K. Urbom, 314 | Lincoln | Sept. 7, 1966 |
| C. James Hyde | | Sept. 18, 1962 | Ireland | Richard L. Ely, 128 | Guide Rock | June 17, 1958 |
| Philip O. McLaughlin | | Jan. 23, 1961 | Israel, State of | William Grodinsky, 11 | Omaha | July 26, 1954 |
| Nathan Rothstein | Winnipeg | Mar. 22, 1951 | Italy | Lewis R. Ricketts, 19 | Lincoln | Sept. 14, 1962 |
| Clifford S. Hubbard | | Apr. 19, 1961 | Japan | Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314 | Lincoln | July 31, 1958 |
| James E. Roy | Worcester | Aug. 30, 1964 | Kansas | Howard J. Hunter, 59 | Wahoo | Jan. 13, 1950 |
| George Sanfor | Mexico City | Aug. 8, 1969 | Kentucky | Ralph S. Tully, 25 | Omaha | Jan. 23, 1958 |
| | | | Louisiana | John A. Botorf, 49 | Sutton | Feb. 23, 1958 |
| | | | Luxembourg | Stuart A. Johnson, 169 | Rushville | Mar. 21, 1968 |
| | | | Maine | Ralph W. Gerry, 281 | Omaha | Aug. 7, 1969 |
| | | | Manitoba | Harry N. Ahl, 112 | Louisville | Sept. 12, 1962 |
| | | | Maryland | W.O. Samuels, 326 | Omaha | Dec. 6, 1968 |
| | | | Massachusetts | William B. Wanner, 9 | Falls City | June 22, 1937 |
| | | | Mexico York Rite | Russell L. Fisher, 22 | Grand Island | Aug. 19, 1968 |

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|------------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Willard Sauer | Sparta | Feb. 14, 1958 | Michigan | John H. Brown, 1 | Omaha | Nov. 1, 1965 |
| Herbert S. Ramberg | Ada | Jan. 16, 1953 | Minnesota | Merle M. Hale, 54 | Lincoln | Feb. 14, 1952 |
| Orman R. Smith | Corinth | June 21, 1957 | Mississippi | Louis V. Sylvester, 281 | Omaha | Sept. 8, 1953 |
| Wm. R. Robbins | Springfield | July 23, 1963 | Missouri | William F. Patterson, 327 | Omaha | June 8, 1964 |
| J.F.P. Reimner | Circle | Feb. 3, 1953 | Montana | C. Harold Edwards, 105 | Lincoln | Oct. 21, 1965 |
| J.F.A. Gravenberch | | Dec. 14, 1960 | Netherlands | W. Upton Dawson, 135 | McCook | May 6, 1965 |
| Lee Griswold | Eureka | Aug. 5, 1963 | Nevada | Alfred B. Saum, 46 | Kearney | Jan. 30, 1958 |
| Kenneth R. Nelson | St. John | Oct. 21, 1955 | New Brunswick | Frank H. Smith, 301 | Bayard | Jan. 31, 1958 |
| Ellis W. Howard | Littleton | June 14, 1962 | New Hampshire | Clyde H. Jones, 173 | Stratton | Sept. 27, 1956 |
| John A. Stecker | Lebanon | 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. Weddel, 61 | Lexington | Oct. 18, 1943 |
| Frederick J. Hayward | Mosman | Mar. 10, 1950 | New South Wales | Harry A. Spencer, 227 | Lincoln | Apr. 8, 1957 |
| Mark R. Chaffee | | Jan. 4, 1969 | New York | George R. Porter, 11 | Omaha | Oct. 19, 1931 |
| T. W. Pairman | Mangaweka | Dec. 4, 1956 | New Zealand | Carl D. Ganz, 209 | Lincoln | Oct. 19, 1962 |
| | | | Nicaragua | Paul D. Fleming, 93 | Reaver City | Dec. 9, 1941 |
| Nathaniel C. Dean | | July 26, 1965 | North Carolina | Levi B. Williams, 1 | Omaha | Sept. 17, 1962 |
| Calvin E. Rustad | Grand Forks | Sept. 7, 1955 | North Dakota | Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150 | Cambridge | Apr. 28, 1965 |
| Ole K. Roed | Oslo | Feb. 8, 1956 | Norway | Einar Hoel, 327 | Omaha | June 9, 1964 |
| C. Fraser Lorimer | Stellarton | July 28, 1952 | Nova Scotia | Curtis J. Griess, 49 | Grand Island | Dec. 2, 1968 |
| Juan L. Arocha | Monterray | Oct. 23, 1950 | Nuevo Leon | Robert W. Boon, 33 | Grand Island | Mar. 6, 1967 |
| E. L. Galbraith | | Apr. 23, 1969 | Ohio | Otto Nelsen, 300 | Lincoln | Feb. 17, 1958 |
| Aubrey R. Erhart | Guymon | July 23, 1963 | Oklahoma | Ralph R. Carleton, 306 | Omaha | Feb. 6, 1958 |
| Norman W. Oliver | Burns | May 5, 1964 | Oregon | Frank J. Mattoon, 75 | Sidney | Dec. 4, 1968 |
| Elias S. Mizrahi | Panama | Jan. 13, 1953 | Panama | Arthur S. Dye, 317 | Hastings | July 28, 1965 |
| F. A. Zumaeta | Lima | Oct. 23, 1957 | Peru | LaVerne A. Walker, 55 | Norfolk | Feb. 8, 1958 |
| Aurelio B. Aquino | Manila | Jan. 23, 1946 | Philippines | Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210 | Lincoln | Aug. 7, 1969 |
| Daniel R. Morrison | Summerside | Mar. 7, 1968 | Prince Edward Island | Donald C. Smith, 1 | Omaha | Jan. 17, 1945 |
| A. D. Lightbourn | Fajards | Aug. 3, 1966 | Puerto Rico | Roy I. Rabbitt, 295 | Scottsbluff | Aug. 23, 1952 |
| T. H. Whitman | | Aug. 3, 1966 | Quebec | Charles J. Black, 290 | Omaha | Nov. 10, 1965 |
| 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. Hoagland, 25 | Omaha | July 3, 1942 |
| Gaylord C. Wright | Regina | Apr. 13, 1965 | Saskatchewan | Robert E. Lund, 323 | Columbus | Sept. 17, 1962 |
| William Sloss | Edinburgh | Aug. 30, 1963 | Scotland | Harold H. Thom, 1 | Omaha | Sept. 17, 1962 |
| George C. Hobson | | Dec. 3, 1968 | Southern Africa | Gerald V. Inslie, 148 | Chadron | Dec. 2, 1968 |
| | | | South America | Jack H. Hendrix, 174 | Trenton | Aug. 7, 1969 |
| | | | Colombia | | | |
| M. D. J. C. Navarro | | Aug. 25, 1969 | South America | Alfred R. Kenoyer, 191 | Scotia | Aug. 7, 1969 |
| | | | Dominicana | | | |
| Cyril W. C. Peaks | Charleston | Sept. 9, 1959 | South Australia | | | |
| Horace G. Adams | Ft. Mead | Aug. 7, 1942 | South Carolina | Mark Mitchell, 138 | Oxford | Jan. 1, 1962 |
| H. T. Hermann | Linkoping | Aug. 15, 1969 | South Dakota | Charles A. Chappell, 127 | Minden | Aug. 26, 1918 |
| Hj. August Lind | Zurich | Apr. 4, 1958 | Sweden | Lillard S. Jensen, 232 | Omaha | Nov. 17, 1965 |
| Eric C. Monk | Tampico | Feb. 24, 1967 | Switzerland | Ralph I. Berry, 256 | Hickman | Nov. 5, 1965 |
| V. H. S. Rodriguez | Hobart | Sept. 8, 1949 | Tamlaupias | Homer C. Davey, 317 | Hastings | Aug. 3, 1960 |
| S. V. Tilley | Nashville | Mar. 27, 1957 | Tasmania | Lloyd I. Edwards, 110 | Ashland | Sept. 8, 1960 |
| J. Turner Williams | Dallas | Oct. 28, 1968 | Tennessee | William C. Schaper, 148 | Broken Bow | May 4, 1939 |
| Harold A. Bateman | Istanbul | July 28, 1952 | Texas | Donald A. Keys, 300 | Lincoln | Dec. 20, 1961 |
| Nebil Sarpel | Orden | July 19, 1963 | Turkey | Melvin E. Johnson, 112 | Oakdale | Aug. 27, 1963 |
| John J. Greiner | Shelburne | Sept. 10, 1959 | Utah | Richard L. Wait, 19 | Lincoln | Jan. 23, 1958 |
| David A. Smith | Melbourne | May 16, 1962 | Vermont | Cary W. Dresslar, 32 | North Platte | Nov. 14, 1956 |
| Farrin Webb | S. Arlington | Mar. 23, 1946 | Victoria | Mathias E. Mauel, 173 | Stratton | Aug. 2, 1960 |
| P. O. Shepherd, Jr. | Seattle | Jan. 2, 1952 | Virginia | Ernest O. Van Weay, 249 | Gothenburg | Jan. 28, 1952 |
| Jesse A. Jackson | | Nov. 14, 1967 | Washington | Edward M. Knight, 183 | Alliance | June 27, 1941 |
| F. G. Hatcher | | Dec. 17, 1960 | West Australia | Ward McGlashan, 180 | Benkelman | Dec. 10, 1968 |
| J. K. Ferguson | | Sept. 28, 1961 | West Virginia | William I. Lewis, Jr. 9 | Falls City | Mar. 15, 1960 |
| George J. Schreiber | Milwaukee | Mar. 23, 1946 | Wisconsin | Harlan W. Cane, 227 | Lincoln | Dec. 30, 1964 |

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MASONIC CALENDAR

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

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

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

Knight 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: 1969 and 4,000 — 5969.

Royal Arch Masons — Add 530 to the current year, thus: 1969 and 530 — 2499.

Royal and Select Masters — Add 1,000 years to current year, thus: 1969 and 1,000 — 2969.

Knights Templar — From the Christian era take 1,118; thus 1,118 from 1969 — 851.

Order of High Priesthood — To the Christian era add 1913, the year of the blessing, thus 1969 — 3880.

Scottish Rite — Add 3,760 to the current year; thus 1969 and 3,760 — 5729.

THE ROLL OF ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS AND
DATE OF APPOINTMENT

The first reference providing for an "Assistant Custodian," was made in 1869.

In 1870 the "Committee on Work" recommended the establishment of five districts and the appointment of an equal number of brethren, these together with the Grand Lecturer to constitute a "Board of Custodians" to serve for five years. From that time until now, there have been appointed assistant custodians. It is the purpose here to list all that have at any time served the Grand Lodge. They are listed in terms of first appointment. The number following each name represents the lodge of which each was or is a member.

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| Daniel H. Wheeler, 6.....1870 | L. S. Moe, 15.....1877 |
| John Reed, 2.....1871 | Roland H. Oakley, 19.....1877 |
| Robert W. Furnas, 4.....1871 | James R. Cain, 9.....1877 |
| D. F. Powell, 3.....1871 | Albert K. Marsh, 49.....1877 |
| A. Atkinson, 3.....1871 | Jess T. Davis, 21.....1877 |
| H. O. Hanna, 9.....1872 | Charles H. Willard, 21....1878 |
| Milton E. Pinney, 2.....1873 | Samuel W. Hayes, 55.....1879 |
| William B. Wharton, 12...1875 | Marshall Smith, 2.....1878 |
| Edward K. Valentine, 27..1875 | James McNaughton, 4...1879 |
| Newton R. Persinger, 36...1876 | Joseph H. McConnel, 32...1879 |
| David K. Hume, 3.....1876 | Edward F. Thorp, 2.....1879 |
| Hiram C. Ryder, 37.....1876 | George W. Mowrey, 50...1880 |
| Frederick N. Dick, 32....1876 | Charles A. Holmes, 17....1880 |
| George W. Lininger, 3....1877 | |

Note: From 1880 until 1910, there were no recorded appointments of brethren to serve as assistants to the Grand Custodian. In 1910 Brother Robert E. French did hold special meetings to examine and instruct brethren who were willing to become "assistants" in the work. Thirteen brethren were nominated and approved for appointment as assistants. After 1917 these brethren were generally referred to as "assistant custodians". In 1925 the designation was "Deputy Custodians". The following brethren appeared in the records as "assistant custodians" or at times as "Deputy Custodians."

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| *Samuel S. Whiting, 54...1910 | *Ira C. Freet, 56.....1913 |
| *Walter W. Wells, 192...1910 | *Benjamin Wood, 210.....1913 |
| *Ensign J. Rix, 55.....1910 | *Edward M. Wellman, 1...1913 |
| *James D. Phillips, 93...1910 | *Charles A. Eyre, 268.....1913 |
| *Frederick L. Wolff, 135...1910 | *Earl M. Bolen, 130.....1914 |
| *Fred A. Howe, 119.....1910 | *Frank L. Haycock, 207...1914 |
| *Robert B. Walker, 170...1912 | George A. Stevens, 158...1914 |
| *Frank W. Farrand, 36...1913 | *Levi D. Phipps, 31.....1916 |

- *Alfred G. Hunt, 33. 1916
 *Harry L. F. Proffitt, 50. 1916
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