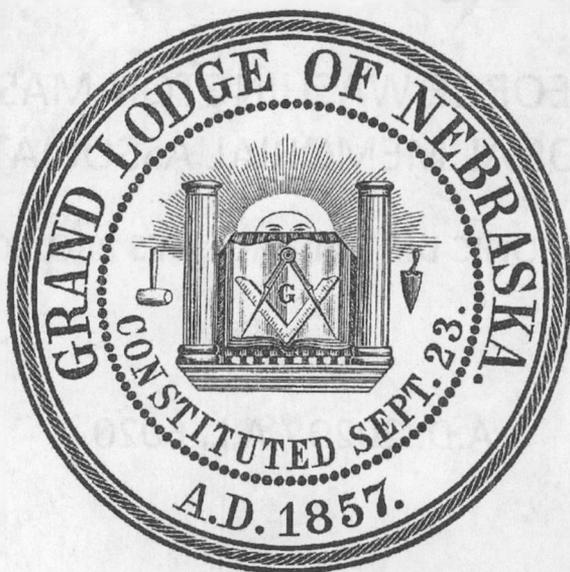


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GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND  
OF THE YEAR 1890  
IN ITS REGULAR ANNUAL CONVENTION  
Held at Baltimore, Maryland, on the 27th, 28th and 29th of August, 1890.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland, in its regular annual convention, held at Baltimore, Maryland, on the 27th, 28th and 29th of August, 1890, has the honor to announce that it has adopted the following resolutions:

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THE Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons convened and assembled at its Twenty-Second Annual Communication in Masonic Hall, Lincoln, Nebraska, on St. John's Day, June 24, A. L. 5879, A.D. 1879, at two o'clock in the afternoon, there being present:

R. W. JAMES A. TULLEYS .....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. JAMES R. CAIN .....	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. EDWIN F. WARREN .....	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. WILLIAM R. BOWEN .....	Grand Secretary.
V. W. FRANK E. BULLARD .....	Grand Chaplain.
W. GEORGE B. FRANCE .....	Grand Orator.
R. W. HIRAM C. RIDER [P. D. G. M.] ....	Grand Lecturer.
W. CHARLES A. HOLMES <i>as</i> .....	Grand Senior Deacon.
W. BARNABAS E. SWIFT, JR. ....	Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro. JOHN McCLELLAND .....	Grand Tiler.

A Lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form, as required by Section 1 of the Grand Lodge by-laws.

The Grand Secretary having ascertained and reported that a quorum of Lodges was present, after prayer by the Grand

Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was declared to be open for the transaction of business; whereupon the Deputy Grand Master appointed Bros.: Rolland H. Oakley, George P. Tucker and Edward J. Weaver as the committee on Visitors, and Bros.: Edwin F. Thorp, Charles F. Goodman and Charles L. Lamb as the committee on Credentials.

Bro.: Thorp, chairman of the committee on Credentials, made report, which was adopted subject to amendment. The report as amended was as follows:

*To the M.: W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

Your committee on Credentials report that they find the following Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and Representatives of Lodges present, viz:

GRAND OFFICERS.

R.: W.:	JAMES A. TULLEYS.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R.: W.:	JAMES R. CAIN.....	Grand Senior Warden.
R.: W.:	EDWIN F. WARREN.....	Grand Junior Warden.
R.: W.:	WILLIAM R. BOWEN.....	Grand Secretary.
V.: W.:	FRANK E. BULLARD.....	Grand Chaplain.
	W.: GEORGE B. FRANCE.....	Grand Orator.
	W.: HIRAM C. RIDER.....	Grand Lecturer.
	W.: HENRY E. PALMER.....	Grand Senior Deacon.
	W.: BARNABAS E. SWIFT, JR.....	Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro.:	JOHN McCLELLAND.....	Grand Tiler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.: W.:	ROBERT C. JORDAN.....	Past Grand Master.
M.: W.:	DANIEL H. WHEELER .....	Past Grand Master.
M.: W.:	ROBERT W. FURNAS.....	Past Grand Master.
M.: W.:	HARRY P. DEUEL.....	Past Grand Master.
M.: W.:	WILLIAM E. HILL.....	Past Grand Master.
M.: W.:	MARTIN DUNHAM.....	Past Grand Master.
M.: W.:	ALFRED G. HASTINGS.....	Past Grand Master.
M.: W.:	GEORGE H. THUMMEL .....	Past Grand Master.
M.: W.:	GEORGE W. LININGER.....	Past Grand Master.
R.: W.:	HENRY BROWN.....	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.: W.:	HIRAM C. RIDER .....	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.: W.:	ROLLAND H. OAKLEY.....	Past Deputy Grand Master.

CUSTODIANS.

Bro.:	CHARLES H. WILLARD .....	First District.
Bro.:	SAMUEL W. HAYES.....	Second District.
Bro.:	ALBERT K. MARSH .....	Fifth District.

REPRESENTATIVES.

LODGE.	No.	MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Nebraska	1	F. E. Caldwell	F. E. Caldwell, pxy.	F. E. Caldwell, pxy.
Western Star	2	Wm. E. Hill	James Reed	E. F. Thorp, proxy.
Capitol	3	S. K. Jackson	C. S. Chase	C. F. Goodman, pxy.
Nemaha Valley	4	R. W. Furnas, proxy	R. W. Furnas, proxy	R. W. Furnas, pxy.
Plattsmouth	6	D. H. Wheeler, pxy.	D. H. Wheeler, pxy.	II. E. Palmer, proxy.
Falls City	9	E. E. Metz, proxy	A. J. Weaver	
Solomon	10	L. Crounse, proxy	L. Crounse, proxy	
Covert	11	C. Hartman	C. F. Catlin, proxy	James S. France.
Nebraska City	12	J. W. Chadduck	John Adle, proxy	John Y. Gant.
Orient	13	T. C. Hoyt		
Fremont	15	Jas. H. Crabbs		
Tecumseh	17	S. P. Davidson, pxy	S. P. Davidson	C. A. Holmes.
Ashland	18	C. A. Miller		
Lincoln	19	R. H. Oakley	Jas. McConnell	S. G. Owen, proxy.
Rock Bluff	20	Howard Allen, pxy.	Howard Allen	
Washington	21	C. H. Willard	L. W. Osborn, proxy	E. C. Jackson.
Pawnee	23	S. H. Cummins	J. L. Edwards	
St. Johns	25	G. Stevenson, proxy	G. Stevenson	G. Stevenson, pxy.
Beatrice	26	Jesse Richards		Jesse Richards, pxy.
Jordan	27	George Scott, proxy	C. T. Pulsifer, proxy	George Scott.
Hope	29		John W. Shubert	
Blue River	30	J. H. Culver, proxy.		
Tekamah	31	W. H. Marshall	J. R. Reed, proxy	
Platte Valley	32	J. H. McConnell	J. H. McConnell, pxy	F. E. Bullard, proxy.
Ashlar	33	R. C. Jordan	R. C. Jordan, proxy	A. J. Graham, pxy.
Acacia	34	C. E. Sumner	C. L. Boughton, pxy	C. L. Boughton, pxy.
Fairbury	35	George Cross		
Lone Tree	36	N. R. Persinger, pxy		
Crete	37	Isaac M. Wolf	H. M. Wells	I. M. Wolf, proxy.
Oliver	38	F. W. Redford		Wm. Leese, proxy.
Humboldt	40	W. W. Turk	W. W. Turk, proxy.	W. W. Turk, proxy.
Northern Light	41	C. L. Lamb	C. L. Lamb, proxy.	C. L. Lamb, proxy.
Juniata	42	Ira G. Dillon	H. A. Guild, proxy	
Hebron	43	F. A. Roper	J. M. Fitzpatrick, pxy	Ed. S. Past, proxy.
Harvard	44	W. J. Turner	W. J. Turner	F. M. Davis, proxy.
Rob. Morris	46	Henry Gibbons	H. Gibbons, proxy	H. Gibbons, proxy.
Salem	47	H. C. Vandervoort, proxy	H. C. Vandervoort	H. C. Vandervoort, proxy.
Fairmount	48	C. B. Webber	J. E. Cramer	H. H. Atherton, pxy.
Evening Star	49	A. K. Marsh, proxy	J. N. Clark, proxy.	J. B. Dinsmore.
Hastings	50	George W. Mowery	J. J. Wemple	
Fidelity	51			Jas. Bell.
Hiram	52	W. R. Turner	W. R. Turner, proxy	W. R. Turner, pxy.
Charity	53	Jas. Calvert	C. Riley, proxy	J. L. Miller.
Lancaster	54	George P. Tucker	J. McManigal	A. K. Amory.
Mosaic	55	C. P. Mathewson	S. W. Hayes, proxy.	L. F. Taylor, proxy.
York	56	George B. France	L. A. Brandhoefer	
Mt. Moriah	57	F. E. Brown, proxy.		
Lebanon	58	A. W. Crites, proxy		
Wahoo	59	Jacob C. Polsley	J. N. Davis	N. H. Bell, proxy.
Melrose	60	A. C. Robins	D. E. Bomgardner	A. C. Robins, proxy.
Thistle	61	Wm. H. Lengel, pxy	Wm. H. Lengel	
Keystone	62	Martin Ennis		
Riverton	63	J. R. McDonald	J. R. McDonald, pxy	J. R. McDonald, pxy.
Blue Valley	64	E. J. Weaver	James Harvey	J. N. Van Dynn, pxy.
Osceola	65	R. Wheeler, proxy.	R. Wheeler, proxy.	R. Wheeler.
Livingstone	66	L. R. Horrum, proxy		
Edgar	67	M. J. Hull	S. J. Whitten	E. E. Howard, proxy.
Aurora	68	Jesse S. Miller	T. A. McKay	D. Bates, proxy.
Fortitude	69	J. W. Thraikill, pxy		
Sterling	70	Alfred Shipman	John C. Mann	
Trowel	71	A. M. Cool		

Your committee also reports the presence of Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, from the following Grand Lodges:

Alabama .....	JAMES W. CHADDUCK.
Arkansas .....	SAMUEL W. HAYES.
Canada .....	ROBERT C. JORDAN.
Connecticut .....	ALFRED G. HASTINGS.
Delaware .....	EDWIN A. ALLEN.
District of Columbia.....	CHARLES F. CATLIN.
Florida.....	HIRAM C. RIDER.
Idaho .....	JAMES A. TULLEYS.
Illinois .....	GEORGE H. THUMMEL.
Indiana .....	HARRY P. DEUEL.
Iowa.....	ROBERT W. FURNAS.
Kansas.....	ROBERT C. JORDAN.
Manitoba.....	EDWIN F. WARREN.
Michigan .....	DANIEL H. WHEELER.
Minnesota .....	ROBERT C. JORDAN.
Mississippi.....	J. M. BURKS.
Montana .....	CHARLES F. GOODMAN.
Nevada .....	J. R. REED.
New Brunswick .....	EDWIN A. ALLEN.
New Jersey .....	JAMES R. CAIN.
North Carolina.....	ROBERT W. FURNAS.
Nova Scotia .....	CHARLES F. CATLIN.
Ohio .....	ROBERT W. FURNAS.
Oregon .....	HENRY BROWN.
Texas .....	MARTIN DUNHAM.
Vermont.....	WILLIAM R. BOWEN.
Virginia.....	WILLIAM E. HILL.
Washington Territory .....	CHARLES A. HOLMES.
West Virginia .....	H. T. DAVIS.
Wyoming .....	ROLLAND H. OAKLEY.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. F. THORP, } Committee on  
C. F. GOODMAN, } Credentials.

M. W. Bro. Thomas J. Pickett, Past Grand Master of Masons in Illinois and Kentucky, now entered the Grand Lodge, and was received with due honor.

The Grand Secretary read the Grand Master's

#### ADDRESS.

*Brethren of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska:*

Believing it my duty to remain at the post assigned me by the State of Nebraska, I am compelled to forego the pleasure of meeting with you upon

the twenty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. I had fondly hoped to be with you, but I, for a second time, must be recorded as absent since my first meeting with you twelve years ago. I wish you all good cheer, and a pleasant, harmonious and beneficial meeting—"brethren dwelling together in unity."

What follows has been hastily written, away from home, almost without data, and in spare moments taken from most arduous duties.

It becomes my sad duty at this time to inform you of the death of M. W. Bro. Frank Welch, P. G. M., who died at Neligh, in this State, after a very brief illness, on the 4th day of September last. At the time of the receipt of the news of his death your Grand Master, together with other officers and members of this Grand Body, were at Camp Wheeler, near Omaha, in field encampment of the Grand Commandery of the State. I at once repaired to Norfolk, the late home of our deceased brother, where I found the body of your Past Grand Master carefully guarded by the brethren of Mosaic Lodge. Funeral obsequies were held, Jordan Lodge, No. 27 (of which our deceased brother was a member), Northern Light Lodge, No. 41, and Mosaic Lodge, No. 55, assisting in the ceremonies upon that solemn occasion. His body was then conveyed under escort of brethren of Lodges above named to Wisner, terminus of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley Railroad, where it was received by Mt. Calvary Commandery, No. 1 (of which our deceased brother was a Sir Knight), and by special train conveyed to Omaha, where it lay in state at Freemasons' Hall for several hours. Most solemn and impressive ceremonies were held, participated in by the Lodges of Omaha and many brethren from other portions of the State, as well as by citizens generally of Omaha and the State at large.

The brethren at Omaha had erected a most beautiful catafalque in the center of the Hall, upon which rested the casket containing the remains of your Past Grand Master, amid folds of drapery and garlands of flowers. Great credit and much praise is due the brethren and kind ladies who assisted them, for the manner in which they draped and decorated the Temple upon this occasion, it being the verdict of *all* present that it was the most beautiful and sublime spectacle ever seen by them.

At these ceremonies your Grand Master was assisted by P. G. M.: George Armstrong, R. C. Jordan, D. H. Wheeler, H. P. Deuel, Martin Dunham, A. G. Hastings and Geo. W. Lininger; also, R. W. Bro. Wm. R. Bowen, Grand Secretary, and V. W. Bro. Frank E. Bullard, Grand Chaplain, and the officers and brethren of Lodges at Omaha. Telegrams were sent to all Past Grand Masters, notifying them of these ceremonies, but some of the messages failed to reach their destination in time for the brethren to be present, causing much sorrow and regret.

From Omaha the body of your Past Grand Master was conveyed to Boston, Mass., by special car, with escort, consisting of your Grand Master and Sir Knights, Past Grand Master Geo. W. Lininger, V. W. Frank E. Bullard, Past Masters C. F. Catlin and E. K. Long, of Covert Lodge, W. C. P. Mathewson, of Mosaic Lodge, Stephen K. Jackson, S. W. of Capitol Lodge and John S. McClary, of Mosaic Lodge, where it was deposited in its

final resting-place, under the auspices of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, as will appear from the following, taken from the published proceedings of said Lodge, under date of Friday, September 13, 1878:

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at twenty minutes past one o'clock P.M. There were present at the opening, M. W. Edward K. Valentine, Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, and R. W. George W. Lininger, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of that State. The Grand Master appointed R. W. Tracy P. Cheever as Recording Grand Secretary for the day, and administered to him the official obligation. The following brethren from Nebraska were introduced and welcomed by the Grand Master, viz:

W. Rev. FRANK E. BULLARD, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Sir CHARLES F. CATLIN, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska.

Sir EBEN K. LONG, Past Grand Prelate.

Sir STEPHEN K. JACKSON.

Sir JOHN S. MCCLARY.

W. Bro. CHARLES P. MATHEWSON.

The Grand Master announced the object of this Special Communication to be the performance of suitable Masonic funeral services over the remains of the Honorable Frank Welch, Past Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, a member of Congress and a distinguished citizen of that State, who has recently died. To participate in this final honor to their deceased associate and brother, his eminent brethren from Nebraska had journeyed to this commonwealth, having his remains in their charge.

By command of the Grand Master, the Grand Marshal then formed a procession in the following order, viz:

Grand Tiler.  
Grand Deacons.  
D. D. Grand Masters.  
Past Grand Wardens.  
Senior and Junior Grand Wardens.  
Brethren from Nebraska as invited guests of the Grand Lodge.  
Deputy Grand Master.  
M. W. Edward K. Valentine, Grand Master of Nebraska,  
with the M. W. Grand Master.

The procession, under the escort of Boston Commandery of Knights Templar, E. Sir James H. Upham, Commander, moved to the First New Jerusalem Church, on Bowdoin street, where solemn religious services were held by the pastor, Rev. James Reed.

At the conclusion of the services in the church, the procession was reformed, and the body of the deceased was received by the Grand Lodge. Under the escort of the Commandery, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the Boston & Providence Railroad station, where cars were taken for the station at Forest Hills. From there the procession repaired to the cemetery, the mourners attending in carriages. At the cemetery the solemn funeral ceremonies of the ritual were impressively performed by the M. W. Grand Master, assisted by the Acting Grand Chaplain.

Prior to the benediction the Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, by request of the Grand Master, offered a prayer, and M. W. Edward K. Valentine, in feeling and appropriate terms, bade farewell to his eminent predecessor, whose mortal remains were then consigned to the soil of his native commonwealth.

At the conclusion of the services the Grand Lodge returned to the railroad station, and was closed in AMPLE FORM at five o'clock P.M.

Our reception and treatment by the M. W. Grand Master and brethren of Massachusetts was most courteous, kind and generous, and I desire that this Grand Lodge shall in a suitable manner, at this time, express its gratitude to the M. W. Grand Master and brethren of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, E. Commander Sir Jas. H. Upham and Sir Knights of Boston Commandery, and especially to M. W. Bro. Charles A. Welch,

R. W. Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, W. Bro. Alf. F. Chapman, Sir Knights Edward A. White, J. Francis Lotts, and J. F. Samson, for the brotherly and courteous treatment bestowed by them upon your Grand Master and the delegation accompanying him upon that solemn occasion.

Upon leaving this Grand Jurisdiction at that time I requested the R. W. Grand Secretary to notify the several Lodges of the death of our eminent brother. He performed that duty by issuing one of the most beautiful tributes it has ever been my pleasure to read; and desiring to call your especial attention to it I herewith submit it as a part of my report:

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA, ANGLICAN FREE AND ACC. MASONS.  
GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, FREEMASONS' HALL.  
OMAHA, September 9. 1878.

*Brother Freemasons:*

Since Wednesday last our Grand Master, Frank Welch, has not been seen of men. Death then took him from our view. He was stricken down with unfinished designs upon his trestle-board, skilled workman as he was. His work was not done; his death was untimely, and his brethren mourn.

To-day all that remains of him on earth has been taken hence to a distant country for interment. Yet even there the honors due his life, his integrity and his many virtues, will be given by our fraternity. And as we bid farewell to one so dear to us, we feel that one more tie to earth is loosened, so weary are we of life's grief and sorrow.

True, we will resume our labors; will again plod and delve; will soon cease to feel the pang of his loss; but while we live, who knew him, his memory will be cherished, his loss will be deplored, his absence will be regretted. For he was good and true and noble; upright and steadfast as became a man; kind and charitable as became a Mason; strong and wise as became a leader. He was our Grand Master; and, neglecting none of the duties he owed his family, his neighbor, his country or his God, he met the many and varied duties of the station with honor to himself and us all.

In token of our sorrow let all our Lodges and working tools be draped with mourning until the Festival of St. John the Evangelist; and let it be made of record in each Lodge that almost the youngest of our Grand Masters was the first to pass from earth.

In the absence of the Grand Master,

WM. R. BOWEN, *Grand Secretary.*

At the time of the decease of our eminent brother, he was the sole member of Congress from the State of Nebraska, and during the latter part of February, 1879, in the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, appropriate memorial services were held, at which time several addresses were delivered. These addresses have been collated, and will shortly be printed in book form, containing an excellent steel portrait engraving of our late brother, and it will be my pleasure to procure and present to this Grand Lodge, the Officers and Past Grand Officers thereof, and to each of the subordinate Lodges, a copy of this memorial.

Having received appeals for help from our brethren in a number of the Southern States, who were stricken with the terrible scourge of yellow fever, I, on the 6th day of September, 1878, issued the following circular, addressed to the Master of each subordinate Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction:

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA, A. F. AND A. M.  
OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER, WEST POINT, September 6. 1878.

*Dear Sir and Brother:*

Our brethren in the South are stricken with that terrible scourge, the Yellow Fever. They are prostrate, and they call upon us for aid. A small contribution from each Lodge in this jurisdiction is asked for their relief.

I fraternally urge that, at the earliest possible moment, this call be presented to your Lodge, either at a regular or special meeting, and that such sum as your Lodge thinks proper be at once raised out of the funds of the Lodge, or by voluntary contributions.

The funds so contributed may be forwarded to the office of the Grand Secretary, at Omaha, and they will be at once distributed among our destitute brethren of the South.

Given under my hand and seal the day and year above written.

E. K. VALENTINE, *Grand Master*.

I am informed that the brethren responded most liberally, but having directed all contributions to be sent to the R. : W. : Grand Secretary, I am unable to state the amount so contributed, but I doubt not you will find it embodied in his report.

On the 17th day of August, 1878, I received from Bro. : M. M. Tait, M. : W. : Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, a proclamation issued by him on the 28th of June, 1878, together with voluminous correspondence, touching the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, by invading the territory and jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. I addressed the following communication to Grand Master Tait, touching the subject:

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA, ANC. : FREE AND ACC. : MASONS.

GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE, WEST POINT, Aug. 17, 1878.

M. M. TAIT, Esq., M. : W. : Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Quebec:

M. : W. : *Sir and Brother*.—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of yours of 28th of June last, covering your proclamation and correspondence with reference to action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. I will cause the same to be laid before the Grand Lodge of Nebraska at its next regular session, for its action, and I have no doubt, my dear sir and brother, that your action will be as heartily indorsed and approved by the Grand Lodge as it is by

Yours fraternally,

E. K. VALENTINE, *Grand Master*.

I herewith submit all papers received, and ask that you take such action as you may deem necessary in the premises.

At the last session of this Grand Lodge charters were granted four Lodges, to-wit:

Aurora Lodge, No. 68, located at Aurora, in Hamilton county.

Fortitude Lodge, No. 69, located at Ulysses, in Butler county.

Sterling Lodge, No. 70, located at Sterling, Johnson county.

Trowel Lodge, No. 71, located at Neligh, Antelope county.

These Lodges have all been instituted, and their officers duly installed, and from reports received I am satisfied they are doing good square work.

I have issued dispensations for the formation of the following new Lodges, to-wit:

Dec. 26th, 1878. To ten Master Masons, authorizing and empowering them to open and hold a Lodge at Alexandria, Thayer county, to be known as Alexandria Lodge, with Bro. : J. H. Enslow as Master, Bro. : George W. Enslow as Senior Warden, and Bro. : J. B. Given as Junior Warden. They were recommended by Hebron Lodge, No. 43, together with the necessary certificate of Bro. : A. K. Marsh, Custodian of the Fifth District.

Also upon the same day to eight Master Masons, authorizing them to open and hold a Lodge at Sidney, in Cheyenne county, to be known as Frank Welch Lodge, with Bro. : N. F. Hazen as Master, Bro. : Peter Smith as Senior Warden, and Bro. : J. A. Carly as Junior Warden. They were

recommended by Platte Valley Lodge, No. 32, together with the necessary certificate of Bro. F. N. Dick, Custodian of the Fourth District. I am informed that these new Lodges are working in peace and harmony, that they are prosperous, and are now represented on this floor by skilled workmen ready to exhibit satisfactory evidence of their skill and ability to manage and conduct the affairs of a Lodge. They will apply for charters; I recommend that they be granted. Saline Lodge, U. D., located at Friend, Saline county, and Hooper Lodge, U. D., located at Hooper, Dodge county, continued at last session, will also apply for charters, and I recommend that they be granted.

I have, upon application from constituent Lodges, granted several special dispensations to install their officers, they having failed to do so at the proper time.

I have received many letters asking official information on matters pertaining to the interests of the craft. These have been answered, and without exception, by reference to our Grand Lodge by-laws, rules, and regulations, and the dicta of my predecessors. I have nothing, therefore, to submit for your consideration in the way of official decisions.

After consultation with R. W. Hiram C. Rider, Grand Lecturer, I, on the 3d day of July, 1878, notified the several Custodians to meet at the office of the Grand Secretary in Omaha, on the 22d of said month, for examination and instruction. Several of these brethren met with him at that time, and part of two days were spent in profitable manner by reviewing and exemplifying the work.

On July 3d, I granted permission to the brethren of Osceola Lodge, No. 65, to remove their Lodge furniture into a new hall.

On July 18th, I granted a special dispensation to the Wardens and brethren of Western Star Lodge, No. 2, to elect and install a Master, *vice* R. W. Bro. E. F. Warren, promoted.

August 21st, I granted permission to the Master, Wardens and brethren of Ashler Lodge, No. 33, to appear in public procession and assist in the laying of the corner stone of a public high school building at Grand Island, and issued my proxy to M. W. Bro. R. C. Jordan, P. G. M., authorizing him to officiate and conduct said ceremonies.

November 7th, I granted permission to the Master, Wardens and brethren of Aurora Lodge, No. 68, to meet and hold sessions of their Lodge at the town of Hamilton (being about three-fourths of a mile distant from Aurora, that being the place where they held their Lodge while working under dispensation), until such time as they would have completed their Lodge-room at Aurora.

Dec. 14th, I issued special dispensation to the Master, Wardens and brethren of Bellevue Lodge, No. 1, to elect officers, they having failed to do so at the proper time.

January 13th, 1879, I granted permission to the Master, Wardens and brethren of White Cloud Lodge, No. 78, of White Cloud, Kansas, to receive petition of Augustus Hall for the degrees of Masonry, he being a resident of this Grand Jurisdiction.

January 18th, I issued special dispensation to the Master, Wardens and brethren of Western Star Lodge, No. 2, to confer the degree of Master Mason on a Fellow Craft of said Lodge in shorter time than prescribed by our rules and regulations, collecting the usual fee. The application in this case was recommended by M. W. Bro. W. E. Hill, P. G. M.

Also, special dispensation to the Master, Wardens and brethren of Omadi Lodge, No. 5, authorizing them to elect and install officers, they having failed to do so at the proper time as prescribed by law.

February 3d, I granted special dispensation to the Master, Wardens and brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 25, authorizing them to receive the petition of a brother for affiliation, holding membership in the Grand Jurisdiction of New York.

Also, directed the R. W. Grand Secretary to issue circular letter to all Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, notifying them that a Lodge of Instruction would be held at Fremont, commencing at 10 o'clock A.M., February 25, under direction and supervision of R. W. Bro. Hiram C. Rider, Grand Lecturer.

Also, upon same day notified R. W. Bro. James A. Tulleys, D. G. M., of my intended immediate departure from this Grand Jurisdiction, since which date Bro. Tulleys has performed the duties of Grand Master, and will make official report of his doings as such.

And now, my brethren, I am ready to surrender to your care and direction the gavel you so generously bestowed on me one year ago, feeling sorry indeed that I have been prevented, by causes unforeseen at the time I accepted the trust, from performing the important duties assigned me, attendant upon this high and honorable position, in a manner more satisfactory to myself. I cannot surrender my gavel, however, until I return my thanks to the officers and brethren who have so kindly assisted me during the past year, and especially to our R. W. Grand Secretary, than whom no better is in the land.

E. K. VALENTINE, *Grand Master*

The Deputy Grand Master then addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

*Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

In accordance with the regulations of the Grand Lodge, I herewith present a brief report of my official acts during the absence of M. W. E. K. Valentine, Grand Master, from this jurisdiction, of which I received official notice on the 5th of February last.

#### NEW LODGES.

I have issued dispensations for the formation of new Lodges as follows, to wit:

March 15 I received a petition from Bro. Martin L. Schermerhorn, and twenty-six others, asking for a dispensation to form a new Lodge at Nelson, Nebraska, to be known as Nelson Lodge, with Bro. Martin L. Schermerhorn as Master, Bro. William A. Scott as Senior Warden, and Bro. Howard A. Stokes as Junior Warden.

The petition was recommended by Edgar Lodge, No. 67, and accompanied with a certificate from R. W. Hiram C. Rider, Grand Lecturer. I issued the dispensation to eleven of said brethren, that number only having been vouched for as Master Masons in good standing.

This has been a serious inconvenience to the Lodge, so much so that they have done no work, and I would recommend that the dispensation be continued another year, with the addition of the names of such of the petitioners as can furnish evidence that they are in good Masonic standing.

March 29, on recommendation of Riverton Lodge, No. 63, I issued a dispensation to Bro. W. E. Hatch, and fifteen others, to form a Lodge at Bloomington, Nebraska, to be known as Joppa Lodge, with Bro. Geo. W. Sheppard as Master, Bro. W. E. Hatch as Senior Warden, and Bro. Simon W. Sweitzer as Junior Warden.

I granted this dispensation without a certificate from the Custodian, having a personal knowledge that the three principal officers were competent to confer the degrees in a suitable and impressive manner.

The petitions and accompanying papers in each case are herewith presented.

#### SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

I have issued the following special dispensations:

February 13. To P. G. M. A. G. Hastings, to confer the Past Master's degree on the Master-elect and to install the officers of Livingstone Lodge.

February 27. To Rock Bluffs Lodge, No. 20, to install officers.

February 13. Approved amendment to By-Laws of Beatrice Lodge, No. 26.

February 28. Approved seal of Wahoo Lodge, No. 59.

February 13. Permission to Saline Lodge, U. D., to confer the F. C. and M. M. degrees on an E. A. Mason from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, his own Lodge having given consent thereto.

February 28. Approved amendment to by-laws of Platte Valley Lodge, No. 32.

March 24. Learning that Frank Welch Lodge, U. D., were very desirous of a visit from some one competent to instruct them, I authorized Bro. C. H. Gould, P. M., of Lincoln Lodge, No. 19, to visit them for that purpose.

May 8. I received official notice from Hope Lodge, No. 29, of the expulsion of Frank Rother for non-payment of dues and refusal or neglect to answer citation. As I deemed the matter somewhat irregular, and not in accordance with the Grand Lodge By-Laws, the action of said Lodge was disapproved.

May 14. Permission given to Joppa Lodge, U. D., to confer the F. C. and M. M. degrees on Jacob L. Kaley in less than the regular time, the required fee having been received and paid into the Grand Lodge fund.

May 15. Permission given to Hope Lodge, No. 29, to remove from Hillsdale to Nemaha City.

March 18. Learning that some difficulty had arisen among the brethren in Ashland Lodge, No. 24, I visited Ashland for the purpose of ascertaining

the facts in the case, and learned that they had not held a meeting for some eight or nine months; but finding a sufficient number of the brethren desirous of resuming labor, I gave them a dispensation to elect and install officers within thirty days, and I learn from P. G. M. Hastings, who installed the officers, that they are now working harmoniously.

OFFICIAL DECISIONS.

A large majority of the inquiries received from subordinate Lodges have been answered by a simple reference to former decisions, or to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

I submit my decisions on a few points, however, with regard to which there may be some difference of opinion.

1. There is no law in this jurisdiction preventing a Lodge from meeting in the same hall with other secret orders not Masonic, but it is not advisable where it can be conveniently avoided.

2. There is no law prohibiting the organization of a new Lodge within eight miles of an old one.

3. The recommendation by a Lodge of a petition for dispensation does not demit such of its members as are petitioners.

4. A member of a Lodge in another jurisdiction is competent as a petitioner for a Lodge U. D. in this jurisdiction, but the Lodge recommending must be satisfied that he is in good standing in his own Lodge.

5. An officer of a chartered Lodge may also be an officer of a Lodge U. D.

6. A ballot should be taken on petition for the degrees or for membership, even if the report of the committee be unfavorable.

7. A candidate has no right to the names of a committee who report unfavorably on his petition.

Question.—Can a Masonic Lodge hold Lodge property in common with a Grange?

Answer.—They cannot.

On the 22d day of May, assisted by P. G. M. A. G. Hastings as D. G. M., Bro. J. H. Enslow as G. S. W., Bro. C. B. Coon as G. J. W., and Bro. S. J. Alexander as Grand Marshal, I laid the corner stone of the Baptist church in Alexandria with Masonic ceremonies. Quite a number of the Lodges in that part of the State were represented, and the utmost harmony and good feeling prevailed. Alexandria Lodge, U. D., was granted permission to appear in public procession on the occasion.

I have received notice that R. W. Bro. Robert Ramsay has been restored to good standing in his Lodge.

Bro. Ramsay was suspended in 1876, and being at that time our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Canada, the office was declared vacant by Grand Master Thummel, and so far as I am aware the vacancy has not since been filled. I present the matter for your consideration, and for whatever action (if any) you may deem necessary.

Thus, as briefly as possible, I have presented you a report of my official acts during the time that I have *ex-officio* acted as Grand Master, trusting

that you will correct any errors I may unintentionally have made, and that you will give your sanction to whatever you may find worthy of approval.

JAMES A. TULLEYS,  
Deputy Grand Master.

The preceding addresses and the following reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were referred to a special committee, consisting of Bros.: Furnas, 4, Davidson, 17, and Leese, 38.\*

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the M.: W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your Treasurer submits the following report:

To amount received from Grand Secretary.....	\$3,512 42
Charity Fund, principal and interest.....	176 47
Cr. by the following:	
Pay Roll.....	\$908 30
Order No. 105.....	93 30
"    106.....	75 00
"    107.....	300 00
"    108.....	75 00
"    109.....	50 00
"    110.....	8 00
"    111.....	300 00
"    112.....	200 00
"    113.....	116 68
"    114.....	38 00
"    115.....	44 60
"    116.....	92 35
"    117.....	9 80
"    118.....	4 00
"    119.....	8 00
"    120.....	20 00
"    121.....	350 00
"    122.....	75 00
"    123.....	75 00
"    124.....	75 00
Herein.....	59 75
Balance due Grand Lodge.....	711 11
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Balance due.....	\$3,688 89
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	\$3,688 89

MY BRETHREN:

On my return from the last session of the Grand Lodge I deposited the funds belonging to the Grand Lodge with the banking firm of Hiram P. Webb & Co., and paid orders as fast as presented, up to the second day of October, 1878, at which time the bank was closed, with \$711.11 to my credit as Grand Treasurer. I notified the Grand Secretary of the failure of the

\* NOTE.—These figures indicate the Lodge represented by the Brother whose name they follow.

bank and of the misfortune which had overtaken me. Since that time I have used every endeavor to secure the amount due the Grand Lodge, but up to this time have failed. It has placed me in a position that is indeed unenviable. I have tried hard to replace the amount, but could not. I regret that I am compelled to make this report, but I assure you, if I live, the Grand Lodge shall be paid every dollar with interest. If all is well, I will be able to pay a portion, if not all, within a year. Whatever your action may be in this matter, I ask that it may be tempered with that consideration that is ever extended by Masons to one of their number whom misfortune has overtaken, as indeed it has me.

Yours fraternally,

OLIVER M. ENLOW, *Grand Treasurer.*

BEATRICE, NEBRASKA, June 20, 1879.

### GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

IN GRAND LODGE, St. John's Day, 5879.

*To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

As your Secretary, I fraternally report: The performance of all duties pertaining to my office so far as circumstances permitted; the distribution in August of the printed proceedings of our last annual communication; the prompt issuance of all charters ordered; the keeping of an open office; the burial of the dead, and the dispensing of aid to the needy and relief to the distressed of our society.

I *submit* the following matters, which have been placed in the hands of the committees which met yesterday:

Hooper Lodge—Its dispensation, statement of work, records, proposed by-laws, petition for charter, and ten demits.

Saline Lodge—Its dispensation, statement of work, records, proposed by-laws, petition for charter, and ten demits.

Alexandria Lodge—Its dispensation, statement of work, records, and proposed by-laws.

Frank Welch Lodge—Its dispensation, statement of work, records, proposed by-laws, petition for charter, and seven demits.

Joppa Lodge—Its dispensation, statement of work, records, proposed by-laws, and eleven demits.

Nelson Lodge—Its dispensation, statement of work, and records.

The appeal of the Junior Warden of Washington Lodge, No. 21, from the acquittal by that Lodge of Bro.: Daniel H. O'Linn.

A complaint from Bro.: John J. Bennett, a member of Oliver Lodge, No. 38.

A complaint from Bro.: J. Lock, a member of Osceola Lodge, No. 65.

A query from the Master of Osceola Lodge, No. 65.

Proposed amendments to the by-laws of the following Lodges, viz: Falls City, No. 9, Crete, No. 37, Edgar, No. 67, Hastings, No. 50.

Sundry documents emanating from, and relative to, the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, New South Wales, Cuba, Colon, Quebec, and Manitoba.

During the year much has been done toward completing our files of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges, or ascertaining the impracticability of so doing.

At the last annual communication the Grand Lodge authorized me to pay an annual rental of fifty dollars for a fire-proof office-room. I have been unable to make any satisfactory arrangement of that kind, and now again submit the matter for your consideration, and for the further purpose of doing all in my power to avert the more than possible destruction of our records and property by fire.

The property of Jordan Lodge, No. 27, was burned a few days since, and I presume a new charter should be issued.

The following society periodicals are regularly received at my office, and are kept for the perusal of all comers:

#### MAGAZINES.

Masonic Eclectic, Washington City; Canadian Craftsman, Port Hope, Ontario; Voice of Masonry, Chicago and New York; Liberal Freemason, Boston; Freemason Repository, Providence; Michigan Freemason, Kalamazoo; Companion, Columbus; Masonic Review, Cincinnati; Freemasons' Monthly, Kalamazoo; Masonic Monthly, San Francisco, California; Masonic Jewel, Memphis.

#### NEWSPAPERS.

Australian Freemason, Sydney; Masonic Advocate, Indianapolis; Kelet Orient, Budapesth; The Freemason, Sydney, Australia; Our Home, Louisville; Corner Stone, New York; Masonic Newspaper, New York; Haynal, Budapesth; Bulletin Official, Havana; Bulletin Gr. . Or. . France, Paris; Bulletin Gr. . Or. . Recorte, Alexandria, Egypt; Bulletin Gr. . Or. . Belgium, Brussels; Bulletin Gr. . Or. . Berlin, Berlin.

The following newspapers of Nebraska are supplied by subordinate Lodges, and are kept on file for perusal and reference; they are of much interest and value to Freemasons seeking locations and business in our State:

Republican, Omaha; Herald, Omaha; Bee, Omaha; Journal, Lincoln; Independent, Wahoo; Thayer County Sentinel, Hebron; Adams County Gazette, Hastings; Falls City Press, Falls City; Central City Courier, Central City; Opposition, Wilber; Advertiser, Brownville; Herald, Juniata; Chief, Red Cloud; Sun, Schuyler; Herald, Fremont; Tribune, Fremont; Telegraph, Sidney; Republican, North Platte; Nebraskan, North Platte.

I received several inquiries from Lodges during the year as to the manner of acquiring and transferring real estate; and I herewith submit for the criticism of the Grand Lodge the substance of my replies:

Every Lodge of A. . F. . and A. . M. . in this State is a corporation, so made by the act of February 9, 1869. (General Statutes, 211.)

Every Lodge has power to hold and convey real estate in and by its corporate name.

The name of the Lodge is its corporate name.

Deeds to and by the Lodge should be made by its corporate name without the intervention of trustees.

In the case of ——— Lodge, a deed to it should be to “——— Lodge, No. —, of Ancient

Free and Accepted Masons," and a conveyance from the Lodge should be signed by that name, by — —, Master, and — —, Secretary, with the seal attached.

It is not necessary to file certificate of incorporation with county clerk.

A memorandum of funds received from our Lodges and sent to our brethren smitten with the yellow fever, will be found on my desk. I recommend that it be not published; and in this connection I present the following letter published in the Omaha *Herald*, being the first and only communication your secretary has ever addressed to the public press:

OMAHA, August 29, 1878.

*To the Editor of the Herald:*

In your editorial columns of this morning appears the following:

"As will be seen by a circular published in the local column, the Masons of the State are moving in earnest in the cause of relief for the scourge-smitten south."

Two conclusions might be drawn therefrom by the uninitiated: First, that the earnestness of Freemasons is proven by publicity. Second, that without publicity the Freemasons do nothing to relieve distress. In my judgment, both conclusions would be erroneous.

On occasion some years since, the Freemasons of Nebraska sent many dollars to relieve the distress of their brethren on the lower Mississippi, as our Omaha bankers can testify. Probably more dollars were thus sent than have yet been transmitted by our entire State this season, and it was done, as our Grand Master asked it should be, "quickly and quietly"; but until now no mention of it has reached the public here.

May it not be safely concluded by the *Herald* and its readers, that in the present distress the Freemasons of Nebraska are doing their whole duty, and yet the record be not published for years to come, if ever.

Individually and Masonically I avoid newspaper mention, *as you know*, but duty seems to dictate this reference to your paragraph.

Respectfully,

WM. R. BOWEN.

I cannot even name to the Grand Lodge the many prominent Freemasons of America.—Hayneman, Wheeler and others,—who within the year have passed to the farther land—to others belongs that task; but upon me devolves the painful announcement of the recent decease of Brothers Charles H. Titus and Thomas J. Corson, strong and true men, beloved of our fraternity for their excellent works, pillars of strength and beauty in our fabric. To the bereaved jurisdictions of Massachusetts and New Jersey we should send some word of consolation, some tribute to the memory of these lost ones.

With sorrow alluding to our own great loss, I suggest that the portrait of Grand Master Welch be published with the proceedings of this communication.

*I submit for consideration:*

Whether any change should be made in our law regarding non-affiliates—should they, as now, be deprived of their rights without trial?

Whether any change should be made in the manner of granting demits—should the modes of demission more closely follow those of admission?

Should we require those whom we make Master Masons to prove their familiarity with our working tools before we permit them to work and travel as such?

Should the Grand Lodge foster and stimulate the yearly observance by

each Lodge of some festival, holiday or anniversary — by sociable, picnic, or what not,— thus promoting the social features of our society?

Is it desirable that the Grand Secretary should visit the Lodges of the jurisdiction? If so, I offer to visit each Lodge on condition that the cost of my transportation and one-half the cost of living while making trips be refunded to me. I do not press this idea upon the Grand Lodge, but present it for consideration, being willing to give the time necessary to make the visits.

WM. R. BOWEN,

*Grand Secretary.*

A request made by Past Grand Master Jordan, Representative from the Grand Lodge of Canada, for the reappointment of Bro.: Robert Ramsay as our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Canada, was referred to the Grand Master.

The following report from the special committee on the addresses and reports of Grand Lodge office-bearers was agreed to:

*To the M.: W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

The committee to which was referred the annual addresses of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, and the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, recommends the following references:

That portion of the Grand Master's address relating to the death of Past Grand Master Welch, to a select committee of five.

That portion of same relating to our scourge-stricken brethren of the South, to the same committee.

That portion of same referring to the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Scotland, to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

That portion of same relating to dispensations for new Lodges at Alexandria and Sidney, to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

All other acts and doings of same, to the committee on Jurisprudence.

That portion of the R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master's Address referring to dispensations granted for new Lodges at Nelson and Bloomington, to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That portion referring to omission of Custodian's certificate in matter of dispensation for Joppa Lodge, to committee on Jurisprudence.

That portion of same relating to special dispensations and official decisions of same, to committee on Jurisprudence.

That portion of same referring to Bro.: Robert Ramsay, Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Canada, to same committee.

That the R.: W.: Grand Treasurer's report be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much of the R.: W.: Grand Secretary's report as refers to aid rendered our distressed brethren in the South, be referred to a special committee of three.

That the "replies" (or decisions) of the Grand Secretary be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

That the suggestions submitted by him for consideration, be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

That portion of same referring to magazines and newspapers, be referred to a special committee of three.

That portion relating to papers and matters of Hooper, Saline, Alexandria, Frank Welch and Joppa Lodges, be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That portion of same relating to appeals and complaints of the Junior Warden of Washington Lodge, No. 21; Bro.: John J. Bennett, of Oliver Lodge, No. 38, and Bro.: J. Lock, of Osceola Lodge, No. 65, be referred to the committee on Grievances.

That the query from the Master of Osceola Lodge, No. 65, be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

That the proposed amendments to the by-laws of Falls City, Crete and Hastings Lodges, be referred to the committee on By-Laws from Chartered Lodges.

That portion of same referring to fire-proof office-room, be referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

That portion referring to the death of Bros.: Hayneman, Wheeler, Titus, Corson and others, be referred to each of the Grand Representatives from the jurisdictions of which the deceased brethren were members.

That portion of same relating to publishing with our proceedings the portrait of Past Grand Master Welch, be referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted.

R. W. FURNAS,	} <i>Special Committee.</i>
S. P. DAVIDSON,	
WM. LEESE,	

On motion of Past Grand Master Wheeler, all sojourning Freemasons in good standing were invited to be present during the sessions of this Grand Lodge.

The Deputy Grand Master announced the following committees:

*On Visiting Brethren* — Bros.: Rolland H. Oakley, 19; George P. Tucker, 54, and Edward J. Weaver, 64.

*On Credentials* — Bros.: Edward F. Thorp, 2; Charles F. Goodman, 3, and Charles L. Lamb, 41.

*On Accounts* — P.: G.: M.: George H. Thummel, P.: G.: M.: Alfred G. Hastings and Bro.: Charles H. Willard, 21.

*On Charters and Dispensations* — Bros.: George B. France, 56; Newton R. Persinger, 36; George K. Amory, 54, and Ezra E. Metz, 9.

*On By-Laws from Chartered Lodges* — Bros.: Samuel W. Hayes, 55; Milton J. Hull, 67; Samuel G. Owen, 19, and William W. Turk, 40.

*On Foreign Correspondence* — The Grand Secretary and Bros.: Daniel H. Wheeler, 6, and Rolland H. Oakley, 19.

*On Ways and Means* — Bros.: Charles A. Holmes, 17; Jesse S. Miller, 68; Charles P. Mathewson, 55; Horace M. Wells, 37, and Josiah E. Cramer, 48.

*On Charity* — Bros.: Caleb A. Miller, 18; Albert C. Robbins, 60, and William H. Lengel, 61.

*On Grievances* — Bros.: Robert C. Jordan, 33; Joseph L. Edwards, 23; Martin Ennis, 62, and George Cross, 35.

*On Unfinished Business* — P.: G.: M.: Alfred G. Hastings; James W. Chadduck, 12, and Hugh C. VanDervort, 47.

*On Pay-Roll* — Bros.: James Reed, 2; Charles E. Sumner, 34, and William J. Turner, 44.

*On Returns* — Bros.: Eben K. Long; Louis H. Korty, 3; Ira G. Dillon, 42, and James S. France, 11.

*On Grand Master's Address* — Bros.: Robert W. Furnas, 4; Samuel P. Davidson, 17, and William Leese, 38.

*On those portions of the Grand Master's Address relating to death of Past Grand Master Welch, and to our scourge-stricken brethren of the South* — Bro.: Charles F. Catlin, 11; P.: G.: M.: George W. Lininger, and Bros.: Lorenzo Crounse, 10; Edward S. Past, 43, and Francis M. Davis, 44.

*On Grand Treasurer's Report* — Bros.: Daniel H. Wheeler, 6; Josiah E. Cramer, 48, and Albert K. Marsh, 49.

*On that portion of the Grand Secretary's Report relating to aid rendered our distressed brethren* — Bros.: Forington W. Redford, 38; John J. Wemple, 50, and Ezra E. Howard, 67.

The Grand Lodge was now called from labor to refreshment until half-past eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

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## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 5879.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 8:30 o'clock, the Deputy Grand Master presiding.

The Grand Lecturer submitted his report, and those of the Custodians of the first, second and sixth districts. The recommendation of the Custodian of the second district, R.: W.: Samuel W. Hayes, that our work be taught at each annual communication of the Grand Lodge, was referred to a special committee consisting of Past Deputy Grand Master Rider, and Bros.: Persinger, 36, and Polsley, 59. On the

recommendation of the committee, it was concluded to be inexpedient to exemplify the work at this session.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations made report, which was adopted, recommending that charters be granted the following Lodges, heretofore working under dispensation, viz: Hooper, Saline, Alexandria, Frank Welch and Joppa, and that the by-laws of said Lodges be approved; also, that Nelson Lodge be continued under dispensation, and that the charter of Jordan Lodge, No. 27, be renewed.

The annual election was made the special order for three o'clock this afternoon.

The committee on By-Laws from Chartered Lodges made report, which was adopted, recommending approval of the proposed amendments to the by-laws of Falls City Lodge, No. 9; Crete Lodge, No. 37, and Edgar Lodge, No. 67; also, approval of part of the proposed amendments to the by-laws of Hastings Lodge, No. 50.

On motion of Bro.: France, 11, and by unanimous consent, the words, "*or other cause*," were stricken from Article 10, Section 5, of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge, relative to Masonic offenses (page 94 of '78); said words conflicting with section 14 of the by-laws (page 84 of '78).

R.: W.: Bro.: Edwin F. Warren, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, submitted the following; the accompanying resolution was adopted:

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

The undersigned has the honor to hold a commission under the broad seal of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, as Representative of that Grand Body near this Grand Lodge, and it has seemed to me requisite that I should call your attention to the painful — I had almost said disgraceful — state of affairs in that jurisdiction, to the end that some action, if any be needed, may be taken by us, that will tend to sustain the just exercise of lawful Masonic authority in that jurisdiction, and to stamp with our disapproval, insubordination and rebellion.

Personally, I am, of course, unacquainted with a single member of the

fraternity in that jurisdiction, and whatever information I have has been derived from the official records, and from them, upon both sides of the unfortunate controversy, it seems to me that but one conclusion can be reached. But one Grand Lodge can exist and exercise lawful authority in Manitoba, but at the present time two are claiming to be lawfully in being, and each is demanding recognition from the subordinate Lodges in that jurisdiction, and appealing to the other Grand Lodges of the world for support against the pretensions of its adversary. I present you herewith as brief a synopsis of the state of affairs there as is consistent with an understanding thereof, and the conclusions I have drawn from the situation.

Prior to the meeting of the Grand Lodge in June, 1878, in regular communication, M.: W.: George F. Newcomb, Grand Master, had had occasion to exert his authority to suppress insubordination on the part of the Grand Junior Warden, Bro.: E. G. Conklin, who was also Master of Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, and who having refused to obey the edicts of the Grand Master, had been suspended from his office of Master, and cited to appear before the Board of General Purposes and purge himself of his contempt. The trouble seems to have been one of establishing a ritual for that jurisdiction: in opposition to the wishes of some of the brethren, the Grand Lodge had adopted a ritual, and in so doing had offended certain brethren. Another grievance was the persistent refusal of said Lodge to properly inspect the material offered, and the receiving of unworthy men into membership. M.: W.: Bro.: Newcomb, speaking of the trouble, uses the following, which cannot be too highly commended:

Next to the Christian religion, I claim that our "Ancient and Honorable Institution of Free and Accepted Masons" can do more to elevate those who follow its teachings, to that standard of the "perfect man," which the G.: A.: O.: T.: U.: designed he should be, than any other institution in the world; but it *cannot make a square man out of stone, cracked, rotten, or full of shakes*. We do not claim for our institution the agency of a regenerating power, which can change a madman or fool into a man of common sense, or a thief into an honest man; hence the necessity of having incontestible evidence of the candidate's moral, social, and even intellectual worth. BEFORE we impart to him the secret mysteries of our Order. We require good material to begin upon, and then we can soon exhibit a polish reflecting the genuine principles of morality and virtue — a perfect ashlar.

Suffice it to say, that by the exercise of unusual moderation, discretion and tact, on the part of the Grand Master, all difficulties between himself as the Grand Master, and Prince Rupert's Lodge aforesaid; and Lisgar Lodge, No. 2, and its officers, were amicably adjusted by the tender of the following apology, addressed to the Grand Master:

I agree to submit to the "edict," dated 16th August, issued by the Grand Master, or any edict that he may issue as Grand Master; and that I express my regret that the matter has occurred at all, and had I understood it as an edict in the first instance, it would have been obeyed.

E. G. CONKLIN.

NOVEMBER 21, 1877.

The fire, however, was not quenched, but smouldered, and during the election of officers at the regular communication in June, 1878, burst into flame.

While the election was in progress, Bro.: Conklin had permission to retire, returned in company with others, and by his interruptions necessitated the

distribution of the ballot a third time, when the Grand Master very properly ordered that none be admitted after the ballots had been spread until after *that* election had been declared. During the progress of the next ballot Bro.: Conklin left his seat, looked through the wicket into the ante-room, returned to his station, and announced — no alarm or request for admission having been made — that certain brethren desired admission. The Grand Master ruled that none could be admitted at that stage of the ballot. Certain brethren then asked permission to retire, which being refused, — we suppose the Grand Master had the right to refuse, — Bro.: Carruthers remarked, "Well, I'm going anyway," and he and several brethren, including Conklin, *forced the door* and retired. So much disturbance was created by the seceding brethren that a peace officer was called in to secure quiet.

No notice seems to have been taken at that time of this astonishing misconduct, and to the undersigned the leniency of the Grand Lodge was almost phenomenal under the circumstances; and yet we cannot but commend the forbearance of the Grand Master, who still hoped to heal the breach without a resort to extreme measures. Bro.: Conklin, however, was not honored by an election to any position in the Grand Lodge.

Efforts were made by Grand Master Newcomb, ably seconded by his official assistants, to smooth over the difficulty, but without avail. Bro.: Conklin, assuming to act as Grand Junior Warden, which he was not, directed the Grand Secretary to call a special communication of the Grand Lodge. This was declined, whereupon the said Conklin, as Grand Junior Warden, issued his proclamation for an emergent communication on the 22d day of December, 1878. The Grand Master promptly interdicted the session, and issued his edict suspending Bro.: Conklin and other recalcitrants, and summoning an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge to consider the situation, at which session the sentence of suspension was confirmed, and the brethren named summoned to show cause at the next annual communication, in February then next, why sentence of expulsion should not be recorded against them.

I have not before me the proceedings of the so-called emergent communication of the Grand Lodge summoned by Bro.: Conklin, but I have what purport to be the proceedings of the *third annual communication* of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, held December 30, 1878, and of the *fourth annual communication* of said Grand Lodge, held January 22, 1879.

You will bear in mind that at the second annual session in 1877, which all concede was regular and legal, the next communication was appointed to be held June 12, 1878, but here we have what is called the *third annual session* six months after the time appointed. This so-called emergent communication, December 30, 1878, called pursuant to the notice signed by Bro.: Conklin, styling himself Grand Junior Warden, was presided over by W. N. Kennedy, a *Past Grand Master*, Dr. D. Young, *Senior Warden*, and D. G. Dick, *Junior Warden*, although the only authority, or shadow of authority, for the communication was the call signed by Bro.: Conklin, as Grand Junior Warden, an office, he seems to have abdicated as soon as Grand Lodge was opened, but before doing so must have appointed a full staff of Grand officers, and himself Grand Secretary, as he acted in that capacity.

On reading the schedule of grievances set out by the seceding brethren, as justifying their course, we find sundry alleged *irregularities* committed at the session held in June, 1878; notably the reports of the committee on Credentials, several rulings on questions of order by the Grand Master, violation of a promise as to the order in which business should be considered in Grand Lodge, complaints about the forcing of a certain ritual by the Grand Lodge upon the jurisdiction, and some other oppressions practiced by an (alleged) *minority upon the majority*, but we find nothing that would justify the disaffected, after having applied in turn, as their own record shows, to the Grand Master (Bro. Newcomb), to the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Senior Warden to call a communication of the Grand Lodge, and been refused, to pass the following:

“Resolved, That the communication called by summons of R. W. Bro. Conklin, Grand Junior Warden, approved by M. W. Bros. Kennedy and Black, and at the request of a majority of the members of Grand Lodge, be, and is hereby declared to be, the *third* annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, to take the place of that improperly held and conducted on the 12th of June last, and following days, and that the proceedings of that communication so improperly held and conducted be declared null and void.”

There you have it! Here we have a *fiat* Grand Lodge in full panoply, created from nothing by the breath of a former officer, who had no power to summon the Grand Lodge, with his three superior officers at home and declining so to summon it, even conceding him to have been such officer. And the whole proceedings of the June session are declared null and void. Then why apply in succession to the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Senior Warden, *elected at said June session*, to call a meeting of Grand Lodge? We think it too late for Bro. Conklin, and others, after having recognized the officers elected in June, 1878, as the legal officers, to repudiate them afterward; and we also think those assuming to act as officers December 30th in the seceding Grand Lodge had no shadow of authority for usurping the functions of offices to which there is no pretense they had even been elected and installed. To have been consistent, the rebellious brethren, who at one fell swoop proceeded to wipe out *everything* done in June, 1878, should have declared the officers elected and installed in June, 1877, still in office, but in destroying the fabric erected in 1878, without re-habilitating that in existence in 1877, they made a foolish and a fatal blunder. Moreover, there was no authority to hold the annual communication in December, 1878, the constitution as it existed in 1877 fixing June as the month, and as amended at that session, February was substituted.

But three weeks thereafter they had their *fourth* annual communication. We can account for this only on the supposition, which does violence to our previous theories on the subject, that Manitoba is so near the North Pole that they have only about thirty days in an entire year. At the *third* annual, the Grand Master elect *installed himself*, and, being comfortably in office, performed the like kindness for the others, though for ought we can see the others were equally able to take care of themselves.

We have read these “Proceedings” carefully through, and can find no shadow of justification either in the address or in the resolutions passed.

The creators of the spurious Grand Lodge claim to have been in the numerical majority in 1878, and to have had a majority of the constituted Lodges in sympathy with them in the matter of ritual. This claim is important, and it is either true or it is not true. If true, what shadow of a pretext does it leave the rebellious brethren for seceding and organizing a spurious Grand Lodge in defiance of regular authority, since they had the power either then, or by the coming of another session, to take the absolute control of the machinery of the Grand Lodge into their own hands; depose, lawfully and constitutionally, those who opposed their plan of ritual and of administration, and to carry out their own plans? If they possessed a majority, it leaves them no justification for their course; but if their claim is not true, and we are inclined to think it unfounded, then they are in an even worse plight, for it constitutes them rebels, acting in rank defiance of Masonic authority, and in violation of their obligation, upon whom the sentence of suspension, so justly pronounced, is an inadequate punishment.

We are constrained to believe the words of Grand Master Newcomb, in the opening of his address at the fourth annual communication, in February, 1879:

"On assuming the honorable position of Grand Master, one of the first indispensable duties which met me was to change a very pernicious custom, viz: that of *the Craft ruling the Grand Master*. To such an extent had this custom prevailed that he was merely considered a 'figure head,' consequently an administration requiring obedience might be expected to be attended with difficulties such as met me in the discipline of the members and Lodges in this jurisdiction."

These records show Bro. Newcomb in a most favorable light, in view of the great difficulties in his way. He is able, courteous, yielding for the sake of peace as long as there remained a hope of honorable settlement, but inflexible when his authority was ignored and his power defied. We, and all lovers of the Order, all who desire to see lawful authority upheld, should strengthen the hands of Bro. Newcomb, and his successors in office, to the utmost.

My investigation leads me to the following conclusions:

1. The so-called Grand Lodge of Manitoba, of which W. N. Kennedy assumes to be Grand Master and E. G. Conklin, Grand Secretary, is **SPURIOUS**, and ought not to be recognized, because

- a. It was congregated without lawful authority.
- b. It met at a time not provided for in the Constitution.
- c. It was organized and presided over by Masons under sentence of suspension, and who are now under Masonic discipline.
- d. Its so-called Grand Master was self-installed.

2. The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, of which Rev. S. P. Matheson is Grand Master and John H. Bell is Grand Secretary, is the regularly and legally constituted Grand Lodge in that Province, and is entitled to recognition and support at our hands.

I therefore request the adoption of the following:

*Ordered*, That every Master Mason, hailing from the jurisdiction of Mani-

toba, before being allowed an examination for admission, or a seat in any Lodge in this jurisdiction, be required to produce a certificate under the seal of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, attested by John H. Bell (or his legal successor), Grand Secretary, of the applicant's fealty to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, heretofore recognized by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Fraternally submitted. E. F. WARREN,  
Grand Representative Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The following report was considered and adopted :

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Your special committee, to which was referred the Grand Treasurer's report, having carefully examined the same and informed ourselves upon the subject, fraternally submit the following :

We find, upon examination, that the Grand Secretary paid to the Grand Treasurer the sum of .....	\$3,512.42
Paid to Grand Treasurer, charity fund.....	176.91
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	\$3,689.33
Paid vouchers 105 to 124 . . . . .	\$2,918.03
Cash with report.....	59.75
Due Grand Lodge.....	711.55
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	\$3,689.33

Your committee regret that our Grand Treasurer is not present at this session to make in person such explanation as he might deem proper, and which he did not desire to present in writing.

Your committee are credibly informed and believe that the bond given by Bro.: Enlow is good, and that the money can be made by suit.

We would therefore recommend that Bro.: Enlow and his bondsmen be requested to pay said amount so found due at once ; and in case of failure or neglect to pay the same, the Grand Master and Grand Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to proceed at once to collect the amount due by a proper suit at law.

D. H. WHEELER, }  
J. E. CRAMER, } Special  
A. K. MARSH, } Committee.

The committee on Grievances made report, which was adopted, affirming the action of Washington Lodge, No. 21, in its acquittal of Bro.: Daniel H. O'Linn, on the first specification of the charge against him, and remanding the case back to the Lodge for a rehearing on the second and third specifications; also staying further advancement of Fellow Craft Henry L. Bond, in Osceola Lodge, No. 65, and submitting the matter to the Grand Master for adjustment.

A complaint from Hastings Lodge, No. 50, that Juniata Lodge, No. 42, had, without jurisdiction, initiated, passed and raised one T. T. Jones, was referred to the committee on Grievances, which committee made a report recommending that the matter be referred to the Grand Master for mandatory adjustment, which recommendation was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

Bros.: Adle and Gant, 12, and Bro.: Graham, 33, were excused from further attendance at this communication.

The Grand Secretary submitted for criticism a form of bond for such officers of the Grand Lodge as are required to give same; the form was referred to Bros.: Weaver, 9, Warren (G.: J.: W.:), and Davidson, 17, for consideration.

Whereupon the Grand Lodge was called to refreshment until half-past one o'clock this afternoon.

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## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 1879.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, Deputy Grand Master Tulleys in the East.

The committee on Foreign Correspondence made report, which was adopted, recommending that all documents and correspondence relative to the Grand Lodges of Cuba, Colon and New South Wales, be referred, at the close of this session, to a special committee of three, with the Grand Secretary as chairman. The committee also returned, without comment, all documents relating to the difficulty in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, the subject having been disposed of by action on the report of R.: W.: Bro.: Warren, Representative of that Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. Daniel H. Wheeler, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, submitted the following report:

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M.*

The undersigned Representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, near this Grand Lodge, would fraternally submit the following brief report:

The Thirty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan was held at Jackson, Michigan, commencing January 28, 1879; all the grand officers were present, and there were present representatives from 335 of the 350 Lodges. An admirable address was delivered by Grand Master John W. Finch, from which I extract the following: "Since the organization of Zion Lodge in Detroit in 1794, until the present time, Masonry has kept equal pace with the growth and prosperity of our State, comprehending within its scope of membership, many of the noblest minds and truest hearts which adorn our commonwealth."

Dispensations were granted for the formation of three new Lodges.

The following decisions were promulgated by the Grand Master, and approved by the Grand Lodge:

*Question.* A person is elected to the first degree, but before receiving it is taken sick; after his recovery he lets the matter rest for three years, for causes not under his control. Should not his election hold good, having paid for the degrees? If not, is he not entitled to the advanced fee?

*Answer.* If a person is prevented by sickness from taking his first degree, his election should hold good until his recovery; or the advanced fee should be returned to him.

*Question.* If, after a Brother is made a Mason he becomes an Atheist, has a Lodge a right to expel him?

*Answer.* A belief in Deity is a fundamental principle of Masonry. No Atheist can be made a Mason. If, after the building is erected we remove the foundation stone, the building falls. He has already ceased to be a Mason only in name, and should be expelled.

*Question.* A person residing within the jurisdiction of a Lodge whose charter is suspended, petitions the adjoining Lodge for initiation. His petition is received and referred to a committee, but before final action thereon the suspended charter is restored. Which Lodge is entitled to the material?

*Answer.* Section 4, Article 12, Grand Lodge Regulations, says: "By its personal jurisdiction a Lodge has the exclusive right to complete its work." The work having been legally begun, it should be completed by the Lodge having it in charge.

*Question.* An Entered Apprentice, initiated in Lodge A, removes to the jurisdiction of Lodge B, and applies for the Fellow Craft's degree in Lodge B. Lodge A waives jurisdiction and grants permission to Lodge B to complete the work. The petition is received and referred to a committee, which reports favorably at the next regular communication. The Brother is not present to be examined as to his proficiency. Should the ballot be spread for his acceptance? If not, can it be spread at a special communication?

*Answer.* The waiving of jurisdiction in Lodge A, and acceptance in Lodge B, makes the candidate the material of the latter Lodge, and he can petition for advancement the same as if he had been elected in Lodge B. The petition should be for advancement, and referred to a committee, and lie over one month. The ballot should not be taken at any other than a regular meeting, and after an examination as to his proficiency.

*Question.* Should the Entered Apprentice be rejected, which Lodge holds jurisdiction over him?

*Answer.* Lodge B—Lodge A having yielded jurisdiction, it can regain it only by the unanimous consent of Lodge B.

*Question.* As indefinite suspension is the highest penalty that can be inflicted for the non-payment of dues, is it necessary to pass the ballot for a higher penalty?

*Answer.* No.

*Question.* Grand Lodge requires of the Secretaries of subordinate Lodges to give the date of membership of the members of their respective Lodges. Now suppose that A. B. was made a Mason January 15, 1860, and on the 15th of October, 1870, was suspended for the non-payment of dues, and was reinstated in his Lodge November 15, 1878, at what time should his membership date?

*Answer.* At the date of restoration. The notice of the date of membership in the returns is to show the actual membership for the year the returns are made. The brother is not a member during the eight years of his suspension. If in the returns of 1879, you should date his membership back to 1860, you would falsify the returns made during the eight years he was under suspension.

*Question.* A brother applies to a Lodge for the right of visitation, passes a satisfactory examination, and presents a demit as evidence of his masonic standing; but the W. M. is in possession of evidence that the visitor at a later date has been a member of a Lodge other than the one from which his demit was obtained. Under those circumstances, would the Master of the Lodge he proposes to visit be justified in admitting him?

*Answer.* The fact of the visitor using the demit after it has been canceled by his becoming a member of another Lodge, carries the evidence of fraud with it, and he should not be admitted.

*Question.* A candidate petitions a Lodge for initiation; the fee for the degree accompanies the petition. The petition is received, referred, and the candidate is elected; but before he takes the degree the Secretary is garnisheed for the advanced fee. What course shall he pursue?

*Answer.* Pay the money over to the Treasurer. The candidate having been elected, the advanced fee has become a part of the funds of the Lodge, and can only be withdrawn by a vote of the Lodge.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska were fraternally reviewed for the year 1878.

The next annual session of the Grand Lodge will be held at Detroit, commencing January 27, 1880.

Daniel Striker, of Hastings, was elected Grand Master, and William P. Innes, of Grand Rapids, was reelected Grand Secretary.

Fraternally,

DANIEL H. WHEELER, *Grand Representative.*

Bro. John M. Burks, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, submitted the following report:

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

I beg leave to submit the following report as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi near this Grand Lodge; and in doing so, I feel I cannot bring before you all the facts I would like to. The last Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi was held at Okolona, in January, 1879, commencing on the 15th and closing on the 17th, and was a very interesting communication, as I see from the annual report of the same; the Grand Master's address was very interesting and profitable, as also was the Grand Secretary's report. The Grand Secretary, Bro. J. L. Power, received the funds contributed for the relief of his people, and distributed the same, and makes a full showing in his report, which makes it very interesting. A large portion of the time of the session was taken up in lamenting their fraternal dead. You all know something of the havoc made during the horrible reign of the plague. The appalling pestilence, like a destroying angel, swept over the larger and fairest portion of their state, and veiled the

whole land in the habiliments of mourning. For many long weary weeks sadness, sorrow, grief and woe ladened their hearts, and as the Grand Master in his address said, weeping and wailing were echoed from every household, and tears ran down like a river, day and night. Verily, he says, we were in a valley of tears and sorrow heretofore unknown. The number of names reported of those who died of yellow fever is 281 affiliates and 30 non-affiliates or sojourning brothers, making a total of 311. Among these are the names of Past Grand Masters Bro.: Henry W. Walter, who died September 19, 1878; Bro.: Andrew J. Wheeler, editor of *Masonic Jewel*, and secretary of the masonic relief committee, who fell at his post September 7, 1878; Bro.: Wm. A. Fairchild fell in full discharge of his duty September 20, 1878. Among those who stood their ground, trusting in God, and exemplifying their faith by their works, their unremitting zeal in nursing and caring for the sick and helping the destitute, none were more conspicuous than members of our fraternity, and, sad to relate, no class shared so heavily in the loss of members, many of whom were distinguished ornaments of the craft. During the session of the Grand Lodge they held a lodge of sorrow, and to this I would call special attention, and under this head you will find the long list of names of the departed. When I consider this sad picture, and think how dreadful it was, and then turn to Bro.: Power's report, and see how liberally and promptly the people, and especially the Masons and Odd-Fellows, of this country and from other countries responded, I am made to feel glad. Bro.: Power's report shows

The Masons contributed.....	\$47,308 54
The Odd-Fellows.....	15,573 24
The miscellaneous contributions .....	12,574 29

Making a total of.....\$75,456 07

The Masons of Nebraska contributed \$763.45, for which I, as their Representative, return to you, in their behalf, my sincere thanks, and as Bro.: Power said many times, in response to kind words and generous donations, "God bless you, and may he keep Masons everywhere under his watchful care and keeping." Respectfully submitted.

J. M. BURKS,

*Representative of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.*

The committee on Accounts made report, which was adopted, that the accounts and statements of disbursements of the Grand Secretary were satisfactory; recommending that Lodges in arrears (amounting to \$222.42) be called upon for settlement within ninety days; that so much of the Grand Secretary's report as refers to fire-proof office-room, be referred to the committee on Ways and Means, and that orders on the treasury be drawn in favor of the Grand Secretary for \$21.41, and the Grand Lecturer, \$36.10.

The committee on Credentials reported that of the Lodges voting on the proposed amendments to the constitution (see pages 23 and 37, proceedings of 5878), the majority had voted in the negative, but that few of the Lodges had voted at all. On submitting the proposed amendments to the members of the Grand Lodge, both were defeated.

The following report from the special committee of which W.: Bro.: Charles F. Catlin was chairman, was adopted :

*To the M.: W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

Your committee appointed to consider that portion of the Grand Master's address which relates to the death of Past Grand Master Bro.: Frank Welch, would submit the following:

Days, weeks and months have passed and gone since last we assembled in grand communication, and with them has passed into eternity the soul of one endeared to all our hearts by the sweet ties of love and fraternity.

Your Grand Master has officially announced to you in his annual address the death of our beloved Past Grand Master Frank Welch.

He has gone from us forever. His manly form, his happy face, his genial smile, his gentle voice will no more be seen or heard upon earth. His body now sleeps the last, long, unbroken sleep of death beneath the sheltering arms of a grand old oak, beside his father's grave, in yonder far-off beautiful city of the dead, where sweet birds of song continually chant their hymns of praise to their Maker, and each passing breeze mingles their wild notes with the sweet perfume of tens of thousands of fragrant flowers and shrubs, and wafts them upward, and ever upward, until they reach the throne of God.

In view of the unprecedented expressions of love and esteem, mingled with the deepest sorrow at the time of the death of our late Past Grand Master Welch, and the imposing and impressive ceremonies of the "Lodge of Sorrow" held in his memory during our present session in which you have all participated, and the full detailed history of his life from early boyhood to the day of his death, contained in the eloquent and exceedingly interesting oration delivered upon that occasion by Past Grand Master Robert W. Furnas, your committee feel that any words of theirs would be but a feeble attempt at a repetition of what has already been so beautifully expressed by others.

They would recommend, however, that the Grand Secretary make suitable mention of the ceremonies of the Lodge of Sorrow, in the printed proceedings of this session, and that Past Grand Masters Jordan and Furnas be requested by him to furnish copies of their addresses for publication therewith.

They also recommend that the Grand Secretary also cause an appropriate memorial page to be placed therein.

Your committee also recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the grateful thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and by these presents are most cordially extended to, the M. W. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and also to Boston Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, for the fraternal honors and Knightly distinctions paid to the remains of our late Past Grand Master, which had been consigned to them for Masonic burial.

We assure them that the memory of their many acts of kindness and love are deeply engraven upon the hearts of the Fraternity of Nebraska, and shall remain upon perpetual record in the archives of this Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge desires to acknowledge its gratitude to M. W. Bro. Charles A. Welsh, Grand Master of Massachusetts; R. W. Sereno D. Nickerson, Acting Grand Secretary; E. Sir James H. Upham, Commander Boston Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar; Sir J. Francis Lotts, Generalissimo; Sir Edward A. White, Treasurer; Sir J. F. Sampson and E. Sir Alf. F. Chapman, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and others, for their kind reception of our Grand Master, and the escort which, with him, accompanied the remains of our late P. G. M. Frank Welsh to Boston, and for the universal courtesy, the unbounded hospitality, and the increasing attentions bestowed upon them during their sojourn in that city.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due Mr. S. H. H. Clark, General Superintendent of the Union Pacific Railroad, for the special funeral train, so kindly furnished by him to convey an escort of Knights Templar from Omaha to Wisner, and to return to that city with the remains of our late P. G. M. Frank Welsh.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge feels itself especially indebted to Bro. Lewis M. Bennett, Superintendent of the Pullman Palace Car Co., for his generous offer and free use of the elegant Pullman sleeper, "Cañon City," in which the remains of our late Past Grand Master and the escort which accompanied them were conveyed to Boston, Mass.

Fraternally submitted.

C. F. CATLIN, *Chairman*.

The committee on Unfinished Business reported that it had nothing to bring before the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary was instructed to draw an order for forty dollars on the Grand Treasurer, to cover expenses of the Lodge of Sorrow held last evening.

Bro. Weaver, 9, chairman of special committee, submitted a form of bond, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The committee on Returns submitted the following report, which was adopted:



Lone Tree	36	1	5	5	4	4	2	2	4	4	5	5	1	2	7	7	1	1	8	55	5	4	1	10	2	2	7	1	11	54			41	25	25	00	66	25													
Crete	37	3	1	1	1		4	4	4	1	1	2	3	2	2	2		1	2	74	1	6	1	7	9	2	7	1	13	68			55	50	5	00	60	50													
Oliver	38	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	55	2	1	1	4	5				5	54			41	25	5	00	46	25														
Papillion	39	3	3	3	2	2	4	4	2	2	2	1	5	2	2	2		1	33	3	1	2	3	3				1	36	2 00		24	75	15	00	37	75														
Humboldt	40	1	1	1		2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	29	2	2	2	2	1				1	30			21	75	5	00	26	75														
North'n Light	41	5		1	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1		6	19	1	1	2	3	1				1	21	3 00		14	25			11	25														
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Harvard	44	2	1	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	29	2	1	3	4	1				1	32		78	21	75	10	00	32	50														
Palmyra	45	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	19	1	1	1	1					1	18			14	25			14	25														
Rob. Morris	46	6	2	2	1	1	7	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	39	2	3	1	6	1				2	43			29	25	10	00	40	00														
Salem	47	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		2	31	2	2	3	2	1				2	31		75	23	25			26	25														
Fairmont	48	8	1	1	1	1	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		53	2	1	1	2	1				2	54			39	75	5	00	44	75															
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York	56	10	2	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		33	2	4	4	6	1				1	38		34 00	24	75	10	00	68	75															
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Lebanon	58	6	3	3	3	3	6	1	3	3	3	1	1	3	1	1		45	1	3	3	3	2	1			5	43			33	75	15	00	48	75															
Wahoo	59	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1		32	3	3	3	6	1				1	37			24	00	15	00	39	00															
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*To the M. W. Grand Lodge:*

Your committee to whom was referred the returns of Subordinate Lodges for the year ending April 30, 1879, would respectfully report that they have examined the same, and find that the reports, all of them, are substantially correct,—saving only Nos. 27 and 66, not received at the time of making this report. No. 27 had its records destroyed by fire a short time since; but No. 66, one of the youngest of the chartered Lodges, can have no valid excuse for its neglect, and the attention of the Grand Officers is suggested to the inquiry, whether there was proper material at that place for the issuance of a charter to said Lodge, which in its first year fails to perform an important duty.

The Secretary of No. 49 notes on his report that nine brethren (names given) have been suspended some time previous to last year. Two of these were charter members, and one of them lately Master of said Lodge. Former returns place them in good standing, and your committee are of the opinion that these names cannot be stricken from the rolls until the proper dates when, and disposition how, are placed on the official returns.

On December 24, 1877, Macoy Lodge, No. 22, surrendered its charter with 53 members. Twenty-nine of these, on December 31, 1877, and one on March 18, 1878, joined Plattsmouth Lodge, No. 6.

Your committee would call attention to the accompanying blank of "Abstract of Returns," which was gotten up with the usual system and excellent style of our worthy Grand Secretary, and which have materially lessened the labors of your committee. From the "Abstract" your committee condense the following as the condition of the work, and present status of the Craft in this Masonic jurisdiction:

Number initiated.....	155	
"    passed .....	137	
"    raised .....	136	— 136
"    admitted .....		226
"    reinstated .....		17
By other causes .....		2
Number on rolls April 30, 5878 .....		*3064
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		3445
Number demitted .....	99	
"    died .....	34	
"    suspended .....	43	
"    expelled .....	10	
By other causes .....	2	— 188
Number on rolls April 30, 5879 .....		<hr/>
		3257
Gain of Master Masons .....	193	
Number of chartered Lodges .....	65	

\* Macoy, No. 22, surrendered its charter with 53 members, thus making a discrepancy between this report and that of 5878.

Fees on initiations.....	\$775 00
Dues on members .....	2,346 00
Debits less credits .....	114 03

Due Grand Lodge ..... \$3,235 03

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. K. LONG, *Chairman Committee.*

The committee on Ways and Means made report, which was agreed to, recommending appropriations for printing portraits of Past Grand Master Welch, to accompany our current proceedings, and for the office expenses of the Grand Secretary; also authorizing the Grand Master to borrow funds. The committee reported that the condition of Grand Lodge funds was such that it did not feel authorized to recommend any appropriation at this time for the purpose of procuring a fire-proof office-room for the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge now proceeded to elect its office-bearers, resulting in the choice of

- For Grand Master.....Bro.: ROLLAND H. OAKLEY, 19.
- For Deputy Grand Master.....Bro.: JAMES A. TULLEYS, 53.
- For Grand Senior Warden.....Bro.: JAMES R. CAIN, 9.
- For Grand Junior Warden.....Bro.: EDWIN F. WARREN, 2.
- For Grand Treasurer.....Bro.: CHRISTIAN HARTMAN, 11.
- For Grand Secretary.....Bro.: WILLIAM R. BOWEN, 3.

The special committee on so much of the Grand Secretary's report as relates to funds received and transmitted for relief, reported the same satisfactory, which report was concurred in.

The Grand Lodge was now called from labor until this evening.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

At eight o'clock the members of the Grand Lodge and a multitude of Freemasons, accompanied by ladies and friends, assembled.

The Grand Orator, W.: Bro.: George B. France, then delivered the following

## ORATION.

*Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:*

Many men of honesty, candor and intelligence have deemed it their duty to affirm that Masonry and Christianity are antagonistic to each other, and because of this belief have assailed the institution and the character of its members.

If we desire to know the principles and teachings of any institution, we must consult those who are best acquainted with its history, its laws and its tenets.

If we would understand any branch of science or art, we must rely upon those who are the best expounders of science or art.

This law, these rules, hold good in reference to Masonry.

Its history, its teachings, its principles are, and have been, from the commencement of time, from the foundation of the world, before the public eye.

For proof of this, we need but refer to the writings of the best and most reliable historians who have investigated the entire range of history — ancient and modern.

Freemasonry is limited to no particular country. Wherever the arts and sciences flourish, there Masonry flourishes; and, although the voices of the profane have thundered their anathemas in its face, and for a while have clamored to denounce and overthrow it, yet it has survived, and is to-day stronger and more powerful than ever before.

Let us now for a few moments consider Freemasonry with reference to its practical teachings.

The candidate who knocks at its door must have firmly rooted in his mind a belief in one Supreme Being, as the Creator of the heavens and the earth; and therefore no atheist can knock and have the door of Masonry opened unto him.

A belief in the divinity of the Holy Bible must be the moral conviction of every Mason, and the first step taken on entering a Lodge teaches the candidate the pernicious tendency of infidelity. No one, on seeking admission, is questioned as to whether he is a Democrat or Republican. He is, however, taught to be a quiet and peaceable citizen, true to his government and just to his neighbor; to avoid all irregularity and intemperance, which may impair his faculties and debase the dignity of his profession; to discountenance disloyalty and rebellion, and to submit patiently to the laws of his country. Hence we find among the members of Freemasonry the names of Prince Edwin, Frederick the Great, Newton, Locke, Howard, Napoleon, Lafayette, Cowper and Burns; and among our own notable men, who, though dead, yet their deeds still live, we would with pride point to Washington, Hamilton, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Adams, Patrick Henry and Franklin, and to the revered names of Knox, Lee and Montgomery, and, in fact, every other general of the Revolution except the traitor Benedict Arnold, who endeavored to sell his country, and in so doing sold himself to everlasting infamy and disgrace.

We therefore assert that Masonry is a social, moral and religious institu-

tion, and we shall endeavor to establish the truth of this proposition beyond a doubt in the mind of every intelligent and candid person.

Every well-constructed temple has a good foundation; and it is enjoined upon the overseer to dig down deep through the shifting sands, and there, upon the rock, lay the corner-stone, in order that the rains may descend and the winds blow, and that temple stand as firmly as the fixed stars in the firmament. And thus the first stone in the temple of Masonry has God for its foundation, and upon this foundation are erected those divine principles which underlie all that is truly noble and good in humanity.

The first step in the Masonic pilgrimage teaches that prayer is necessary for guidance and protection. Its object is to educate and develop man to the fullest extent in those faculties of his nature that tend to harmonize the human family, and to elevate mankind to the highest attainable condition.

Its principles are pure, holy, and designed to fill the soul with higher conceptions, which every one owes to himself, to his fellow-man, and to his God.

In the ritual we are taught never to enter upon any important undertaking without first invoking the blessings of Deity.

It is said by Mr. Sickels, in his excellent work, "The right of induction signifies the end of a profane and vicious life, the new birth of a corrupt human nature, the death of sin and of all bad passions, and the introduction of a new life of purity and virtue."

The language at the initiation of a candidate demonstrates the character of the institution and the end of its teachings: "Vouchsafe Thine aid, Almighty Father of the Universe, and grant that this candidate for Masonry may dedicate his life to Thy service; endow him with the competency of Thy divine wisdom that he may be the better enabled to display the beauties of holiness to the honor of Thy holy name."

If, therefore, there is any meaning in language, if there is any sincerity in human desires, if there is any honesty in the human breast, then nothing can be clearer and plainer than that a holy and religious life in practice is the fundamental principle of Masonic teachings. We learn that:

" We need not rise above this mundane sphere,  
We need not 'neath the briny deep descend,  
To find the Deity; but on the path  
Where blind Bartimeus begs, the Lord is seen;  
Upon the fever-couch He lies and burns;  
He hungers in the dungeon's dreary cell;  
He shivers naked, cold and shelterless;  
Where sorrow dwells the Master too abides;  
Builders of 'house not made of hands' look out  
At every window and behold the Lord."

But, says one, what is Freemasonry?

Freemasonry, says a distinguished writer, is a beautiful science of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.

This definition, we think, ought to be indelibly inscribed upon the mind and heart of every member of the Order, and be the ruling principle of his life and the *guiding star* of his final destiny. These symbols are definite and

clear in their teachings, and, united or single, they clearly and emphatically teach the social, moral and religious character of the institution. The symbolism of the past we honor.

There are, indeed, rich meanings in these common tools of handicraft, and Masonry combines them into a system of wonderful harmony and beauty. Every Lodge, therefore, must be furnished with certain articles and tools, without which it cannot transact any legal business.

The Holy Bible, square and compasses constitute this furniture.

The combination of these three symbols is not incongruous, when the character of the instruction they convey to the Masonic heart and mind is considered and thoroughly understood.

The Holy Bible guides our faith, and is laid before us that we may not say, through ignorance, we erred. "Whatever the great Author of the Universe has dictated to mankind, in reference to the mode in which *He* should be served and the path in which to tread, to obtain His favor and approbation; whatever He has administered in precept, and with whatever laws He has inspired the sages of old, the same are faithfully comprised in the *book* of the law of Masonry.

"*That book* reveals the duties which the great *Maker* of all exacts from us, open to every eye, and comprehensible to every mind. Who, therefore, among us shall say that he knew not the acceptable service?" Can any church exceed this in the breadth of its religious teachings? Again we say that the square and compasses teach religious principles and ideas, and to prove this fact we need only quote the language of the text-books. These are emblematical of the conduct we should pursue in society.

To observe punctuality in all our engagements; faithfully and religiously to discharge those duties and obligations which we owe to God and our neighbor; to be upright in our dealings; to square our actions by the unerring rule of God's sacred word; to keep within compass and bounds with all mankind, particularly with a brother; to curve our sensual appetites; to keep within bounds those unruly passions which oftentimes interfere with the enjoyment of society, and degrade both the man and the Mason, and to remember that the only question of preference among Freemasons shall be who is most wise, who is most good.

If, then, such be the object and design of Masonry, if its tendency be to make men better and wiser, if its purpose be to fit and prepare its votaries for future usefulness, and finally to enter that celestial Lodge above, from whose bourne no traveler returns, then do we affirm that none but the virtuous and good, the moral and the temperate, the industrious and the honest, have a right to enter the Masonic temple, and it is just as foreign to the institution to take a man into its fold who has not given the fullest evidence of purity and virtue, as it would be for the church to admit such an one to her fellowship.

No Christian denomination can admit to her fellowship a person who is addicted to profanity, intemperance, licentiousness, immorality, without violating the essential principles of the church, and we affirm that no Lodge can admit a candidate to membership who is addicted to profanity, intemper-

ance, licentiousness, immorality, without violating the essential principles of the Order.

To more fully establish what we have said, let us here introduce what has been said by some of our most distinguished writers on Masonry. They say "we are too easily satisfied in this very essential matter, which lies at the very foundation of all Masonic usefulness." A negative report of the character of the candidate is in very many instances acted upon as sufficient.

But it is not sufficient under the requirements of the law. The fact that the candidate is not an immoral and scandalous man is not sufficient. He must positively be a good man, and true, and under the tongue of good report.

Negative characters neither make good citizens nor good Masons, for it does not follow that he who is not *bad* is necessarily *good*. Goodness, virtue and worth are active qualities, and these are the essential elements which the law requires. Again: "We must redouble our diligence in guarding our mysteries from the eyes of the unworthy. We must use the black ball more freely. We must make it a rule that a man shall be positively good, useful and influential, and not merely one of whom no evil can be spoken. Yet more than this: We must purge our Lodges. We must cast out from among us the libertine, the drunkard and the profane swearer wherever we find them, and make our Lodges the rival of the church in the purity of her membership as well as that of her teachings, and the strength of her influence over those who have knelt at her altars. We must, in a word, so elevate the standard of Masonry by retaining only those whose daily lives are a guarantee of honor, trust and honesty, of uprightness before God and of good repute before men, as will compel the respect of the thoughtful and tolerant in the churches, and of the influential and respectable of those that are without."

Men of all religious views are found among Masons. Scarcely a church in Christendom that is not represented in our honorable fraternity, and all here, as nowhere else, find a platform broad enough, long enough and firm enough to stand upon and preach from which is the Holy Bible.

Here all bow before the same altar, all believe in the same Bible, all worship the same God. "The Voice of Masonry," "The Mystic Star," "The Trowel," and in fact almost every Masonic organ published in the United States, teaches the religious character of the Masonic institution. Let us read for a moment: "How some who profess to be Christians, and who minister at the Christian altar, can say that Masonry is not a religious institution is more than we can understand. We are aware that many of our brethren fear that if we undertake to establish it as a religious institution, that moment we substitute the Masonic Lodge for the church.

"We do not view it in this light any more than we do contend that the government, with its laws and principles predicated upon Christian ethics, is a substitute.

"It is what all phases of infidelity would rejoice to see established in the minds of the members of the Masonic fraternity — to look upon Masonry as not being Christian in its principles. If it is not religious it must be infidel,

and the Lodge would no longer be the proper place for any professed Christian or Israelite, but would be the home of the unbeliever and infidel. The moment we entertain the idea that it is not religious, we virtually declare that it is infidel, and should, therefore, no longer close our portals to the atheist and religious scoffer, but oil the hinge of the door, and let it swing wide open for the entrance of all without let or hindrance."

These thoughts and sayings are in harmony with the principles of the Order. No fears need be entertained that the religious character of the Order will uproot and overthrow the mission of Christianity.

This were impossible. Christianity is founded on the nature of things, is implanted in the heart and conscience of man, is interwoven into his very being, and is girded by principles stronger than the mere theories of man. The light of nature and reason, the Bible in all its teachings, direct us in our views of the Supreme Intelligence, and of our eternal destination.

Christianity speaks and humanity is enlightened. So does Masonry.

Christianity opens her doors and millions are received and made better thereby. So does Freemasonry.

Christianity teaches love to the world and obedience to the Supreme Architect of the Universe. So does Masonry.

Christianity says, forgive and you shall be forgiven. So does Masonry.

There is not a principle taught, a duty enjoined or a sacred thought expressed within the lids of the Bible but what can be found in some manner taught or enjoined within the code of Freemasonry.

Thus there is something in the teachings of Masonry, as in Christianity, that fills the soul with delight, that fills the universe, and cries aloud: Come unto the fountain and drink, that you may be full of an ever-living Spirit; wash and be innocent, purify and be pure.

So we may say the professing Mason, whose mind is not invigorated, whose conceptions of Deity are not expanded by a contemplation of the magnitude and variety of the teachings of Masonry, may be considered as equally a stranger to the more elevated strains of piety, and to the noble emotions excited by a perception of the beautiful and the sublime.

"The works of the Lord," says an inspired writer, "are *great*, and are sought out by all those who have pleasure therein." So are the works and principles of Masonry.

But methinks I hear some one say, Masons are bound to protect and defend each other, right or wrong, guilty or innocent, good or bad.

We will here say, for the benefit of all, that this assertion is based upon either a stupid ignorance of, or a perverse prejudice to, the Order.

But, on the other hand, Masonry teaches that we are under the most solemn obligations to protect and defend the person and character of a brother, just as far, and no farther, as truth, honor and justice will warrant; and no Mason is ever required to defend or protect in any degree beyond the limits of the divine law, and if a brother designedly deals falsely, or willfully violates any law of his country, you are not to shield him from the punishment justly due him.

But if a brother should fall into error, your duty is plain. You are not

to magnify his faults, but spread the mantle of charity over them, and direct your efforts to reclaim him to virtue and manliness.

This is the divine law, as laid down by the Grand Master of the Universe, for all to observe and practice; and, therefore, Masonry and Christianity are one in spirit and teaching.

The candidate is taught, by the most impressive ceremonies, to reverence the name of Deity, and he is charged never to utter His name but with that reverence due from the creature to the Creator.

Blasphemy, being performed without temptation, profit or pleasure, is ranked among the most heinous offenses in the disciplinary code of Freemasonry.

The ten commandments, enumerated by Moses, constitute the chief basis, and are the very essence of Masonic discipline and code of morality.

To confirm and enforce what we have said, let us here introduce the language of another. He says:

“An offense in Masonry is hereby defined to be an act which contravenes any requisition of the unwritten law of Masonry, any law of the land, or any law of God. The ten commandments constitute the divine law to which Freemasons are particularly subject. The popular vices of intemperance, profanity, Sabbath-breaking, evil speaking, licentiousness and gambling are in special manner interdicted as unmasonic.” Again:

“Among the higher offenses against the Masonic code is that of blasphemy, or avowed disrespect to the name of Deity. The candidate, upon his first entrance into the Order, declared his *trust* to be in God. Blasphemy stamps him a hypocrite, or implies that his trust is removed; in either case he is a proper subject for Masonic discipline. The term religious libertine implies an avowed scoffer at religion; such an one is forbidden in the Masonic covenants to be admitted to the Order.”

From such testimony, coming, as it does, from the highest sources of evidence, we are warranted in asserting that Freemasonry is a moral and religious institution; and that there is no church whose moral teachings rise higher and have a broader field, whose discipline is more stringent and bears a closer resemblance to the divine code given for the regulation and guidance of all mankind.

We conclude, then, that the grand object of Masonry is to develop the openings and bearings of the plan of brotherly love and friendship, to counteract those evil propensities and passions which sin has introduced; to inculcate those holy principles and moral laws which tend to unite mankind in harmony and love, and produce those amiable tempers and dispositions of mind which alone can fit us for enjoying happiness, either in this world or in the world to come.

Socially, Masonry has a character of its own, unique and distinct. In this respect it supplies a need of humanity which no other Order ever has or ever can supply. Its social feature is founded upon the universal brotherhood of the human family, and universal charity which permeates the whole system. In its application of benevolence it levels the distinctions of cast, title and privilege; it gives honor to whom honor is due; it solemnly teaches

monarchs and princes that as men they are no more than the humblest peasant.

This bond of nature and brotherhood is all there is in the mystic tie as taught and practiced in the Masonic law and usage.

It flourished over three thousand years ago adorned with the three Christian and Masonic virtues—faith, hope and charity, and the greatest of these is charity, for faith may be lost in sight, hope ends in fruition, but charity endures beyond the grave.

For this reason, doubtless, it is that the moral and social attributes and principles of Masonry are brought more prominently in view, and particularly detailed in the Masonic lectures.

Of such an institution we stood in need, and had it chiefly embraced subjects of a very different nature, it would have failed in supplying the remedies requisite to correct the disorders that sin had introduced among mankind. But surely it was never intended, even in a religious and social point of view, that the powers of the human mind, in their contemplations and researches, should be bounded by the range of subjects comprised in the Order, since the great Author of the Universe has exhibited so magnificent a spectacle around us, and endowed us with faculties adequate to the survey of a considerable portion of its structure, and made us capable of deducing from it the most noble and most sublime results.

In fine, since the most illustrious characters that have adorned our race in all ages have been struck with the beauty and magnificence of Masonry, and have devoted a certain portion of their time and attention in investigating its admirable adaptation to the wants of the human family, there can be no question that a portion of our time and thought devoted to the study of its wondrous and magnificent work must ultimately be conducive to the improvement of our intellectual powers, to our advancement both socially and morally, and to our preparation for the exalted employment of the eternal world. Since the researches of modern times have greatly enlarged our views of the system of Masonry, and of the vast extent to which its operations are carried on in every part of the terrestrial globe; since the study of its constitution, its principles and its magnetic influence all over the terrestrial habitation has opened to our view the bright display of its wisdom, its beauty and its strength; since this science itself has kept pace with the improvements in the useful arts, and has been applied to many beneficial purposes which have a great bearing on the interests and progress of the world; since the general desire and aim of the Order is to propagate truth, and thereby make its votaries better and wiser, it seeks to burst asunder the shackles of despotism, and to inquire after rational liberty and mental improvement; since it seeks to energize the mind and circumscribe the desires of man, and keep these desires within due bounds with all mankind, we ought to consider it a part and parcel of those Providential arrangements the progress of which will ultimately accomplish the illumination of our benighted race, and cause righteousness, truth, honor and happiness to triumph among all nations. Yes, we ought thankfully to appreciate every exhibition, every discovery, every conception of its attributes and principles, in order to direct

and enlarge the grandeur of its work, and to qualify ourselves to speak in honor of our Order, to talk of its power, and to make known to the sons of men its mighty acts. Let the antique, elegant and symmetrical Masonic temple contain not one atheist, not one infidel, not one intemperate, not one unmanly, not one ungodly, not one inconsistent, not one ignoble element, plank or stone in all its structure; but, on the other hand, let it be composed of moral granite, beams and planks; of those who believe in one Supreme Moral Builder and Ruler of all things animate and inanimate, who ground their faith in the divinity of the Holy Scriptures, who have settled convictions of a future state, who acknowledge that the moral code is the rule by which all human action shall be tested. Men will die and pass away, the nations of the earth will cease, the granite will crumble to dust, the moon may wax pale and reflect no more silver beams, and the king of day may be plucked from his place in the heavens, but the truths and principles contained in the Masonic institution, and symbolized in the level, square and compasses, will live and operate when the crank of Time will cease to move.

The Grand Lodge then resumed labor, Deputy Grand Master Tulleys presiding.

On motion of Past Grand Master Furnas, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be, and the same are hereby, extended to W. . Bro. . George B. France for the able and instructive oration delivered, and that a copy thereof be solicited for publication with the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master-elect announced the following appointments, which were confirmed by the Grand Lodge:

Grand Chaplain.....	Bro. . FRANK E. BULLARD, 32.
Grand Orator.....	Bro. . HENRY S. KALEY, 53.
Grand Lecturer.....	Bro. . HIRAM C. RIDER, 37.
Grand Marshal.....	Bro. . GUSTAVUS STEVENSON, 25.
Grand Senior Deacon.....	Bro. . HENRY E. PALMER, 6.
Grand Junior Deacon.....	Bro. . BARNABAS E. SWIFT, JR. 42.
Grand Tiler.....	Bro. . WILLIAM J. MOUNT, 11.
Trustee Orphans' Educational Fund, for three years.....	Bro. . ROBERT W. FURNAS, 4.
Trustee Orphans' Educational Fund, to fill vacancy.....	Bro. . SAMUEL W. HAYES, 55.

#### CUSTODIANS.

First District.....	Bro. . CHARLES H. WILLARD, 21.
Second District.....	Bro. . SAMUEL W. HAYES, 55.
Third District.....	Bro. . NEWTON R. PERSINGER, 36.
Fourth District.....	Bro. . JOSEPH H. MCCONNELL, 32.

Fifth District .....Bro.: ALBERT K. MARSH, 49.  
 Sixth District .....Bro.: EDWARD F. THORP, 2.  
 Seventh District.....Bro.: JAMES C. McNAUGHTON, 4.

Whereupon, Past Grand Master Furnas, assisted by Past Grand Master Thummel, proceeded to install the newly chosen Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Orator and Grand Marshal.

A letter from Fairbury Lodge, No. 35, relative to mileage and per diem due its representative at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge, was referred to the committee on Pay Roll. Said committee made report, recommending payment of \$27.90 to the legal representative of said Lodge, which report was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The last named committee also submitted a pay-roll for the attendance at this communication, amounting to \$880.90, which was adopted.

Bro.: Cramer, 48, submitted the following resolution, which was discussed and laid over until to-morrow morning:

*Resolved*, That the next session of this Grand Lodge be held at —— on the first Tuesday of December, A. D. 1880; and that the fiscal term to which Lodges shall make their returns shall be October 31, 1880.

Whereupon the Grand Lodge was called to refreshment until eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

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### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 5879.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at eight o'clock.

The following query was referred to the committee on Jurisprudence:

A. B. was elected county clerk, and moved within the jurisdiction of Lodge C and beyond the jurisdiction of Lodge D. After residing within C's jurisdiction one year, in his own house, and upon his own real estate, and

casting his votes in said jurisdiction of C, he presented his petition, and was initiated, passed and raised in the jurisdiction of Lodge D, and by D, he having a homestead in such jurisdiction.

*Question:* To whose jurisdiction did said A. B. really belong?

IRA G. DILLON, *Master of Juniata Lodge, No. 42.*

The committee on Jurisprudence, in due time, reported that "A. B. belonged to the jurisdiction of Lodge C," which report was adopted.

The following query was referred to the committee on Jurisprudence, which reported that the query was answered by the decision on the case submitted by the Master of Juniata Lodge, which report was agreed to:

*Query:* If Mr. A. petitions a Lodge for initiation, and his homestead is in the jurisdiction of said Lodge, and he claims and makes his homestead his permanent home, but in consequence of being elected to a county office is temporarily residing at the county seat, which is in the jurisdiction of another Lodge,—which Lodge does he belong to?

G. W. MOWERY, *Master of Hastings Lodge, No. 50.*

M. W. Bro. Furnas submitted the following report on the Orphan Educational Fund, which was adopted:

ANNUAL REPORT TRUSTEES ORPHAN SCHOOL FUND, JUNE 1, 1879.

Amount due from Grand Lodge, as per report June 1, 1878.....	\$323 36	
Interest on same to June 1, 1879.....	32 33	
		\$355 69
Amount loaned, as per report June 1, 1878.....	1,068 79	
Interest on same to June 1, 1879.....	106 87	
		1,175 66
Amount loaned, as per report June 1, 1878.....	5,678 20	
Interest on same to June 1, 1879.....	567 82	
		6,246 02
Amount loaned, as per report June 1, 1878.....	1,506 15	
Total interest on same to June 1, 1879.....	590 53	
		2,096 68
Amount accumulated interest on loan from April 1, 1879, as per report June 1, 1878....	889 92	
Interest on same from date of loan to June 1, 1879.....		103 72
Total Fund to June 1, 1879.....		\$9,977 77

ROBT. W. FURNAS, } Trustees.  
ALFRED G. HASTINGS, }

The following query was referred to the committee on Jurisprudence :

A., a Master Mason, holding a demit from Lodge B, Vermont, presents his demit, with petition, to Lodge C for membership, but is rejected; he afterward presents his petition to Lodge D for membership, and informs Lodge D that he has been rejected by Lodge C. Must Lodge D have permission from Lodge C, under seal, to act upon said petition of Bro. A.?

S. H. CUMMINS, *Master of Pawnee Lodge, No. 23.*

R. W. Bro. Warren proposed the following amendment to the constitution. The proposed amendment was seconded, and action thereon was ordered in accordance with the existing law :

Article XIII shall be amended to read as follows :

This constitution may be altered or amended in the following manner only. The proposed alteration or amendment must be in writing at some stated communication; if seconded by five members, it shall be entered upon the minutes, and lie over until the next annual communication; and if then concurred in by two-thirds of the representatives present and voting, it shall from thenceforth be considered as a part of this constitution. *Provided*, that upon demand therefor, made by ten members, to be entered on the minutes, the proposed amendment shall be ordered submitted to the several subordinate Lodges for their approval or rejection. If a majority of the Lodges voting thereon approve thereof, by certificate under their respective seals to the next succeeding Grand Lodge, the same shall thereafter be considered a part of this constitution. *Provided, further*, that by unanimous consent, any proposed amendment may be considered and adopted or rejected at the communication at which the same shall be so proposed.

The following report from the committee on Jurisprudence was adopted :

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

Your committee, to which was referred the several decisions of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, have considered the same, and report as follows:

Decisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 are in accordance with Masonic law, and approval is recommended.

In regard to the granting of a special dispensation to the Wardens and Brethren of Western Star Lodge, No. 2, to elect and install a Master *vice* R. W. Bro. Edwin F. Warren, chosen Grand Junior Warden, your committee is of the opinion that such dispensation should not have been granted, but that it was the duty of R. W. Bro. Warren to have placed the Lodge under charge of his Senior Warden, who, in the absence or disability of the Master, succeeds him in all his Lodge duties.

Your committee further notice that the Deputy Grand Master issued a dispensation to P. G. M. Hastings to confer the Past Master's degree on the Master elect, and to install the officers of Livingstone Lodge. Our laws, rules and regulations provide for the conferring of the Past Master's degree without the aid of special dispensation; the dispensation was proper for the installation, but not for conferring the degree.

Regarding the query from the Master of Osceola Lodge, No. 65, as follows: "A member of a neighboring Lodge objected privately to our Master to a candidate whom we had elected to the Entered Apprentice degree. Knowing that it was a case of personal spite, no attention was paid to the objection, and the degree was conferred. The objector then sent us a written objection, demanding that the same be placed on our records. Acting under the instructions of Grand Master Lininger, a committee was appointed, which notified the objector to appear and give his reasons for objecting, which he failed to do, and we therefore advanced the candidate"—your committee have had the same under advisement. Referring to the said letter of Grand Master Lininger, he says: "As to the letter of John S. Bennett, objecting to the making of H. L. Bond a Mason, it should be respected at least until your Lodge finds out the status of the case. If Mr. Bond's petition is before your Lodge, a committee of investigation can best learn all the facts in the case. As to Bennett's being a Mason and the nature of the objection, the applicant may be to all appearances a very good man, and perhaps no one except Bennett may be aware of anything that would disqualify him to become a Mason. The safest way is for the Lodge to let Bond wait until you are satisfied beyond a doubt that he is all right." From the above it will be readily seen that the Lodge has not fully acted upon the instructions of Grand Master Lininger. Rule 35 fully covers and answers the query of the Master of Osceola Lodge.

The committee on Jurisprudence further reported as follows, which was concurred in by the Grand Lodge:

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

Your committee on Jurisprudence submit the following:

In regard to the dispensation issued for the formation of Joppa Lodge at Bloomington, it is the opinion of your committee that under our constitution and by-laws no dispensation can be issued for the formation of a new Lodge without first receiving the certificate of the Custodian of the district, as required by law.

Your committee has had under consideration so much of the Grand Secretary's report as refers to the corporate powers and privileges of Masonic Lodges under the laws of Nebraska, and respectfully report the same to be correct, and recommend the same to the careful attention of the several Lodges.

The committee asked, and was granted, further time on the query submitted this morning by W.: Bro.: Cummins, Master of Pawnee Lodge, No. 23:

On motion of Bro.: Chase, 3, it was

*Resolved*, That we most cordially tender the thanks of this Grand Lodge to all the railroads of this State; also to the Commercial, Metropolitan, Townley and Howard House, hotels of Lincoln; also to Lincoln Lodge, No. 19, and Lancaster Lodge, No. 54, of Lincoln, for special favors and courtesies extended to us as members of this Grand Lodge in connection with our present session.

The resolution fixing the time of holding the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge, offered by Bro.: Cramer, 48, was now taken up, considered at length and laid upon the table. It was then agreed that the next annual communication be held at Freemasons' Hall, Omaha, on the Tuesday on or immediately preceding St. John's day, June 24, 5880.

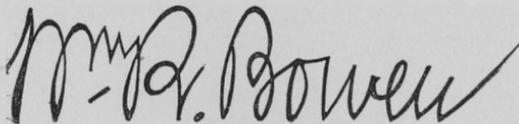
W.: Bro.: Mowery, Master of Hastings Lodge, No. 50, offered the following resolution, consideration of which was, on motion, indefinitely postponed:

*Resolved*, That the action of Hastings Lodge, No. 50, in acting on the petition of Bro.: Alexander H. Cramer in the year A.: L.: 5876, and jurisdiction was never questioned, be affirmed.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, with the full ceremonies of the Fraternity.

R. H. OAKLEY,

*Grand Master.*



*Grand Secretary.*



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

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.
Alabama	Pulmer J. Pillans	Mobile	May 31, 1870.
Arkansas	Luke E. Barber	Little Rock	March 21, 1878.
British Columbia	Robert P. Rithet		April 20, 1874.
California	William A. Davies	Stockton	June 2, 1873.
Colorado	Henry M. Teller	Central City	April 20, 1874.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford	April 9, 1877.
Dakota	George W. Kingsbury	Yankton	March 18, 1878.
Delaware	Daniel McClintock	Wilmington	December 11, 1869.
District of Columbia	John H. Russell	Washington	September 22, 1869.
Florida	William A. McLean	Jacksonville	February 12, 1877.
Georgia	Joseph E. Wells	Macon	September 22, 1869.
Idaho	Barton R. Hughes	Pioneerville	February 12, 1877.
Illinois	John M. Palmer	Springfield	
Indiana	Martin H. Rice	Indianapolis	
Indian Territory	John T. Adair		July 29, 1879.
Iowa	William E. Woodward	Burlington	March 20, 1872.
Kansas	Edward D. Hillyer	Grasshopper Falls	September 22, 1869.
Kentucky	L. D. Croninger	Covington	June 1, 1871.
Louisiana	Augustin B. Seger	New Orleans	March 29, 1870.
Maine	Edward P. Burnham	Saco	March 29, 1870.
Manitoba	Simon Duffin	Winnepeg	April 14, 1877.
Maryland	Edward J. Oppelt	Baltimore	February 12, 1877.
Michigan	Abraham T. Metcalf	Kalamazoo	January 17, 1874.
Minnesota	J. E. Finch	Hastings	
Missouri	Charles F. Vogel	St. Louis	June 3, 1877.
Montana	Henry M. Parchen	Helena	April 9, 1877.
Nevada	Charles E. Laughton	Carson	November 20, 1876.
New Brunswick	William Wedderburn	St. John	January 1, 1873.
New Hampshire	Alpheus W. Baker	Lebanon	March 18, 1878.
New Jersey	Charles Bechtel	Trenton	September 22, 1869.
New Mexico	Cornelius Cosgrove		April 7, 1879.
New York	Robert M. C. Graham	New York City	April 9, 1877.
North Carolina	James B. Batchelor	Raleigh	
Nova Scotia	George Frazier	Halifax	
Ohio	Robert Gwynn	Cincinnati	
Prince Edward's Isl'd	John Muirhead	Charlottetown	March 21, 1877.
Rhode Island	Edward L. Freeman	Providence	April 17, 1877.
Scotland	George McLean	Edinburgh	May 23, 1878.
South Carolina	Augustine T. Smythe	Charleston	March 20, 1877.
Tennessee	James O. Connor	Jackson	August 2, 1869.
Texas	Joseph D. Sayers	Bastrop (c. h.)	March 20, 1877.
Utah	Thomas E. Clohecy	Salt Lake City	November 3, 1875.
Washington Territory	James Biles	Turnwater	June 3, 1873.
West Virginia	B. F. Martin	Pruntytown	
Wisconsin	Merrick P. Wing	La Crosse	April 9, 1877.
Wyoming	William G. Tonn	Evanston	March 20, 1877.

NOTE.—Information is desired wherewith to fill the blanks in the foregoing statement.

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

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.
Alabama	James W. Chaddock	Nebraska City	September 22, 1869.
Arkansas	Samuel W. Hayes	Norfolk	March 6, 1878.
British Columbia	William Adair	Dakota City	May 12, 1874.
California	Orasmus H. Irish	Nebraska City	May 20, 1874.
Canada	Robert C. Jordan	Grand Island	August 1, 1878.
Colorado	Josiah B. Redfield	Omaha	May 11, 1874.
Connecticut	Alfred G. Hastings	Lincoln	February 20, 1877.
Dakota	Gustavus Stevenson	Omaha	February 25, 1878.
Delaware	Edwin A. Allen	Omaha	December 1, 1869.
District of Columbia	Charles F. Catlin	Omaha	September 18, 1869.
Florida	Hiram C. Rider	Crete	February 1, 1877.
France	Robert R. Livingston	Plattsmouth	September 30, 1869.
Georgia	H. O. Hanna	Falls City	September 15, 1869.
Idaho	James A. Tulleys	Red Cloud	February 1, 1877.
Illinois	George H. Thummel	Grand Island	September 2, 1872.
Indiana	Harry P. Denel	Omaha	September 8, 1869.
Iowa	Robert W. Furnas	Brownville	March 15, 1872.
Kansas	Robert C. Jordan	Grand Island	
Kentucky	J. N. Wise	Plattsmouth	September 14, 1870.
Louisiana	J. N. Wise	Plattsmouth	October 25, 1869.
Maine	N. S. Harding	Nebraska City	December 1, 1869.
Manitoba	Edwin F. Warren	Nebraska City	March 24, 1877.
Maryland	George Armstrong	Omaha	February 2, 1877.
Michigan	Daniel H. Wheeler	Plattsmouth	January 3, 1870.
Minnesota	Robert C. Jordan	Grand Island	
Missouri	J. N. Wise	Plattsmouth	August 17, 1869.
Mississippi	J. M. Burks	Nebraska City	December 31, 1869.
Montana	Charles F. Goodman	Omaha	August 14, 1878.
Nevada	James R. Reed	Tekamah	February 14, 1870.
New Brunswick	Edwin A. Allen	Omaha	September 22, 1869.
New Hampshire	Frank W. Hayes	Fremont	February 8, 1879.
New Jersey	James R. Cain	Falls City	September 24, 1878.
New Mexico	Henry E. Palmer	Plattsmouth	April 25, 1879.
New York	Robert R. Livingston	Plattsmouth	September 13, 1869.
North Carolina	Robert W. Furnas	Brownville	September 20, 1869.
Nova Scotia	Charles F. Catlin	Omaha	June 10, 1871.
Ohio	Robert W. Furnas	Brownville	September 10, 1869.
Oregon	Henry Brown	Nebraska City	
Prince Edward's Isl'd	William H. Platt	Grand Island	February 19, 1877.
Rhode Island	William M. Knapp	York	April 9, 1877.
Scotland			
South Carolina	George C. Betts	Omaha	October 22, 1869.
Tennessee	J. N. Wise	Plattsmouth	June 24, 1869.
Texas	Martin Dunham	Omaha	February 22, 1877.
Utah	George B. Graf	Omaha	December 5, 1872.
Vermont	William R. Bowen	Omaha	June 13, 1877.
Virginia	William E. Hill	Nebraska City	February 3, 1877.
Washington Territory	Charles A. Holmes	Tecumseh	February 15, 1877.
West Virginia	Henry T. Davis	Lincoln	October 12, 1866.
Wisconsin	Alexander Atkinson	Omaha	January 29, 1877.
Wyoming	Rolland H. Oakley	Lincoln	March 7, 1877.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES AND THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES  
OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery.
Arkansas	Luke E. Barber	Little Rock.
British Columbia	Eli Harrison, Jr.	Victoria.
California	Alex. G. Abell	San Francisco.
Canada	J. J. Mason	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado	Edward C. Parmalee	Georgetown.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Dakota	W. E. Caton	Elk Point.
Delaware	William S. Hayes	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	William R. Singleton	Washington.
England	John Hervey	London.
Florida	De Witt C. Dawkins	Jacksonville.
Georgia	J. E. Blackshear	Macon.
Idaho	Charles Himrod	Boise City.
Illinois	John F. Burrill	Springfield.
Indiana	William H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	W. A. McBride	Atoka, Choctaw Nation.
Iowa	Theodore S. Patvin	Iowa City.
Ireland	Sam'l B. Oldham, Deputy Gr. Sec.	Dublin.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	Hiram Bassett	Millersburg.
Louisiana	James C. Batchelor	New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Manitoba	John H. Bell	Winnepeg.
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Tracy P. Cheever	Boston.
Michigan	William P. Innes	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	A. T. C. Pierson	St. Paul.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.
Missouri	John D. Vincil	St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
Nevada	John D. Hammond	Carson.
New Brunswick	W. F. Bunting	St. John.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Joseph H. Hough	Trenton.
New Mexico	David J. Miller	Santa Fe.
New York	James M. Austin	New York.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia	Benjamin Curren	Halifax.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Oregon	Irving W. Pratt	Portland.
Pennsylvania	John Thomson	Philadelphia.
Prince Edward's Island	George W. Wakeford	Charlottetown.
Quebec	John H. Isaacson	Montreal.
Rhode Island	Edwin Bulker	Providence.
Scotland	D. Murray Lyon	Edinburgh.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Texas	George H. Bringham	Houston.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Henry Clark	Rutland.
Virginia	William B. Isaacs	Richmond.
Washington Territory	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	Odell S. Long	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	John W. Woodhull	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	William G. Tonn	Evanston.

In Memory of  
OUR BROTHER  
FRANK WELCH.

DIED SEPTEMBER 4, 1878

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GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN NEBRASKA,

JUNE 25, 5874, TO JUNE 25, 5875.

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*“He was good and true and noble; upright and steadfast  
“as became a man; kind and charitable as became a Mason;  
“strong and wise as became a leader. He was our Grand  
“Master; and, neglecting none of the duties he owed his  
“family, his neighbor, his country or his God, he met the  
“many and varied duties of the station with honor to him-  
“self and us all.”*

THIS PAGE IS INSCRIBED TO THE MEMORY OF OUR  
BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE

## At Rest.

NAME.	LODGE.	DATE OF DEATH.
S. F. NUCKOLS.....	Western Star, No. 2	Feb. 14, '79
W. W. OWEN.....	" "	" 2 .... March 23, '79
WOODSON H. DUNCAN.....	Capitol,	" 3 ... Aug. 25, '78
ROBERT CALDERWOOD.....	" "	" 3 ... Feb. 21, '79
AUGUSTUS N. GOLDWOOD.....	" "	" 3 .... April 16, '79
HENRY A. IRGENS.....	" "	" 3 .... Unknown.
BALDWIN W. PAGE.....	Falls City,	" 9 .... April 18, '79
THOMAS G. ROBERTS.....	Tecumseh,	" 17 ... March 9, '79
EZEKIEL SAMSON.....	" "	" 17 .... March 17, '79
WILLIAM WARD.....	Lincoln.	" 19 .... Aug. 7, '78
DANIEL SAWYER.....	" "	" 19 .... Oct. —, '78
JACOB LANDSBURY.....	Washington,	" 21 .... March 16, '79
ELIAS A. COOPER.....	Pawnee,	" 23 .... Oct. 18, '78
GEORGE W. HACKENBERG.....	" "	" 23 .... March 8, '79
JOHN B. ROBINSON.....	Beatrice,	" 26 .... June 6, '78
ALBERT TOWLE.....	" "	" 26 .... March 8, '79
FRANK WELCH.....	Jordan,	" 27 .... Sept. 4, '78
PETER FRAKER.....	Hope,	" 29 ... Dec. 2, '78
EDWARD B. HIRST.....	Ashlar,	" 33 .... Aug. 2, '78
FRANK E. FRYE.....	Acacia,	" 34 .... —, '79
WILLIAM RUDERSDORF.....	" "	" 34 .... Dec. 10, '78
ALBERT W. CRAWFORD.....	Fairbury,	" 35 .... Jan. 31, '79
JACOB FUHRMAN.....	Lone Tree,	" 36 .... Nov. —, '78
J. S. DONALDSON.....	" "	" 36 .... May —, '78
WILBUR DUEL.....	Fairmont,	" 48 ... Feb. 15, '79
CALVIN M. NORTHRUP.....	" "	" 48 .... Jan. 20, '79
SHEPPARD D. STODDARD.....	Hastings,	" 50 .... Dec. 26, '78
ALEXANDER E. HELM.....	Hiram,	" 52 .... Nov. 23, '78
EDWIN H. TUTTLE.....	Lancaster,	" 54 .... Jan. 3, '79
WILLIAM O ISHAM.....	Mosaic,	" 55 .... Feb. 21, '79
SACKETT C. CASE.....	Mt. Moriah,	" 57 .... March 27, '79
PHIL. B. BONESTEEL.....	Lebanon,	" 58 .... Sept. 8, '78
THEODORE STEIRVIG.....	Melrose,	" 60 .... Oct. 15, '78
JACOB BOBLITZ.....	Thistle.	" 61 .... Aug. —, '78
DARIUS WILCOX.....	Aurora,	" 68 .... April 7, '79
JOHN T. GREENFIELD.....	Sterling,	" 70 ... Jan. 13, '79

# ROLL OF LODGES,

APRIL 30, 1879.

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## NEBRASKA LODGE, NO. 1, BELLEVUE, SARPY COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Tuesday on or preceding each full moon.

SEAL — Master's apron, with square and compasses laid thereon.

### OFFICERS.

F. E. Caldwell, Master.	Wm. F. Martin, Secretary.
Jacob Slothour, Senior Warden.	David Leach, Senior Deacon.
W. D. Roules, Junior Warden.	George Johnson, Junior Deacon.
Wm. Robinson, Treasurer.	Geo. Clauson, Tiler.

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## WESTERN STAR LODGE, NO. 2, NEBRASKA CITY, OTOE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Friday evening preceding the full moon.

SEAL — A star (rayed) above the Book of Constitutions guarded by the Tiler's sword; motto, "*Lux esto.*"

### OFFICERS.

Wm. E. Hill, Master.	S. H. Morrison, Secretary <i>pro tem.</i>
James Reed, Senior Warden.	Alex Calmelet, Senior Deacon.
C. F. Rice, Junior Warden.	B. J. Ewing, Junior Deacon.
S. J. Faris, Treasurer.	C. B. Bickel, Tiler.

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## CAPITOL LODGE, NO. 3, OMAHA, DOUGLAS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First Monday evening in each month.

SEAL — The square and compasses, radiant, surrounding the letter "G," and surmounted by a small six-pointed star.

### OFFICERS.

Stephen K. Jackson, Master.	Parley M. Hartson, Senior Deacon.
Champion S. Chase, Senior Warden.	Richard T. Hume, Junior Deacon.
Louis H. Korty, Junior Warden.	Alfred A. Bradford, Senior Steward.
Myer Hellman, Treasurer.	Andrew Peterson, Junior Steward.
Wm. R. Bowen, Secretary.	Frank Waller, Tiler.

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## NEMAHA VALLEY LODGE, NO. 4, BROWNVILLE, NEMAHA COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — The Saturday on or before the full of each moon.

### OFFICERS.

James C. McNaughton, Master.	Benjamin F. Souder, Secretary.
John J. Mercer, Senior Warden.	Andrew R. Davison, Senior Deacon.
Mathew A. Handley, Junior Warden.	Charles Neidhart, Junior Deacon.
George W. Bratton, Treasurer.	James Cochran, Tiler.

## OMADI LODGE, NO. 5, DAKOTA CITY, DAKOTA COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before the full moon.

## OFFICERS.

Wm. Adair, Master.	A. H. Baker, Secretary.
W. C. McBeath, Senior Warden.	G. W. Wilkinson, Senior Deacon.
W. Cheney, Junior Warden.	J. P. Eckhart, Junior Deacon.
T. L. Griffey, Treasurer.	S. Harder, Tiler.

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## PLATTSMOUTH LODGE, NO. 6, PLATTSMOUTH, CASS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Monday evenings in each calendar month.

## OFFICERS.

Francis E. White, Master.	Arlington O. Ashley, Senior Deacon.
Samuel S. Hinkle, Senior Warden.	J. Finlay Johnson, Junior Deacon.
Rasmus Pedersen, Junior Warden.	Albert D. Despain, Senior Steward.
John W. Marshall, Treasurer.	Charles Marshall, Junior Steward.
Daniel H. Wheeler, Secretary	James Pailing, Tiler.

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## SUMMIT LODGE, NO. 7, PARKVILLE, COLORADO.

(Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado.)

## DECATUR LODGE, NO. 7, DECATUR.

(Charter surrendered.)

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN LODGE, NO. 8, GOLD HILL, COLORADO.

(Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado.)

## COLUMBUS LODGE, NO. 8, COLUMBUS.

(Charter surrendered.)

## FALLS CITY LODGE, NO. 9, FALLS CITY, RICHARDSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First Saturday on or after each full moon.

## OFFICERS.

Robert A. Wherry, Master.	Milt. W. Musselman, Secretary.
Arch. J. Weaver, Senior Warden.	Wm. F. Hinton, Senior Deacon.
Geo. H. Pearson, Junior Warden.	Eli M. Wilson, Junior Deacon.
June E. Moore, Treasurer.	Wilson M. Maddox, Tiler.

SOLOMON LODGE, NO. 10, FORT CALHOUN, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First Tuesday in each month.  
SEAL — Square and compasses.

OFFICERS.

Elias H. Clark, Master.	J. B. Kuony, Secretary.
Lorenzo Crounse, Senior Warden.	Newton Clark, Senior Deacon.
Allen Craig, Junior Warden.	James S. Ridler, Junior Deacon.
Edwin N. Grenell, Treasurer.	Henry Schutt, Tiler.

COVERT LODGE, NO. 11, OMAHA, DOUGLAS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Second Wednesday evening in each month.  
SEAL — The Mosaic pavement.

OFFICERS.

Christian Hartman, Master.	Charles H. Ogburn, Senior Deacon.
James Morris, Senior Warden.	Loughlin F. Maginn, Junior Deacon.
James S. France, Junior Warden.	Peter Johnson, Senior Steward.
James S. Gibson, Treasurer.	George H. Peterson, Junior Steward.
Chas. K. Coutant, Secretary.	William J. Mount, Tiler.

NEBRASKA CITY LODGE, NO. 12, NEBRASKA CITY, OTOE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Tuesday night on or before the full moon, each month.

OFFICERS.

James W. Chadduck, Master.	David Everest, Secretary.
James B. Northcutt, Senior Warden.	David R. Thompson, Senior Deacon.
Robert M. Hill, Junior Warden.	Wm. F. N. Houser, Junior Deacon.
George M. Brinker, Treasurer.	Chas. B. Bickel, Tiler.

ORIENT LODGE, NO. 13, RULO, RICHARDSON COUNTY

REGULAR MEETING — Monday on or before the full moon.

OFFICERS.

Tyler C. Hoyt, Master.	David Randolph, Secretary.
Z. J. Parsons, Senior Warden.	Stephen S. Jones, Senior Deacon.
George Bowker, Junior Warden.	William P. Teague, Junior Deacon.
Jacob Shuff, Treasurer.	Henry W. Walker, Tiler.

PERU LODGE, NO. 14, PERU, NEMAHA COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday night on or before the full moon in each month.

OFFICERS.

D. C. Cole, Master.	J. H. F. Scott, Secretary.
O. P. Root, Senior Warden.	J. H. Miller, Senior Deacon.
R. Sayer, Junior Warden.	J. Zaring, Junior Deacon.
J. W. Swan, Treasurer.	B. W. Knott, Tiler.

## FREMONT LODGE, NO. 15, FREMONT, DODGE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—The first Tuesday in each month.

SEAL—Three columns, with the plumb, square and level at their base.

## OFFICERS.

Jas. H. Crabbs, Master.	A. C. Hull, Senior Deacon.
Wm. D. Thomas, Senior Warden.	C. Driscoll, Junior Deacon.
Asberry Thownsend, Junior Warden.	Thos. Frahm, Senior Steward.
Allen Marshall, Treasurer.	H. W. Bowen, Junior Steward.
Evert Van Buren, Secretary.	Joel A. Green, Tiler.

## EUREKA LODGE, NO. 16, ARAGO, RICHARDSON COUNTY.

(Charter surrendered.)

## TECUMSEH LODGE, NO. 17, TECUMSEH, JOHNSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Saturday evening in each month.

## OFFICERS.

Edwin R. Wright, Master.	Alfred Canfield, Senior Deacon.
Samuel P. Davidson, Senior Warden.	Titus V. Hare, Junior Deacon.
Charles A. Holmes, Junior Warden.	Austin W. Buffum, Senior Steward.
Joseph W. Buffum, Treasurer.	Charles R. Bryant, Junior Steward.
Wm. L. Dunlap, Secretary.	John Auman, Tiler.

## ASHLAND LODGE, NO. 18, ASHLAND, SAUNDERS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Second Friday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

C. A. Miller, Master.	G. H. Bascom, Senior Deacon.
Thos. Johnson, Senior Warden.	Geo. Hatch, Senior Deacon.
S. H. Nichols, Junior Warden.	D. J. Selden, Senior Steward.
J. Beetison, Treasurer.	C. S. Wortman, Junior Steward.
A. B. Chamberlain, Secretary.	E. M. Park, Tiler.

## LINCOLN LODGE, NO. 19, LINCOLN, LANCASTER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday of each month.

SEAL—The square and compasses between two columns; beneath them two right hands.

## OFFICERS.

Rolland H. Oakley, Master.	Brad. D. Slaughter, Senior Deacon.
James McConnell, Senior Warden.	R. P. R. Miller, Junior Deacon.
D. A. Cline, Junior Warden.	O. W. Littler, Senior Steward.
Chas. M. Leighton, Treasurer.	C. F. Damrow, Junior Steward.
W. H. H. Moore, Secretary.	John McClelland, Tiler.

ROCK BLUFF LODGE, NO. 20, ROCK BLUFFS, CASS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday on or before the full moon in each month.  
SEAL—The open Book of Constitutions bearing the square and compasses.

OFFICERS.

G. W. Shrader, Master.	S. C. Patterson, Senior Deacon.
H. Allen, Senior Warden.	J. L. Trussell, Junior Deacon.
M. Archer, Junior Warden.	W. H. Smith, Senior Steward.
J. M. Patterson, Treasurer.	W. A. Rhoden, Junior Steward.
R. H. Fitch, Secretary.	J. M. Cole, Tiler.

WASHINGTON LODGE, NO. 21, BLAIR, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Second Tuesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

Chas. H. Willard, Master.	Henry Newell, Senior Deacon.
Felix R. Davis, Senior Warden.	Joshua J. Wood, Junior Deacon.
Edw'd C. Jackson, Junior Warden.	Wm. L. Handy, Senior Steward.
John H. Hungate, Treasurer.	Luther M. Norton, Junior Steward.
Orange V. Palmer, Secretary.	Richard Alberry, Tiler.

MACOY LODGE, NO. 22, PLATTSMOUTH, CASS COUNTY.

(Charter surrendered.)

PAWNEE LODGE, NO. 23, PAWNEE CITY, PAWNEE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—The Tuesday on or before the full of the moon, each month.

OFFICERS.

Samuel H. Cummins, Master.	Augustus E. Hassler, Secretary.
Jos. L. Edwards, Senior Warden.	Philander Reeder, Senior Deacon.
George Hazels, Junior Warden.	Leonard W. Osborn, Junior Deacon.
Wilsey C. Lane, Treasurer.	Judson L. Turner, Tiler.

LAFAYETTE LODGE, NO. 24, GRANT, NEMAHA COUNTY.

(Charter surrendered.)

ST JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 25, OMAHA, DOUGLAS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Thursday of each month.

SEAL—A quatre-foil bearing 1st, an eagle; 2d, location of Lodge with star; 3d, date of charter; 4th, a certain point within a circle and star, embroidered with two parallel lines with the Book of Constitutions resting thereon; within all, the square and compasses.

OFFICERS.

James B. Bruner, Master.	Frank P. Zimmer, Senior Deacon.
Gustavus Stevenson, Senior Warden.	Howard A. Worley, Junior Deacon.
Henry Van Deusen, Junior Warden.	John Rosser, Senior Steward.
John G. Jacobs, Treasurer.	Geo. H. Crager, Junior Steward.
John J. Points, Secretary.	Isaac Tompsett, Tiler.

## BEATRICE LODGE, NO. 26, BEATRICE, GAGE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Saturday nights of each month.

SEAL — Letter "G." Motto: "Faith, Hope, Charity."

## OFFICERS.

Jesse Richards, Master.	Oliver M. Enlow, Senior Deacon.
W. H. Lamb, Senior Warden.	Joseph Yohe, Junior Deacon.
W. P. Fisher, Junior Warden.	O. C. Peck, Senior Steward.
William Lamb, Treasurer.	J. E. Coffey, Junior Steward.
Walter D. Hill, Secretary.	Thomas Harpster, Tiler.

## JORDAN LODGE, NO. 27, WEST POINT, CUMING COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

## OFFICERS.

Wm. E. Krause, Master.	Zedock A. Crowell, Secretary.
Fred. Leffert, Senior Warden.	Wm. Bockenbauer, Senior Deacon.
George Scott, Junior Warden.	Archibald Robertson, Junior Deacon.
Abert D. Beemer, Treasurer.	Jay D. Briggs, Tiler.

## HOPE LODGE, NO. 29, HILLSDALE, NEMAHA COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before the full moon in each month.

## OFFICERS.

Van Ness Griffin, Master.	John W. Culp, Senior Deacon.
John W. Shubert, Senior Warden.	H. C. Christa, Junior Deacon.
James H. Overman, Junior Warden.	L. M. Wedle, Senior Steward.
John H. Shook, Treasurer.	James W. Wolf, Junior Steward.
Alonzo L. P. Thompson, Secretary.	Louis Neal, Tiler.

## BLUE RIVER LODGE, NO. 30, MILFORD, SEWARD COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Thursday evening on or before the full of the moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

J. L. Davison, Master.	H. A. Brisbin, Senior Deacon.
A. B. Stephens, Senior Warden.	G. W. Brandon, Junior Warden.
S. H. Biggs, Junior Warden.	O. J. Gowey, Senior Steward.
J. H. Raymer, Treasurer.	Elisha Courtright, Junior Steward.
J. H. Culver, Secretary.	J. B. Courtright, Tiler.

TEKAMAH LODGE, NO. 31, TEKAMAH, BURT COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Wednesdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

William H. Marshall, Master.	Jasper C. Laughlin, Senior Deacon.
George W. Green, Senior Warden.	John Driscoll, Junior Deacon.
Lorenzo D. Woodruff, Junior Warden.	Wellington Harrington, Sr. Steward.
Austin Nelson, Treasurer.	William B. White, Junior Steward.
William B. Roberts, Secretary.	James E. Hildreth, Tiler.

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PLATTE VALLEY LODGE, NO. 32, NORTH PLATTE, LINCOLN COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Second Tuesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

Joseph McConnell, Master.	Frank E. Bullard, Senior Deacon.
Alexander Stewart, Senior Warden.	James Babbitt, Junior Deacon.
Henry J. Clark, Junior Warden.	Almon S. Seuter, Senior Steward.
Charles McDonald, Treasurer.	John Bratt, Junior Steward.
Samuel Goozee, Secretary.	Albert Marsh, Tiler.

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ASHLAR LODGE, NO. 33, GRAND ISLAND, HALL COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Second Thursday in each month.

SEAL — The letter "G."

OFFICERS.

Robert C. Jordan, Master.	Charles L. Howell, Secretary.
Henry P. Makeley, Senior Warden.	George E. Wilson, Senior Deacon.
Thos. O. C. Harrison, Junior Warden.	Christian Ipson, Junior Deacon.
Edward Hooper, Treasurer.	James Michelson, Tiler.

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ACACIA LODGE, NO. 34, SCHUYLER, COLFAX COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First Thursday in each month.

SEAL — A sprig of acacia.

OFFICERS.

Charles E. Sumner, Master.	Thomas B. Crewitt, Senior Deacon.
Charles J. Phelps, Senior Warden.	Judson L. Packard, Junior Deacon.
John J. Riley, Junior Warden.	Charles L. Boughton, Senior Steward.
Frank Faulkner, Treasurer.	James W. Munroe, Junior Steward.
Theron W. Whitman, Secretary.	E. D. Ralston, Tiler.

## FAIRBURY LODGE, NO. 35, FAIRBURY, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Monday evenings of each month.

SEAL — A virgin weeping over broken column; on the left a tree.

## OFFICERS.

George Cross, Master.	T. J. Kirk, Senior Deacon.
Morgan Crane, Senior Warden.	T. T. Berry, Junior Deacon.
Robert Christian, Junior Warden.	A. Benedict, Senior Steward.
R. A. Kennedy, Treasurer.	S. G. Thomas, Junior Steward.
B. F. Rawalt, Secretary.	R. Brock, Jr., Tiler.

## LONE TREE LODGE, NO. 36, CENTRAL CITY, MERRICK COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETINGS — First and third Saturday evenings in each month.

SEAL — Square and compasses, with letter "G" in centre, over a tree, growing.

## OFFICERS.

Joseph B. White, Master.	R. F. Steele, Senior Deacon.
J. E. Wilder, Senior Warden.	Frank A. Craig, Junior Deacon.
Wesley Sparks, Junior Warden.	James Dunovan, Senior Steward.
Jas. Verigg, Treasurer.	Dan. Hopkins, Junior Steward.
Bell E. Berryman, Secretary.	J. H. Berryman, Tiler.

## CRETE LODGE, NO. 37, CRETE, SALINE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — The first Friday of each month.

SEAL — The All-seeing Eye, radiant; above, a lamb.

## OFFICERS.

Israel M. Wolf, Master.	Ithamar T. Benjamin, Senior Deacon.
Horace M. Wells, Senior Warden.	Timothy V. West, Junior Deacon.
Edward Healey, Junior Warden.	Levi Oppenheimer, Senior Steward.
William T. Buchanan, Treasurer.	James Gallagher, Junior Steward.
Rufus L. Cornwell, Secretary.	Cyrus S. Beers, Tiler.

## OLIVER LODGE, NO. 38, SEWARD, SEWARD COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday evening on or before the full moon in each month.

SEAL — The All-seeing Eye, radiant above a slipper, surrounded by a cable-tow.

## OFFICERS.

Forington W. Redford, Master.	Sanford H. Marshall, Senior Deacon.
William Hayes, Senior Warden.	Stephen D. Paddock, Junior Deacon.
Thomas E. Sanders, Junior Warden.	Levi A. Weldon, Senior Steward.
West B. Barrett, Treasurer.	George H. Sidler, Junior Steward.
James D. Edwards, Secretary.	George W. Whiting, Tiler.

## PAPILLION LODGE, NO. 39, PAPILLION, SARPY COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday evening on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A level crossed by a square, centre to centre, erect.

## OFFICERS.

J. C. Miller, Master.	D. L. Carpenter, Treasurer.
S. B. Knapp, Senior Warden.	J. D. Patterson, Secretary.
J. C. Eisele, Junior Warden.	Geo. F. Wolf, Tiler.

## HUMBOLDT LODGE, NO. 40, HUMBOLDT, RICHARDSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Thursday on or before full moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

William W. Turk, Master.	Henry A. Scott, Senior Deacon.
Charles E. Nims, Senior Warden.	Walter H. Chapman, Junior Deacon.
Almon S. Davis, Junior Warden.	Daniel Kudwell, Senior Steward.
Barney Mullen, Treasurer.	William P. Mitchell, Junior Steward.
Edgar S. Norton, Secretary.	Albert M. Gentry, Tiler.

## NORTHERN LIGHT LODGE, NO. 41, STANTON, STANTON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Wednesday evening of each month.

SEAL—The All-seeing Eye, radiant above the Book of Constitutions guarded by the Tiler's sword.

## OFFICERS.

C. L. Lamb, Master.	J. A. Ehrhardt, Senior Deacon.
Lewis Ley, Senior Warden.	S. S. Canfield, Junior Deacon.
S. B. Muchmore, Junior Warden.	A. M. McFarland, Senior Steward.
J. Poesnecker, Treasurer.	H. C. Sharp, Junior Steward.
F. A. Frost, Secretary.	H. Goldsmith, Tiler.

## JUNIATA LODGE, NO. 42, JUNIATA, ADAMS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Monday evening on or before full of the moon.

## OFFICERS.

Ira G. Dillon, Master.	Barnabas E. Swift, Senior Deacon.
Anthony I. Adams, Senior Warden.	Samuel J. Shirley, Junior Deacon.
George Kuder, Junior Warden.	Garrett S. Guild, Senior Steward.
Ely N. Crane, Treasurer.	Marcus C. Lindsay, Junior Steward.
Henry R. Savery, Secretary.	John Spencer, Tiler.

## HEBRON LODGE, NO. 43, HEBRON, THAYER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Saturdays of each month.

## OFFICERS.

Fred. E. Roper, Master.	Charles B. Coon, Senior Deacon.
Benj. F. Berkey, Senior Warden.	John M. Fitchpatrick, Junior Deacon.
Walter J. Thompson, Junior Warden.	John G. Rice, Senior Steward.
Wm. J. Green, Treasurer.	James A. Soule, Junior Steward.
James Dinsmore, Secretary.	Isadore Ebert, Tiler.

## HARVARD LODGE, NO. 44, HARVARD, CLAY COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Tuesdays of each month.

## OFFICERS.

W. J. Turner, Master.	L. B. Munger, Secretary.
E. Brown, Senior Warden.	C. D. Moore, Senior Deacon.
Wilber Allen, Junior Warden	J. Spotts, Junior Deacon.
J. D. Bain, Treasurer.	

## PALMYRA LODGE, NO. 45, PALMYRA, OTOE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday in each month on or before the full of the moon.

SEAL—A shield, quarterly of four, bearing in first quarter a royal crown; in second quarter the cross and crescent; in third quarter a palm tree, and in fourth quarter the jewel of the Grand Master. For crest, the All-seeing Eye, radiant.

## OFFICERS.

J. Oscar Moore, Master.	W. Durrant Page, Secretary.
Samuel S. Seely, Senior Warden.	Wm. S. White, Senior Deacon.
Dwight Wait, Junior Warden.	David H. Moore, Junior Deacon.
Isaac N. Foster, Treasurer.	Joseph Rudge, Tiler.

## ROB. MORRIS LODGE, NO. 46, KEARNEY, BUFFALO COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Wednesday of each month.

SEAL—A shield bearing an hour-glass, partly surrounded on right by a scythe; for crest, a winged globe.

## OFFICERS.

Henry Gibbons, Master.	E. B. Carter, Senior Deacon.
D. A. Dorsey, Senior Warden.	R. E. Barney, Junior Deacon.
S. L. Savidge, Junior Warden.	J. M. Frantz, Senior Steward.
S. C. Ayer, Treasurer.	W. F. Marsh, Junior Steward.
Thos. Downing, Secretary.	J. J. Marrs, Tiler.

## SALEM LODGE, NO. 47, SALEM, RICHARDSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

## OFFICERS.

Myron H. Felt, Master.	Cassius C. Kenny, Secretary.
Hugh C. Van Dervort, Senior Warden.	Oliver W. Dunning, Senior Deacon.
John R. Brooke, Junior Warden.	Quig H. Staver, Junior Deacon.
George W. Baker, Treasurer.	Joshua Van Dervort, Tiler.

## FAIRMOUNT LODGE, NO. 48, FAIRMOUNT, FILLMORE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday evening on or before full moon.

SEAL—A certain point within a circle, embroidered by two perpendicular parallel lines supporting the Book of Constitutions.

## OFFICERS.

Calvin B. Webber, Master.	Warren P. Conner, Senior Deacon.
Josiah E. Cramer, Senior Warden.	John Barsby, Junior Deacon.
Daniel A. Phillips, Junior Warden.	John J. Bock, Senior Steward.
Virgil A. Stuart, Treasurer.	Clarence C. Chapin, Junior Steward.
Robert M. Cotton, Secretary.	Ebenezer Milner, Tiler.

EVENING STAR LODGE, NO. 49, SUTTON, CLAY COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Second and fourth Thursdays in each month.  
 SEAL — A five-pointed star bearing in centre the letter "G" radiant.

OFFICERS.

J. C. Merrill, Master.	G. H. Vanduyne, Senior Deacon.
C. M. Turner, Senior Warden.	James Melvin, Junior Deacon.
J. B. Dinsmore, Junior Warden.	W. S. Randall, Senior Steward.
Geo. Honey, Treasurer.	K. T. Jones, Junior Steward.
A. C. Burlingame, Secretary.	Wm. Pawson, Tiler.

HASTINGS LODGE, NO. 50, HASTINGS, ADAMS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Third Saturday evening in each month.  
 SEAL — A shield, azure, bearing a chevron (for the square). In chief, a sun; in centre base, a crescent. *argent*. For a crest, the symbol of a M.: M.: *argent*.

OFFICERS.

George W. Mowery, Master.	Emanuel Steinan, Senior Deacon.
John J. Wemple, Senior Warden.	James F. Schryer, Junior Deacon.
William W. Hopper, Junior Warden.	Thomas M. Abbott, Senior Steward.
Charles K. Lawson, Treasurer.	Ralph Wood, Junior Steward.
Thos. J. Pardoe, Secretary.	John C. M. Spencer, Tiler.

FIDELITY LODGE, NO. 51, DAVID CITY, BUTLER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before full moon in each month.  
 SEAL — All-seeing Eye, radiant, above the square and compasses.

OFFICERS.

Christopher C. Cook, Master.	Seth Raymond, Senior Deacon.
G. Hial Peebles, Senior Warden.	Benj. F. Rolph, Junior Deacon.
James Bell, Junior Warden.	Ambrose H. Jones, Senior Steward.
William G. Boston, Treasurer.	Samuel M. Benight, Junior Steward.
Thornton B. Myers, Secretary.	Edward Burrill, Tiler.

HIRAM LODGE, NO. 52, BELL CREEK, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Wednesday on or before full moon in each month.  
 SEAL — The plumb.

OFFICERS.

William R. Turner, Master.	Thomas J. Charles, Senior Deacon.
John Hammang, Senior Warden.	George Bean, Junior Deacon.
Joseph Hammang, Junior Warden.	Samuel G. Glover, Senior Steward.
John A. Unthank, Treasurer.	Peter Hammang, Junior Steward.
William V. Miller, Secretary.	William Schulze, Tiler.

## CHARITY LODGE, NO. 53, RED CLOUD, WEBSTER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Friday on or before full moon.

SEAL—An open hand.

## OFFICERS.

James Calvert, Master.	Israel Stein, Secretary.
Richard L. Tinker, Senior Warden.	James S. Gilham, Senior Deacon.
Jacob L. Miller, Junior Warden.	William Parkes, Junior Deacon.
William W. Richardson, Treasurer.	George W. Ball, Tiler.

## LANCASTER LODGE, NO. 54, LINCOLN, LANCASTER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Friday in each month.

SEAL—A shield, *azure*, bearing a trowel crossed with a gavel, *argent*. For a crest, three lengths of a cable-tow and three points, *argent*.

## OFFICERS.

George P. Tucker, Master.	Charles H. Willard, Secretary.
John McManigal, Senior Warden.	Levi M. Hupert, Senior Deacon.
George K. Amory, Junior Warden.	David B. Howard, Junior Deacon.
Theodore S. Ganter, Treas.	John McClelland, Tiler.

## MOSAIC LODGE, NO. 55, NORFOLK, MADISON COUNTY

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday evening in each calendar month.

SEAL—An heraldic shield, checker, *argent azure*; bordered *argent*, bearing a sheaf of wheat *or*. Crest, figures 5875, alluding to year of charter.

## OFFICERS.

Charles P. Mathewson, Master.	Fred. E. Hardy, Senior Deacon.
William H. Lowe, Senior Warden.	Charles, Eble, Junior Deacon.
Wm. H. Wideman, Junior Warden.	Alexander Bear, Senior Steward.
Andrew N. McGinnis, Treasurer.	John D. Hale, Junior Steward.
Wayman J. Crow, Secretary.	Wm. O. Isham, Tiler.

## YORK LODGE, NO. 56, YORK, YORK COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Friday evenings of each month.

SEAL—An heraldic shield, *azure*, bearing, *argent*, a tau cross; beneath, a pair of compasses extended over three points in pyramid, and between a dagger and one point and a square between two points. For crest, letter "G" between 58 and 75.

## OFFICERS.

George B. France, Master.	Stephen S. Baldwin, Senior Deacon.
L. A. Brandhoefer, Senior Warden.	James A. McKillip, Junior Deacon.
D. E. Sayre, Junior Warden.	C. C. Cobb, Senior Steward.
Charles Le Count, Treasurer.	Andrew Rowley, Junior Steward.
Lee Love, Secretary.	Samuel McConnaughey, Tiler.

MT. MORIAH LODGE, NO. 57, SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Thursday on or before full moon.

SEAL — Square and compasses interlaced with letter "G."

OFFICERS.

Wm. Y. Heather, Master.	John M. Parry, Secretary.
L. E. Sinsabaugh, Senior Warden.	Geo. W. McKee, Senior Deacon.
C. B. Page, Junior Warden.	Charles D. Waldo, Junior Deacon.
Josiah Rogers, Treasurer.	B. H. Colberg, Tiler.

LEBANON LODGE, NO. 58, COLUMBUS, PLATTE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Second Wednesday of each month.

SEAL — An heraldic shield, *argent* quarterly of four, bearing *vert* 1st and 4th, three mountains; 2d and 3d, a cedar of Lebanon. For crest, Grand Master's jewel between figures 58 and 75.

OFFICERS.

R. H. Henry, Master.	James E. North, Senior Deacon.
Albert W. Crites, Senior Warden.	Irwin J. Slattery, Junior Deacon.
Chs. A. Spicer, Junior Warden.	James R. Meagher, Senior Steward.
John P. Becker, Treasurer.	John N. Lawson, Junior Steward.
Gus. G. Becher, Secretary.	Marshall Smith, Tiler.

WAHOO LODGE, NO. 59, WAHOO, SAUNDERS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before full moon and second Saturday thereafter.

OFFICERS.

Jacob C. Polsley, Master.	Jerome Barnell, Senior Deacon.
Joseph N. Davis, Senior Warden.	Benjamin F. Graham, Junior Deacon.
F. P. McCutchan, Junior Warden.	John F. Hecht, Senior Steward.
Ebenezer Pickett, Treasurer.	Charles L. Mielenz, Junior Steward.
Nelson H. Bell, Secretary.	Charles H. Cole, Tiler.

MELROSE LODGE, NO. 60, ORLEANS, HARLAN COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — On or before the full moon.

OFFICERS.

Albert C. Robbins, Master.	Wickliffe Newell, Senior Deacon.
D. E. Bomgardner, Senior Warden.	Judson Palmer, Junior Deacon.
J. McC. Preston, Junior Warden.	E. C. Achen, Senior Steward.
A. K. Crawford, Treasurer.	James Billings, Junior Steward.
Lewis H. Kent, Secretary.	Jefferson H. McKee, Tiler.

## THISTLE LODGE, NO. 61, PLUM CREEK, DAWSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Saturdays.

SEAL — On a shield *azure*, bordure *argent*, a branch of three thistles *argent*. For crest, three plates in triangular form.

## OFFICERS.

John H. MacColl, Master.	John L. May, Secretary.
William H. Lengel, Senior Warden.	George Little, Senior Deacon.
Richard F. James, Junior Warden.	James W. Ayers, Junior Deacon.
Hugh MacLean, Treasurer.	Harry C. Naylor, Tiler.

## KEYSTONE LODGE, NO. 62, ST. JOE, HAMILTON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before the full moon in each month.

## OFFICERS.

Martin Ennis, Master.	John T. Price, Senior Deacon.
Isaiah E. Ball, Senior Warden.	Wm. J. Sampson, Junior Deacon.
Daniel E. Price, Junior Warden.	Nelson F. Lane, Senior Steward.
Edward Dearing, Treasurer.	David S. Parkhurst, Junior Steward.
Joseph A. Campbell, Secretary.	Alonzo W. Price, Tiler.

## RIVERTON LODGE, NO. 63, RIVERTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday night on or before full moon in each month.

SEAL — On a shield *azure*, three squares interlaced, *argent*; bordure of the second. For crest, the Master's square, *argent*.

## OFFICERS.

James R. McDonald, Master.	Sanford R. Razez, Secretary.
James Garvin, Senior Warden.	Robert B. Fulton, Senior Deacon.
McKee Crilly, Junior Warden.	Jehorada Worth, Junior Deacon.
James T. Reams, Treasurer.	Alfred B. Stevens, Tiler.

## BLUE VALLEY LODGE, NO. 64, WILBER, SALINE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or preceding the full moon.

SEAL — An heraldic shield *azure*, bearing within a bordure *argent*, and a pot of incense *or*. For crest, three quarter-notes connected by a bar for M. M. degree.

## OFFICERS.

Edward J. Weaver, Master.	Ara Beecher, Senior Deacon.
James Harvey, Senior Warden.	A. B. Kilmer, Junior Deacon.
Jacob Lawson, Junior Warden.	G. W. Ross, Senior Steward.
Henry Clark, Treasurer.	J. F. Earley, Junior Steward.
J. N. Van Duyn, Secretary.	F. J. Sadilik, Tiler.

## OSCEOLA LODGE, NO. 65, OSCEOLA, POLK COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before full moon.

SEAL — An heraldic shield *azure*, bearing within a bordure *argent*; lightning emanating from the word LUX, *argent*.

## OFFICERS.

Herbert T. Arnold, Master.	Hopewell P. Shore, Senior Deacon.
Samuel Snell, Senior Warden.	Stephen Cunningham, Junior Deacon.
Robert Wheeler, Junior Warden.	Abraham Larue, Senior Steward.
Lyman J. Blowers, Treasurer.	Sidney M. Stone, Junior Steward.
William F. Longer, Secretary.	George Ward, Tiler.

## LIVINGSTONE LODGE, NO. 66, FIRTH, LANCASTER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Wednesday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

N. J. Denniston, Master.	J. W. Schmidt, Secretary.
I. M. Hill, Senior Warden.	J. Groves, Senior Deacon.
C. Bailey, Junior Warden.	W. W. Barnhouse, Junior Deacon.
O. Evans, Treasurer.	J. E. Witzig, Tiler.

## EDGAR LODGE, No. 67, EDGAR, CLAY COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Saturday in each month.

SEAL — A five-pointed star beneath a pen and sword, crossed, between two columns, resting on the Mosaic pavement; above all an eye radiant.

## OFFICERS.

Milton J. Hull, Master.	George M. Mordock, Senior Deacon.
Samuel J. Whitten, Senior Warden.	John G. Prossar, Junior Deacon.
John G. Glazier, Junior Warden.	Joseph R. Kidd, Senior Steward.
Smith T. Caldwell, Treasurer.	Marion Hart, Junior Steward.
John Whitten, Secretary.	William A. Dittson, Tiler.

## AURORA LODGE. NO. 68, AURORA, HAMILTON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — The first and third Saturdays of each month.

SEAL — Sheaf of wheat, with name, number and location of Lodge.

## OFFICERS.

Jesse S. Miller, Master.	Walter L. Whittemore, Secretary.
Thomas A. McKay, Senior Warden.	Eugene J. Hainer, Senior Deacon.
John H. Helms, Junior Warden.	Martin M. Haggerty, Tiler.
Thomas H. Glover, Treasurer.	

## FORTITUDE LODGE, NO. 69, ULYSSES, BUTLER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — On or before the full moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

A. Roberts, Master.	George Shrader, Senior Deacon.
Madison Rodgers, Senior Warden.	Wm. T. Shields, Junior Deacon.
Sumner Darnell, Junior Warden.	Ed. Waring, Senior Steward.
David Reed, Treasurer.	J. W. Shields, Junior Steward.
J. W. Thrailkill, Secretary.	E. B. Johnes, Tiler.

## STERLING LODGE, NO. 70, STERLING, JOHNSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Tuesday on or before full moon of each month.

SEAL — Double circle. Outer circle, "Sterling Lodge, Sterling, Nebraska." Inner circle, "No. 70, A. F. and A. M."

## OFFICERS.

Alfred Shipman, Master.	William A. Harris, Senior Deacon.
John C. Mann, Senior Warden.	Edward C. Lender, Junior Deacon.
Arch. J. Herdman, Junior Warden.	Valentine Zink, Senior Steward.
William Freeborn, Treasurer.	Charles C. Reed, Junior Steward.
William Chambers, Secretary.	Albert H. Dollarhide, Tiler.

## TROWEL LODGE, NO. 71, NELIGH, ANTELOPE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before the full of the moon.

## OFFICERS.

Albert M. Cool, Master.	John W. Getchee, Senior Deacon.
F. H. Trowbridge, Senior Warden.	Penrose D. Romig, Junior Deacon.
Robert Wilson, Junior Warden.	Gustavus A. Smith, Senior Steward.
H. M. Cox, Treasurer.	John Maybery, Junior Steward.
Howard S. Lovejoy, Secretary.	Leroy J. Snider, Tiler.

## HOOPER LODGE, U. D., HOOPER, DODGE COUNTY.

James F. Burns, Master.	H. C. Craig, Senior Warden.
	J. Denslow, Junior Warden.

## SALINE LODGE, U. D., FRIEND, SALINE COUNTY.

T. A. Megeath, Master.	James D. Thompson, Senior Warden.
	Walter F. Stacey, Junior Warden.

## ALEXANDRIA LODGE, U. D., ALEXANDRIA, THAYER COUNTY.

J. H. Enslow, Master.	George W. Enslow, Senior Warden.
	J. B. Given, Junior Warden.

## FRANK WELCH LODGE, U. D., SIDNEY, CHEYENNE COUNTY.

N. F. Hazen, Master.	Peter Smith, Senior Warden.
	J. A. Carley, Junior Warden.

## NELSON LODGE, U. D., NELSON, NUCKOLLS COUNTY.

Martin L. Schermerhorn, Master.	William A. Scott, Senior Warden.
	Howard A. Stokes, Junior Warden.

## JOPPA LODGE, U. D., BLOOMINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY.

George W. Sheppard, Master.	W. E. Hatch, Senior Warden.
	Simon W. Sweitzer, Junior Warden.

## LODGE OF SORROW.

MASONIC HALL, LINCOLN, NEB., June 24, 1879.

The Past Grand Masters' Association of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska assembled this evening as a Lodge of Sorrow, to do honor to the memory of the late M.: W.: Bro.: Frank Welch, Past Grand Master, deceased since the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge. The following Past Grand Masters were present and conducted the ceremonies :

Bro.: ROBERT C. JORDAN.....Ven.: Grand Master.  
Bro.: GEORGE H. THUMMEL.....Ven.: Senior Grand Warden.  
Bro.: DANIEL H. WHEELER.....Ven.: Junior Grand Warden.  
Bro.: ROBERT W. FURNAS.....Ven.: Grand Orator.  
Bro.: WILLIAM E. HILL.....Ven.: Grand Almoner.  
Bro.: MARTIN DUNHAM.....Ven.: Grand Treasurer.  
Bro.: ALFRED G. HASTINGS.....Ven.: Grand Secretary.  
Bro.: HARRY P. DEUEL.....Ven.: Grand Expert.  
Bro.: GEO. W. LININGER.....Ven.: Assistant Grand Expert.

The following brethren kindly assisted the Past Grand Masters in conducting the services of the evening: Bro.: Charles F. Catlin, Grand Master of Ceremonies; Jas. A. Tulleys, Dep.: Grand Master; James R. Cain, Sen.: Grand Warden; Edwin F. Warren, Jun.: Grand Warden; William R. Bowen, Grand Secretary; Bros.: R. H. Oakley, N. R. Persinger, C. P. Matthewson, C. F. Goodman, A. C. Robbins, A. K. Amory, J. W. Chadduck, J. H. Crabs, E. A. Allen, Henry Brown, Lorenzo Crounse, S. W. Hayes, H. C. Rider, and Rev. Frank E. Bullard, Grand Chaplain.

A handsome catafalque had been erected in the center of the Hall, which was decorated in excellent good taste by Bros.:

George W. Lininger and Christ. Hartman, of Omaha, and Prof. Stadler, of Lincoln. The Lodge was organized in an adjoining apartment, and conducted to the Lodge-room by Mt. Moriah Commandery of Knights Templar acting as an escort. At the hour of assembling the Hall was densely filled by members of the Fraternity and a large number of their lady friends.

At the hour appointed the ceremonies were opened by a short address from Bro.: R. C. Jordan, in the following words:

*Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren of the Grand Lodge and Welcome Friends:*

It has seemed to me proper before entering upon the solemnities for which we have assembled, to say a few words, by way of explanation, for the benefit of those present who may not fully understand the purposes of our meeting.

It is within a few weeks of twenty-two years since the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was organized. During those years to the present time, thirteen different brethren have been honored by the Grand Lodge as its presiding officer. By a singular and unusual ordering of Divine Providence, up to within a year past, these were all alive and residents of this State.

Two years ago our Venerable Grand Orator (who will address you this evening) conceived the happy idea of having all the Past Grand Masters meet at Omaha during the session of the Grand Lodge, and form an association, to be called the "Past Grand Masters' Association of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Free and Accepted Masons," its object being to keep alive an interest with each member in the affairs of the Craft and preserve the recollections and pleasant memories of bygone years of active service in the Order. He proceeded to act at once in the matter, and by personal effort succeeded in securing the presence of nearly all the Past Grand Masters at the session of the Grand Lodge held in Omaha in June, 1877.

The organization was perfected at that session, and among the several matters determined upon was this: that in case of the death of one of the members, the survivors would, at some convenient time, hold a Lodge of Sorrow, in memory of his life and labors in the Fraternity. In accordance with this determination, and for this purpose, we have met this evening. Since our last annual meeting the tyrant Death has invaded our ranks and made captive one of our small number.

At the time the association was organized it was not expected that many more years would elapse before we would be called upon to perform the sad offices of the Ritual of a Lodge of Sorrow.

The lamented brother, to whose memory we propose to do honor this evening, has merely preceded others of us, who must shortly obey the inev-

itable summons of our supreme Grand Master, and go from our labors on earth and be rewarded according to our works.

The desire to be kindly remembered after we die is both natural and proper. The man or woman who, upon arriving at the age when reason claims her right to have a say in shaping our destinies, determines to pursue a course in life guided by the polar star of duty, and even partially succeeds, is entitled to all the homage we can bestow upon their memories.

"Duty." Do we who are here present always realize the full import of its meaning. An ancient ritual says: "In health or sickness, in prosperity or adversity, Duty is with us always, exacting as necessity." "It rises with us in the morning and watches by our pillow at night; in the roar of the city and in the loneliness of the desert, Duty is with us always, imperative as destiny."

And now, good friends, let us proceed to do our duty to the memory of our brother who has gone away from us into the unseen and mysterious land from which no messenger has ever returned to tell us his experience there. Let us divest our minds, as far as in our power lies, of idle and vain curiosity, and go away, for a short season, from our baser selves into that state where envyings and bickerings are shut out, and render unto his memory the homage of honest hearts; and may the All-wise and All-powerful Creator of heaven and earth help us so to live that when our time comes to obey his call we may likewise be kindly remembered by our surviving friends, and such honor done to our memories as we may have earned in the performance of duty.

Venerable Grand Master of Ceremonies, the duty is yours to begin our service of Sorrow.

Upon the conclusion of the address of the Ven.: Master, the Ritual of a Lodge of Sorrow of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Masons, as used in the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, was rendered in full, with all the solemnities with which it is adorned.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the Ven.: Grand Orator, Bro.: R. W. Furnas delivered a most interesting eulogy on the life and character of the deceased, which was ordered to be published with these Proceedings, as follows:

"Men are not together only when they are with each other. The distant and departed also live for us." "The memories of our Order's dead are its most precious jewels." *We* "survive *them* only as leaves that wither later, cling a time longer to the tree." "The good mariner, when he draws near port, furls sails, and enters softly." So may we remember; so may we act.

Two years ago, during the session of the Grand Lodge, a new and additional Masonic organization was created in this jurisdiction — original with

the fraternity in Nebraska—the “Association of Past Grand Masters.” The preamble prefacing its constitution reads: “Grateful to Almighty God for that preservation and protection which shows our ranks as Past Grand Masters in this jurisdiction unbroken by death, or otherwise, and sensible that in due course of time and nature we shall be called from our earthly labors,” etc. All of our Past Grand Masters, save one, were present at this organization.

Timely precaution that which added another mystic link; another fraternal tie to bind us while terrestrial sojourners. Death has invaded our sacred circle, our ranks are broken.

This assemblage, our brotherhood—this “Lodge of Sorrow”—is in solemn commemoration of a beloved member whose seat among us is vacant, whose voice is forever silent.

It becomes my duty to here formally announce that of which you have all been long since apprised—the death of our worthy Bro.: and P.: G.: M.: Frank Welch.

Both sad and pleasant the duty, that of paying tribute to departed worth and merit. I would in this instance the office had devolved upon one more competent.

The memories, character, life and qualities of our departed brother have, since his death and prior to this convocation, been presented to the public by the Lodge with which he was last most intimately associated, by the press of the State and nation, and by his colleagues in the congress of the United States, of which body he was an honored member. So much, therefore, said and written, with which you all are familiar, that nothing, seemingly, remains for me, other than to collate, condense and reiterate what others have already uttered.

It was my good fortune and pleasure to be intimately and continuously acquainted and associated with Bro.: Welch since first he came to Nebraska. Designated to fill the position I do at this hour, I desired to know of his youth—his early characteristics—the foundation of what I as well as others here present knew and admired in manhood, along life’s forenoon, and at its mid-day. I therefore applied to the mother, with whom it has not been my pleasure to enjoy a personal acquaintance, yet had long since learned of as a lady of culture, refinement and rare intellectual endowments. I can only do her and her son justice by transferring to this eulogium her exact words. After prefacing with such grief-stricken expressions and utterances as a tender-hearted, bereaved and affectionate mother would naturally feel and give utterance to, she says:

“He was born on Bunker Hill, Charleston, Mass., February 10, 1835. After his father’s death, and when he was two years of age, I removed with him to a home in my father’s family—Dr. Benj. Prescott, Bath, Maine. He attended a public school in that place until he was ten years of age. Then I commenced a new life with him in Boston, where he entered a public grammar school, afterward graduating at the Boston high school. He then entered as a student in the office of Parker and Pelton, civil engineers, in Charleston, Mass. He was sent by them first as an engineer on the New

York Central Railroad, and then to Fond du Lac, Wis., for the purpose of superintending a survey to Lake Superior, in charge of a corps of engineers. After this survey he was induced to go to Nebraska Territory, Decatur.

"He married in May, 1863, Miss Elizabeth Butts, daughter of Seneca Butts, of Hudson, N. Y., and niece of Commodore John Percival, a well-known officer of the U. S. Navy, at whose home she was visiting, where they first met. By this marriage there were five children, three of whom are still living — the eldest a son between fifteen and sixteen, and the two younger, daughters, one fourteen and the other five years of age.

"His life and mine were more intimately associated during the years of his youth and growing manhood than is common with mother and son, containing innumerable passages to which, in the later period of his life, he often reverted, in our conversations, with strong feeling. The early death of his father, doubtless, had much to do with our unusual close companionship.

"My own family, on both sides of the house, actively Democratic in their politics, of course all the influences of Frank's earliest history pressed from this source continually upon him. My maternal grandfather, whom Frank well remembered, was General John Chandler, of the war of 1812. He was Democratic senator from Maine to our national congress during a period of fourteen years, and afterward collector of customs at the port of Portland, Maine. Judge Anson G. Chandler, of Maine, another brother of my mother, was consul at one time to the Sandwich Islands. They were both prominent in all the political deliberations of their party, and this while Frank's own character was ripening through youth into manhood. All the family, on both sides, as said, was firmly rooted in the Democratic principles and policy of their party, dominant much of the time during my and his early life. I was daily posted in my youth in all the political proceedings of the time, as my father always endeavored to persuade his daughters to make this knowledge a part of their several education, while the constant intercourse and conversation of our family friends gave us an insight into the *modus operandi* of their party. Of course Frank, surrounded by such atmosphere, took a very early interest in American politics, which interest was inherited from a long ancestry, intensely stirred with the spirit of the politics of their day. One evening, when he was about fourteen years old, during one of our frequent conversations on the topics uppermost during one of our Presidential campaigns, one of which was slavery, after giving him a little history of its origin, rise and progress, and of my growing repugnance to all its corruption and diabolism, he sprang from his chair, and, walking the room rapidly for a few moments, stopped suddenly, and said with most emphatic enthusiasm: 'Mother, I am glad you have opened both sides of our politics to me! From this night I vow eternal fealty to the principle of freedom, and I will never, so help me Heaven, give any quarters to any party which affords aid or encouragement to the principles of slavery. Freedom of thought, speech and action shall be *my* watchword, when I am a man, as I shall be in seven years from now.' These were his exact words. Through all his life after he was, as all his friends know, uncompromisingly true to his youthful vow.

"During the autumn of that Presidential campaign a torch-light procession was announced by the Democrats of the city, where my father was then living, and while Frank and I were members of his family. Suddenly, one day before the event, I awoke to consciousness that a crowd of boys, many of them new to me, were flocking to Frank's room, and into our garden, by twos, fours and sixes, and sometimes indefinitely. Suspecting that some scheme was being projected by them, in regard to the procession, I inquired of Frank what was going on. He replied, 'Can't tell you now. Wait until Friday.' I said no more, but waited. We were having constant talks at our table, in every room in the house, from attic to kitchen, in favor of the Democratic side of the question; of its doubts, anticipations, and about the procession in prospect. When the auspicious moment arrived, and the procession was approaching my father's house, who should appear but Frank, followed by all the boys in the place he could muster as retainers, whose fathers were of the Whig party. They entered the front side of the yard and as many as could perched upon the fence. Frank, as leader, addressed his company, saying: 'Boys, off the fence! We are not on the fence in our politics.' Every boy jumped to the ground. While there was a halt of the procession before the house, and a lull in the music — for every man in the procession felt sure of the politics of *that* house — the boys began to sing a Whig campaign song at the top of their jubilant voices, which the procession was ready to cheer until they caught the words of the song. My father rushed out, bareheaded, to quell the voices. But the boys sang their song out."

These incidents are mentioned as illustrative of one of Frank's dominant characteristics — independence.

"At school he was quick and comprehensive in all the studies of his rôle. His intuitions were vivid as lightning. He always reached his conclusions in analyzing principles long before his mates had marshaled their ideas for expression. So kindly and magnetic was his heart and temperament, that when he had overthrown false theories, though he hurrahed lustily over his victory, his companions were sure at least to join with him in the shout of triumph. When he had considered well any principle of action, and had decided to act, he absolutely defied all opposition, never for a moment lost sight of his object, nor surrendered pursuit until it was either attained or he was convinced that its attainment was positively hopeless. In any defeat, whether of principles he was anxious to establish in the minds of those he thought had misapprehended their nature, or in the attempt to mature plans the benefit of which he foresaw to all, even when young, in the same kindly spirit, the same manly spirit, he dropped the whole matter from his thoughts, and dismissed both the means and the ends of his opponents, never intending to exercise his capacity needlessly, nor for the sake of display. I do not think the spirit of revenge ever entered his heart. *Justice* was one of his most admirable and prominent characteristics, even when a boy. In his later years, in the execution of it, he was as inflexible as Aristides. When considering a subject which had once taken full possession of his mind, he always took the most comprehensive view of its whole nature and bearing,

rarely allowed personal interest to bias his conclusions. As a boy in his youth, and I think in his later life, his quick sense of the ridiculous was simply *ridiculous*. His wit and humor were the life of his associates and the society in which he mingled. I, with his teacher, advised him to a collegiate course, and graduation at Harvard, and to study the profession of law. Circumstances determined him to adopt the profession of civil engineer, principally because he thought he could sooner avail himself of a competency for his own support. During his visit to me, on his way to Washington, just before the commencement of his congressional term, in rehearsing some of the past, and his present and future prospects, he said: 'Mother, the great mistake of my life has been that I did not enter and graduate at Harvard, and study law as you recommended.'

"He had a pre-artistic sense, too, and was thoroughly imbued with the spirit of poetry. His busy later life admitted of comparatively little recreation in what he loved in that direction. A picture of his painting in oil, in my possession, fully attests this statement. It hung for more than two years in the drawing-room of one of my friends, herself an acknowledged artist of high culture, and was much admired by connoisseurs.

"He had an available knowledge of ancient and a thorough knowledge of modern history. Shakespeare he had almost at his tongue's end, and was more or less familiar with all the poets of all times.

"He married the woman of his love, as well as mine. His affection for her and his children was clear and active. It was in his home and neighborhood that his magnetic social qualities were most unreservedly magnified.

"His religious convictions were among the most positive of his positive nature. When he was about eight years old I became a member of the 'New Church' (Swedenborgian). He and his younger sister were baptized with me. He was educated in the Sabbath school of that church. Just before his marriage he and his affianced were admitted members of the church. His religious faith and his love for the use of it, combined, was the deepest actuating principle of his life, and his best attainments were the outgrowth of its true and loving counsels.

"He left his earthly work seemingly incomplete. But shall we doubt that he was called by his Heavenly Father into the other world, when, in his infinite love and wisdom — which, with our merely finite comprehension, we cannot compass — He saw exactly the right time for him to commence his corresponding spiritual work there.

"Many may say: 'This is a gauge of character from a mother's standpoint, and mothers are proverbially biased by their natural affection.' Could Frank speak to you at this moment he would say: 'My mother, in her estimate of her children, always saw this danger, and threw out of the question in hand this obstacle to fair judgment, and decided on the true state of the case, according to evidence, as if they bore no relationship to her.'

"I remember well of Frank's once saying to me, while I was reproving him for some misdemeanor: 'Mother, if I had been some other mother's son, you would never have observed this offense!' My reply was: 'I have nothing to do with other mothers' sons in my arraignment for wrong-doing. My business is with you alone.'

"Those of the Grand Lodge who knew him, and *can* speak to us, I am sure will concur in recognition of the accuracy and justice of this sketch.

"To all and each of his brother Masons in this honored Lodge I send most sincere and affectionate greeting and good wishes.

"M. E. A. C. BROWN [Frank Welch's Mother]."

Bro. Welch was initiated in the mysteries of our Order September 5, 1862; passed and raised December 8 of the same year, in Decatur Lodge, No. 7, this jurisdiction. His advancement in the same Lodge was rapid and honorable. For the Masonic year 1863 he was S. D., 1864 J. W., 1865 S. W., and W. M. for the years 1866-67-68-69-70 successively.

In Omaha Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M. Comp. Welch received the degree of Mark Master January 24, 1863; that of Past Master February 12, 1875; Most Ex. Master February 23, 1875, and Royal Arch February 24, 1875.

He received the order of Red Cross June 10, 1875, and was dubbed Knight Templar June 21, 1875, in Mt. Calvary Commandery, No. 1, Omaha. He held no official position in either Chapter or Commandery.

Bro. Welch was Gr. J. W. of this Grand Lodge for the years 1866-67, Gr. S. Warden 1872, D. G. M. 1873, and G. M. 1874.

At the time of his death he was a member of Jordan Lodge, No. 27, West Point.

Bro. Welch had held numerous prominent and honorable political positions in the Territory and State of Nebraska. He was postmaster while at Decatur; was a member of the legislature during our territorial existence; was also member and president of the senate in 1866. In 1871 he was appointed register of the U. S. Land Office in this State, and removed from Decatur to West Point, where the office was then located. When the office was removed to Norfolk, he again changed his residence to that place, which continued until his death. He held the position in the land office until 1876, when he was elected member of congress from this State, which office he held at the time of his death.

Not in the history of our Order in this jurisdiction, or that of this State, has a more startling message flashed over electric wires, or passed from lips to lips, as that of September 4, 1878: "FRANK WELCH IS DEAD." He died suddenly on that day of a paralytic stroke, at Neighley, in this State; died in his chair, away from home and his family! While surrounded by friends, no wife or relatives were near to cheer the passage into that undiscovered bourne from which none return! During the session of this Grand Lodge at Omaha, two years ago, Bro. Welch, it will be remembered, received a warning stroke, which so affected him that he never fully recovered from it. When he returned home from Washington last, there was a marked change in his every appearance, to such an extent as to create great anxiety on the part of intimate friends. He thought rest and the pure air, peculiar to our region, would restore to him vigor. But alas! the lightning stroke again descended, and this time consumed! Suddenly — in a moment the grim monster stalks forth, as it were — has come! — has passed! — is gone! Who next!

"We know that moons shall wane,  
And summer birds from far shall cross the sea;  
But who shall tell us when to meet with death?"

While death came so suddenly — so unbidden, the brotherhood, together with other personal friends, seemed to vie with each other in marked attention. His remains were brought from Neighley to Norfolk, where funeral services were held in open air by Gr.: M.: Valentine. The occasion was a fitting tribute to the life, character and position of the dead. Under Masonic escort the remains were then taken from Norfolk to Wisner, the railroad terminus, where they were met by large delegations of the fraternity and friends from various parts of the State, who had gone in special Pullman car, kindly provided for the occasion. From there they were taken to Omaha, where honors such as had not before been shown one of our Order were given. Under an escort consisting of Gr.: M.: Valentine, P.: G.: M.: Lininger, Gr.: Chap.: Bullard and Bros.: Catlin, Long, McClary and Mathewson, the remains were taken to Boston, Mass., for final interment. There last fraternal acts were of like heartfelt character as had characterized that of brothers, friends and relations here, among whom he had moved, and by whom he was loved and honored. The Gr.: Lodge of Massachusetts, under escort of Boston Commandery, K. T., conducted the ceremonies, the services being performed by Gr.: M.: Chas. A. Welch, of that jurisdiction. Among the pieces of music chosen and used was Mozart's Masonic funeral music, written by that composer in 1785, in honor of the memory of the Prince of Mecklenburg. This piece of music was first used in a Lodge of Sorrow at Boston in 1875, and for the first time used in public at the funeral obsequies of Bro.: Welch.

The services were held in the Swedenborgian church, of which, as stated, both Bro.: Welch and wife had been members. Rev. James Reed, who performed their marriage ceremony, officiating.

As an evidence of the estimation in which Bro.: Welch was held outside the Order, it is not inappropriate that I should extract from eulogiums by members of congress, with whom he last and most intimately had been associated.

Mr. Majors, his immediate successor, offered for consideration and adoption the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That this House has heard with profound regret of the death of HON. FRANK WELCH, late a representative from the State of Nebraska.

*Resolved*, That the House do now suspend the consideration of public business, in order to pay proper respect to the memory of the lamented deceased.

*Resolved*, That in token of regard for the memory of the lamented deceased the members of this House do wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

*Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the House do communicate these resolutions to the Senate of the United States.

*Resolved*, That out of further respect to the memory of the deceased this House do now adjourn.

And said:

“As Mr. WELCH's successor, it becomes my duty, as his friend it is my privilege, to hold up to public view the record of a life which has in it much that is praiseworthy and little that can be censured. Nebraska may have had in this body in other days men of greater talent, men of broader culture, yet it is doubtful whether any of her representatives ever served her with such

fidelity and tireless industry. In public life he was an eminently useful man. His influence was a positive force for good. He reached and controlled men in the most practical way. He was no orator. He possessed none of the graces of oratory which captivate and conquer public assemblies, yet when the occasion was imperative he could put his thoughts into the traces of compact expression and utter his ideas with force and clearness. Without marked ability for public speaking, without great knowledge of that seasoned life of men stored up in books, and little of that ripe culture which comes from meditation in the closet, yet he was an influential man. In private life he was an exemplary man. He enjoyed life with the keenest zest. While he lived laborious days, yet he did not scorn delights of life. Mr. WELCH was a man of fine social powers; there was a genial magnetism in his presence, a certain heartiness in his greeting, a frankness and openness of manner that attracted men."

Mr. Sapp followed and added:

"It was my privilege, Mr. Speaker, to know Mr. WELCH long and well. I met him first in the year 1860, when, a wanderer from my old Ohio home in search of health, I found the home of my adoption on the green prairies of the west. In the intervening years a kind Providence has permitted me to form many warm friendships, but there are none I recall more fondly than his. It is not my purpose now to speak in detail of the life and character of our lamented friend, though his short career furnishes much for a lengthy eulogy. His most prominent characteristics were, I think, sound discretion, clear discernment, good common-sense, great honesty of purpose, and indomitable energy; and I believe, had he been permitted to pass through the vicissitudes of a long life, he would have met and manfully fulfilled all the duties allotted to him. He inspired all who knew him with confidence in his honesty, integrity and honor, and compelled the concession that he was both just and generous. Guided by his high sense of justice, his reasoning faculties rarely failed him in the attainment of truth, which was with him the controlling principle in both public and private life. He was, doubtless, not without a commendable desire for worldly distinction; but that desire was always subordinate to his convictions of right. With these admirable endowments were happily blended the kindlier affections of the heart that endeared him to his friends, and made him in private life the valuable citizen, the affectionate husband and father, and the devoted friend."

Mr. Conger did honor by saying:

"Sir, Mr. WELCH did not occupy in this House a position which some covet; a position of strife, and antagonism, and ambition to lead or to oppose. But his position was that of a patient, earnest, painstaking worker — laborious, as I have been informed in committee, in the examination of all questions submitted to him; earnest, as we all know, in every matter affecting the interests of the constituency he so ably represented. I think, sir, that amid all the disputes and wranglings within this hall there is no member of the House that ever did or ever could entertain for a moment one unkind thought, ever did or ever could speak one unkind word of our departed friend for anything and all things which he did or neglected to do in these

halls. How few of us can say that of ourselves! How few of us deserve that it should be said of us by others!

"Mr. Speaker, our friend Mr. WELCH, whatever he may have failed to do, however his ambition may not have reached its height, whatever feelings he may have had in his spiritual experiences, could say of himself as Abou Ben Adhem said: 'Then write me down as one who loved his fellow-men.' Genial, warm-hearted, gentle, kindly, inoffensive, pleasant and agreeable in all the relations of life, those who knew him were won to him by that loving, kindly, generous nature of his. He loved his fellow-men, and his fellow-men loved him; and many hearts were grieved, almost startled, when the news first reached them that our quiet friend had passed from among the living and was numbered with those who had gone from these halls forever.

"He was not great, but, sir, he was good. Greatness without goodness is a myth.

"A man may be a great statesman; he may be a distinguished general; he may have commanded armies, and may have won triumphant victories; he may be great as a philosopher; he may be great in the various and multiplied pursuits and occupations of life; but if he does not unite goodness with it he does not come up to my standard of greatness. It is the heart that heals the woes of others that makes a great man in my estimation, in forming my opinion.

"If men could be great and good as were the two distinguished men whose images grace the walls of this chamber, who are daily before you — great and good like them — then you may talk about human perfection, about greatness that only embodies the idea of self-elevation, or to occupy positions that shall command the admiration of the world. That greatness, sir, dwindles into insignificance and nothing, compared with the man of charitable emotions and of a noble heart, that can reach and take in the whole woes of others.

"Sir, it affords me great satisfaction to speak in the manner in which I do, and apply these great principles to the modest retiring man who but yesterday was among us and with us, but who now has left us forever. It elates me to talk in this way of one of my associates. I know that his heart was in the right channel; I know that his sympathies reached the great human family; I know that no man felt more keenly the wants and necessities which exist through this land than the man whose memorial services we have met on this occasion to conduct. So much I learned with regard to our colleague here from an acquaintance of some four or five months, but having talked with him familiarly, and having learned the bent of his mind, and the noble, generous heart that he possessed — having learned these things, you do not know how much I really regarded and respected that man while living; you do not know how much I feel this loss now that he is dead.

"He was not great in the sense of the word that we consider greatness. He was good to a fault, and I hold him up — his exalted character — I hold him up with regard to those kind qualities of heart, as a man whose course among us is to be followed as a model for imitation.

"I bade adieu in this chamber to a friend who in life was very near to

me. I hope that in the future these halls may be filled with men who possess the heart, who have the ability, who have the judgment that he had who has gone hence forever. Peace to his ashes."

Mr. Patterson contributed by using the following language:

"Mr. Speaker, I cannot but feel sad when I realize that death has stricken down in the vigor of manhood a steadfast friend. Between the departed and myself there were ties that could not well exist between others. We stood upon this floor representing states whose borders joined, and each was without a colleague from his commonwealth to whom he could look for aid or sympathy in hours of trial. The history of our two states was almost a common one. Beyond the Missouri, within the manhood of the youngest member of this body, they have been seized from countless ages of silence and vacancy, and by the same class of people, exercising like courage, enduring like hardships, meeting and conquering like dangers, have been placed in the group of state republics that make up the model government of the world.

"I can truly say that I loved FRANK WELCH as sincerely as I ever loved one whom I had known for so short a time. He was a true type of the moral and heroic man. Without brilliancy; laying no claim to forensic power; with nothing but his worth, his pluck, his energy, his moral uprightness, and recognized devotion to the welfare of the people of his state, he was chosen by them as their representative in the American congress, and he was in truth the representative of all the manly virtues that have made his constituency men among men the wide world over. The commonwealth of Nebraska may send men of greater talent to this hall; such may in future give to her the fame that Clay has given to Kentucky, or Webster to Massachusetts, but she will never send a representative with more sincere convictions, a higher standard of manhood, or a greater devotion to his public duties than were possessed by FRANK WELCH, the man to whose memory this House to-night pays tribute."

Mr. Tipton said:

"I desire to add my tribute of respect to the memory of FRANK WELCH, and to unite my sympathy with that of the people of Nebraska, who mourn the loss of a true citizen and representative. I think I may truly say that Mr. WELCH was a model man in many respects. In his motives and purposes in political life we read the advanced interests of a common country, and in his private life a kind husband, father and neighbor. To some extent I was familiar with his purposes and hopes, and to say that he was not ambitious would be untrue; but, on the contrary, his great ambition was to represent his state with honor to the state and credit to himself. He loved liberty, and believed that it could be best maintained by sound and wholesome laws judiciously enacted.

"Mr. WELCH was not a man to become excited: he was careful, calm, and deliberate in all his purposes. Mr. Speaker, I shall ever cherish with pride my recollections of and acquaintance with Mr. WELCH, and shall ever remember him as a true friend, and by a true friend I mean a man who is willing and in fact anxious to assist his friends at all times and under all cir-

cumstances. FRANK WELCH loved liberty and hated oppression in all its forms, and in this he was the fit representative of the pioneer people who in behalf of freedom settled the Territory of Nebraska."

Mr. Cain concluded briefly:

"The fact that the State of Nebraska had trusted Mr. WELCH with the care of her interests in this hall is indeed one of the evidences of his value to that state and his worth to the people he represented. The labors which he performed upon the committees of the House, his deportment among his fellow-members, are highest encomiums that can be paid to him and his worth as a representative and a citizen."

After which the resolutions offered by Mr. Majors were adopted unanimously.

Those who knew Frank Welch most intimately think the kind friends who spoke of him in tribute,—in legislative halls more particularly,—did not come up to a full appreciation of his intellectual abilities. He did not come out fully the first season, inclining rather to measure the place and his own adaptedness. Friends think the eulogies fall short, at least of what they had marked out for him had he lived to grow with the work as it enlarged before him.

I can make no more fitting conclusion than to reiterate the beautiful and touching preamble adopted and promulgated by Mosaic Lodge, No. 55, of this jurisdiction, located at the place of his last residence:

"Our Brother, our Friend, our honored Past Grand Master, is no more seen among men. His work is done. His labors are ended. His task is finished. He has no more part or lot in the solemn ceremonies of our beloved Order, and his ear is deaf to the sound of the Gavel in the East.

"No more for him the honors of the Lodge; no more for him the endearments of family; no more for him the load of care, or the sigh of sorrow.

"No more for him the beauty of spring, the splendor of summer, the glory of autumn, or the majesty of winter.

"Flowers will bloom upon his grave; storms will beat upon it; morning will greet it with her earliest light; night will crown it with her stars, and Time will commingle his dust with mother earth from which he sprung, but his soul,—the immortal part,—has taken its flight to the celestial lodge above,—that 'house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens,'—there to receive the wages of the just and upright Mason.

"As it has ever been our pleasure while he lived to bear testimony to his Masonic virtues, his exalted character, his unsullied integrity, his unswerving fidelity to friends and principle, and the faithful performance of the many trusts confided to his care; so now, that he has been called to everlasting refreshment in that higher and better life, it is still our pleasure to speak in praise of his virtues and in honor of his memory.

"So well did he discharge the various duties assigned him, so exemplary was his conduct, that we who knew him best always delighted to honor him, and now that he has departed, and we will meet him no more on earth, we, his brethren, enshrine his memory in our hearts, and register this tribute upon our records as a memorial of our affection and esteem."

What FRANK WELCH was in the Lodge in the Order, he was elsewhere,— a brave, true, good, guileless, kindly, generous man, who brought cheerfulness to his daily work; was ever active, quick and alert, and had an ever-present conviction that

“ God looks to pure hands,— not full ones.”

During the singing of the hymn, “ Nearer, my God, to Thee,” the Lodge of Sorrow retired to the rooms previously occupied by them, and was closed in Due Form.

The degree of P.: G.: M.: was then conferred upon Bro.: R. H. Oakley, the sitting Grand Master, who, under existing laws is Venerable Grand Secretary of this Association, and as such assumed his station.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be heartily tendered to the members of the Choir of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity in this city for the very valuable aid rendered this evening; also to Bro.: James S. France, of Omaha, for his excellent performance of the music on the organ; also to Bro.: Charles F. Catlin, to whose untiring energies the success of the occasion is largely due; also to the following ladies for valuable floral contributions: Mrs. R. R. Livingston, Mrs. J. A. McMurphy, Mrs. A. W. McLoughlin, all of Plattsmouth, Neb.

No further business appearing, the Association closed its labors.

R. H. OAKLEY,

*V.: G.: Secretary Past G.: M.: Association.*