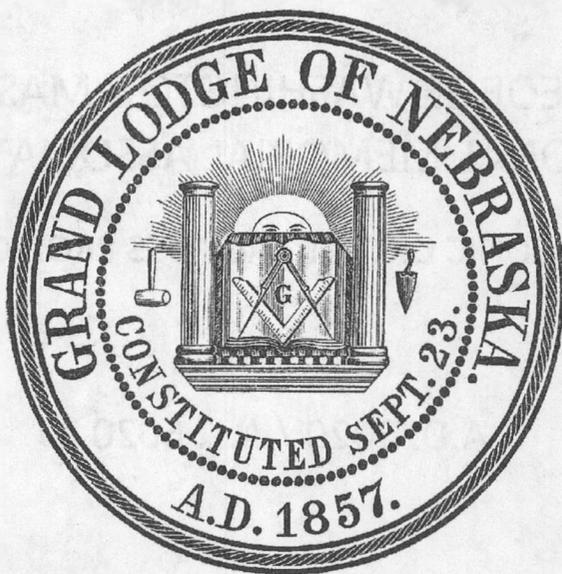


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THE Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska convened and assembled in Freemasons Hall, Omaha, on Wednesday, June 18, A. L.: 5890, A. D. 1890, at four o'clock in the afternoon, there being present

M.:W.: JOHN J. MERCER.....	Grand Master.
R.:W.: ROBERT E. FRENCH	Deputy Grand Master
R.:W.: BRADNER D. SLAUGHTER	Grand Senior Warden
R.:W.: SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON	Grand Junior Warden
R.:W.: CHRISTIAN HARTMAN.....	Grand Treasurer.
R.:W.: WILLIAM R. BOWEN	Grand Secretary.
R.:W.: GEORGE W. MARTIN, 46* (P.:G.:C.:Ill.) as	Grand Chaplain.
W.: JAMES P. A. BLACK.....	Grand Orator.
R.:W.: LEE P. GILLETTE (P.:D.:G.:M.:).....	Grand Custodian.
W.: LEWIS A. KENT	Grand Marshal.
W.: FRANCIS E. WHITE	Grand Senior Deacon.
W.: ANDREW R. GRAHAM	Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro.: JACOB KING	Grand Tiler.

and representatives from one hundred and fifty-one of the one hundred and seventy-nine chartered lodges of the jurisdiction.

A lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form as required by the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska.

It was ascertained by roll call that a constitutional num-

*The figures indicate the lodge to which the brother named belongs.

ber of lodges were represented. The Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge open for the dispatch of business, and due proclamation thereof was made by the Grand Marshal.

The Grand Master congregated the committees on Visitors and Credentials and they entered upon their duties.

On Visiting Brethren—Bros.: Thomas K. Sudborough, 25, John R. Webster, 3, Victor P. Musselman, 11, James Gilbert, 184, and Frank W. Miles, 111.

On Credentials—Bros.: George S. Bishop, 123, James W. Chadduck 12, William T. Britton, 76, and David H. Mercer, 4.

P.:G.:M.: Daniel H. Wheeler moved that a committee be appointed to prepare a programme for laying the corner-stone of the new City Hall of Omaha, which work our Grand Master had consented to do; the motion was agreed to, and Bros.: Robert W. Furnas, 4, Edwin F. Warren, 2, Alfred G. Hastings, 19, George B. France, 56, and Robert C. Jordan, 33, were appointed as such committee. The committee soon submitted the following programme, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge:

Your committee, to which was assigned the duty of preparing a programme for the line of march and order of ceremonies in laying the corner stone of the new city hall of the city of Omaha, fraternally submit the following:

That the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Nebraska and visiting brethren form in procession at Freemasons Hall, on Capitol Avenue, at 2 o'clock P. M. sharp, preceded by the band; will march from thence East on Capitol Avenue to Fifteenth, South on Fifteenth to Douglas, East on Douglas to Fourteenth, South on Fourteenth to Farnam, thence West on Farnam street to Eighteenth, and thence to the City Hall. Upon arriving at the City Hall the Mayor will receive the Fraternity and officials, requesting the Grand Master to lay the corner stone of the new City Hall.

The Grand Master will respond to the address of the Mayor, and the corner stone will be set in place with appropriate Masonic ceremonies.

After the ceremonies are concluded the procession will reform on Farnam, march thence east to Sixteenth, north on Sixteenth to Capitol Avenue, where the procession will be disbanded.

Badges will be furnished all who join in procession with the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master ordered that all Master Masons in good

standing be admitted to the gallery of the hall during the sessions of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master now delivered his

ADDRESS.

Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

In conformity with a regulation of the Grand Lodge we are again assembled in council as the representatives of the Craft under its jurisdiction, to deliberate and act upon such matters pertaining to the welfare of our venerable and beloved Institution as may be presented for our consideration.

In the performance of the first and most important duty enjoined upon Masons, we have united in rendering devout thanks to the Supreme Architect of the universe in humble acknowledgment of the manifold blessings vouchsafed to our Fraternity in the past, and having invoked the Divine favor and protection upon our present season of fraternal intercourse, let us in a spirit of concord and under the inspiration of the solemn service in which we have just engaged, enter upon the work committed to our hands, with a firm resolve to perform the duties assigned us, faithfully and honorably, to the end that we may deserve the commendation of our brethren, the honor of our profession, and at the same time glorify the Great Architect.

In reviewing the events of the past year as affecting the interests of Masonry in this jurisdiction, I am gratified to report a general prosperity among the subordinate bodies, not only in growth but in financial and Masonic standing.

The condition of the lodges throughout the jurisdiction compares favorably with their standing in former years and harmony generally prevails. There still exists, however, the usual degree of confusion and discord resulting from the abuse and misuse of the ballot, and the unseemly desire for office, constant sources of trouble and vexation.

These irregularities are the natural results of the careless action of lodges in the past through the admission of members, and the lodges are now suffering, justly perhaps, from the neglect of prudent and thorough investigation of the material composing them.

The chief defect in the management of many lodges is their anxiety for work and the consequent increase of members at the expense of almost all the other essentials of Masonic purpose and practice.

These evils will continue to annoy and embarrass until the brethren learn to appreciate the fact that, unlike all other organizations, Masonry derives no strength from numbers merely, that intelligence and virtue are the only proper pre-requisites for admission to membership, and that true prosperity consists in the cultivation and practice of the moral and social virtues. A more intimate knowledge of the history, laws and customs of the Craft, obedience to its requirements, and a willing compliance with the obligations of Masonry in the spirit of

love, honor and truth, will do much towards elevating our Masonic standard.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

At our last annual communication charters were granted for the formation of twelve new lodges, all of which were duly constituted and officers installed, to wit:—

- Faith Lodge, No. 181, July 11, 5889, at Crawford, Dawes County.
- Alliance Lodge, No. 183, July 13, 5889, at Alliance, Box Butte, County.
- Granite Lodge, No. 189, July 15, 5889, at Gibbon, Buffalo County.
- Meridian Lodge, No. 188, July 16, 5889, at Cozad, Dawson County.
- Israel Lodge, No. 187, July 22, 5889, at Ulysses, Butler County.
- Prudence Lodge, No. 179, July 23, 5889, at Beaver Crossing, Seward County.
- Hesperia Lodge, No. 178, July 24, 5889, at Shickley, Fillmore County.
- Incense Lodge, No. 182, July 25, 5889, at Ohioa, Fillmore County.
- Boaz Lodge, No. 185, July 27, 5889, at Danbury, Red Willow County.
- Justice Lodge, No. 180, July 29, 5889, at Benkelman, Dundy County.
- Plumb Lodge, No. 186, July 31, 5889, at Grant, Perkins County.
- Bee Hive Lodge, No. 184, August 5, 5889, at South Omaha, Douglas County.

At the dates above given, accompanied by R.·W.·Bro.·Lee P. Gillette, Grand Custodian, and joined at different places by R.·W.·Bro.·Robert E. French, Deputy Grand Master, J. P. A. Black, Grand Orator, Lewis A. Kent, Grand Marshal, R.·W.·Bro.·William R. Bowen, Grand Secretary, R.·W.·Bro.·Bradner D. Slaughter, Grand Senior Warden, and Bro.·W. W. Finch, of Lone Tree Lodge, I constituted all these lodges in person. This jurisdiction may well be proud of their Masonic children, for they are bright, ambitious and promising, and seem to be impatiently waiting for the time they can demonstrate their worth by their work.

LODGES CREATED.

At the last communication of this Grand Lodge, Bromfield Lodge was continued under dispensation.

In the past year I have granted new dispensations as follows: On July 20, 5889, I granted a dispensation to Brothers Jonas B. Bauman, Master; Edward E. Teter, Senior Warden; Solomon W. Chambers, Junior Warden, and eight others residing at Carleton, Thayer Co., Nebraska, authorizing them to open and hold a lodge at that place under the name of Carleton Lodge; they were recommended by Lily Lodge, No. 154.

On August 5, 5889, I granted a dispensation to Brothers James W. Mc-Say Master; Alonzo P. Tarbox, Senior Warden; John King, Junior Warden, and nine others residing at Gandy, Logan Co., Nebraska, author-

izing them to open and hold a lodge at that place under the name of Amethyst Lodge ; they were recommended by Platte Valley Lodge, No. 32.

On August 7, 5889, I granted a dispensation to Brothers John T. Price, Master ; James Vanskirk, Senior Warden ; Henry S. Sprechen, Junior Warden, and sixteen others residing at Scotia, Greeley Co., Nebraska, authorizing them to open and hold a lodge in that place under the name of Scotia Lodge ; they were recommended by Anchor Lodge, No. 142.

On August 15, 5889, I granted a dispensation to Brothers William T. Bullis, Master ; Hiram Cornell, Senior Warden ; Oscar K. Roth, Junior Warden, and ten others residing at Valentine, Cherry Co., Nebraska, authorizing them to open and hold a lodge at that place under the name of Minnecadusa Lodge ; they were recommended by Ark and Anchor Lodge, No. 131.

On August 26, 5889, I granted a dispensation to Brothers Lewis B. Irvin, Master ; Cyrus W. Wright, Senior Warden ; Howard B. Harbaugh, Junior Warden, and eleven others residing at Armada, Buffalo Co., Nebraska, authorizing them to open and hold a lodge at that place under the name of Armada Lodge ; they were recommended by Elm Creek Lodge, No. 133.

On August 28, 5889, I appointed the following officers to preside over Bromfield Lodge, continued under dispensation : Brothers John Kerr, Master ; Charles Allen, Senior Warden, and John W. Farrand, Junior Warden.

On September 3, 5889, I granted a dispensation to Brothers George L. Allen, Master ; Virgil W. Graves, Senior Warden ; John M. Davis, Junior Warden, and fourteen others residing at Leigh, Colfax Co., Nebraska, authorizing them to open and hold a lodge at that place under the name of Leigh Lodge ; they were recommended by Globe Lodge, No. 113.

On September 21, 5889, I granted a dispensation to Brothers James J. Bridges, Master ; Luther C. Kurtz, Senior Warden ; Ernie E. Aukes, Junior Warden, and eight others residing at Cortland, Gage Co., Nebraska, authorizing them to open and hold a lodge at that place under the name of Highland Lodge ; they were recommended by Livingstone Lodge, No. 66.

On October 17, 5889, I granted a dispensation to Brothers Charles H. Johnson, Master ; James C. Morrison, Senior Warden ; John R. Peverett, Junior Warden, and twelve others residing at Gordon, Sheridan Co., Nebraska, authorizing them to open and hold a lodge under the name of Arcana Lodge ; they were recommended by Amity Lodge, No. 169.

On November 1, 5889, I granted a dispensation to Brothers William H. Wilmeth, Master ; Ambrose S. Shelley, Senior Warden ; James M. Gammill, Junior Warden, and fifteen others residing at Stockville, Frontier Co., Nebraska, authorizing them to open and hold a lodge at that place under the name of Stockville Lodge ; they were recommended by Curtis Lodge, No. 168.

On December 16, 5889, I granted a dispensation to Brothers Lawrence C. Van Allen, Master ; Samuel C. Oaks, Senior Warden ; Josiah Locke, Junior Warden, and thirteen others residing at Gresham, York Co., Nebraska,

authorizing them to open and hold a lodge at that place under the name of Gresham Lodge ; they were recommended by Tuscan Lodge, No. 130.

On December 24, 5889, I granted a dispensation to Brothers Jacob Bigler, Master ; Charles W. Meeker, Senior Warden ; Frank R. Lagourgue, Junior Warden, and fourteen others residing at Imperial, Chase Co., Nebraska, authorizing them to open and hold a lodge at that place under the name of Imperial Lodge ; they were recommended by Plumb Lodge, No. 186.

On January 18, 5890, I granted a dispensation to Brothers Luther R. Horrum, Master ; Isaac J. White, Senior Warden ; William W. Barnhouse, Junior Warden, and eleven others residing at Adams, Gage Co., Nebraska, authorizing them to open and hold a lodge under the name of Adams Lodge ; they were recommended by Sterling Lodge, No. 70.

The halls and officers of the above lodges were personally visited and examined by R. W. Bro. Lee P. Gillette, Grand Custodian, who satisfactorily recommended that dispensations be granted.

Many of these lodges will present their work for inspection and if found good and true, I recommend that charters be granted them.

Many other applications for the granting of dispensations in this jurisdiction have been received, but for various reasons, all looking to the good of the Order, were refused.

OTHER GRAND LODGES.

I am pleased to state that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska continues to receive assurances of good will and sympathy from all the Grand Lodges with which it is in communication. I trust our prudent course in the future, as a Masonic legislative body, will secure for us a continuation of the esteem and respect enjoyed in the past.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

During the year I have received many applications to confer degrees out of the regular time required by law. The majority of these applications were refused, there being no reasonable cause assigned for their issuance. I regret to say that some lodges are unparadonably careless in making these applications ; at divers times, I have received letters from the Master or Secretary of a lodge containing a request for dispensation to perform certain work, without seal of lodge attached, or the required accompanying fee.

On July 31, 5889, to Plumb Lodge, No. 186, special dispensation was granted to examine two candidates for advancement and to confer the degree of Master Mason at a special meeting called for that purpose.

September 14, 5889, to Western Star Lodge, No. 2, dispensation was granted to confer the Master Mason degree upon Brother T. Williams, in less than the constitutional time.

March 29, 5890, to Long Pine Lodge, No. 136, dispensation to examine, ballot upon and confer the Master Mason degree upon Charles F. Ingalls, in less than the constitutional time.

The following dispensations were granted to elect and install officers :

June 26, 5889, to No. 159, to install officers, June 29, 5889.

June 27, 5889, to No. 9, to elect and install Senior Warden and Secretary.

June 27, 5889, to No. 37, to install officers, July 5, 5889.
 June 27, 5889, to No. 38, to install officers and dedicate hall.
 June 27, 5889, to No. 173, to install officers, July 6, 5889.
 June 29, 5889, to No. 148, to install Senior Warden, Junior Deacon and Tiler, July 6.
 July 1, 5889, to No. 17, to install Senior Deacon, July 6, 5889.
 July 2, 5889, to No. 86, to install officers, July 6, 5889.
 July 3, to No. 153, to install officers, July 9, 5889.
 July 3, 5889, to No. 4, to install officers, July 6, 5889.
 July 4, 5889, to No. 125, to install Junior Warden, July 13, 5889.
 July 6, 5889, to No. 139, to install Junior Warden, July 20, 5889.
 July 8, 5889, to No. 158, to elect and install officers, July 12, 5889.
 July 19, 5889, to No. 67, to install Senior Warden, Treasurer and Stewards, August 12, 5889.
 July 19, 5889, to No. 147, to install officers, August 2, 5889.
 July 19, 5889, to No. 49, to install Senior Warden, July 26, 5889.
 July 19, 5889, to No. 171, to install Secretary, August 2, 5889.
 July 19, 5889, to No. 29, to install officers, August 3, 5889.
 August 3, 5889, to No. 175, to install officers, August 10, 5889.
 August 3, 5889, to No. 60, to install Master.
 August 3, 5889, to No. 68, to elect and install Secretary, August 6, 5889.
 August 7, 5889, to No. 68, to install officers, August 20, 5889.
 August 20, 5889, to No. 128, to install officers, August 24, 5889.
 August 29, 5889, to No. 92, to install Master, September 7, 5889.
 September 5, 5889, to No. 157, to install Treasurer and Secretary, September 24.
 September 28, 5889, to No. 92, to elect and install Secretary, October 12, 5889.

To No. 155 to open and hold regular and special meetings for the transaction of business in the absence of the charter, which was destroyed by fire, and the loss of their former dispensation, issued by Past Grand Master France.

REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED.

I have with pleasure recommended for appointment as Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, the following named Brothers:

- W. Bro. George E. Hawkins, Wisconsin.
- R. W. Bro. Samuel P. Davidson, Connecticut.
- M. W. Bro. Robert C. Jordan, Nevada.
- W. Bro. Homer J. Allen, Minnesota.
- W. Bro. James B. Bruner, Kansas.
- W. Bro. James Gilbert, Canada.

REPRESENTATIVES COMMISSIONED.

August 16, 5889, to R. W. Bro. William M. LeMesurier, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near that of Quebec.

September 30, 5889, to W. Bro. Mathew G. Luney, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near that of Idaho.

December 31, 5889, to W. Bro. Richard English, Past Master, as Representative for the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of New Mexico.

February 4, 5890, to W. Bro. Thomas W. Latham as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

CORNER-STONES.

During the past year I have been called upon to officiate at the laying of the following corner-stones:

September 10, 5889 in compliance with an invitation from the proper authorities, assisted by Fremont Lodge No. 15 A. F. & A. M., R. W. Bro. Lee P. Gillette, Grand Custodian, together with a large representation of constituent lodges and escorted by the Knight Templars, I laid the corner-stone of the new court house at Fremont, according to the rules of our ancient Craft.

September 26, 5889, I received an invitation from Euclid Lodge No. 97, A. F. & A. M. to assist in the laying of the corner-stone of the Noble Sewing Machine Company's building to be erected at Weeping Water, Nebraska; assisted by W. Bro. Francis E. White, Grand Senior Deacon, aided by the brethren of Euclid Lodge, No. 97, and a number of brethren from neighboring lodges, I laid the corner-stone of the above named building according to the ancient customs and usages of the Craft.

December 13, 5889, assisted by R. W. Bro. R. E. French, Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. William R. Bowen, Grand Secretary, and the brethren of Washington Lodge, No. 21, reinforced by large delegations from neighboring lodges, together with the Knight Templars and other societies, I laid the corner-stone of the new court house at Blair, Nebraska, according to our ancient ceremonies.

On May 14, 5890, on the invitation of the proper authorities, assisted by Hooper Lodge, No. 72, and a large number of brethren who were assembled there, I laid the corner stone of the Masonic Hall at Hooper, according to ancient and Masonic usage.

DEDICATIONS.

July 15, 5889, the new Masonic Temple at Seward, Nebraska, was dedicated with full masonic ceremonies by M. W. Bro. Milton J. Hull, Past Grand Master, my proxy. The brethren of Seward are now provided with a commodious and elegant home, containing all the conveniences required for the use of the Craft.

September 12, 5889, I had the pleasure of dedicating the new Masonic Temple at St. Paul, Nebraska, assisted by R. W. Bro. Robert E. French, Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Lee P. Gillette, Grand Custodian, as Grand Marshal, and the members of St. Paul Lodge, No. 82, according to the ancient usages and customs of the Craft. At the close of the exercises

the Rev. Bro.: William T. Whitmarsh delivered an able and eloquent address. The spacious rooms of the temple were thronged with members of the Fraternity, their wives, daughters and friends, making the occasion a most joyous one and long to be remembered. The brethren of St. Paul deserve much credit for their liberality and zeal in the erection of such a temple, for it is one of the best in the state.

December 9, 5889, I received an invitation to be present and assist in the dedication of a new Masonic Hall at DeWitt, Nebraska. Through my inability to attend I authorized R.:W.:Bro.: Lee P. Gillette, proxy, to perform the ceremonies of dedication, which he did to the entire satisfaction of the brethren of DeWitt Lodge, No. 111.

The invitation to be present and officiate at the dedication of the new Masonic Temple at Bloomington, Nebraska, March 20, 5890, was accepted with pleasure. Assisted by W.:Bro.: George S. Bishop as Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.:T. J. Pickett, Past Grand Master, as Grand Senior Warden, W.:Bro.: Thomas F. Ashby as Grand Junior Warden, Bro.: E. H. Marshall as Grand Treasurer, Bro.: W. E. Hatch as Grand Secretary, and R.:W.:Bro. Lee P. Gillette as Grand Marshal, aided by the brethren of Joppa Lodge, No. 76, the temple was dedicated according to the ancient usages and customs of the Craft.

DECISIONS.

Many questions have been asked during the past year requiring a voluminous correspondence in answer. It is not necessary to enumerate all these questions because many of them have been answered by reference to the constitution, by-laws and decisions already made.

In considering the numerous questions propounded I realize the necessity of a more careful study of our constitution and by-laws by the Masters of lodges, thus relieving the Grand Master of much needless correspondence.

The following decisions I deem most important and therefore submit them for your consideration:

1. In Masonry there is no statute of frauds or limitations, neither is it governed by statute or common law rules. The question in every case of masonic offense is, "Has the brother violated the laws or principles of Masonry?" If so, he is subject to discipline, no matter whether it is an offense against the law of the land or not.

2. It is never in order for a member to move for a reconsideration of a ballot on petition of a candidate, nor for the presiding officer to entertain such a motion.

3. The Grand Master cannot grant a dispensation for a reconsideration nor in any other way interfere with the ballot.

4. After the usual business of the lodge has been transacted and the lodge closed in regular form, any work done immediately after by reopening the lodge, would have to be done under a special meeting and the record made up as a special meeting for such business as the meeting was called.

5. The accused, when on trial before the lodge, cannot be allowed to vote

on any question pertaining to his own case, neither can he be present in the lodge while the question of his guilt is being considered or the penalty determined.

6. It is the special duty of each and every subordinate lodge to correct the evils of intemperance in any of its members as speedily as possible, and if upon the first or second admonition the brother does not reform, to suspend or expel him promptly.

7. There is no limit of time within which an Entered Apprentice or Fellow-Craft may be required to advance. His advancement must be of his own accord.

8. A candidate being asked the constitutional questions answered, "No." The duty of the lodge is to return the fee to the candidate and inform him that so long as he holds such belief he cannot be made a Mason.

9. Lodges must elect their officers at the time specified in their by-laws; failing so to do, they must request a dispensation from the Grand Master to elect and install.

10. A brother having been elected an officer of a lodge, but not installed, is not debarred a demit.

11. The Master or presiding officer cannot order a reconsideration of a ballot on any subsequent night, nor on the same night after any member who was present and voted, has departed.

12. A lodge cannot grant a demit to any one of its officers during the term for which he was elected and installed, and any attempt to grant a demit under such circumstances is not only irregular but void.

13. The Grand Master cannot issue a dispensation to authorize the initiation of a person who has been rejected by a lodge, for it is the inherent right of a lodge to judge the fitness of its own members, and the Grand Master cannot, by the exercise of his dispensing power, interfere with this inherent right.

14. An officer of a lodge cannot demit or resign. He obligates himself to perform certain duties for a certain time, consequently a resignation or demit would be a violation of his free and voluntary obligation.

15. A visitor has a right to know that the lodge he proposes to visit is a legal body, and he has the right to inspect the warrant or charter at a proper time, but he has no right to put the lodge or its officers to any trouble or inconvenience while at work. The Master would also be justified in refusing to allow the charter or warrant to be taken out of the lodge room while the lodge is in session.

16. Is a brother living in Kansas, eligible to the election of Master of a lodge in Nebraska? If he is a member of the lodge in Nebraska, he is eligible for election to the office of Master. It is membership in a lodge, not the residence, that constitutes eligibility to office.

17. The Treasurer of a lodge was elected Secretary, and another brother elected Treasurer. The Treasurer being an officer of a higher grade than Secretary must be installed before the old Treasurer can be installed as Secretary. Should the Treasurer elect decline to be installed and no one

else elected Secretary, then both the Treasurer and Secretary would hold over.

18. Has the Master of a lodge the right to call a Past Master to the chair to preside during a trial? The Master may call any Past Master temporarily to the chair during a trial and such brother in the chair may exercise all the powers of the Master, he being considered during that time the immediate agent of the Master.

19. The first duty of every Mason is to obey the mandates of the Master. But if that mandate is unlawful or oppressive, he will find his redress in the Grand Lodge, which will review the case and render justice. This spirit of instant obedience and submission to authority constitutes the great safeguard of the Institution. Freemasonry more resembles a military than a political organization; an order must at once be obeyed. Its character and its consequences may be matters of subsequent inquiry. The masonic rule of obedience is like the nautical—imperative. Obey orders even if you break owners.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

I have approved the by-laws of the following lodges: Nos. 3, 19, 25, 26, 33, 43, 89, 99, 112, 124, 127, 158, 182.

SEALS APPROVED.

I have approved the seals of the following lodges: Nos. 171, 178, 179, 184, 186, 189.

OUR OWN JURISDICTION DEATH LOSS.

December 21, 1889, I received notice of the death of Bro. Caleb J. Litch, a member of Fairmont Lodge, No. 48, who died at his home in Fairmont December 8. In his death the Masonic Fraternity have lost an earnest worker and a true friend.

In addition to the dead of our own jurisdiction it is my painful duty to report that the following bright lights in Masonry, who have labored long and earnestly in the service of Masonry, have been called to that Celestial Lodge above to receive their crown of reward from the Grand Master of the Universe.

Kansas.—William Cowgill, Past Grand Master, died June 19, 1889.

Illinois.—Alexander T. Darrah, Past Grand Master, died September 4, 1889, aged fifty-three years.

Connecticut.—David Clark, Past Grand Master, died October 8, 1889, aged eighty-three years.

Minnesota.—Azariah T. C. Pierson, Past Grand Master and late Grand Secretary, died November 23, 1889, aged seventy-four years.

Tennessee.—Benjamin Franklin Haller, Grand Master, died April 4, 1890, aged fifty-four years.

Pennsylvania.—John Thomson, Past Grand Master, died October 24, 1889, in the ninety-first year of his age.

MISCELLANEOUS.

June 21, 1889, in accordance with the resolution of the Grand Lodge,

proceedings 1889, page 44, I appointed the following committee to take evidence in the case of Bro. Vac Randa, Ionic Lodge, No. 87, to wit:

Brothers Charles J. Phelps, 34, Samuel W. Hayes, 55, and Jacob A. Hood, 34.

This committee entered upon their duties at once, and upon receipt of their report, I, on the 30th day of September, 5889, sent the following communication to the Master of Ionic Lodge, No. 87:

The committee created by the Grand Lodge, at its last annual communication, having performed its specified duty and having submitted to me its findings "that Bro. Vac Randa of your lodge is guilty as charged," he, the said Bro. Vac Randa, is hereby suspended from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, until final action in the case by the Grand Lodge.

You will serve upon the said Bro. Vac Randa a certified copy of this, my order in the case, and will report your action to our Grand Secretary.

Given under my hand and seal this 30th day of September, 5889.

JOHN J. MERCER,
Grand Master.

[SEAL]

Sept. 30, 5889, I called the attention of Wayne Lodge, No. 120, to the instructions of the Grand Lodge, proceedings 5889, page 57, in regard to the trial of Bro. A. P. Childs, for unmasonic conduct.

October 25, 5889, I received a report from Wayne Lodge, No. 120, to the effect that Arthur P. Childs had been placed on trial, had confessed his guilt and by vote of lodge received no punishment.

Nov. 21, 5889, an appeal to the Grand Lodge from this action of Wayne Lodge, No. 120, was received and placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

I addressed the following orders to the brethren of Fremont and Tecumseh Lodges, to wit:

AUGUST 9, 5889.

To the Master, Wardens and Brethren of Fremont Lodge, No. 15, A. F. & A. M.

In connection with the attached certificate of the Grand Secretary of Illinois, dated July 31, 5889, and the further certificate of Bro. Anson W. Atwood, late of Toulon Lodge, No. 93, Illinois, I authorize you to receive and consider said documents with this as a demit, to receive his petition for admission by demit, and after being satisfied that he is a Master Mason, to ballot upon said petition, and if elected, to receive him into your lodge; and for such action this shall be your sufficient warrant.

Given under my hand and seal this 19th day of August, 5889.

JOHN J. MERCER,
Grand Master.

[SEAL]

FEBRUARY 4, 5890.

To the Masters, Wardens and Brethren of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 17, A. F. & A. M.

You are hereby authorized to receive the inclosed certificate from Noble Lodge No. 480, A. F. and A. M., of Curwinstown, Pennsylvania, as a full waiver of jurisdiction over Fellow-Craft Augustus D. Flanagan, to receive his petition for advancement, and when proficient, to ballot upon the same, and if elected, to confer upon him the Master Mason degree; for such action this shall be your sufficient warrant.

Given under my hand and seal this 4th day of February, 5890.

JOHN J. MERCER,
Grand Master.

[SEAL]

December 3, 5889, I issued a circular letter to the chartered lodges in this jurisdiction, calling their attention to the resolution passed at the last session of the Grand Lodge reviving the celebration of the anniversaries of Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist.

The same was duly observed by many of our lodges and the proceeds of their festivals forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

During February I received several communications from brethren of Ark and Anchor Lodge, No. 131, requesting an official visit at my earliest convenience. My time being consumed by previous engagements I authorized Bro. Robert E. French, Deputy Grand Master, to officiate in my stead.

Early in the month of March Bro. French visited this lodge and investigated the re-instatement proceedings of Bro. F. J. Murphy, this being the matter under correspondence with me. At the conclusion of the investigation, in which all parties interested had an opportunity to be heard, Bro. French decided that the former action of the lodge was illegal and void, but that the ruling of the Senior Warden while officiating as Master of the lodge, was legal and according to the by-laws.

Upon receipt of Bro. French's report, I issued the following order, to wit:

OMAHA, NEBRASKA, March 13, 5890.

SAMUEL G. CHANY, *Senior Warden*, and ORIN C. BARTLETT, *Sec'y No. 131, A. F. & A. M., Ainsworth, Nebraska*:

Dear Brothers:—Having received the report of our Deputy Grand Master regarding the status of Bro. Patrick J. Murphy, a suspended Master Mason of your lodge, it is my ruling, that he is now a suspended member of your lodge. Please acquaint the brother with this ruling. It is directed that until further order of the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge, all petitions for re-instatement to good standing in your lodge must take the same course as petitions for initiation or admission; that is to say, they must be referred to a committee and not be balloted upon until one lunar month after receipt, and then at a regular meeting.

[SEAL]

JOHN J. MERCER,

Grand Master.

On March 28, 5890, I received copies of charges for un-masonic conduct from George J. Stoney, dated March 27, 5890, against W. Bro. Thomas K. Sudborough, Master of St. Johns Lodge, No. 25, A. F. & A. M. A copy of said charges being furnished Bro. T. K. Sudborough, he comes forward April 10, 5890, and demands trial, requesting a commission be called at once, as provided by Sec. 310, page 58, Laws of 1889, waiving all legal rights as to time; requesting further, that I hold his jewel in abeyance until the report of such commission should warrant my returning it. Therefore, in accordance with said request, I, on April 11, 5890, informed Mr. George J. Stoney of the request of Bro. T. K. Sudborough, that the same had been granted and that a commission had been called of which action he would be officially informed. Whereupon April 11, 5890, I called the following commission, consisting of Brothers Henry Brown, 3, John D. Moore, 33, James Gilbert, 184, and Tholomiah A. Megeath, 3 (all Past Masters) with R. W. Bro. Robt. E. French, Deputy Grand Master, as chairman, to meet at Freemasons Hall, Omaha, Nebraska, on Thursday, April 17, 5890, at five o'clock, P. M., to investigate the charges preferred by George J. Stoney, March 27, 5890, against W. Bro. Thomas K. Sudborough, Master of St. Johns Lodge No. 25, A. F. & A. M.

On the date last above mentioned the commission met at the time and place appointed with Bro. French in the chair, the only absentee being Bro. John D. Moore.

A thorough investigation was had of the charges preferred against Bro. Sudborough, both sides being represented by counsel.

April 24, 1890, the commission submitted their report, in which they fully acquitted Bro. Thomas K. Sudborough of the charges, whereupon I restored to Brother Sudborough his jewel, and to full authority as Master of St. Johns Lodge, No. 25, A. F. & A. M.

The report of the commission, and papers connected therewith, are herewith submitted.

FINANCES.

I fraternally refer you to the reports of our Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. After the close of the last convocation of the Grand Lodge, and the expenses of the same had been paid, it left remaining but a small amount of funds in the treasury. It became necessary as early as September, 1889, to borrow money to meet the demands made upon the Treasurer; I therefore directed the Grand Treasurer to borrow from the Masonic Home Fund two thousand dollars. Again in February, 1890, the Grand Treasurer informed me that the funds were exhausted, hence I directed him to borrow another thousand from the Masonic Home Fund.

After the returns of the subordinate lodges were received, I directed the Grand Treasurer to return the sum total borrowed from Masonic Home Fund, with interest thereon, which I am informed was done.

NEW GRAND LODGE.

I have received from North Dakota official notice of the formation of a Grand Lodge of Masons in the State of North Dakota, and recommend that fraternal relations be opened between this and that Grand Lodge.

CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES.

I find nothing in the laws of this jurisdiction providing for the consolidation of neighboring lodges. As such an emergency is liable to occur at no distant day I recommend that this Grand Lodge provide some method whereby lodges occupying neighboring territory may consolidate whenever the exigency of the case demands such action.

MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

The organization of the General Relief Association of the United States and Canada, has been a great boon to the Masonic world. Through its labors the professional Masonic tramp and fraud has been instantly detected and exposed, and unsuspecting lodges have been spared the embarrassment and financial loss usually following visitations made by such impostors. During the past year the lodges in this jurisdiction have been receiving the benefits of this association without paying for the same, owing to the fact that the Grand Lodge at its last communication failed to make the necessary appropriation. I recommend that a sufficient appropriation be made at this communication for the payment of this, as well as last year's subscription to the association's monthly circulars.

CODIFICATION OF THE LAW.

The committee on Codification of the Law completed its labors in proper season, and the law as thus compiled, was distributed among the several lodges of this jurisdiction, as per order of the Grand Lodge. The members of this committee, at sacrifice of their private business, devoted a great deal of time and toil to the preparation of this work, and they are entitled to some compensation at the hands of the Grand Lodge, notwithstanding the fact that no bill of expense has been presented for payment. The members of the committee should be reimbursed the money expended by them in traveling from place to place, and sojourning at hotels while engaged in this work, and a fair per diem should be allowed them for time expended. This is an honest debt, due worthy men for necessary work.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

During the past year my attention has been called to many defects in this jurisdiction, both in jurisprudence and custom. With the hope of averting these inconveniences in the years to come I make the following suggestions, believing that by their approval and adoption, the Grand Lodge and Grand Officers will be relieved of much superfluous toil, subordinate lodges will be the better equipped for active and influential work and Masonry in this jurisdiction will be advanced to a higher and better sphere.

1. A petition for a dispensation to organize a new lodge should be signed by at least fifteen resident Master Masons and recommended by the two nearest chartered lodges existing within a radius of fifteen miles of the lodge seeking dispensation; also that no such dispensations be granted after December of each year.

The reason for this recommendation is so patent on its face to those who are acquainted with the rapid growth of the work in this jurisdiction, that further explanation is unnecessary. My predecessors in office have repeatedly called the attention of the Grand Lodge to this defect in our law, and my experience as Grand Master forcibly impresses me with the wisdom of the suggestion.

2. Lodge rooms are either rented or erected for Masonic purposes and with Masonic money, and their use should not be shared by other organizations. I do not take this view from selfish motives, but for the good of the Order. This abuse of the lodge room has been a source of much confusion and inconvenience among the Craft, as well as a stumbling-block in the way of a strict enforcement of our laws.

3. The appropriation for lodge supplies should be increased to the sum of five hundred dollars, the amount now set apart for such purpose being inadequate to satisfy the demand. During the past year this fund was exhausted some time before the requisitions made upon it were filled. Masonry in this jurisdiction is waxing stronger and stronger every year, and the wants of newly organized lodges in this respect should be promptly satisfied.

4. The fee for granting a special dispensation to any lodge for the purpose of electing and installing its officer or officers at a time other than that provided by law, should be ten dollars, such fee to accompany the petition

requesting the dispensation, and the petition to be under the seal of the lodge making the request.

5. I suggest that Paragraph three (3) of Section two (2), Grand Lodge By-Laws be amended by striking out the word "Custodian" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Lecturer," and that it be made the duty of the Grand Lecturer to examine the records of each lodge visited by him, to give instruction and make suggestions and recommendations for the good of the Craft whenever the same may be necessary, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master.

6. Amend Paragraph one (1) Section one hundred and ten (110) by adding after the word "lodge" in sixth line on page forty-eight (48) the words, "nearer his place of residence." Under the law as it now reads a member may demit from his lodge by paying his dues and stating that he desires to join another lodge. Under such a law the membership of a lodge could be entirely exhausted by the demit privilege and the charter forfeited, for want of a constitutional number to transact business.

FEES AND DUES.

It is a fact worthy of consideration, that throughout this jurisdiction lodges have as a rule adopted the minimum fee for degrees which the Grand Lodge has established by statutory provision, and hence we find in many cases membership of the Fraternity is obtained at a cost of thirty dollars, and the average rate for dues is about three dollars per year. How a lodge with a total income of two or three hundred dollars per year can pay its Grand Lodge fees, all its current expenses, and contribute anything but a pittance to the relief of worthy brethren in distress, is a somewhat difficult problem to solve. It is certain that such inadequate fees and dues are calculated to impoverish rather than build up the Fraternity, and unless the membership is unusually large and the calls for relief and charity unusually few, the usefulness of a lodge conducted on such a narrow economical basis must of necessity be seriously curtailed. It is a lamentable fact that Masonry in this jurisdiction is too cheap, and unless a more liberal financial policy is adopted its value as a charitable institution must depreciate, and its moral influence in the estimation of the world must be greatly circumscribed. It seems clear to me that a lodge should surrender its charter unless it can provide itself by fees and dues with a sufficiency of means to enable it to meet promptly all just debts, and contribute liberally to the relief of those who have a claim on it for substantial assistance in the hour of need. The Grand Lodge in the interest of the Fraternity, has wisely fixed the amount below which no one can be made a Mason; should it not also in the exercise of a wise discretion, require its subordinates to exact from their members the payment of dues in amount sufficient to meet their obligations, and maintain a sound financial condition?

And now, brethren, I approach another subject of discussion, and I do so with extreme reluctance, both because of the delicacy of the matter, and my official connection therewith. I would prefer to pass it by, but my action having been in no wise personal, such preference must be laid aside at the call of duty. I allude to the subject of

SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY IN THIS JURISDICTION.

At the last communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and on the 20th day of June, A. . L. . 5889, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted, upon report of the committee on Jurisprudence:

WHEREAS, A Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons is an independent and sovereign body, recognizing and having supreme jurisdiction over no other degrees than those of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-Craft and Master Mason, as illustrated and taught by the rituals and secret work adopted by such Grand Lodge; therefore be it

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge expressly declines to enter upon any discussion of the history, use or legitimacy of any bodies claiming to confer what is known as the Scottish Rite degrees, or to be committed to the recognition of any such body, or to the recognition of any body conferring any degrees over which this Grand Lodge has no control, as being Masonic, or as being a part of Ancient Craft Masonry.

That we cordially endorse the law as recognized and promulgated by our Grand Master.

First, That two bodies claiming to be Masonic, of the same grade, cannot lawfully exist in the same state at the same time.

Second, That the first lawfully constituted authority established in a state thereby obtains exclusive jurisdiction in such territory, and that any other body of the same grade or rite, entering later within such territory is in itself unlawful.

This report was presented because of the reference to the subject matter in his address by my predecessor, M. . W. . George B. France, and because of the conflicting claims and pretensions of various bodies claiming jurisdiction over the Scottish Rite degrees.

Shortly after the communication of the Grand Lodge had closed, it was brought to my knowledge that certain Masons acknowledging obedience to our jurisdiction, who had, some of them, been highly honored by the Craft of Nebraska by the election to some of the highest offices and positions of honor in their gift, and who justly prided themselves that they were prominent in Masonic circles among us, were circulating among the Craft and distributing to the several lodges and their members, garbled, inaccurate, false and forged reports of the action of the Grand Lodge, and about the same time my mails were crowded with inquiries which came to me from different lodges and members of the Craft, asking for authoritative information as to what the action of the Grand Lodge had really been. These false and garbled reports were published broadcast in the press of the state, and I submit for your consideration one of the most vicious of its kind which I received, as follows:

Your committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the M. . W. . Grand Master's address referring to Scottish Rite Masonry, have considered the same and would report as follows:

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons is an independent and sovereign body recognizing and having supreme jurisdiction over no other degrees than those of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-Craft and Master Mason, as illustrated and taught by the Rituals and Secret work adopted by such Grand Lodge; therefore, be it

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge expressly declines to enter upon any discussion of the history, use or legitimacy of any bodies claiming to confer what is known as Scottish Rite Degrees, or to be committed to the recognition of any such body, or to the recognition of any body conferring any degrees over which this Grand Lodge has no control, as being masonic or as being part of Ancient Craft Masonry.

You will notice how insidious and misleading is the language of this circular ; it omits all reference to the first and second declarations of the Grand Lodge ; it avoids any allusion to the declaration " that the first lawfully constituted authority established in a state thereby obtains exclusive jurisdiction in such territory, and that any other body of the same grade or right entering later within such territory is in itself unlawful." The words last quoted contain the gist of the action of the Grand Lodge ; with these two declarations omitted the action of the Grand Lodge becomes an unmeaning platitude, unworthy of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, which has never yet shirked or evaded a question of masonic law properly brought before it.

Having received queries and requests for information, and upon a perusal of the pernicious and inaccurate reports and circulars, and with the sole desire and purpose of giving the information sought, of restoring peace and harmony among the Craft in this jurisdiction, and of discharging, as it seemed to me, the most imperative duty that could devolve upon a Grand Master, I issued and promulgated the following edict :

EDICT No. 1.

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

GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE, OMAHA, NEBRASKA, July 20, 5889.

To the Masters, Wardens and Brethren of all Lodges, A. F. & A. M. in Nebraska :

WHEREAS, The Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, at its 32d annual communication held in the city of Omaha for the year A. L. 5889, and on the 20th day of June, A. L. 5889, without a dissenting voice adopted the following preamble and resolutions reported to the Grand Lodge by the committee on Jurisprudence, consisting of the Past Grand Masters of the jurisdiction in attendance on such communication, to wit:

" WHEREAS, A Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons is an independent and sovereign body, recognizing and having supreme jurisdiction over no other degrees than those of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-Craft and Master Mason, as illustrated and taught by the Rituals and Secret work adopted by such Grand Lodge, therefore be it

" *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge expressly declines to enter upon any discussion of the history, use or legitimacy of any bodies claiming to confer what is known as the Scottish Rite degrees, or to be committed to the recognition of any such body or to the recognition of any body conferring any degrees over which this Grand Lodge has no control, as being Masonic, or as being a part of Ancient Craft Masonry.

" That we cordially endorse the law as recognized and promulgated by our Grand Master.

" 1st. That two bodies claiming to be Masonic, of the same grade, cannot lawfully exist in the same state at the same time.

" 2d. That the first lawfully constituted authority established in a state thereby obtains exclusive jurisdiction in such territory, and that any other body of the same grade or rite entering later within such territory is in itself unlawful."

AND WHEREAS, It is an undisputed and indisputable historical fact that the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, introduced said Rite into the State of Nebraska in the year 1867, and established a Lodge of Perfection at Omaha, Nebraska, at that time ; that in the year 1870 the said Supreme Council organized bodies of the higher degrees of the said Rite, and has claimed and exercised jurisdiction over the said Rite, in the State of Nebraska from that date to the present time ; that no bodies of the Scottish Rite of any other allegiance organized, or attempted to organize, bodies of the said rite in the State of Nebraska prior to the year 1888, when bodies of the so-called " Cerneau Rite " were established in this state ; and

WHEREAS, Without entering into any discussion of the history, use or legitimacy of either of the two so-called "Cerneau" bodies, or of those governed by the said Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, it is sufficient to say that the several bodies of the so-called "Cerneau Rite," presided over by either Ferdinand J. S. Gorgas or by John J. Gorman (and which are hostile to each other) are, by the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska aforesaid, declared unlawful, because the territory in which they claim to exercise jurisdiction had been occupied long prior to their coming by bodies of the same rite under the authority of the Southern Jurisdiction for the United States, presided over by Bro. Albert Pike, and which is recognized as regular and lawful by all its peers, the several Supreme Councils of the world. And

WHEREAS, It has come to our knowledge that certain evilly disposed and designing members of the so-called "Cerneau Rite," with the intention of deceiving the brethren of our obedience as to the action of our Grand Lodge, are circulating in our midst and among the brethren garbled, inaccurate, false and forged reports of such action, in writing and printing, wherein the resolutions aforesaid are entirely, or in part omitted, or their language changed and garbled; and that they and certain others, ill-informed brethren, have expressed the determination to propagate the error of "Cerneauism," and to establish bodies of an irregular and clandestine rite which the Grand Lodge of Nebraska has unequivocally pronounced unlawful.

NOW THEREFORE, we, John J. Mercer, Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, in the interest of peace and harmony among the Craft in the State, and in order that the uninformed may know the action of the Grand Lodge and its declarations respecting the status of "Cerneauism," and of the bodies of its obedience, do hereby OFFICIALLY DECLARE AND MAKE KNOWN TO YOU that the *only legitimate and lawfully constituted masonic authority* of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite within the State of Nebraska is that of the Southern Jurisdiction for the United States, presided over by Bro. Albert Pike; that *all others* not acknowledging allegiance to the said Southern Jurisdiction are UNLAWFUL AND CLANDESTINE, and their creation and maintenance is a menace to the peace, tranquillity and harmony of the Craft in this Jurisdiction.

And we earnestly exhort and enjoin all brethren within our Jurisdiction to refrain from joining any bodies of the so-called "Cerneau Rite;" and if any have already become members thereof, to withdraw from such membership and association, to the end that peace and harmony may prevail within our borders.

And we, John J. Mercer, Grand Master of Masons as aforesaid, do hereby direct and ORDER that a copy of these presents be posted up on the ante-room of each Lodge of our Jurisdiction and allowed to remain so posted; that these presents be read in open lodge at three consecutive regular meetings immediately after the receipt of the same, to the end that all may have knowledge of its contents; and that the same be spread at length upon the minutes of each subordinate lodge in this Jurisdiction.

And we do further DIRECT and ORDER that the Master and Secretary of each subordinate lodge make due return to our Grand Secretary of the action taken by each lodge in the premises, and of the full compliance herewith.

Given under our hand and our private seal as Grand Master, at Omaha, Nebraska, this 20th day of July, 5889.

JOHN J. MERCER,

Grand Master.

Attest: WM. R. BOWEN, *Grand Secretary.*

My brethren, a perusal of the above edict, it seems to me, will convince any unbiased mind informed of the actual facts in the case, that we have not therein misstated or given an unfair, or false coloring, to a single fact. It will also be admitted that we have therein issued no positive mandatory orders relating to the subject about which information was asked of us as Grand Master; but on the other hand it must be admitted that we, in said edict, simply announced the actual facts in the case, and in a fraternal manner, advised and admonished the brethren to heed the injunction con-

tained in the above mentioned resolutions of the Grand Lodge, by withdrawing from the body which obtruded itself upon this jurisdiction long after the body presided over by Bro. Albert Pike had acquired jurisdiction in Nebraska, and had occupied the state.

It is beyond question true, that Scottish Rite Bodies of the obedience of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States had, as early as 1867 and 1870, been organized and established in the State of Nebraska; their existence is indeed almost contemporaneous with our statehood; and it is also unquestionably true that the so-called "Cerneau" bodies of either wing or color were not introduced into the state and did not obtain a foothold therein until twenty-one years thereafter.

These facts must have been known, and were known, to your learned committee on Jurisprudence, composed as it is, of the most eminent and learned members of our Grand Lodge, when they made their report. It was equally well known to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge, when they unanimously approved and confirmed such report. By that report and by such action the committee said, and the Grand Lodge approved, that the bodies of the Scottish Rite of the obedience of the Southern Jurisdiction in this state were entitled to exclusive jurisdiction therein. And that the Cerneau bodies entering later in such territory were in themselves unlawful.

If the action of the Grand Lodge did not mean that, then I fail to understand and appreciate the force and effect of terse English.

But before issuing Edict No. 1, I carefully sought information from only the most authentic sources, and the facts stated therein are proven by unquestioned Masonic records, and I assure you that no fact has been misstated or colored in said edict.

But notwithstanding my certain assurance that my action was based upon undeniable facts, you may judge of my painful surprise upon receiving, on the evening of August 8, 1889, the following resolutions purporting to have been adopted by Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, at its regular meeting held on August 6, 1889:

To the Masters, Wardens and Brethren of the various Lodges of Ancient Craft Masonry, in Nebraska:

BRETHREN:—At a regular meeting of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., held at the hall of said lodge in Omaha, Nebraska, on the sixth day of August, A. L. 5889, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we, the members of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in regular meeting assembled, at our hall in Omaha, County of Douglas and State of Nebraska, on the sixth day of August, A. L. 5889, in the interest of peace and harmony (which have always existed to an eminent degree in our lodge) bow in submission to the will of our Grand Master in his constitutional rights, powers and prerogatives over the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-Craft and Master Mason in his territorial jurisdiction; they being degrees lawfully and exclusively in the control and keeping of the Grand Lodge; and we recognize that all Masons are bound to obey the edicts of the Grand Master, when they are kept within the constitutional power of the Grand Lodge; but if such edicts arbitrarily, and without authority so to do, interfere to the detriment of our business, pleasure, family or social relations, then we are not bound by them. Should the Grand Master issue an edict requiring us to surrender to him our property, or sever our family relations, or discontinue our church membership, or our membership in any organization whose

object is not unlawful or immoral, we are not bound to obey such edict, nor would we do so. There are limits of authority which a Grand Master cannot pass; they are well defined by the constitution and the ancient landmarks and are well understood by the Fraternity.

We recognize in Edict No. 1, emanating from Grand Master John J. Mercer, an attempt to introduce into the body of Masonry a foreign element, not recognized by our Grand Lodge as being masonic or as being a part of Ancient Craft Masonry; against which attempt, we, as Ancient Craft Masons, do most earnestly and solemnly protest.

We recognize in such edict an attempt on the part of Grand Master John J. Mercer, in his official capacity as such Grand Master, to recognize as legitimate, the authority over the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, claimed by the so-called Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, presided over by Albert Pike; and we, as Ancient Craft Masons, do most earnestly and solemnly protest against such attempt as being in direct violation of the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge at its last communication, wherein the Grand Lodge expressly declined to be committed to the recognition of any such body.

Inasmuch as our Grand Lodge at its last communication expressly declared itself a sovereign body "recognizing and having supreme jurisdiction over no other degrees than those of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-Craft and Master Mason," and in the same resolution declined to enter upon any discussion of the history, use or legitimacy of any bodies claiming to confer what is known as Scottish Rite degrees, and declined to recognize such bodies as being Masonic, or as being a part of Ancient Craft Masonry, we regard the action of Grand Master John J. Mercer in attempting to foist upon the Fraternity of Ancient Craft Masonry a recognition of a Scottish Rite body in defiance of such express declarations of our Grand Lodge, a base innovation, entirely foreign to Masonic law, tradition or usage, and a usurpation of power not known in Freemasonry and not to be countenanced by this lodge.

This action of Grand Master John J. Mercer is not only in defiance of the expressed will of our Grand Lodge, but is designed to impose upon Ancient Craft Masonry new and unwarranted qualifications; it plainly indicates a desire and intention on his part, so far as he can use his position for that purpose, to make membership in certain Scottish Rite bodies affect and determine the standing and qualifications of Ancient Craft Masons. Abiding by the ancient charge that it is not in the power of any man or body of men to make innovations in the body of Masonry, we expressly deny the existence of any authority in our Grand Master to impose upon Masonry any new qualifications. All the qualifications necessary to obtain admission and recognition as a Master Mason are those taught and exemplified by the rituals and secret work adopted by our Grand Lodge; and we deem it the duty of every loyal Ancient Craft Mason to resist to the utmost this attempt to add to those qualifications any additional requirement.

If it is proper for a Grand Master to determine for Masons to what Scottish Rite bodies they must not belong, it is also proper for him to require the Masons of this jurisdiction to leave a particular church or to abandon certain political parties, all of which we believe to be contrary to the cardinal doctrines and vital principles of Ancient Craft Masonry.

We, the members of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, the oldest landmark of Freemasonry in the State of Nebraska, deem it our duty, not only to protest against this attempted violation of the expressed will of our Grand Lodge and this attempt to make an innovation in the body of Masonry, but we deem it our further duty to call this protest to the thoughtful attention of the Craft in this state; and to that end we direct that a copy of this resolution be sent to every lodge of Master Masons in the State of Nebraska, with the request that the same be given equal publicity, both by reading and posting, with that accorded Edict No. 1 of Grand Master John J. Mercer.

We therefore request that the above resolution be read in open lodge at the three consecutive regular meetings immediately after receipt of same, and be posted up in

the ante-room of each lodge and be allowed to remain so posted, and that you make return to us of the action taken by your lodge in relation thereto.

Given under our hand and the seal of the lodge at Omaha, Nebraska, this 7th day of August, A. L. 5889.

ALEXANDER ATKINSON,

Master.

Attest: W. C. McLEAN, *Secretary.*

In this circular of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, its authors constitute themselves the especial champions of Ancient Craft Masonry; yet it is remarkable that this document from the words "bow with submission" in the tenth line to the words "understood by the Fraternity" at the end of the twentieth line, is an almost verbatim copy of a letter of Grand Commander John J. Gorman, the leader of one Cerneau faction, to his partisans in Iowa.

This letter in his address (page 27, proceedings of 1889) was written in July, 1889, and the circular of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, is dated August 6, 1889.

When a lodge in Nebraska is guided to insubordination by the prompting of the Grand Commander of Cerneauism, it is not improper to inquire how far such action corresponds with the landmarks of Ancient Craft Masonry, and whether Cerneauism is not taking too much upon itself by its interference with the authority of this Grand Lodge.

I here append for comparison the two passages referred to:

Gorman's Letter of July, 1889.

We bow in humble submission to the will of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge in his or its constitutional rights, powers and prerogatives, over the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-Craft and Master Mason, in its Territorial Jurisdiction, they being degrees lawfully and exclusively in its control and keeping; and agree that all are bound to obey the Edicts of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge, when such Edicts are kept within the constitutional power of the Grand Lodge, but if they arbitrarily and without power to do so interfere to the detriment of our business, pleasure, family or social relations, we are not bound by them; if the Grand Lodge should pass a resolution, or the Grand Master issue an edict, setting forth that we must surrender to it our property, or sever our family relations, or discontinue our church membership, or our membership in any lawful organization with which we are or may become members, we are not bound to nor would we obey it.

The Grand Master and Grand Lodge have their bounds, which they cannot pass; they are well defined by the constitution and Ancient Landmarks, and are well understood.

Circular of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1.

We the members of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, etc., * * * bow in submission to the will of our Grand Master in his constitutional rights, powers, and prerogatives over the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-Craft and Master Mason in his Territorial Jurisdiction; they being degrees lawfully and exclusively in the control and keeping of the Grand Lodge, and we recognize that all Masons are bound to obey the edicts of the Grand Master, when they are kept within the constitutional power of the Grand Lodge; but if such edicts arbitrarily and without authority so to do, interfere to the detriment of our business, pleasure, family, or social relations, then we are not bound by them.

Should the Grand Master issue an edict requiring us to surrender to him our property, or sever our family relations, or discontinue our church membership, or our membership in any organization whose object is not unlawful or immoral, we are not bound to obey such edict, nor would we do so.

There are limits of authority which a Grand Master cannot pass; they are well defined by the constitution and the Ancient Landmarks, and are well understood by the Fraternity.

It seems to me, Brethren of the Grand Lodge, that insubordination and contumacy, insult and defiance of lawful masonic authority, could go no further. By such actions, knowledge of which was scattered broadcast over this and other states, your Grand Master was charged with "attempting to foist upon the Fraternity of Ancient Craft Masonry a base innovation entirely foreign to masonic law, tradition or usage, and a usurpation of power not known to Freemasonry, and not to be countenanced by this lodge." He is further charged with a design "to impose upon Ancient Craft Masonry new and unwarranted qualifications." All which assertions are untrue in fact, and unwarranted by the tenor, purpose, and object of Edict No. 1.

While it may be true that the legislative acts, edicts and proceedings of the Grand Lodge and the official acts of your Grand Master may be fraternally criticised with a view to a better understanding thereof, and for the purpose of securing a correction of errors and remedying unwise actions, it is respectfully submitted that such discourteous arraignments of the official head of Freemasonry in the state cannot be tolerated or overlooked. To charge the Grand Master, over the seal and the official signatures of the officers of a subordinate lodge, with "usurpation," with "attempting to foist a base innovation" upon the Craft, is going beyond the limits of respectful treatment, or such treatment as a Grand Master of Masons has the right to expect and exact from those in office, and runs far into rebellion and sedition.

Such being, so far at least as the records of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, show, the unanimous action of that lodge, I deemed it incumbent upon me, as Grand Master, to take official cognizance of such unwarranted proceedings, I therefore, on the 20th day of August, 1889, arrested the charter of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, suspended the Master and Wardens thereof from the exercise of their official functions, took possession of the charter, records and seal of said lodge, and directed the Treasurer of said lodge to retain all moneys belonging thereto in his possession, informing him that I would hold him personally and officially responsible for the same until called for by proper authority. This responsibility he agreed to assume.

I herewith submit and turn over to you the said charter, records, seal, circulars, Edict No. 1, and all correspondence and papers connected with said matter, for such reference and action as in your judgment is deemed best, and will best conduct to the promotion of peace and harmony, and the maintenance of lawful masonic authority within our borders.

In view of the gravity of the offence committed, its far-reaching consequences, and the necessity of asserting and maintaining the dignity, power and authority of the Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, I recommend that Alexander Atkinson, Master, Augustus C. Osterman, Senior Warden, and William D. McHugh, Junior Warden, be proceeded against and disciplined in the manner and to the extent that in your judgment the gravity of their offence merits, all the circumstances of the case considered.

I am reluctantly compelled to make this recommendation from the fact that the dissemination and circulation of the resolutions above mentioned of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, by the authority of its said officers, has caused widespread discord and strife in this jurisdiction.

As my Edict No. 1, and the action of the Grand Lodge on which this edict is based, has been the object of much unfair criticism on the part of the adherents and partisans of one or other of the Scottish Rite bodies denounced as unlawful,—attacks to which I have had no opportunity to reply,—I hope I shall be excused if I ask your attention still further to an examination of some of these criticisms. Though bitterly assailed, respect for the high dignity of Grand Master of this Grand Lodge and for the sacred silence inculcated by Freemasonry before the profane, have prevented me from attempting any defense in the public papers or even in the masonic journals, and I have reserved for your ears in what I believe to be the proper tribunal of Freemasonry.

The address of Grand Master France to the Grand Lodge at its session of June 18, 1889, being the starting-point of all subsequent legislation in regard to Cerneauism, with a view to a perfect understanding of the matter, I shall here reproduce so much of his address as he refers to this topic.

He says, under the head of Scottish Rite Masous :

“My attention has been called by the Grand Masters of many of our fellow jurisdictions, and also by the Grand Lodges of these jurisdictions, to constituting bodies commonly known as Cerneau Masons within their several jurisdictions, wherein they claim for their Grand Lodges absolute jurisdiction, and forbid the use of Masonic halls for such bodies, and say that it is not consistent with the duty of members of Masonic lodges to secure or retain membership in that organization.

“I have not been able to give this matter the study which it demands, but I desire to protect the Craft of this jurisdiction against the results which always follow hasty and indiscreet legislation; and I, from a sense of duty, desire to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the danger which now threatens to demoralize the fraternal relations which have heretofore prevailed among ourselves, and also between the Craft of Nebraska and that of fellow jurisdictions.

“I will not undertake to discuss the question as to the legality or regularity of the body commonly called Cerneau. That question has been settled already by a large number of our neighboring Grand Jurisdictions, and their action taken is of such a nature as to compel other jurisdictions to protect themselves and the Craft by similar action.

“Two laws of jurisdiction are universally recognized and adhered to by loyal Masons of all rites:

“1. That two Grand Bodies of the same grade cannot lawfully exist in the same state at the same time.

“2. That the first lawfully constituted body established in a state and duly recognized by corresponding bodies, thereby obtains exclusive jurisdiction in such territory, and that any other body of the same grade or rite entering later within such territory, is in itself unlawful.

“These axiomatic propositions have never, to my knowledge, been denied by any intelligent jurist. It may be claimed that this Grand Lodge has no right to take any action with reference to the higher degrees and higher orders of Masonry. However this may be, many Grand Jurisdictions have established a precedent by which it seems to me we can be safely guided. Among these are the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Colorado, New Hampshire, Louisiana, and the Grand Masters of Illinois, Iowa and Alabama, and I am informed, also, that some of the Grand Chapters and Grand Commanderies have also taken action in this matter.

“With such distinguished authority it seems a plain duty incumbent upon this Grand Lodge to take some action in the premises and lay down rules and regulations for the guidance of the Craft in this jurisdiction.”

Subsequently Bro. Hull, 67, presented the following report from the committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted:

"Your committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the M. W. Grand Master's address referring to Scottish Rite Masonry, have considered the same and would report as follows:

"WHEREAS, A Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons is an independent and sovereign body, recognizing and having supreme jurisdiction over no other degrees than those of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-Craft and Master Mason, as illustrated and taught by the Rituals and Secret work adopted by such Grand Lodge; therefore be it

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge expressly declines to enter upon any *discussion* of the history, use or legitimacy of any bodies claiming to confer what is known as the Scottish Rite degrees, or to be *committed* to the recognition of any such body, or to the recognition of any body conferring any degrees over which this Grand Lodge has no control, as being masonic, or as being a part of *Ancient Craft* Masonry.

"That we cordially endorse the law as recognized and promulgated by our Grand Master.

"First, That two bodies *claiming* to be masonic, of the same grade, cannot lawfully exist in the same state at the same time.

"Second, That the first lawfully constituted authority established in a state thereby obtains exclusive jurisdiction in such territory, and that any other body of the same grade or *rite*, entering later within such territory is in itself unlawful."

I will here say that any mode of interpretation of the language quoted which attempts to separate the preamble and resolutions from the address of the Grand Master out of which they grew, or to separate the preamble from the resolutions, or which fails to recognize the equal force and significance of both, is illogical and misleading and leaves the interpreter, as we shall presently see, in a slough of difficulties in which he flounders irremediably.

To me they unmistakably say:

That, while the Grand Lodge declines to enter upon a discussion regarding the legitimacy of the rival Scottish Rite bodies, based upon the history of their origin or succession, or to be committed to the recognition of any body conferring degrees over which the Grand Lodge has no control, as masonic, in the sense of being a part of Ancient Craft Masonry, yet, to meet the exigency stated in Grand Master France's address, it endorses, as a just and equitable rule for the determination of all such controversies, the law as recognized and promulgated by our Grand Master.

1st. That two bodies claiming to be masonic of the same grade cannot lawfully exist in the state at the same time.

2d. That the first lawfully constituted body thereby obtains exclusive right of jurisdiction in the state, and any other body claiming to be of the same grade or rite entering later is unlawful.

It seems to me that this language is simple and definite enough, and that, taken in connection with the Grand Master's address in connection with which the resolutions were reported and adopted, no fair-minded man can fail to admit that these resolutions were intended to pass upon and adjust the adverse claims of the Scottish Rite bodies.

That they were so construed by the Cerneau party is apparent from the fact that, in their circular making public the action of the Grand Lodge, they omitted the two concluding resolutions, as being decisive of their illegality.

And John J. Gorman, the Grand Commander of one Cerneau body, in his

circular of August 25, 1889, goes to the length of declaring that these resolutions were never acted on by the Grand Lodge, because the Grand Lodge of Nebraska could not so stultify itself. Whoever were present at the last session of the Grand Lodge can put a fair estimate on the accuracy of Grand Commander Gorman's assertions. I cannot perceive that there is any inconsistency, after the Grand Lodge has declared that it is not prepared to discuss the legitimacy of the contending Scottish Rite bodies, in its enacting in the interest of peace and order, that one of these bodies, and one only, shall be tolerated in its jurisdiction, and that the body so tolerated shall be the first lawfully constituted body.

The Grand Lodge, having defined in the preamble and connected resolutions what are to be regarded as strictly masonic bodies, viz.: Bodies controlling the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, proceeds in the two concluding resolutions to pass upon the rights of the rival Scottish Rite bodies, which it classes together under the title of bodies claiming to be masonic, and adopting the language of the Grand Master's address and recommendation it declares:

1st. "That two bodies claiming to be masonic of the same grade cannot lawfully exist in the same state, at the same time."

I know it has been objected that the Cerneau Scottish Rite bodies do not claim to be masonic and so cannot come within the scope of the phrase, "bodies claiming to be masonic" used in the second resolution. On page 90, of the proceedings of the Supreme Council of the U. S. A., their Territories and Dependencies, for 1889, the following statement occurs in the encyclical of Grand Commander Gorman, to his followers in Ohio:

What is a masonic body? It is a congregation or organization of a body composed exclusively of lawful and regular Free and Accepted Masons. The Grand Lodge of Ohio very properly rule that the Northern Jurisdiction is a masonic body. It very improperly rules that we are unmasonic—meaning not masonic, not a masonic body.

No matter how Grand Lodges may rule the fact remains we are a masonic body, because brethren of our obedience must be all Master Masons in good and regular standing in just and duly constituted lodges of Free and Accepted Masons, under obedience to a Grand Lodge in fraternal correspondence with the Grand Lodge of the U. S. A., before advancement to our degree.

I might give many other reasons why we are a masonic body, not known to the Mason who has not advanced beyond the Master Mason's degree, but I am of opinion that what I have said is sufficient.

In the proceedings for 1887, 1888, 1889, of the Seymour-Peckham-Gorgas body of which Bro.: Alfred G. Hastings is, I believe, the Puissant Grand Commander, the phrases, "Scottish Rite Masons," "Anc. and Acc. Rite of Masonry," applied to that body occur frequently; the phrase "Anc. and Acc. Scottish Rite of Freemasonry" occurs in like manner about fifty times in the proceedings for 1887.

In the phrase, "cannot lawfully exist," the word "lawfully" may have reference to some law or rule of the Grand Lodge already on record, or it may be simply a declaration of its right to legislate on the subject. On the first supposition, it may refer to the law of jurisdiction laid down by it as far back as 1870; on the second supposition, it may refer merely to its gen-

eral power to enact laws to protect itself from internal disorder and dissensions.

2d. "That the first lawfully constituted authority established in a state thereby obtains exclusive jurisdiction in such territory."

As the Grand Lodge had itself just declined the determination of the legitimacy of bodies not conferring the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, the words "lawfully constituted" can have no other significance than such as are recognized as lawfully constituted bodies by the general consent of the governing powers of the rite to which they belong.

3d. "That any other body of the same grade entering later is in itself unlawful."

The language "entering later," like the term "first" used in the preceding clause, implies and compels the duty of investigating the fact of priority and subsequence of occupation, and shows that the history, which the Grand Lodge declined to discuss, was the history of the legitimacy or succession of the bodies in question, and not the question of priority of occupation or possession of the State of Nebraska. The question of legitimacy it left to be settled where it properly belonged, by the Supreme Councils of the World.

Bro. Luke A. Lockwood, in a report made to the Grand Master of Connecticut, which has been extensively circulated, has thus criticised these resolutions. He says, "after this clear declaration of the status of the Grand Lodge" (he refers to the preamble and first resolution), "there was added, for what reason it is difficult to conjecture;" he then gives the two concluding resolutions:

1st. "That two bodies claiming to be Masonic of the same grade cannot lawfully exist in the same state, at the same time."

2d. "That the first lawfully constituted authority established in a state, thereby obtains exclusive jurisdiction in such territory, and that any other body of the same grade or rite entering later within such territory is in itself unlawful."

Though the reason for the existence of these resolutions is, according to the authority of Bro. Lockwood, difficult to conjecture, he proceeds to solve the difficulty by conjectures. His first conjecture is, that the committee on Jurisprudence, which introduced these resolutions, did so for the purpose of complimenting the Grand Master, by endorsing his first and second propositions. Feeling this solution is not perfectly satisfactory, he grows more positive in his second conjecture; he says, "they doubtless assumed that these generalizations would not be divorced from the policy of the Grand Lodge announced in the committee's preamble and (connected) resolution, and that the law, as generalized, would be construed as relating solely to Ancient Craft Masonry;" which conclusion he pronounces to be a mistake on the part of the committee; and thus Bro. Lockwood rises by rapid transitions from doubt to certainty in the interpretation of the thoughts of men in far-off Nebraska. Truly it seems Connecticut has a veritable mind-reader for its chairman of Jurisprudence, when he is given a sufficient number of guesses. But to return to common sense, I ask, did

Grand Master France, when he promulgated these laws of jurisdiction, refer to rival Grand Lodges in the state of Nebraska? Did the committee on Jurisprudence, who reported these resolutions as conjectured by Bro. Lockwood, contemplate, by the expression "bodies claiming to be masonic," two rival Grand Lodges in Nebraska, one legitimate and the other Cerneau, and by the expression, "any other body of the same grade or rite entering later," a rival York Rite Lodge, coming to dispossess and undersell the Grand Lodge of Nebraska?

I would further remark that the resolution immediately following the preamble has been borrowed from a report of a committee of Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, made to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at its session of June 6, 1888, and that it has never been construed by that Grand Lodge as inconsistent in any way with the most vigorous action against Cerneauism.

There still remain two propositions put forward by Bro. Lockwood in his report, which seems to me to demand the most serious consideration.

1. "It must be conceded," he says, "that if a body, by whatever name called, should attempt to confer the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, or should declare that it does confer such degrees, the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction over such degrees, should at once and rightfully declare such body to be unlawful and clandestine.

"As far as I am informed neither of the opposing bodies confer or claim to confer the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry."

Again he says: "By what authority can a Grand Lodge declare a body which it does not recognize as masonic, and which does not intrude upon the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry or its jurisdiction, unlawful or clandestine?"

There are fallacies in all this which we can hardly believe to have been contemplated by its author. He must certainly have forgotten that the Grand Lodge does not lose control of a Master Mason's conduct because he may become a member of some so-called higher body, and that, everywhere and at all times, he is amenable to the lodge and Grand Lodge within whose jurisdiction he resides, for any acts which are detrimental to, or bring scandal on Freemasonry. He must certainly be forgetful also when he permits himself to make use of language calculated to create the impression that Masonry consists wholly or mainly in the conferring of degrees; that it has no rules, no precepts of justice and of right to control the dealing of Masons with each other; and that if we do not violate the secrets of Freemasonry or confer degrees without authority, we may, without dread of punishment, wrong our brethren, wantonly disregard their rights, and that we masonically owe nothing to them in way of fair dealing or courtesy. That, if we keep within the limits of the criminal law, we may create dissensions in the Fraternity and disturb the harmony of Masonry, and still are entitled to be recognized as worthy Masons.

The following language, taken from an address at the last session of our Grand Lodge by Bro. Wilson, the Grand Orator, is so much to the point that I cannot forbear quoting it:

We are apt to consider duty as the synonym of legal obligation. We are too easily persuaded that what is legally ours we may use as we see fit; and when we have discharged the obligations imposed upon us by the letter of the law we are too willing to consider our whole duty performed. There are those who seem to make the statute book their code of morals, and the lawyer their spiritual adviser.

It is this spirit, at the ebb tide of moral sentiment, that holds that deceitful cup to a brother's lips; that places paltry gain in the balance, to be weighed against the happiness, the home, the honor, the life of a neighbor, and then asks society to call it respectable because it is shielded by the forms of the law. It is this spirit that debauches the young, and sells honor and virtue for lucre, and asks society to wink at it because it has become the custom of the times. To this theory of life Masonry is unalterably opposed."

2. Further on Bro.: Lockwood asks and answers as follows: "Has the Grand Lodge any law which that rite called Cerneau has violated? It has no law but the government of Ancient Craft Masonry; its law as to prior right by reason of prior occupancy, which is one of the forms of the legal maxim, '*qui prior est tempore potior est jure*,' appertains to its own government; another society could adopt a different rule."

His conjecture that the law of prior right by reason of prior occupancy was intended by the Grand Lodge to apply only to its own government, I have already shown to be a ridiculous assumption, and one contradicted by every known fact connected with the introduction of these resolutions. His further statement that the right acquired by prior occupation is some thing which the Grand Lodge may accept or not as it fancies, is certainly novel in Nebraska. As long ago as 1870, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska declared its affirmance of this law of Masonic comity, in a preamble to resolutions pronouncing the Supreme Council of Louisiana spurious, and fraternally, but earnestly, requesting of the Grand Orient of France the withdrawal of the recognition which it had given to that Supreme Council.

This preamble reads as follows. "Whereas, It has become a universally acknowledged principle of masonic comity that one Grand Masonic body shall not infringe, invade or interfere with the jurisdiction of any like sovereign masonic body, therefore, be it resolved," etc., etc.

Bro.: Lockwood forgets that the rule, which he makes light of, is a rule of justice and equity, and that justice is a cardinal landmark of Masonry; that the rule of priority of right based on priority of occupation is a principle which the Grand Lodge of Nebraska acknowledges, not because it pleases to do so, but because all Grand Lodges acknowledge it and bow to it as a rule of harmony and a rule of right; that the principle is recognized in the state and national legislation of the United States; that it is embodied in the laws of every civilized country and in the law of nations; that it lays down a rule of jurisdiction, to which aggressive nations bent on schemes of colonization or territorial aggrandizement are forced to submit under the ban of public condemnation; and whether in equatorial Africa, in disputes between Britain and Portugal, or in land claims on our western prairies, it is the universally acknowledged law which determines the right of contestants.

Cerneau critics and pamphleteers have dwelt with much profusion of emphasis on the observance of old landmarks. I yield to none in respect for

genuine landmarks. But their emphasis is for the most part confined to newly-coined landmarks intended to bolster up the pretensions of Cerneauism, or to shield it from the condign punishment which it has earned, by causing dissensions and disturbances wherever it has been able to gain a foothold.

Among the newest of these new-fangled landmarks is the assertion that a Grand Lodge can recognize no body working degrees other than the three Blue degrees of the York Rite.

I do not assert that Grand Lodges at the present day claim to control any degrees except the three Blue degrees, but they recognize, and have from time immemorial exercised the right of recognizing, as masonic, bodies conferring what are known as the higher degrees.

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska has done this in several instances, and I have failed to discover any restriction of this right in its constitution.

It has recognized and still recognizes many Grand Lodges and Grand Orients working the English, German, French and Scottish Rite in which the rituals, ceremonies and pass-words are more or less different from those of the American Rite.

Up to 1870 it recognized as a legitimate masonic body, the Grand Orient of France, a body working a rite of seven degrees, three of which have been taken from the Scottish Rite. And if it has ceased to recognize the Grand Orient since 1870, it has not done so owing to any unwillingness to recognize a body practicing a rite different from its own. To act otherwise would be simply to isolate American Masonry.

In the funeral ceremonies and the ceremonies for the laying of cornerstones adopted by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, their proper place in said ceremonies has been assigned to Royal Arch Masons, Royal and Select Masters and Knight Templars, and it thus recognizes them as a portion of the Masonic Fraternity, for Article 12 of Section 100 of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge has said, "Participating in promiscuous processions or parades is not in accordance with the principles of Freemasonry." It has permitted, as a matter of course, Royal Arch Chapters, Commanderies and bodies of the Anc. and Acc. Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction to occupy halls, and own property jointly with its lodges, without the permission required in the case of non-masonic organizations; while Article 3 of Section 101 of its By-Laws declares that, "It is not in accordance with masonic polity to hold real estate jointly with other organizations."

In the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for 1867, page 24 of the report of the committee on Correspondence, I find an extensive list of foreign Grand Lodges and Orients with which it claimed at that time to be in correspondence.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland resolved February 1, 1844, that it strictly prohibits as unlawful all assemblies of Freemasons in Ireland under any title whatever purporting to be masonic not held by virtue of a warrant or constitution from the Grand Lodge, or from other masonic bodies (Royal Arch, Knight Templars and Anc. and Acc. Rite) recognized by and acting in unison with the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky in 1816, established chapters of the Royal Arch at Frankfort and Shelbyville, and later the same year it resolved, "That chapters working under warrants No. 1, No. 4, No. 5, be and are hereby permitted to establish a Grand Royal Arch chapter, and that hereafter no chapter be opened under a warrant without permission of this Grand Lodge, and then only upon the recommendation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter." (Grand Chapter Nebraska, page 1868.)

The Grand Lodge of Ohio recognizes the Past Master's degree when conferred by Royal Arch Chapters, for Section 183 of its Code declares, "No one can serve as Master unless he has received this degree either from a convocation of Past Masters or a chapter of Royal Arch Masons."

I would say further, that long before the Cerneau trouble had arisen, the Grand Lodge of Iowa, in 1852, adopted the following:

"The Grand Lodge of Iowa recognizes the superior bodies in the United States and foreign countries having in charge Masonic degrees, as the Supreme Councils of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and their Consistories, the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Encampment and their constituent bodies, Grand and Subordinate. But she claims sole jurisdiction in this state over the first three degrees in the York Rite, and objects to the practice of any other rite in those degrees within the same jurisdiction, should it be attempted, and admits no rights or claims of any other body or authority whatever to do so. She holds fraternal correspondence with these bodies, but admits no authority in them to interfere with the Craft degrees."

In 1869 the Grand Lodge of Kentucky adopted the following resolution, which was aimed at the spurious Supreme Council of Louisiana and its ally, the Grand Orient of France.

"There are in the United States, which is divided between them, two legitimate Grand Bodies of the Anc. and Acc. Scottish Rite, viz.: The Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction, holding its seat at Boston, in Massachusetts and the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction, holding its seat at Charleston, in South Carolina."

That a Grand Lodge of Anc. and Acc. Masons, having sole control of the three symbolic degrees which are the basis and foundation on which the whole masonic structure has been raised, has the right to declare what system founded on those degrees shall call itself masonic, or a rite of Freemasonry, seems to me so self-evident a proposition, as not to need argument. It has, however, been denied, or overlooked by a few men who should be better informed.

This proposition is so clearly and distinctly stated in a report presented to the Grand Lodge of Colorado at its last session, and adopted by a three-fourths majority, that I cannot forbear quoting the language of the report.

"Your committee, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address relating to masonic bodies, respectfully report as follows: Your committee recognize and emphatically declare the unqualified power of this Grand Lodge, as the sovereign and supreme masonic authority in this state, to decide what bodies are and what are not masonic bodies; the question of expressing that power is therefore a question of policy only. At the last session of the Grand Lodge it placed on record a resolution declaring what degrees in Masonry it will recognize, and your committee are of the opinion that no so-called masonic bodies, other than those mentioned in these resolutions, can be considered, in any sense, masonic bodies in this state."

In 1853, the Grand Lodge of Ohio determined the so-called "side degrees," not masonic, and prohibited Master Masons from conferring them, and no attempt was made to dispute its right to decide thus.

In 1875 it prohibited its subordinate lodges from permitting their lodge rooms, except by special permission of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, to be used by any other society or order whatsoever, or to occupy any hall or room privately with any other society or order, except with a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a masonic Council or Commandery or a masonic body.

Fifteen Grand Lodges in the United States, and four Grand Masters, have asserted the right and authority of the Grand Lodge to declare what rites or systems of degree shall be allowed to call themselves masonic, what bodies they will recognize as regular, and what irregular, what bodies shall be permitted to confer the degrees within their respective jurisdictions, and what shall be prohibited. This is more distinctly shown in the following statement, which includes nineteen Grand Lodge Jurisdictions.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

[*Who are recognized.*] In 1882 declared the Chapters, Grand Chapters and General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Councils, Grand Councils and General Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, the Commanderies, Grand Commanderies and Grand Encampment of Knight Templars, the Supreme Council for the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions and their subordinates, regular and duly constituted masonic bodies.

[*Who are not recognized.*] In 1882 it prohibited its members joining other orders claiming to be masonic, except those named.

[*Penalty.*] In 1882 and 1883, it punishes with expulsion Masons conferring or receiving the degrees thus prohibited, and declares them ineligible to sit in Grand Lodge.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

In 1885 New Hampshire published for the protection of its members the historical sketch to be found on page 118 of the proceedings of that year.

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO.

[*Who are recognized.*] 1875, recognized the Scottish Rite bodies of the Northern Jurisdiction to be masonic bodies.

[*Who are not recognized.*] 1886, 1887, 1888, it declared the bodies of Ancient and Accepted Rite of the U. S. A., T. T. and D., commonly called the Cerneau Rite, to be irregular, illegal and unmasonic, and denied them the use of its halls.

[*Penalty.*] It punishes the receiving or conferring of the Cerneau degrees with expulsion.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

[*Who are not recognized.*] 1888, prohibited its members from holding membership in the Cerneau Rite, denied to Cerneau bodies the use of its halls, and declared them clandestine. 1889, it denied them the right of visitation.

[*Penalty.*] 1889, it declares offenders subject to masonic trial and punishment.

GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY.

[*Who are recognized.*] 1869, 1888, 1889, recognized the Supreme Council for the Northern and Southern Jurisdiction. 1888, it declared the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction in occupation of the state more than thirty years.

[*Who are not recognized.*] 1888, it declared any bodies invading the territory of the Supreme Councils recognized by the Grand Lodge clandestine and fraudulent.

[*Penalty.*] 1889, it punishes by expulsion the conferring of degrees by bodies declared clandestine, or the receiving of such degrees.

GRAND LODGE OF IOWA.

[*Who are recognized.*] 1889, repeated its recognition (1886) of the Southern Jurisdiction Council, declared it entitled to exclusive jurisdiction in the state by reason of twenty years' sole actual occupancy.

[*Who are not recognized.*] 1889, refused to recognize the Supreme Council of the Anc. and Acc. Rite U.S.A. and T. T. and D., or the bodies under it, and prohibited them from occupying or doing work in the state, and required Masons to withdraw from said Cerneau body.

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA.

[*Who are recognized.*] 1889, declared the first lawfully constituted body in the state entitled to exclusive jurisdiction.

[*Who are not recognized.*] 1889, it declared all bodies of the same grade or rite entering later, unlawful.

GRAND LODGE OF DAKOTA.

[*Who are recognized.*] 1889, declares the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction having first occupied the state, and having continued in occupation to the present time, is entitled to exclusive jurisdiction.

[*Who are not recognized.*] 1889, declares Cerneau masonry without legal status in that jurisdiction.

GRAND LODGE OF MINNESOTA.

[*Who are recognized.*] 1890, recognized as masonic the Chapters, Grand and General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Council, Grand and General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, the Commanderies, Grand Commandery and Grand Encampment of Knight Templars, the Supreme Council of the Anc. and Acc. Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction U. S. and its subordinate bodies, and authorized these bodies to use the symbolic degrees as a basis for their system, and to make use of so much of the esoteric ceremonies of these degrees as may be necessary.

[*Who are not recognized.*] 1890, declared that no other bodies than bodies named and its own lodges are masonic or are entitled to use its esoteric ceremonies, or to base a system of degrees on the three symbolic degrees, and it declared any body not named which attempts to exercise any of these rights and privileges irregular.

[*Penalty.*] 1890, it punishes those conferring or receiving the degrees of the Supreme Council of the U. S. A. or of any Cerneau Council or who make use of its ceremonies without authority, by expulsion.

GRAND LODGE OF COLORADO.

[*Who are recognized.*] 1888, declared to be regular and duly constituted bodies, the Chapters, Grand Chapters and General Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, the Councils, Grand and General Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, the Commanderies, Grand Commandery, and Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, the Supreme Council of the Anc. and Acc. Scottish Rite, for the Northern and Southern Jurisdiction, U. S. A., and all subordinates.

[*Who are not recognized.*] 1889 declared that no other bodies than those before recognized can be considered, in any sense, masonic in the state.

[*Penalty.*] 1888 punishes as by its law prohibiting the teaching of unauthorized work.

GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA.

[*Who are not recognized.*] 1889, the edict of the Grand Master declared the Cerneau body, otherwise known as the Supreme Council Anc. and Acc. Rite for U. S. A. T. T. and D. irregular, that it is in fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France, and the Foulhouse Supreme Council of Louisiana, and is disturbing the peace and harmony of all regular Masons in the jurisdiction. It prohibited Masons having fraternal relations with the body denounced and denied the use of its halls to said body.

[*Who are recognized.*] 1890, the Grand Lodge approved of the Grand Master's edict; declared the bodies of the Anc. and Acc. Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction in prior occupation of the state.

[*Who are not recognized.*] 1890, it denied to the Cerneau bodies the right to occupy it, as both these bodies cannot continue to work in this jurisdiction without seriously endangering the peace and harmony of the Fraternity.

[*Penalty.*] 1889, penalty for allowing the use of halls for Cerneau work, arrest of charter and the discipline of the officers and members.

THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA.

1889. Asserts the right of Grand Lodges:

1st, To legislate upon, and decide all questions pertaining to the establishment of lodges, the making of Masons and the government of the Craft within their jurisdictions.

2d, To protect themselves, their subordinates and members, and also masonic bodies with which they are allied.

3d, To guard their subordinates against the introduction of causes of contention and discord, and to protect the Fraternity against injury or invasion, impostors or imposition.

4th, To designate what rites they will recognize, and what masonic bodies they will ally themselves with.

[*Who are recognized.*] 1889. The Grand Lodges F. and A. M. of the several States and Territories, the Gen. Grand Chapter R. A. M. of the U.

S., and the Grand Chapters of the States and Territories, the Gen. Grand Council R. and S. M. of the U. S., and the Grand Councils of the States and Territories, the Grand Encampment of Knight Templars of the U. S., and the Grand Commanderies of the States and Territories, the Supreme Councils of the Anc. and Acc. Scottish Rite for the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of the U. S., and the subordinates of the bodies above named.

[*Who are not recognized.*] 1889. Any bodies not included among the foregoing.

[*Penalty.*] 1889. For taking, receiving, communicating, conferring, or being present at, or assisting in the communicating or conferring of any masonic degrees, except by the authority of bodies hereinbefore acknowledged as legitimate and genuine, expulsion from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

1888-1889. On the recommendation of its committee on Foreign Correspondence, adopted a resolution expressing its sympathy with the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio against Cerneau Masonry.

GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA.

1885. Asserted the right to ascertain and declare what bodies claiming to be masonic are really masonic, and what are fraudulent, spurious or clandestine.

[*Who are not recognized.*] 1890. Declared the Cerneau Supreme Councils and all bodies holding under them illegitimate and not entitled to be recognized in any manner whatever.

GRAND LODGE OF UTAH.

1889. Adopted a report of its committee on Jurisprudence, declaring the Grand Lodge in sympathy with the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio and its Grand Master against Cerneauism.

GRAND MASTER, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

[*Who are not recognized.*] 1889. Issued edict against Gorgas Cerneau Rite. Denied the use of lodge halls for the practice of the Cerneau Rite. Denied the right of visitation to members of that rite.

GRAND MASTER OF ALABAMA.

[*Who are not recognized.*] 1889. Issued a letter of warning to the Masons of Alabama, notifying them that the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction is the only legitimate power of the Scottish Rite in Alabama, and that the Cerneau bodies are illegal and unmasonic.

GRAND MASTER OF ILLINOIS.

[*Who are not recognized.*] 1889. Issued a letter of warning to the Masons of Illinois against the Cerneau body of the Anc. and Acc. Scottish Rite of Burlington, Iowa.

GRAND MASTER OF NEW JERSEY.

1890. Declared the Gorgas Cerneau body guilty of holding masonic intercourse and correspondence with the Grand Orient of France, contrary to the law of the Grand Lodge.

Another new "landmark," claimed by the advocates of Cerneauism, is that a Grand Lodge has no power to control Master Masons who belong to the so-called higher degrees. They may be the cause of feuds, cabals, dissensions and bickerings among Master Masons. Their acts may have disturbed the harmony of Master Masons lodges. They may have given rise to conflicts and heart-burnings among Masons over the State of Nebraska; may be the cause of scandal to the very name of Masons; and yet this newly conceived landmark prohibits the Grand Lodge from applying a remedy. The assertion of such a landmark is contradicted by the common sense of the Fraternity. Every supreme legislative body possesses the power to protect itself from disorder, destruction and disorganization. When the enemies of freedom in 1861 taunted the government that there was no law which they had violated nor any power to punish them, the government of the nation enacted a law and found a force to support it, and the nation applauded.

As we are on the subject of landmarks, I shall recall certain landmarks of Masonry on which the Cerneau advocates never seem to dwell, or think they may disregard them with impunity. They forget that the ancient charges are among the best established and most important landmarks of Masonry. They forget that, if we are free men and Freemasons, we are not free to do everything that suits our selfish desires, our vaulting ambitions, or our pecuniary interests, without regard to the rights and feelings of others.

They forget the lesson of the compass, to circumscribe our desires and keep our passions in due bounds with all mankind, especially with our brethren.

They forget the lesson taught by the point within the circle, which we are reminded represents an individual brother, the circle boundary line of his conduct to God and man beyond which he is never to suffer his passions, prejudices or interests to betray him on any occasion.

They forget the lesson of the cardinal virtue, "Justice, that standard or boundary of right which enables us to render to every man his just due without distinction, the very cement and support of civil society (yes, and of masonic society), so that it should be the invariable practice of every Mason never to deviate from the minutest principles thereof."

Above all they forget the "golden rule," chiefest of all the landmarks of Masonry: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets."

It is asserted that the Grand Lodge has no right to dictate to its members in the choice of their business, their pleasure or society relations. Usually the statement is guardedly made in this form:—"All Masons are bound to obey the edicts of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge, when said edicts are kept within the constitutional power of the Grand Lodge, but if they arbitrarily and without power to do so interfere to the detriment of our business, pleasures, family or social relations we are not bound by them."

As no Grand Lodge admits that its action is either arbitrary or without power, I ask, who shall sit in judgment on this allegation? Is each member or each lodge separately invested with authority to decide this question, or shall we appeal to the civil courts to decide for us?

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska has prohibited its members engaging in the wholesaling or retailing of intoxicating liquors, or from acting as barkeeper in a saloon, from keeping gambling houses, from indulgence in drinking, gambling, debauchery or profanity. And if it decides that the adherence of its members to some particular society has been detrimental to the harmony of its lodges and injurious to the welfare of the Order, such action is neither arbitrary nor without authority.

There is no analogy between the right of a Mason to belong to the church and political party of his choice, and the claim of right to adhere to the prohibited Cerneau bodies.

Neither churches nor political parties make any claim to be ranked as masonic. Masonic questions have no interest for churches, while the church creed or the political opinions of Masons are for the most part unknown to the brethren. The squabble of churches or the scandal of political parties cast no reflections on Freemasonry. Whether Masons belong to one church or another, to one political party or another, has no bearing on the welfare of the lodges. I cannot conceive of church membership offered as the reward of lodge services. If the time should ever come when a particular church or political party shall succeed in making the Masonic lodge room a recruiting ground for its adherents, or should urge its supporters to join in intrigues to carry its favorites into official Masonic positions, I think it would be the duty of the Grand Lodge to apply a remedy.

A common argument advanced against Grand Lodge action may be fitly termed the appeal to masonic ignorance. It assumes that when men become Masons they cease to know what is daily going on around them, subjects discussed in the proceedings of Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters and Grand Commanderies, in the masonic journals and even in the public newspapers. They are supposed to be ignorant of events which have taken place in their own state or city within the last year; yes, the last two, five or ten years. They are even assumed to be incompetent to judge of the credibility of such facts when stated by others.

The argument is not usually presented in this shape, but is generally opened with such phrases as "We do not masonically know," "We have no masonic knowledge of." If Masons know a matter by any of the ordinary sources of information they cannot be ignorant of it masonically, and it is but one of the modes of evading a question when they lack courage, or are unwilling to discuss it. Most of those who advance this argument are opposed to all judicial investigation of the subject by the Grand Lodge with the object of removing that ignorance. Yet they express no disapprobation of its discussion in the columns of the daily press, where it tends greatly to the scandal and shame of Masonry. Where there are important principles of masonic justice and order at stake such affected ignorance or faint-heartedness is treason to all that is noble and worthy in Freemasonry.

To close this subject, I believe I have fully shown that the Grand Lodge, as the supreme and original authority of Freemasonry, has power to declare what bodies claiming to be masonic it will regard as such, to say who shall be permitted to build upon its foundation, and that it possesses, by right of self-protection, the power to legislate regarding all acts of Master Masons which are detrimental to the well-being, the harmony or order of Freemasonry.

I have answered a number of objections resting on the denial of its authority to recognize any bodies, except those conferring the three symbolic degrees of the York Rite, and have shown this to be contrary to usage and principle.

I have shown that the denial of its power to interfere with its members in the choice of their business or society relations is contradicted by Grand Lodge practice.

I have shown that the comparison which has been made between the right of Masons to belong to any particular church or political party and the right to maintain membership in prohibited so-called masonic bodies, is fallacious and absurd.

I have shown that no rank in Masonry, no possession of higher degrees, exempts a Mason from control by his Grand Lodge when his actions tend to create disorder and disturb the harmony of the lodges.

I have noticed briefly what I may properly call the appeal to masonic ignorance, and presented the judgment of the Craft in numerous Grand Lodges assembled who have declared themselves competent to pronounce on all the questions involved.

I have shown that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska has unmistakably exercised its right of legislation, and this legislation, when fairly and honestly construed, clearly denounces certain so styled masonic bodies as unlawful, and that the pretence that this legislation was intended to apply only to the government of symbolic Masonry is untenable and ridiculous.

I have, in examining the concluding resolutions of the Grand Lodge, shown that the duty of ascertaining the facts of priority and of occupation became, by the very language of the resolutions, a duty which I could not avoid; and that the objection that the Grand Lodge had declined any investigation of the history of Scottish Rite bodies, did not hold good here.

I have shown that by "lawfully constituted bodies" were meant bodies recognized as such by the general consent of the rite to which they claim to belong, and the phrase has been so construed in the legislation of numerous Grand Lodges.

I have further, in obedience to the duty imposed on me by my office—the duty of replying to the best of my ability to inquiries coming to me from lodges and Masons in this jurisdiction—endeavored to discharge that duty impartially, honestly and fearlessly; and, while compelled to investigate facts so far at least as to determine what body the Grand Lodge recognized as entitled to occupy the state, and what bodies were declared by it unlawful, none of my critics have, as far as I am aware, attempted to charge me with a misstatement of these facts.

I have endeavored throughout to maintain the dignity of this high office and the respect of Masons for masonic justice and masonic decency unimpaired, and have had at heart at all times the best interests of Freemasonry.

And I do further recommend that if there has been heretofore any just ground for doubt as to the true intent and meaning of the resolutions adopted at your last session, you will now set the matter right by the adoption of such an utterance as will leave no ground for equivocation, and no excuse for the publication of partial or garbled extracts. If you did not mean to declare, "That the first lawfully constituted authority established in a state thereby obtains exclusive jurisdiction in such territory, and that any other body of the same grade or rite entering later within such territory is in itself unlawful," I ask you plainly to say so.

But if I have read history aright, the edict contains no misstatement of fact, and the resolutions above quoted enunciate an impregnable masonic principle.

And I earnestly request this Grand Lodge, at its present session, to correct any errors into which I may have inadvertently fallen in my dealings with this case. I know you will believe me when I say that in all this painful and humiliating business I have been actuated only by a desire for the welfare of Freemasonry; that I have set down naught in malice, nor been governed by any feeling of resentment.

With this statement I submit all the papers connected with the matter to your judgment and cheerfully await your award.

GRAND OFFICERS.

Here permit me to express my sincere thanks to the officers of the Grand Lodge who have so ably and faithfully performed their various duties.

The Grand Secretary, upon whom so large a portion of the labors of the Grand Lodge devolve, and with whom I have been so closely associated the past year, merits special notice for the prompt, punctual and agreeable manner in which he attends to his duties and responds to his calls; the economy, precision and systematic management of his office enables him to dispense with an otherwise necessary second clerk.

The brethren should avail themselves of the opportunity to pay a visit to the Secretary's office and thereby gain some idea of the amount of work to be performed.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION AND VISITATIONS.

During the past year it has been my pleasure to be with the Grand Custodian and assist in the exemplification of the work at many of the lodges of Instruction, and examine the records of many lodges.

I have been more than gratified at the proficiency attained and the improved manner of conducting their business.

I desire to congratulate our Grand Custodian upon the great success of his labors, also, to commend these lodges of instruction to the Grand Lodge and Craft of this jurisdiction.

Those who are familiar with the progress of lodge work in this state for the last ten or fifteen years will readily note the successful results of the

present system of instruction. In no other jurisdiction is the work more closely adhered to than in Nebraska, or the work of lodges more uniform.

Fraternal interchange of work is not uncommon among the lodges throughout the jurisdiction, making the work more impressive, and the sublime lessons more intelligent and comprehensive. The pride inspired has exhibited itself in better lodge rooms, more tasteful furniture and cheerful surroundings.

The credit of such results are largely due to the zeal, untiring patience and fidelity of our worthy Grand Custodian, R. W. Bro. Lee P. Gillette. To the brethren of the various lodges throughout this jurisdiction I desire to express my sincere appreciation of their cordial greetings, generous hospitality and assistance, assuring them it will not soon be forgotten by me.

In all I have devoted to these lodges of instruction, seventy-one days, averaging three exemplifications of the work each day; in every instance was actual work done in the different degrees.

Including the above work, special visits have been made to three-fourths of the lodges in this jurisdiction, thereby consuming my entire time. Many other demands upon my time were made, but the already consuming duties rendered the compliance impossible.

Now, brethren, the duties of Grand Master are arduous, the work having assumed such enormity, that his entire time is absorbed; and as there is no special salary set apart for his services, I would recommend that the sum of five hundred dollars be set apart for the use of the Grand Master, payable in advance, quarterly, in installments, in addition to the necessary expenses, that he may be able to procure the services of a much-needed private secretary.

CONCLUSION.

Brethren, I shall now surrender to you the Hiram you placed in my hands one year ago, the symbol of the highest authority, the most sacred trust, that can be placed in the hands of a Mason; a power and trust which I have endeavored to exercise, not with great assumption or display, but with that impartiality, conscious rectitude of purpose, regard for our laws and ancient usages, which should animate him who holds this high position. The year is about closed; my work as Grand Master is ended. While it has been a year of hard work to me, still it has been one, from which in after life will rise the incense of sweet and tender memories. But think not when I have laid aside the gavel of authority I shall retire upon these honors, for then, once more, shall I be permitted to go upon the floor of this Grand Lodge, where some of the happiest hours of my life have, in other years, been passed, and there with my might do whatever may be assigned me.

And as we advance onward and upward in increasing light and knowledge and attainments of our sublime Order, we are solemnly bound to a higher fidelity in these indissoluble and ever increasing obligations, so that having obtained the exalted position which we occupy as the representatives of the highest branch of Ancient Masonry, we are bound to recognize also, that we are to be the exemplars of, and exponents of a higher morality and a nobler, purer manhood.

"Masonry is no creed, no dogma of faith, no ritual of empty forms, it simply accepts God as the Infinite Father, and His Divine word as the revelation of truth and rule of life.

"No page of history has ever recorded its progress, no voice of earthly wisdom has ever broken the seal of solemn silence that has overshadowed the beginning of its years; it has fought no battles, subverted no kingdoms, overthrown no dynasties, taken part in no revolutions, stained no pages of history with records of crime and blood, but calmly, silently, nobly, it has continued its unceasing course, leaving the impress of its footsteps upon every scene, in every land whither it has gone."

And now with a consciousness that I have endeavored to perform my duty in your behalf, and with a willingness to serve you in the future as in the past whenever called upon, and with the hope that my acts will meet with your approval, I commend you to that Allwise Father whom all true Masons humbly revere, whose infinite power can keep and guide us safely along the level of time, and whom the sun, moon and stars obey, and under whose watchful care even the comets perform their stupendous revolutions; pervades the inmost recesses of the human heart, and will reward us according to our merits.

Fraternally,

JOHN J. MERCER,

Grand Master.

The following reports were submitted and were received without reading, the same being at this time distributed to the members of Grand Lodge in printed form; in accordance with the Law of Freemasonry, these reports, together with the address of the Grand Master, had already been under consideration by the committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

OMAHA, NEB., June 18th, 1890.

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A.:F.:and A.:M.:—

I herewith submit my report of funds received and disbursed to date:

*GENERAL FUND.

June 19, 1889,	To balance on hand from last report...	\$4,146 99
Aug. 28, 1889,	Received from Grand Secretary	1 75
May 9, 1890,	" " " "	3,000 00
9,	" " " "	2,000 00
13,	" " " "	1,000 00 .

* On Sept. 23d, 1889, the General Fund became exhausted and the Grand Master directed that \$2,000.00 be borrowed from the Masonic Home Fund, and that the same rate of interest be paid on the loan as that fund was earning. On February 20th, the General Fund became exhausted again, and the Grand Master directed that \$1,000.00 be borrowed from the Masonic Home Fund on the same terms that the \$2,000.00 had been borrowed; and the total amount borrowed from this fund was returned with interest on May 9th, 1890.

May 14, 1890,	Received from Grand Secretary	1,005 00
17,	" " " "	1,010 00
22,	" " " "	1,015 00
24,	" " " "	1,020 00
28,	" " " "	1,025 00
June 13,	" " " "	475 62
		\$15,699 36
June 19, 1889,	By paid pay-roll, session, 1889	2,738 60
	DATE. WARRANT NO. NAME.	
June 1, 1889,	By 558, William B. Downing.....	85 00
10,	" 563, Lee P. Gillette.....	50 00,
10,	" 565, Geo. B. France.....	100 00
10,	" 566, Geo. B. France.....	128 32
10,	" 568, The Grand Secretary.....	60 45
10,	" 569, The Grand Secretary.....	58 03
10,	" 570, William R. Bowen.....	11 58
10,	" 571, Rees Printing Co.....	11 25
10,	" 572, Lee P. Gillette.....	38 65
10,	" 573, Rees Printing Co.....	4 50
10,	" 574, The Grand Secretary.....	44 40
21,	" 575, John A. Ehrhardt.....	10 35
21,	" 576, Frank H. Young.....	18 70
21,	" 577, Francis E. White.....	5 20
21,	" 578, Lee P. Gillette.....	50 00
21,	" 579, Charles J. Phelps.....	2 00
July 18,	" 580, William R. Bowen.....	125 00
18,	" 581, Lee P. Gillette.....	100 00
18,	" 582, The Grand Secretary's Clerk..	60 00
20,	" 583, Dewey & Stone.....	50 00
Aug. 12,	" 584, Rees Printing Co.....	101 45
12,	" 585, John S. Caulfield.....	5 90
12,	" 586, State Journal Co.....	20 90
12,	" 587, Lee P. Gillette.....	13 10
12,	" 588, Robert Reed.....	27 50
15,	" 589, Effingham, Maynard & Co.....	57 60
17,	" 590, William R. Bowen.....	125 00
17,	" 591, Lee P. Gillette.....	100 00
17,	" 592, The Grand Secretary's Clerk..	60 00
21,	" 593, Lewis A. Kent.....	15 76
26,	" 594, L. C. Huntington & Son.....	40 00
Sept. 16,	" 595, William R. Bowen.....	125 00
16,	" 596, Lee P. Gillette.....	100 00
16,	" 597, The Grand Secretary's Clerk..	60 00
25,	" 598, Charles J. Phelps.....	86 44
Oct. 16,	" 599, William R. Bowen.....	125 00
16,	" 600, Lee P. Gillette.....	100 00
17,	" 601, Effingham, Maynard & Co.....	57 60

DATE.	WARRANT NO.	NAME.	
Oct. 19, 1889,	By 602,	S. A. Orchard.....	95 25
28,	" 603,	The Grand Master's Clerk.....	50 00
28,	" 604,	The Grand Secretary's Clerk..	60 00
Nov. 16,	" 605,	Lee P. Gillette.....	100 00
16,	" 606,	William R. Bowen.....	125 00
28,	" 607,	The Grand Secretary's Clerk..	60 00
Dec. 16,	" 608,	Lee P. Gillette.....	100 00
16,	" 609,	William R. Bowen.....	125 00
28,	" 610,	The Grand Secretary's Clerk..	60 00
Jan. 16, 1890,	" 611,	Lee P. Gillette.....	100 00
16,	" 612,	William R. Bowen.....	125 00
20,	" 613,	Rees Printing Co.....	705 33
Feb. 3,	" 614,	L. C. Huntington & Son.....	40 00
15,	" 615,	William R. Bowen.....	125 00
15,	" 616,	Lee P. Gillette.....	100 00
28,	" 617,	The Grand Secretary's Clerk..	60 00
Mar. 15,	" 618,	William R. Bowen.....	125 00
15,	" 619,	Lee P. Gillette.....	100 00
17,	" 620,	E. T. Schultz.....	3 00
28,	" 621,	The Grand Secretary's Clerk..	60 00
Apr. 15,	" 622,	William R. Bowen.....	125 00
15,	" 623,	Lee P. Gillette.....	100 00
19,	" 624,	Rees Printing Co.....	512 52
22,	" 625,	John J. Mercer.....	390 00
22,	" 626,	John J. Mercer.....	60 00
May 7,	" 627,	Neb. Masonic Home Fund*.....	73 00
May 13,	" 628,	Lee P. Gillette.....	100 00
15,	" 629,	Mas. Temple Craft of Omaha.	200 00
22,	" 631,	The Grand Secretary's Clerk..	120 00
22,	" 632,	William R. Bowen.....	250 00
22,	" 633,	Christian Hartman.....	50 00
26,	" 635,	Rees Printing Co.....	96 05
26,	" 636,	Knight & Leonard.....	498 11
27,	" 637,	Rees Printing Co.....	25 00
28,	" 638,	Rees Printing Co.....	487 77
28,	" 639,	The Grand Secretary.....	148 25
28,	" 640,	The Grand Secretary.....	44 06
28,	" 641,	The Grand Secretary.....	68 19
28,	" 642,	The Grand Secretary.....	7 61
28,	" 643,	The Grand Secretary.....	22 89
28,	" 644,	The Grand Secretary.....	32 08
31,	" 645,	The Grand Secretary.....	49 47
31,	" 646,	The Grand Secretary.....	21 80
31,	" 647,	The Grand Secretary.....	15 34
31,	" 648,	Lodges named on back of order	60 13

* Interest on the money borrowed from this fund.

DATE.	WARRANT NO.	NAME.	
June 10, 1890,	By 649,	Lee P. Gillette.....	41 25
10,	" 650,	John A. Ehrhardt.....	68 48
10,	" 651,	Rees Printing Co.....	79 40
10,	" 652,	The Grand Secretary.....	113 75
10,	" 653,	The Grand Secretary.....	126 33
10,	" 654,	L. C. Huntington & Son.....	80 00
			\$11,358 26
Balance on hand in General Fund.....			4,341 10
RELIEF FUND.			
June 19, 1889,	To balance on hand from last report...\$		667 91
June 18, 1890,	" Interest paid by me on this fund		
	from June 19, 1889, to date.....		33 40
Balance on hand in Relief Fund.....			\$ 701 31
NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME FUND.			
June 19, 1889,	To balance on hand from last report...\$		5,279 17
May 9, 1890,	" Interest received on this fund to		
	this date.....		319 06
Balance on hand in Masonic Home Fund.....			\$ 5,598 23
Grand total of funds in my hands at date of this report.			\$10,640 64

Please find enclosed herewith my check No. 1890 on the Merchants National Bank of Omaha in favor of the Grand Lodge A.:F.:and A.:M.: certified by said bank for four thousand, three hundred, forty-one and 10-100 dollars (\$4,341.10), being the amount in my hands belonging to the General Fund of this Grand Lodge; also my check No. 1891 on the same bank in favor of the Grand Lodge A.:F.:and A.:M.: duly certified by said bank for seven hundred, one, and 31-100 dollars (\$701.31), being the amount in my hands belonging to the Relief Fund of this Grand Lodge; also certificate of deposit No. 15,996 of the Merchants National Bank of Omaha, dated May 8th, 1890, bearing five per cent. interest per annum, for five thousand, nine hundred, ninety-eight, and 23-100 dollars (\$5,598.23) being the amount in my hands belonging to the Nebraska Masonic Home Fund; also the pay-roll for the session of 1889, and the warrants paid by me since the last session of this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

CHRIS HARTMAN, *Grand Treasurer.*

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Grand Lodge:

Each succeeding year has its own characteristics; during this year this office has had more visitors than all the preceding years put together; visitors take time, and therein lays my excuse if any *extra official* matters have not received prompt attention.

I submit a resume of expenditures under your appropriations at our last annual communication:

	APPROPRIATED.	EXPENDED.
Grand Secretary's expense accounts—		
Postage, telegrams, telephones, etc.....	\$ 220 00	\$ 261 02
Janitor for three rooms.....	60 00	60 00
Light.....	15 00	23 25
Heat.....	50 00	.....
Stationery.....	60 00	43 36
Blanks, blank books, letter heads, etc.....	300 00	333 95
Odds and ends.....	100 00	95 35
Total.....	805 00	818 93
Pay-roll of last annual communication.....	2,738 60	2,738 60
Grand Treasurer's salary.....	50 00	50 00
Grand Secretary's salary.....	1,500 00	1,500 00
Grand Custodian's salary.....	1,200 00	1,200 00
Grand Master's clerk hire.....	500 00	500 00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire.....	660 00	600 00
Grand Custodian's expense.....	* 54 35	54 35
Grand Lodge committees expense.....	* 191 09	191 09
Advance reports and stationery last annual communication.....	* 128 25	128 25
Printing and electrotyping '89 proceedings.....	* 765 33	705 33
Electrotyping early proceedings.....	500 00	498 11
Printing and electrotyping Law, edition '89.....	* 487 77	487 77
Binding and buying books for Library.....	100 00	99 05
Nebraska Masonic Home.....	5,279 17	5,279 17
Supplies for issue and sale.....	867 12	867 12
Rent of Grand Secretary's office.....	200 00	200 00
Bank report committee on Credentials, '90.....	25 00	25 00
Table and carpet.....	150 00	145 25
Interest on borrowed funds.....	* 73 00	73 00
Refund to lodges of over-payments.....	* 60 13	60 13
Printing advance copies of Forms and Ceremonies.....	* 202 35	202 35
Sundries.....	* 43 26	43 26
Total.....	\$16,463 42	\$16,466 76

*These items had no specific appropriation.

During the year ending April 20, '90, supplies have been sold and issued to lodges to the amount of \$957.30, at a profit of \$25.60, leaving stock on hand April 20, '90, worth \$323.25. Since our last communication I have purchased supplies to the amount of \$867.12.

The following are the debit and credit balances of existing lodges, June 10th, 1890:

LODGE.	No.	DR.	CR.	LODGE.	No.	DR.	CR.
Fremont.....	15	.....	\$ 50	Jasper.....	122	20	.....
Harvard.....	44	\$1 00	.....	Western.....	140	\$10 00	.....
Palmyra.....	45	50	.....	Zeredatha.....	160	7 00	.....
Alexandria..	74	2 25	.....	Mystic Tie.....	166	76	.....
Utica.....	96	5 00	.....	Faith.....	181	44	.....
Table Rock.....	108	16 85	.....	Amethyst...U..D'.	.....	.....	31
Harlan.....	116	48 69	.....			

The documents received from our thirteen lodges under dispensation have been at the command of the committee on Charters and Dispensations for several weeks.

The following documents have been transmitted to the committee on Grievances: The appeal of James Cochran, 4, from his expulsion by Nemaha Valley Lodge, No. 4; the appeal of Bro.: George J. Stoney, 25, from

his suspension by Saint Johns Lodge No. 25; the appeal of Bro.: William E. Nason, 25, from the acquittal of Bro.: William L. Allison, J.: W.:, 25, by Saint Johns Lodge, No. 25; complaint of Palmyra Lodge, No. 25, against Unity Lodge, No. 163; appeal of Bro.: Alvah W. Loomis, 48, from the acquittal of Bro.: Julius O. Chase, P.: M.:, 48, by Fairmont Lodge, No. 48; appeal of twenty-three members of Wayne Lodge, No. 120, from the refusal of said lodge to punish Bro.: Arthur P. Child, P.: M.:, 120, on a charge to which he plead guilty; appeal of Miles C. Seymour, 124, from his expulsion by Auburn Lodge, No. 124; the appeal of Frank A. Scoville, 151, from his expulsion by Square Lodge No. 151. Also the appeal of Bro.: Alexander Atkinson from the acquittal of R.: W.: William R. Bowen, 3, Grand Secretary, by Capitol Lodge, No. 3.

With the committee on By-laws from Chartered Lodges are amendments to the by-laws of Lodges Nos. 63, 79, 83 and 169.

During the year several unbound books have disappeared from our Library; I recommend that, at intervals of ten or fifteen pages, each book be stamped as the property of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

I submit a request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of New Zealand recently established; also a project for a testimonial to our illustrious Brother Robert Freke Gould, Masonic historian, etc., for over thirty years; also a scheme for a pilgrimage to Palestine, August 23 to October 31.

I return sincere thanks to those brethren who have so efficiently aided me in obtaining reliable data for the *reprint* of our early proceedings, and who have so patiently labored to solve some of the uncertainties that thirty years have developed.

On May 1, 1890, Northern Light Lodge, No. 41, mailed its annual return with appertaining funds, which reached Omaha same day, and this office June 1; on May 12 another return with funds came, the lodge thus failing to earn five days rebate credit. I recommend that the sum of \$1.85 be voted to cover its loss through no fault of the lodge.

During the year some brother called at this office and obtained some apron cases; I have forgotten who he was, and wish he would help me out.

I submit a consolidated statement of the assets and liabilities of our lodges on or about April 30, '90, compiled from reports as required by our Grand Master:

LODGE No.	ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.	LODGE No.	ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
1	.....	.....	10	1,450 00	.....
2	.....	.....	11	37,761 35	140 00
3	\$16,750 00	\$ 862 50	12	757 10	46 80
4	964 10	.....	13	548 00	90 00
5	1,296 00	.....	14	98 00	17 00
6	3,500 00	.....	15	4,018 00	172 58
9	1,700 00	852 84	17	4,665 00	3,240 00

LODGE NO.	ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.	LODGE NO.	ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
19	5,018 33	.....	70	493 18	10 00
21	3,217 00	860 00	71	508 83	60 00
23	2,935 00	660 00	72	1,021 64	82 87
25	12,237 48	.....	73	405 00	.....
26	900 00	65 00	74	189 95	48 00
27	825 25	.....	75	2,946 72	.....
29	790 09	1,600 00	76	2,292 00	1,325 00
30	2,673 00	810 00	77	580 00	135 00
31	1,718 80	.....	78	602 67	.....
32	14,040 63	30 00	79	1,373 75	120 00
33	2,946 00	60 00	81	544 13	24 10
34	4,509 00	1,525 00	82	153 00	115 50
35	1,012 45	2,500 00	83	411 75	61 25
36	1,711 65	65 00	84	409 35	.....
37	688 40	.....	85	1,112 25	78 00
38	5,461 60	4,328 50	86	250 00	.....
39	346 00	.....	87	290 00	.....
40	1,935 00	1,200 00	88	387 56	36 00
41	1,200 00	.....	89	107 50	65 50
42	1,050 00	.....	90	312 53	.....
43	13,200 00	6,810 00	91	463 04	.....
44	921 33	.....	92	458 64	225 55
45	255 00	20 00	93	212 75	.....
46	6,464 80	350 00	94	427 60	75 00
47	163 06	21 49	95	325 00	.....
48	1,154 00	335 00	96	493 00	318 00
49	560 50	62 00	97	548 01	17 50
50	4,350 00	2,900 00	98	294 78	18 00
51	1,450 00	.....	99	1,293 21	10 00
52	785 00	150 00	100	175 00	.....
53	550 00	450 00	101	1,900 00	875 00
54	1,525 00	100 00	102	730 40	225 16
55	1,029 23	125 00	103	662 15	120 00
56	4,000 00	390 00	104	202 03	.....
57	.....	.....	105	270 00	71 68
58	1,876 15	610 00	106	321 05	.....
59	887 13	82 50	107	75 00	35 00
60	608 90	380 00	108	.....	.....
61	695 45	80 00	109	304 00	25 00
62	234 89	100 00	110	695 25	160 00
63	247 00	7 50	111	777 15	.....
64	408 00	.....	112	437 72	73 25
65	1,250 00	.....	113	196 00	.....
66	285 39	12 50	114	714 27	166 47
67	319 25	86 00	115	285 89	.....
68	990 65	385 80	116	288 00	173 69

LODGE No.	ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.	LODGE No.	ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
117	190 00	72 00	155	635 00	64 75
118	178 35	.....	156	192 75	24 25
119	552 00	75 00	157	200 00	.....
120	700 50	70 00	158	648 25	175 00
121	161 75	24 63	159	125 00	25 00
122	691 54	.....	160	232 55	30 25
123	570 30	12 50	161	311 00	125 00
124	380 00	56 00	162	540 00	109 40
125	250 00	.....	163	325 00	86 81
126	929 00	110 00	164	242 22	12 00
127	700 00	150 00	165	60 00	.....
128	58 00	166 00	166	135 00	41 00
129	.....	.....	167	177 00	52 00
130	694 93	65 53	168	207 00	.....
131	305 00	61 25	169	229 82	.....
132	347 00	50 00	170	275 00	85 00
133	175 00	10 00	171	132 35	15 00
134	597 00	.....	172	90 00	7 00
135	50 00	.....	173	50 00	.....
136	356 11	.....	174	134 00	5 00
137	117 20	13 33	175	240 00	.....
138	518 00	94 00	176	71 50	27 75
139	338 60	25 00	177	140 08	40 00
140	300 00	.....	178	269 50	269 50
141	187 50	21 25	179	196 35	119 80
142	674 20	15 00	180	145 15	80 00
143	529 86	.....	181	168 15	224 65
144	529 86	.....	182	300 00	100 00
145	413 20	90 08	183	150 00	275 00
146	346 41	25 00	184	747 40	633 50
147	246 00	.....	185	75 00	77 40
148	105 00	36 00	186	614 00	361 00
149	166 50	.....	187	367 67	155 70
150	327 39	140 77	188	105 00	175 10
151	234 50	20 00	189	231 95	.....
152	234 65	.....		
153	130 00	.....		Total..	.....
154	95 00	.....		Average,	.....

Fraternally submitted,

WM. R. BOWEN, *Grand Secretary.*

P. S.—As Secretary and acting Treasurer of the Nebraska Masonic Home, I report for the information of the Grand Lodge that two hundred and eighty-five shares of stock (\$28,500) have been subscribed, and I have three hundred and thirty-nine dollars and fifty-three cents (\$339.53) in the Omaha Savings Bank drawing five per cent. interest

On my desk will be found the record of the association, a list of the stockholders, and the pass book of the bank.

I regret I have nothing more to report.

Fraternally,

WM. R. BOWEN,

Secretary.

GRAND CUSTODIAN'S REPORT.

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

I briefly report that in discharging the duties of Grand Custodian for the past year I have endeavored to see all the officers of the different lodges, and have, as far as practicable, visited their several Masonic homes, instructing the brethren in the work, forms and ceremonies of the order, conferring degrees, examining lodge records, and giving instructions in manner of keeping them.

I assisted the M.:W.: Grand Master in constituting the twelve newly chartered lodges, (numbers 178 to 189 inclusive), in installing the officers of the same, and in conferring the Past Master's degree on the new Masters. This work was completed in the month of July, with the exception of Bee Hive Lodge, No. 184, at South Omaha, which was constituted August 5th.

The M.:W.: Grand Master having at different dates referred to me the petitions of brethren at Carleton, Valentine, Gandy, Scotia, Leigh, Armada, Cortland, Gordon, Stockville, Gresham, Imperial and Adams to hold lodges and make Masons, I proceeded to make the necessary examination of their proposed lodge rooms and officers. In each case the lodge room was found to be safe and suitable for Masonic purposes, and the officers qualified to discharge their respective duties, the petitions were all returned to the Grand Master with my favorable endorsement thereon.

The Grand Lodge having ordered that "Bronfield Lodge be continued under dispensation with new officers," by direction of the M.:W.: Grand Master I examined the proposed new officers at their lodge room, and recommended their appointment.

I have officially visited one hundred and forty lodges, have given two days' "school" to forty-five lodges, three days' to four; to the remaining lodges visited I have given one day each. Five lodges were notified that I could be with them on certain dates; two on account of sickness could not hold lodges; three from other causes could not have a meeting. Where appointments have been made to hold "Lodges of Instruction," the lodges in the near vicinity thereto have had notice sent them from this office, and frequently from the lodges where the meeting was to be held, requesting that each lodge send two or more working members to take part in the work.

As a rule the "Lodges of Instruction" have been well attended, the brethren manifesting commendable interest in the endeavor to bring about that uniform system of work that is so desirable. At lodges where the attendance was not good, the officers and brethren have

shown a decided need of instruction. They could not "open and close" properly; failed in conferring degrees effectively, as well as in giving the lectures.

Would it not be well did we require "the three principal officers" to be qualified to open and close lodges, confer degrees, and give the lectures pertaining to Ancient Craft Masonry in an acceptable manner, and show a reasonable knowledge of the usages, customs and laws of masonry, before their installation? Would this not be a step in the right direction?

I find a decided improvement among lodge officers in the two years last past. They appear to be awakened from the morbid drowsiness into which they had fallen. This is noticeable in the work, as well as in the interest they are now taking in all things Masonic.

Most lodge records are fairly kept—a few Secretaries deserve commendable mention for the complete and methodical manner in which their records, compendiums and ledgers are written. I have found records that are very imperfect; among other omissions they fail to show that a necessary and lawful number of their own members were present at regular meetings—often the compendium is incomplete, names not entered, Masonic history of brethren omitted, and very frequently the newly made, and newly admitted brethren have not signed their names in the body of the compendium. Neither have they signed the by-laws. There are, at least, two lodges that have held meetings and transacted important business without a constitutional number present.

Masonry was never more prosperous in this jurisdiction than now. Our membership is rapidly increasing, and the increase is from among our very best citizens. We are improving morally, socially and financially.

I desire to take official notice, and to express my personal thanks to M.:W.: Bro.: Mercer, Grand Master, and to R.:W.: Bro.: French, Deputy Grand Master, for the kind and efficient support they have rendered me during the past year; their help has lightened my labors and rendered the work a pleasure. I cannot close this short and imperfect report without expressing my heartfelt thanks to all the Grand officers and brethren with whom I have been privileged to meet, for their uniform courtesy, kindness and valuable assistance.

LEE P. GILLETTE, *Grand Custodian.*

REPORT TRUSTEES ORPHAN EDUCATIONAL FUND

To the Grand Lodge:

It will be seen by referring to pages 27 and 28, Grand Lodge proceedings 1889, that the total of this fund to date May 31st, 1889, was \$16,914.00.

Since that date there has been collected:

Principal of loans.....	\$ 3,150 00
Interest on loans.....	1,202 99
Amount as then shown in bank.....	6,685 71
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	\$11,038 70

This sum has been invested as follows:

On deposit First National Bank, Minden, Nebraska.....	\$ 7,914 70
On deposit Sutton National Bank, Sutton, Nebraska.....	1,624 00
Loaned W. H. McIninch.....	1,500 00
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	\$11,038 70

The deposits in First National Bank, Minden, and Sutton National Bank, Sutton, by special agreement, draw six per cent. interest annually, interest payable semi-annually, and thus compounded each six months. This, as said last year, I repeat, I deem a safer and more satisfactory mode of handling this fund, for the present at least, than real estate securities, especially with the small margin of difference between this and the current popular rates of interest, together with vacillating and unsettled conditions of finances and real estate operations.

The McIninch loan is for a term of three years, drawing eight per cent. annually, payable annually, and secured by otherwise unincumbered improved land, valued at twice the amount of the loan.

In the matter of the Chambers loan, as intimated in last report, it became necessary to foreclose the mortgage, which has been done. The property was bid in by me, and since sold. As the whole matter had to go through a legal process, and the various items of expense yet unadjusted by the courts, I am unable at this date to render an itemized statement. Suffice it to say, the price for which the land was sold will at least pay all expenses, and leave the original amount of the loan undiminished; I think, leave a satisfactory margin. The item is therefore carried forward in this statement, and for the present, at its original face.

Statement of condition of fund to date:

Loans—

H. D. Snyder.....	\$ 1,000 00
D. C. Cole.....	478 29
C. S. Schuck.....	1,000 00
Wm. Chambers.....	1,000 00
E. Kirk.....	1,250 00
E. Snodgrass.....	350 00
I. W. Cramer.....	500 00
J. B. Graham.....	500 00
W. T. Russell.....	500 00
J. J. Dressler.....	500 00
W. H. McIninch.....	1,500 00
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	\$8,578 29

Amount in Minden National Bank.....	7,914 70
Amount in Sutton National Bank.....	1,624 00
Total fund to date, May 31st, 1890.....	\$18,116 99
Net gain since last report.....	\$ 1,202 99

ROBT. W. FURNAS, *Managing Trustee.*

Bro.: Eben K. Long, 11, veteran chairman of the committee on Returns, presented the following report without reading, it being distributed in printed form:

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

Your committee on Returns submits an abstract of the work in this jurisdiction, as shown by the corrected returns from the various lodges for the year ending April 30, A. L. 5890:

Number initiated.....	736	
Number passed.....	692	
Number raised.....		654
Number admitted.....		542
Number reinstated.....		46
Number gained otherwise.....		12
Total increase.....		1,254
Number demitted.....	365	
Number deceased.....	77	
Number suspended.....	140	
Number expelled.....	13	
Total decrease.....		595
Gained during the year.....		659
Number Master Masons, April 30, 5889.....		8,623
Number Master Masons, April 30, 5890.....		9,282
Dues for the year.....		\$8,442 00
Fees.....		3,680 00
Total.....		\$12,122 00
Less surplus of credits over debits.....		1,579 47
Total.....		\$10,542 53
Less credits allowed with this report.....		1,990 87
Available for use of Grand Lodge.....		\$8,551 6

Your committee recommend that new sheets of returns be prepared with minor changes in ruling and with names and numbers of all lodges now existing printed thereon.

Your committee recommend the following credits, as per rule of the Grand Lodge for general correctness and prompt transmittal:

No. of Lodge	No. of Members	No. of Days	AMOUNT	No. of Lodge	No. of Members	No. of Days	AMOUNT	No. of Lodge	No. of Members	No. of Days	AMOUNT
2	116	25	\$29 00	61	30	25	\$ 7 50	120	45	25	\$11 25
3	240	25	60 00	64	54	22	11 88	121	49	25	12 25
4	28	25	7 00	65	60	25	15 06	122	32	25	8 00
5	42	25	10 50	66	31	25	7 75	123	69	25	17 25
6	106	25	26 50	67	56	25	14 00	124	42	25	10 50
9	94	25	23 50	68	75	25	18 75	125	47	25	11 75
10	25	25	6 25	70	33	25	8 25	126	45	25	11 25
11	198	25	49 50	71	44	22	9 65	127	45	25	11 25
12	31	25	7 75	72	37	25	9 25	128	17	17	2 89
13	18	21	3 78	73	53	25	13 25	129	20	18	3 60
14	15	25	3 75	74	20	25	5 00	130	33	25	8 25
15	134	25	33 50	75	58	25	14 56	131	61	25	15 25
17	94	25	23 50	76	40	25	10 06	132	26	25	6 50
19	201	25	50 25	77	50	25	12 50	133	27	22	6 50
21	97	25	24 25	78	44	25	11 00	134	42	25	5 94
23	58	21	12 18	79	70	25	17 50	135	47	24	10 50
25	228	25	57 00	81	36	25	9 00	136	38	25	11 25
26	138	25	34 50	82	88	25	22 00	137	18	25	9 50
27	46	25	11 50	83	36	25	9 00	138	42	25	4 50
29	37	25	9 25	84	45	23	10 35	139	26	25	10 50
30	35	25	8 75	85	56	25	14 06	140	35	25	6 50
31	66	55	16 50	86	35	25	8 75	141	15	25	3 75
32	83	25	20 75	87	35	14	4 90	142	39	25	3 75
33	162	26	40 50	88	30	25	7 50	143	29	25	9 75
34	80	25	20 00	89	46	25	11 56	144	36	20	7 25
35	66	23	15 18	90	27	25	6 75	145	54	25	7 20
36	83	25	20 75	91	35	25	8 75	146	52	22	8 50
37	74	25	18 50	92	33	25	8 25	147	25	25	11 44
38	71	23	16 33	93	32	25	8 00	148	49	25	6 50
39	37	25	9 25	94	19	25	4 75	149	24	19	12 25
40	50	25	12 50	95	55	16	8 80	150	39	25	4 56
41	37	20	7 40	96	41	25	10 25	151	31	25	9 75
42	47	25	11 75	97	47	23	11 75	152	18	25	7 75
43	85	25	21 25	98	24	25	6 00	153	28	25	4 50
44	62	25	15 50	99	44	23	11 00	154	28	25	9 00
45	19	25	4 75	100	51	12	6 12	155	35	25	7 50
46	132	25	33 00	101	59	25	14 75	156	23	25	5 75
47	29	25	7 25	102	45	25	11 25	157	26	23	5 98
48	53	23	12 19	103	51	25	12 75	158	34	25	8 50
49	65	24	15 60	104	60	25	15 00	159	37	25	9 25
50	126	22	27 72	105	37	24	8 88	161	26	23	5 98
51	63	22	13 86	106	34	25	8 50	162	24	8	1 92
52	42	18	7 56	107	27	25	6 75	163	32	25	8 00
53	78	25	19 50	109	51	25	12 75	164	26	25	6 50
54	143	25	35 75	110	55	25	13 75	165	14	25	3 50
55	60	25	15 00	111	55	25	13 75	166	17	20	3 40
56	144	25	36 00	112	31	25	7 75	168	22	19	4 18
57	50	25	12 50	113	43	25	10 75	169	36	9	2 34
58	48	25	12 00	114	32	25	8 00	171	19	19	3 61
59	88	25	22 00	115	20	25	5 00	172	24	25	6 00
60	47	15	7 05	117	26	23	6 50	174	22	22	4 84
61	72	23	16 56	118	38	22	7 26	175	23	17	3 91
62	33	22	7 36	119	42	25	10 50	176	27	25	6 75
								177	18	12	2 16
											\$1,990 87

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF

NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Lodge.	ENTERED APPRENTICES.							FELLOW CRAFTS.												
		Gain.			Loss.				Gain.			Loss.									
		No. May 1, 5880.	By Initiation.	Otherwise.	Total.	By Passing.	Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	Other Causes.	Total Loss.	No. on Rolls April 30, 5880.	No. May 1, 5889.	By Passing.	Otherwise.	Total.	By Raising.	Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	Other Causes.	Total Loss.	No. on Rolls April 30, 5880.
Nebraska.....	1	5	1	...	6	1	1	5	1	1	...	2	1	1	1
Western Star.....	2	10	4	...	14	6	...	...	6	8	12	4	...	16	6	...	...	...	5	11
Capitol.....	3	27	5	...	32	4	...	...	2	2	12	1	...	13	2	...	...	...	5	11
Nemaha Valley.....	4	11	2	...	13	2	...	...	2	11	4	1	...	5	3	...	...	...	2	4
Omadi.....	5	5	5	...	10	5	...	...	5	5	5	5	...	10	3	...	...	...	3	7
Plattsmouth.....	6	23	1	...	25	2	...	...	2	23	1	2	...	3	2	...	...	...	2	1
Falls City.....	9	14	...	...	14	...	...	...	...	14	5	...	...	5	1	...	...	...	1	4
Solomon.....	10	5	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	5	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Covert.....	11	33	15	...	48	13	...	1	14	34	13	13	...	26	13	...	1	...	14	12	
Nebraska City.....	12	8	2	...	10	5	...	...	6	4	2	5	...	7	5	...	...	...	5	2
Orient.....	13	11	...	...	11	...	...	1	1	10	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	2
Peru.....	14	0	2	...	3	1	...	...	1	2	2	1	...	3	1	...	...	...	1	2
Fremont.....	15	8	6	...	14	7	...	...	7	7	3	3	...	10	7	...	...	...	7	3
Tecumseh.....	17	12	6	...	18	5	...	...	5	13	3	5	...	8	5	...	...	...	5	3
Lincoln.....	19	15	8	...	24	11	...	...	12	12	6	11	...	17	10	...	...	...	10	7
Washington.....	21	6	2	...	8	2	...	...	2	6	2	2	...	4	2	...	...	...	2	2
Pawnee.....	23	7	...	...	7	2	...	...	2	5	1	2	...	3	2	...	...	...	2	1
Saint Johns.....	25	39	18	...	57	19	...	...	19	38	9	19	...	28	16	...	...	...	16	12
Beatrice.....	26	11	8	...	27	8	...	...	8	19	4	5	...	12	7	...	...	...	7	5
Jordan.....	27	6	5	...	11	3	...	...	3	8	2	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	3	4
Hope.....	29	5	1	...	6	...	...	...	6	2	5	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	3	2
Blue River.....	30	3	2	...	5	1	...	...	1	4	1	1	...	2	2	...	...	...	2	...
Tekamah.....	31	3	7	...	10	5	...	1	6	4	0	5	...	5	4	...	...	...	4	1
Platte Valley.....	32	9	3	...	12	2	...	...	2	10	3	2	...	5	3	...	...	...	3	2
Ashlar.....	33	17	3	...	20	2	...	...	3	17	1	2	...	4	1	...	...	...	1	3
Acacia.....	34	11	1	...	12	2	...	...	2	10	5	2	...	7	2	...	1	...	3	4
Fairbury.....	35	13	8	...	22	11	...	...	11	11	2	11	...	13	11	...	...	...	11	2
Lone Tree.....	36	5	3	...	8	3	...	...	3	5	2	3	...	5	4	...	...	...	4	1
Crete.....	37	8	3	...	11	6	...	...	6	5	5	6	...	11	5	...	...	...	5	6
Oliver.....	38	7	4	...	11	2	...	...	2	9	0	2	...	2	1	...	...	...	1	1
Papillion.....	39	6	1	...	7	1	...	...	1	6	6	1	...	7	3	...	...	...	3	4
Humboldt.....	40	5	2	...	7	1	...	...	1	6	3	1	...	4	1	...	...	...	1	3
Northern Light.....	41	4	1	...	5	...	...	...	...	5	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1
Junata.....	42	13	1	...	14	1	...	...	1	13	0	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1
Hebron.....	43	7	6	...	13	5	...	...	5	8	2	5	...	7	6	...	...	...	6	1
Harvard.....	44	3	1	...	4	1	...	...	1	3	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	2
Palmyra.....	45	1	2	...	3	2	...	...	2	1	0	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	2	...
Rob Morris.....	46	9	7	...	16	4	...	...	4	12	5	4	...	9	7	...	...	...	7	2
Salem.....	47	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	3	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	3	2
Fairmont.....	48	14	6	...	20	4	...	...	4	16	3	4	...	7	3	...	...	...	3	4
Evening Star.....	49	5	7	...	12	6	...	...	6	6	3	6	...	9	8	...	...	...	8	1
Hastings.....	50	16	6	...	22	10	...	...	10	12	2	10	...	12	6	...	...	...	6	6
Fidelity.....	51	12	4	...	16	6	...	...	6	10	3	6	...	9	5	...	...	...	5	4
Hiram.....	52	9	1	...	10	3	...	1	4	6	1	3	...	4	4	...	...	...	4	4
Charity.....	53	9	6	...	15	7	...	1	8	7	3	7	...	10	9	...	...	...	9	1
Lancaster.....	54	13	6	...	19	4	...	...	5	14	2	4	...	7	5	...	...	...	5	2
Mosaic.....	55	6	4	...	10	5	...	...	5	5	2	5	...	7	6	...	...	...	6	6
York.....	56	14	10	...	24	7	...	...	7	17	2	7	...	9	6	...	...	...	6	3
Mount Moriah.....	57	8	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	8	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1
Lebanon.....	58	11	5	...	16	3	...	...	3	12	3	3	...	6	3	...	...	...	3	3
Wahoo.....	59	7	1	...	8	2	...	...	2	6	0	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	2	2
Melrose.....	60	12	7	...	19	4	...	...	4	15	1	4	...	5	3	...	...	...	3	2
Thistle.....	61	5	2	...	7	3	...	...	3	4	0	3	...	3	3	...	...	...	3	...
Keystone.....	62	3	3	...	6	3	...	...	3	3	1	3	...	4	1	...	...	...	1	3
Riverton.....	63	5	2	...	7	2	2	5	2	2	...	4	1	2	2	
Blue Valley.....	64	1	1	...	2	2	0	2	...	2	2	2	

June, 1890.]

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA.

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NEBRASKA, FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1890.

No. of Lodge.	AMTS. DUE GR. LODGE APRIL 30, 1890.		Fees on Initiation.	Dues on Master Masons.	AMTS. DUE GR. LODGE ON OLD ACCOUNTS.	Amounts due Lodges on old accounts.	GRAND LODGE DUES, FEES, ETC.	
	No. on Rolls April 30, 1890.	Total.					Losses.	Gain.
1	5.00	112.65	5.00	116.00	3.40	113.55	2	
2	20.00	202.90	20.00	240.00	15.88	39.03	3	
3	10.00	38.52	10.00	32.00	5.27	8.75	4	
4	5.00	71.25	5.00	105.00	94.00	22.75	5	
5	58.20	58.20	58.00	42.00	4.80	13.60	6	
6	71.25	19.80	70.00	25.00	55.55	5.75	7	
7	81.40	34.40	75.00	188.00	28.50	47.50	8	
8	16.53	22.00	10.00	18.00	1.15	7.33	9	
9	22.00	18.00	10.00	13.00	57	3.00	10	
10	155.10	155.10	90.00	134.00	1.10	50.00	11	
11	100.00	100.00	50.00	25.00	1.60	25.50	12	
12	182.97	182.97	40.00	291.00	1.72	43.75	13	
13	83.50	83.50	10.00	97.00	71	8.25	14	
14	50.40	50.40	10.00	86.00	2.00	43.25	15	
15	96.75	96.75	50.00	78.00	18.00	10.50	16	
16	60.25	60.25	25.00	46.00	14.00	30.75	17	
17	40.35	40.35	5.00	37.00	7.10	8.75	18	
18	78.00	78.00	15.00	63.00	1.85	20.25	19	
19	140.60	140.60	18.00	162.00	8.00	21.50	20	
20	67.02	67.02	5.00	80.00	2.77	12.81	21	
21	93.19	93.19	40.00	66.00	5.54	22.50	22	
22	81.04	81.04	15.00	74.00	71.73	71.73	23	
23	77.27	77.27	20.00	57.00	8.25	19.00	24	
24	33.70	33.70	5.00	38.00	0.00	12.75	25	
25	54.25	54.25	5.00	62.00	12.75	1.1	26	
26	48.05	48.05	10.00	50.00	15.00	35.00	27	
27	41.41	41.41	5.00	47.00	19.22	19.22	28	
28	43.43	43.43	5.00	48.00	16.39	16.39	29	
29	54.25	54.25	5.00	62.00	12.75	1.1	30	
30	23.50	23.50	35.00	19.00	5.50	5.50	31	
31	134.85	134.85	35.00	132.00	2.85	33.00	32	
32	21.40	21.40	20.00	25.00	1.40	1.40	33	
33	46.40	46.40	5.00	51.00	19.22	19.22	34	
34	78.25	78.25	30.00	65.00	13.25	13.25	35	
35	45.45	45.45	10.00	55.00	12.50	42.50	36	
36	55.55	55.55	50.00	60.00	1.55	5.00	37	
37	71.80	71.80	50.00	144.00	2.05	47.75	38	
38	154.65	154.65	50.00	108.00	46.00	124.00	39	
39	88.00	88.00	30.00	78.00	1.00	20.25	40	
40	125.00	125.00	30.00	156.00	42.00	13.34	41	
41	50.50	50.50	20.00	42.00	2.50	13.61	42	
42	66.56	66.56	154.00	80.00	1.60	87.00	43	
43	88.00	88.00	30.00	143.00	30.00	20.25	44	
44	128.00	128.00	50.00	178.00	78.00	47.00	45	
45	9.99	9.99	50.00	9.99	1.58	9.99	46	
46	71.80	71.80	35.00	105.00	2.05	13.18	47	
47	46.40	46.40	35.00	65.00	16.11	21.73	48	
48	78.25	78.25	30.00	85.00	5.25	16.11	49	
49	45.45	45.45	35.00	55.00	1.90	5.50	50	
50	125.00	125.00	30.00	156.00	31.00	13.34	51	
51	51.51	51.51	50.00	42.00	1.05	46.99	52	
52	62.62	62.62	50.00	50.00	2.62	20.25	53	
53	83.83	83.83	30.00	113.00	1.60	87.00	54	
54	128.00	128.00	50.00	178.00	78.00	47.00	55	
55	9.99	9.99	50.00	9.99	1.58	9.99	56	
56	71.80	71.80	35.00	105.00	2.05	13.18	57	
57	46.40	46.40	35.00	65.00	16.11	21.73	58	
58	78.25	78.25	30.00	85.00	5.25	16.11	59	
59	45.45	45.45	35.00	55.00	1.90	5.50	60	
60	125.00	125.00	30.00	156.00	31.00	13.34	61	
61	51.51	51.51	50.00	42.00	1.05	46.99	62	
62	62.62	62.62	50.00	50.00	2.62	20.25	63	
63	83.83	83.83	30.00	113.00	1.60	87.00	64	
64	128.00	128.00	50.00	178.00	78.00	47.00	65	
65	9.99	9.99	50.00	9.99	1.58	9.99	66	
66	71.80	71.80	35.00	105.00	2.05	13.18	67	
67	46.40	46.40	35.00	65.00	16.11	21.73	68	
68	78.25	78.25	30.00	85.00	5.25	16.11	69	
69	45.45	45.45	35.00	55.00	1.90	5.50	70	
70	125.00	125.00	30.00	156.00	31.00	13.34	71	
71	51.51	51.51	50.00	42.00	1.05	46.99	72	
72	62.62	62.62	50.00	50.00	2.62	20.25	73	
73	83.83	83.83	30.00	113.00	1.60	87.00	74	
74	128.00	128.00	50.00	178.00	78.00	47.00	75	
75	9.99	9.99	50.00	9.99	1.58	9.99	76	
76	71.80	71.80	35.00	105.00	2.05	13.18	77	
77	46.40	46.40	35.00	65.00	16.11	21.73	78	
78	78.25	78.25	30.00	85.00	5.25	16.11	79	
79	45.45	45.45	35.00	55.00	1.90	5.50	80	
80	125.00	125.00	30.00	156.00	31.00	13.34	81	
81	51.51	51.51	50.00	42.00	1.05	46.99	82	
82	62.62	62.62	50.00	50.00	2.62	20.25	83	
83	83.83	83.83	30.00	113.00	1.60	87.00	84	
84	128.00	128.00	50.00	178.00	78.00	47.00	85	
85	9.99	9.99	50.00	9.99	1.58	9.99	86	
86	71.80	71.80	35.00	105.00	2.05	13.18	87	
87	46.40	46.40	35.00	65.00	16.11	21.73	88	
88	78.25	78.25	30.00	85.00	5.25	16.11	89	
89	45.45	45.45	35.00	55.00	1.90	5.50	90	
90	125.00	125.00	30.00	156.00	31.00	13.34	91	
91	51.51	51.51	50.00	42.00	1.05	46.99	92	
92	62.62	62.62	50.00	50.00	2.62	20.25	93	
93	83.83	83.83	30.00	113.00	1.60	87.00	94	
94	128.00	128.00	50.00	178.00	78.00	47.00	95	
95	9.99	9.99	50.00	9.99	1.58	9.99	96	
96	71.80	71.80	35.00	105.00	2.05	13.18	97	
97	46.40	46.40	35.00	65.00	16.11	21.73	98	
98	78.25	78.25	30.00	85.00	5.25	16.11	99	
99	45.45	45.45	35.00	55.00	1.90	5.50	100	
100	125.00	125.00	30.00	156.00	31.00	13.34	101	
101	51.51	51.51	50.00	42.00	1.05	46.99	102	
102	62.62	62.62	50.00	50.00	2.62	20.25	103	
103	83.83	83.83	30.00	113.00	1.60	87.00	104	
104	128.00	128.00	50.00	178.00	78.00	47.00	105	
105	9.99	9.99	50.00	9.99	1.58	9.99	106	
106	71.80	71.80	35.00	105.00	2.05	13.18	107	
107	46.40	46.40	35.00	65.00	16.11	21.73	108	
108	78.25	78.25	30.00	85.00	5.25	16.11	109	
109	45.45	45.45	35.00	55.00	1.90	5.50	110	
110	125.00	125.00	30.00	156.00	31.00	13.34	111	
111	51.51	51.51	50.00	42.00	1.05	46.99	112	
112	62.62	62.62	50.00	50.00	2.62	20.25	113	
113	83.83	83.83	30.00	113.00	1.60	87.00	114	
114	128.00	128.00	50.00	178.00	78.00	47.00	115	
115	9.99	9.99	50.00	9.99	1.58	9.99	116	
116	71.80	71.80	35.00	105.00	2.05	13.18	117	
117	46.40	46.40	35.00	65.00	16.11	21.73	118	
118	78.25	78.25	30.00	85.00	5.25	16.11	119	
119	45.45	45.45	35.00	55.00	1.90	5.50	120	
120	125.00	125.00	30.00	156.00	31.00	13.34	121	
121	51.51	51.51	50.00	42.00	1.05	46.99	122	
122	62.62	62.62	50.00	50.00	2.62	20.25	123	
123	83.83	83.83	30.00	113.00	1.60	87.00	124	
124	128.00	128.00	50.00	178.00	78.00	47.00	125	
125	9.99	9.99	50.00	9.99	1.58	9.99	126	
126	71.80	71.80	35.00	105.00	2.05	13.18	127	
127	46.40	46.40	35.00	65.00	16.11	21.73	128	
128	78.25	78.25	30.00	85.00	5.25	16.11	129	
129	45.45	45.45	35.00	55.00	1.90	5.50	130	
130	125.00	125.00	30.00	156.00	31.00	13.34	131	
131	51.51	51.51	50.00	42.00	1.05	46.99	132	
132	62.62	62.62	50.00	50.00	2.62	20.25	133	
133	83.83	83.83	30.00	113.00	1.60	87.00	134	
134	128.00	128.00	50.00	178.00	78.00	47.00	135	
135	9.99	9.99	50.00</					

NEBRASKA, FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 5890.

SUSP. MASTER MASONS.						MASTER MASONS.						GRAND LODGE DUES, FEES, ETC.														
No. May 1, 5889.		Gain by Suspension.		Loss.		Gain.		Loss.		No. on Rolls April 30, 5890.		Amounts due Lodges on old accounts.		Amts. due Gr. Lodge on old accounts.		Dues on Master Masons.		Fees on Initiation.		Amts. due Gr. Lodge April 30, 5890.		No. of Lodge.				
No.	May 1, 5889.	Gain by Suspension.	Total.	Reinstatement.	By Death.	By Expulsion.	Total Loss.	No. on Rolls April 30, 5890.	By Raising.	By Admission.	Reinstatement.	Other Causes.	Total Loss.	By Demission.	By Death.	By Suspension.	By Expulsion.	Other Causes.	Total Loss.	No. on Rolls April 30, 5890.	Amounts due Lodges on old accounts.	Amts. due Gr. Lodge on old accounts.	Dues on Master Masons.	Fees on Initiation.	Amts. due Gr. Lodge April 30, 5890.	No. of Lodge.
1	2	1	5	6	1	1	6	60	2	1	1	1	62	4	1	1	1	7	55	14 50	16	60 00	25 00	70 66	65	
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	31	1	1	1	1	32	3	3	3	3	8	24	9 15	15 77	31 00	15 00	37 59	66	
1	4	5	1	1	1	1	4	56	7	1	1	1	58	1	1	1	1	57	14 50	56 00	56 00	15 00	56 59	67		
3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	75	7	1	1	1	85	7	1	1	1	12	73	15 33	12 13	75 00	35 00	106 89	68	
6	0	6	6	6	6	6	6	33	3	3	3	3	33	3	2	2	2	5	28	8 75	3 50	33 00	5 00	32 75	70	
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ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF

NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Lodge.	ENTERED APPRENTICES.							FELLOW CRAFTS.										
		Gain.			Loss.				Gain.			Loss.							
		No. May 1, 5889.	By Initiation.	Otherwise.	Total.	By Passing.	Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	Other Causes.	Total Loss.	No. May 1, 5889.	By Passing.	Otherwise.	Total.	By Raising.	Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	Other Causes.	Total Loss.
		No. on Rolls April 30, 5890.																	
Boaz.....	185	4	4	6	4	4	4	4	2	0	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Plumb.....	186	7	7	14	12	4	4	4	1	2	3	7	10	8	4	4	4	4	8
Israel.....	187	7	7	7	7	4	4	4	4	2	2	7	9	6	4	4	4	4	8
Meridian.....	188	4	4	6	4	4	4	4	2	0	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	3
Granite.....	189	11	11	13	8	4	4	4	8	0	8	8	8	6	4	4	4	4	12
Bromfield.....	U.D.	1	4	1	6	2	4	4	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Carleton.....	U.D.	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	1	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	5
Amethyst.....	U.D.	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Scotia.....	U.D.	13	13	12	12	1	12	1	3	12	12	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Minnecadusa.....	U.D.	4	4	4	4	1	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Armada.....	U.D.	10	10	7	7	7	7	3	7	7	7	6	7	6	7	6	7	6	6
Leigh.....	U.D.	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Highland.....	U.D.	13	13	12	12	1	12	1	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Arcana.....	U.D.	9	1	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	7	7	7	7	7	7
Stockville.....	U.D.	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Gresham.....	U.D.	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	5
Imperial.....	U.D.	13	13	8	8	8	8	5	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Adams.....	U.D.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Grand Secretary's return of extinct lodges.....		19	4	23	4	4	4	19	7	1	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Totals.....		980	736	21	1737	690	911	4714	1023	301	692	10	1003	653	6	2	1	662	341
Credit No. 1.....																			
Total.....																			

Bro.: David H. Mercer, 4, presented a report from the committee on Credentials, which was not read at this time, but was left with the committee for amendment during the communication; the report as finally made was as follows :
To the M.:W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee on Credentials reports that the following Grand Officers and Brethren are present and are entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge:

GRAND OFFICERS.

- M.:W.: JOHN J. MERCER.....Grand Master.
- R.:W.: ROBERT E. FRENCH.....Deputy Grand Master.
- R.:W.: BRADNER D. SLAUGHTER.....Grand Senior Warden.
- R.:W.: SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON.....Grand Junior Warden.
- R.:W.: CHRISTIAN HARTMAN.....Grand Treasurer.
- R.:W.: WILLIAM R. BOWEN.....Grand Secretary.
- R.:W.: GEORGE W. MARTIN, 46, (P.:G.:C.: Ill) as Grand Chaplain.
- W.: JAMES P. A. BLACK.....Grand Orator.
- R.:W.: LEE P. GILLETTE, (P.:D.:G.:M.:).....Grand Custodian.
- W.: LEWIS A. KENT.....Grand Marshal.
- W.: FRANCIS E. WHITE.....Grand Senior Deacon.

NEBRASKA, FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 5890.

CSP, MASTER MASONS.							MASTER MASONS.							GRAND LODGE DUES, FEES, ETC.					No. of Lodge.								
Gain by Suspension.	Total.	Reinstatement.	By Death.	By Expulsion.	Total.	No. on Rolls April 30, 5890.	Gain.	Loss.	Total.	By Demission.	By Death.	By Suspension.	By Expulsion.	Other Causes.	Total.	No. on Rolls April 30, 5890.	Amounts due Lodges on old accounts.	Amts. due Gr. Lodge on old accounts.		Dues on Master Masons.	Fees on Initiation.	Amts. due Gr. Lodge April 30, 5890.					
1	4	12				17	17		17						17	17	\$ 78 85	\$ 79 77		\$ 20 00	\$ 20 92	186					
2	6	15				23	23		23						23	23	98 75	112 55		35 00	48 80	186					
2	3	16				21	21		21						21	21	78 75	80 34		20 00	35 59	187					
2	6	21				27	27		27						27	27	78 75	78 80		20 00	20 15	188					
2	6	21				32	32		32						32	32	78 82	85 55		55 00	61 73	189					
2	4					6	6		6						6	6		5 55		20 00	25 55	B					
0	3					3	3		3						3	3	25 75	25 75		25 00	25 00	C					
11						5	5		5						5	5	25 75	26 19		21 00	20 44	A					
1						11	11		11						11	11	25 75	26 63		65 00	65 88	S					
1						1	1		1						1	1	25 75	27 08		20 00	21 33	M					
6						6	6		6						6	6	25 75	25 75		50 00	50 00	A					
12						2	2		2						2	2	25 75	31 33		20 00	25 60	L					
7						12	12		12						12	12	25 75	25 75		65 00	65 00	H					
1						7	7		7						7	7	25 75	25 75		45 00	45 00	A					
1						1	1		1						1	1	25 00	25 00		15 00	15 00	S					
5						5	5		5						5	5	25 75	30 55		30 00	34 80	G					
7						7	7		7						7	7	25 75	25 75		65 00	65 00	I					
2						2	2		2						2	2	25 75	27 92		10 00	12 17	A					
28	3					89	89	2	7	98	11				11	87						G S					
140	1117	44	7	51	1066	8623	651	512	46	12	9877	365	77	140	13	595	9282	3271	36	1691	89	8442	00	3890	00	10545	48
																										2	95
																										10542	53

W.: ANDREW R. GRAHAM.....Grand Junior Deacon
 Bro.: JACOB KING.....Grand Tiler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

- M.: W.: ROBERT C. JORDAN.....Past Grand Master.
- M.: W.: GEORGE ARMSTRONG.....Past Grand Master.
- M.: W.: DANIEL H. WHEELER.....Past Grand Master.
- M.: W.: ROBERT W. FURNAS.....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.
- M.: W.: ROLLAND H. OAKLEY.....Past Grand Master.
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- M.: W.: CHARLES K. COUTANT.....Past Grand Master.
- M.: W.: MILTON J. HULL.....Past Grand Master.
- M.: W.: GEORGE B. FRANCE.....Past Grand Master.
- R.: W.: HENRY BROWN.....Past Deputy Grand Master
- R.: W.: LEE P. GILLETTE.....Past Deputy Grand Master.

LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
† Nebraska.....	1	Jewel arrested.....	Jewel arrested.....	Jewel arrested.....
Western Star.....	2	Fred H. Brauer.....	*Frank Ransom.....	*John C. Watson.....
Capitol.....	3	John R. Webster.....	Laureston A. Merriam.....	*William Cleburne.....
Nemaha Valley.....	4	William McIninch.....	*J L. Roy.....	*David H. Mercer.....
Omadi.....	5	William Adair.....		
Plattsmouth.....	6	Justus G. Richey.....	*Samuel M. Chapman.....	*Henry E. Palmer.....
Falls City.....	9	*Charles F. Cain.....		Charles F. Cain.....
Solomon.....	10	Edwin N. Grenell.....		
Covert.....	11	Victor P. Musselman.....	Charles P. Southard.....	*William J. Mount.....
Nebraska City.....	12	William F.N. Houser.....	*Edwin R. Richardson.....	*James W. Chadduck.....
Peru.....	14	George W. Heywood.....	*Thomas J. Majors.....	Charles F. Neal.....
Fremont.....	15	Isaac M. Goodspeed.....	Peter D. Denney.....	
Tecumseh.....	17	Enos M. Shaw.....	George W. Bennett.....	*Jacob S. Dew.....
Lincoln.....	19	Henry H. Wilson.....	Irving L. Lyman.....	*Samuel G. Owen.....
Washington.....	21	Nathan Carter.....	*Jesse T. Davis.....	William H. Eller.....
Pawnee.....	23			
Saint Johns.....	25	Thos. K. Sudborough.....	*William W. Keysor.....	William L. Allison.....
Beatrice.....	26	George E. Hawkins.....	Munroe C. Steele.....	John P. Downs.....
Jordan.....	27	Bennett Goldsmith.....	Alexander M. Rose.....	
Hope.....	29	James A. Titus.....		
Blue River.....	30			
Tekamah.....	31		Charles T. Dickinson.....	
Platte Valley.....	32	Frank E. Bullard.....		*Samuel Goozee.....
Ashlar.....	33	*Charles F. Rollins.....		
Acacia.....	34	Charles C. Cannon.....	*George H. Wells.....	
Fairbury.....	35	Gilbert L. Pritchett.....		
Lone Tree.....	36	*William W. Finch.....	William W. Finch.....	
Crete.....	37	Luclus E. Fuller.....	*H S. Fuller.....	
Oliver.....	38	Albert J. Williams.....		
Papillion.....	39	James Hassett.....		
Humboldt.....	40		Peter W. Hays.....	
Northern Light.....	41	John A. Ehrhardt.....	Francis McGiverin.....	
Juniata.....	42	Enos J. Hanchett.....		
Hebron.....	43	*James Dinsmore.....	Jacob J. Werner.....	Lewis O. Sechrist.....
Harvard.....	44	Arthur D. Davidson.....		
Palmyra.....	45	John O. Moore.....		
Rob Morris.....	46	Homer J. Allen.....	*Henry Gibbons.....	*Frederick J. Switz.....
Salem.....	47	Joshua Vandervort.....	*James R. Brooke.....	
Fairmont.....	48			*C H. Sloan.....
Evening Star.....	49	Albert K. Marsh.....	*W H. Davis.....	*John B. Dinsmore.....
Hastings.....	50	*Abijah R. Vansickle.....	Abijah R. Vansickle.....	*David M. McElHinnay.....
Fidelity.....	51	Thornton B. Myers.....	George W. Osterhout.....	David C. Reynolds.....
Hiram.....	52	Peter Hammang.....		Soren Oleson.....
Charity.....	53	Manley B. McNitt.....		
Lancaster.....	54	*L C. Dunn.....	William H. Graham.....	L M. Hupert.....
Mosaic.....	55	Delavan A. Holmes.....	*William T. Whitmarsh.....	*Silas G. Dean.....
York.....	56	Albert O. Faulkner.....		George Chilcote.....
Mount Moriah.....	57	O Horne.....		
Lebanon.....	58	Chauncey H. Sheldon.....	Gustavus B. Spieck.....	*Robert H. Henry.....
Wahoo.....	59	*J M. Davis.....		*Melville W. Stone.....
Melrose.....	60	John Ellis.....		
Thistle.....	61	*T A. Taylor.....	*Henry A. Turton.....	
Keystone.....	62			
Riverton.....	63	*T M. Stark.....		
Blue Valley.....	64	Frank J. Sadilek.....	*J H. Grimm.....	Charles Whipple.....
Osceola.....	65	Thomas H. Saunders.....		
Livingstone.....	66	E Sedgwick.....	*W G. Crandall.....	Edwin Sedgwick.....
Edgar.....	67	William R. Fuller.....	Samuel W. Christy.....	
Aurora.....	68	Perley M. Green.....	*Myron T. Wildish.....	
Sterling.....	70	Thomas P. Renshaw.....		
Trowel.....	71	Harry B. Hauser.....	Julian E. Wilder.....	
Hooper.....	72	John M. Kreader.....		
Friend.....	73	James V. Beghtel.....		
Alexandria.....	74	*Edwin M. Jenkins.....		
Frank Welch.....	75	*Joseph Oberfelder.....	Joseph Oberfelder.....	*Henry S. Rayner.....
Joppa.....	76	William T. Britton.....	*James P. A. Black.....	*Edward H. Marshall.....
Nelson.....	77	Joseph Van Valin.....	Charles P. Leigh.....	
Albion.....	78	Arthur W. Ladd.....		Paul A. Krause.....
Geneva.....	79	Jacob L. Houchin.....	*J H. Dempster.....	
Composite.....	81		Lucius A. Warren.....	*A Roberts.....
Saint Paul.....	82	Bruce E. Jolls.....		
Corinthian.....	83	*John T. Marriott.....	John T. Marriott.....	

* Proxy.

† Charter suspended.

LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Fairfield.....	84	William S. Randall..		
Tyre.....	85	William W. Wright..		
Doniphan.....	86	Martin Ennis.....		
Ionic.....	87	Benj. F. Chambers...	David M. Cunningham	George G. Bayha.....
Star.....	88		Edgar A. Sears.....	
Cedar River.....	89		Edwin G. Cook.....	*D. W. Randolph..
Elk Creek.....	90	Henry N. Libby.....	*J. L. Young.....	
Oakland.....	91		William W. Hopkins..	
Hubbell.....	92	Alfred L. Elder.....		
Beaver City.....	93	John T. Sumney.....	*Nathaniel M. Ayers..	*Nathaniel M. Ayers..
Bennett.....	94	James B. Taylor.....	Harry R. Horton.....	
Garfield.....	95	*Elias M. Lowe.....		
Utica.....	96	*James E. Hibbard..	*Joseph Jones.....	
Euclid.....	97	Stephen W. Orton....	Edward H. Woolley..	*William F. Case.....
Republican.....	98			
Shelton.....	99	*W. L. Allison.....		
Creighton.....	100	Charles A. Hammond..		
Ponca.....	101	Alfred E. Barnes.....		
Waterloo.....	102		George W. Hill.....	
Ord.....	103	Charles B. Coffin....		
Wymore.....	104	A. Edward Winter....		
Stella.....	105	W. Robert Wyatt.....		
Porter.....	106	*James Landers.....		*J. F. Simpson.....
Steele City.....	107	David A. Chancellen..	Joseph C. Graves....	
Table Rock.....	108		J. F. Kemper.....	
Arapahoe.....	109		*Robert B. Chambers..	
Pomegranate.....	110	Richard E. Butler....	Byron F. Whitney....	
DeWitt.....	111	Frank W. Miles.....		
Springfield.....	112	*John T. Sexson.....	John T. Sexson.....	*Robert S. Anglin..
Globe.....	113	William M. Bickley....		
Wisner.....	114	*Frank C. Evans.....	*Frank C. Evans.....	*Frank C. Evans.....
Brainard.....	115		Samuel M. Truax....	
Harlan.....	116			
Hardy.....	117			William Fredell.....
Doric.....	118			
North Bend.....	119	Bissel P. Rice.....		
Wayne.....	120		Robert M. Goshorn..	
Superior.....	121			
Jasper.....	122	William H. Earnist..		
In-Idanola.....	123	George S. Bishop.....		
Auburn.....	124	*Charles P. Edwards..	Edward M. Boyd.....	*Charles P. Edwards..
Mount Nebo.....	125	James M. Kennedy.....	*G. A. Mollin.....	Andrew Netzell.....
Stromsburg.....	126	Albert G. Hoffman....	George S. Osborne....	*W. T. Seymour.....
Minden.....	127	Frederick R. Kingsley..	Rush H. Palmer.....	
Guide Rock.....	128			
Blue Hill.....	129			
Tuscan.....	130	George H. Miller.....		
Ark and Anchor.....	131		Samuel G. Chany.....	
Scribner.....	132	John Barker.....		William K. Wright..
Elm Creek.....	133	Delbert G. Webster....	Henry Nautker.....	
Solar.....	134	Isaac H. Castle.....	Ethel A. Richardson..	John C. Hartwell....
McCook.....	135		Edward E. Lowman....	
Long Pine.....	136		Charles C. McPherson..	
Upright.....	137	James M. Barclay....		
Rawalt.....	138	Stewart W. Lee.....		
Clay Centre.....	139	Herman E. Stein.....		
Western.....	140	William S. Grafton....		Eugene A. Allen.....
Summit.....	141	Isaac H. Clagett.....		
Anchor.....	142	Nathaniel K. Reddon..	Eaton S. Sears.....	
Crescent.....	143	William A. Gibson.....	*William A. Gibson....	*A. P. Brink.....
Kenesaw.....	144	Frampton C. Prosius..		
Bancroft.....	145	*William Collins.....		
Jacin.....	146	Isaac E. Austin.....	*George P. Rhea.....	
Siloam.....	147	*James A. Rice.....		
Emmet Crawford.....	148	*Alpha Morgan.....		Alpha Morgan.....
Jewel.....	149	Alex. M. Babcock....		
Cambridge.....	150	Stephen K. Keyes....		
Square.....	151			*T. H. Bowman.....
Parallel.....	152		Robert H. Kirby.....	*H. A. Harden.....
Evergreen.....	153	Charles C. Wilson....		
Lily.....	154	Adelbert D. Pierce....		
Hartington.....	155	*A. S. Ryan.....		
Pythagoras.....	156	*Albert A. Ege.....		

*Proxy.

LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Valley.....	157			Wendell P. Pierce.....
Samaritan.....	158	James L. Paul.....	*Albert W. Crites.....	
Ogalalla.....	159	Edwin M. Searle.....		
Zeredatha.....	160	*Walter C. Parker.....		
Mount Zion.....	161			
Trestle Board.....	162	George Adams.....	*M Eichoff.....	
Unity.....	163	*James W. Bouk.....		
Atkinson.....	164	James L. McDonald.....		
Barneston.....	165	A G. Keys.....		
Mystic Tie.....	166	Charles E. Burnham.....		
Elwood.....	167	Burton L. Chambers.....	*Truman D. Lee.....	*John L. Trobee.....
Curtis.....	168	James W. Ridgway.....		
Amity.....	169	John H. Jones.....		
Mason City.....	170	*Robert T. Walker.....		*A B. Johnson.....
Merna.....	171	Isaac A. Coleman.....		
Grafton.....	172	William H. Johnson.....		
Robert Burns.....	173	*Verner D. Shelby.....		
Culbertson.....	174	George G. Eisenhart.....		
Temple.....	175			
Gladstone.....	176		Edwin H. Burrows.....	*E L. Cleveland.....
Hay Springs.....	177	*William Waterman.....	Madison Finch.....	*Madison Finch.....
Hesperia.....	178	William M. Van Buren.....		*Thomas C. Canine.....
Prudence.....	179	Major A. V. Davis.....		
Justice.....	180		John R. King.....	*E V. Moore.....
Faith.....	181	Leroy Hall.....		
Incense.....	182	Morris Thomas.....		
Alliance.....	183	Henry J. Brown.....	John Carman.....	*F M. Devore.....
Bee Hive.....	184	James Gilbert.....	*James Giltart.....	*C C. Stanley.....
Boaz.....	185	Solm'n W. Stilgebauer.....		
Plumb.....	186	*George H. Prime.....	*George H. Prime.....	*C A. Cooper.....
Israel.....	187	U. Cloyd Guss.....		
Meridian.....	188	John Krumholz.....		
Granite.....	189	Joseph C. Carson.....	John H. Davis.....	*John H. Davis.....

*Proxy.

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

Alabama.....	Bro.: JAMES W. CHADDUCK, 12.
Arkansas.....	Bro.: SAMUEL W. HAYES, 55.
British Columbia.....	Bro.: WILLIAM ADAIR, 5.
Canada.....	Bro.: JAMES GILBERT, 184.
Connecticut.....	Bro.: SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON, 17.
England.....	Bro.: GEORGE W. LININGER, 3.
Florida.....	Bro.: LEE P. GILLETTE, 19.
Georgia.....	Bro.: EDWIN F. WARREN, 2.
Idaho.....	Bro.: JAMES A. TULLEYS, 53.
Indiana.....	Bro.: GEORGE H. THUMMEL, 33.
Indian Territory.....	Bro.: BRADNER D. SLAUGHTER, 89.
Iowa.....	Bro.: CHARLES K. COUTANT, 11.
Kansas.....	Bro.: JAMES B. BRUNER, 25.
Kentucky.....	Bro.: HENRY GIBBONS, 46.
Manitoba.....	Bro.: EDWIN F. WARREN, 2.
Maryland.....	Bro.: GEORGE ARMSTRONG, 3.
Michigan.....	Bro.: DANIEL H. WHEELER, 1.
Minnesota.....	Bro.: HOMER J. ALLEN, 46.
Missouri.....	Bro.: GEORGE B. FRANCE, 56.
Montana.....	Bro.: CHARLES F. GOODMAN, 3.

Nevada.....	Bro.: ROBERT C. JORDAN, 33.
New Brunswick.....	Bro.: JOHN J. MERCER, 4.
New Hampshire.....	Bro.: FRANK W. HAYES, 15.
New Mexico.....	Bro.: HENRY E. PALMER, 6.
North Carolina.....	Bro.: ROBERT W. FURNAS, 4.
Nova Scotia.....	Bro.: JOHN D. MOORE, 33.
Ohio.....	Bro.: ROBERT W. FURNAS, 4.
Oregon.....	Bro.: HENRY BROWN, 3.
Pennsylvania.....	Bro.: WILLIAM R. BOWEN, 3.
Quebec.....	Bro.: MILTON J. HULL, 67!
South Carolina.....	Bro.: FRANK E. BULLARD, 32.
Tennessee.....	Bro.: FRANCIS E. WHITE, 6.
Texas.....	Bro.: MARTIN DUNHAM, 3.
Utah.....	Bro.: ROBERT E. FRENCH, 46.
Vermont.....	Bro.: WILLIAM R. BOWEN, 3.
Virginia.....	Bro.: WILLIAM E. HILL, 2.
Wisconsin.....	Bro.: GEORGE E. HAWKINS, 26.
Wyoming.....	Bro.: ROLLAND H. OAKLEY, 19.

The Grand Lodge was now called from labor to refreshment until eight o'clock this evening.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 18, 1890.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, M.:W.: John J. Mercer, Grand Master, in the East.

Announcement was made of the following committees (appointed April 10, '90), the vacancies being now filled; the committees on Credentials, Accounts, Charters and Dispensations, By-laws from Chartered Lodges, Ways and Means, Grievances, Jurisprudence and Doings of Grand Officers were convened yesterday:

On Visiting Brethren—Bros.: Thomas K. Sudborough, 25; John R. Webster, 3; Victor P. Musselman, 11; James Gilbert, 184; and Frank W. Miles, 111.

On Credentials—Bros.: George S. Bishop, 123; James W. Chadduck, 12; William T. Britton, 76; and David H. Mercer, 4.

On Accounts—Bros.: Lewis M. Rheem, 3; Lucius E. Fuller, 37; Manley B. McNitt, 53; and James G. Ackerman, 131.

On Charters and Dispensations—Bros.: Frank H. Young, 148; William Adair, 5; William W. Finch, 36; George H. Wells, 34; and Jacob L. Houchin, 79.

On By-Laws from Chartered Lodges—Bros.: Henry H. Wilson, 19; Benjamin F. Chambers, 87; Isaac E. Austin, 146; and W. Robert Wyatt, 105.

On Foreign Correspondence—Bros.: William R. Bowen, 3; Edwin F. Warren, 2; and Henry H. Wilson, 19. (Appointed at last annual communication.)

On Ways and Means—Bros.: John B. Dinsmore, 49; John M. Kreader, 72; Charles C. Wilson, 153; Herman E. Stein, 139; and Alpha Morgan, 148.

On Relief—Bros.: Charles B. Coffin, 103; and William H. Johnson, 172.

On Grievances—Bros.: Charles J. Phelps, 34; Lewis F. Fryar, 139; George E. Hawkins, 26; and John D. Moore, 33.

On Unfinished Business—Bros.: William McIninch, 4; Joseph Van Valin, 77; and Davis W. Randolph, 89.

On Payroll—Bros.: Albert O. Faulkner, 56; Stewart W. Lee, 138; Bissell P. Rice, 119; and James M. Kennedy, 125.

On Jurisprudence—The Past Grand Masters present, with Bro.: George B. France, 56, as chairman.

On Returns—Bros.: Eben K. Long, 11; James B. Bruner, 25; Bruce E. Jolls, 82; and Joseph C. Carson, 189.

On Codification of the Law—Bros.: Francis E. White, 6; Frank H. Young, 148; and John A. Ehrhardt, 41. (Appointed at last annual communication.)

On Doings of Grand Officers—Bros.: Edwin F. Warren, 2; Homer J. Allen, 46; David M. McElHinne, 50; Frank E. Bullard, 32; and Henry N. Blake, 26.

Bro.: Warren, 2, made the following report from the committee on Doings of Grand Officers, which was adopted:

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

Your committee on Doings of Grand Officers would respectfully report:

1. That so much of the Grand Master's address as relates to charters or dispensations be referred to that committee.

2. That the appointment of Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near fellow Grand Lodges be confirmed.

3. That all decisions of the Grand Master be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

4. That so much as relates to the trial of Bro.: Vac Randa, 87, and the action of the Grand Master thereon be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence for recommendation; also the action of the Grand Master in respect to orders given to brethren of Fremont and Tecumseh Lodges, etc.

5. That the matter of the Masonic Relief Association be referred to the committee on Ways and Means; also the matter of compensation to the members of the committee on Codification.

6. That the recommendations of the Grand Master Nos. 1 to 6 be referred to a special committee of three.

7. That the recommendation of the Grand Master looking to the payment of a salary to such officer be referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

On motion of Bro.: Wheeler, the advance copies of the "Ceremonials" were referred to the committee on Jurisprudence, to which committee suggestions as to modification were to be made in time for report from said committee at this communication.

Bro.: Phelps, 34, presented the following report from the committee on Grievances, which was adopted.

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

Your committee on Grievances beg leave to report that it has had under consideration the following:

In the matter of the appeal of twenty-three members of Wayne Lodge No. 120, from the decision of said lodge in refusing to inflict any punishment upon Bro.: Arthur P. Childs, 120, who, in answer to charges and specifications, pleaded guilty of habitual intoxication, your committee recommend that Bro.: Arthur P. Childs be indefinitely suspended.

In the matter of the complaint of Palmyra Lodge No. 45, made May 28th, 5890, against Unity Lodge No. 163, for a failure to pay over a certain sum of money agreed to be paid to said Lodge No. 45, in a compromise made in Grand Lodge at its last annual communication, in a matter then pending, growing out of an admitted transgression of the jurisdiction of the territory of No. 45, we find that since the filing of said complaint No. 163 has forwarded said sum of money to said Lodge No. 45, and we therefore recommend the dismissal of this action.

In the matter of the appeal of three members from the decision of Square Lodge No. 151, in the matter of the indefinite suspension of Bro.: Frank A. Scoville, upon the ground that said decision should have been one of expulsion, your committee recommend that said decision of said lodge indefinitely suspending Bro.: Frank A. Scoville, be affirmed.

In the matter of the appeal of Miles C. Seymour from the decision of expulsion of Auburn Lodge No. 124, made on the second day of December, A. L., 5889, your committee is of the opinion that the complaint does not state facts sufficient to constitute a masonic offence. The decision therefore is void and ought to be set aside, and it is therefore recommended that Bro.: Miles C. Seymour be restored to membership of said Auburn Lodge No. 124.

In the matter of the appeal of Bro.: Alvah W. Loomis, of Lodge No. 48, from the decision of said lodge acquitting Bro.: Julius O. Chase, 48,

of the charges and specifications upon which he was tried in said lodge, your committee find that no authenticated record of an appeal, or of the trial, has been transmitted to this Grand Lodge; your committee therefore recommend that said appeal be dismissed.

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

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 19, 5890.

At the appointed hour the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment, M. W. John J. Mercer, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master appointed Bros.: Keysor, 25, Marshall, 76, and Lowman, 135, as the special committee on the recommendations contained in his address.

Bro.: Hill, 2, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, presented an appeal for aid in erecting a memorial temple in Fredericksburg, Virginia, to perpetuate the Masonic life and character of our illustrious Brother George Washington. The matter was referred to the committee on Ways and Means, from which committee the following report was received and adopted:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

We, your committee to whom was referred the application of the board of trustees of the Washington Masonic Memorial Temple for a contribution to assist in building a temple at Fredericksburg, Virginia, to perpetuate the Masonic life and character of our distinguished Bro.: George Washington, have had the same under consideration and would respectfully recommend that, owing to the present financial condition of this Grand Lodge, the request be not complied with.

The committee on Doings of Grand Officers, by its chairman, Bro.: Warren, 2, presented the following:

Resolved, That we unequivocally approve, sustain and endorse the Grand Master in the issuance of Edict No. 1, of July 20, 5889, his subsequent arrest of the charter of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, and the suspension from office of the three principal officers thereof for insubordination and contumacy.

The Grand Master now called R.:W.: Bradner D. Slaughter, Grand Senior Warden, to the chair.

Bro.: Lininger, 3, moved that the resolution be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence. Bros.: Chapman, 6, and Holmes, 55, addressed the brethren. Bro.: Holmes, 55, moved, as a substitute, that the resolution be referred to a special committee whose members shall not be Scottish Rites Masons—ruled out of order, the motion to refer to a standing committee having precedence. Bros.: Hastings, 19, Warren, 2, Chapman, 6, Dunham, 3, Rayner, 75, Crites, 158, Furnas, 4, Coutant, 11, France, 56, Lowe, 95, Dinsmore, 49, Ehrhardt, 41, Davis, 21, and Phelps, 34, addressed the brethren. Bro.: Lininger, 3, withdrew his motion. Bro.: Wooley, 97, moved reference of the resolution to a special committee of five, none of whom should be Scottish Rite Masons, which motion was lost. Bros.: Owen, 19, Coutant, 11, Lininger, 3, Wheeler, 1, Lininger, 3, France, 56, Martin, 46, Chapman, 6, Cleburne, 3, and Warren, 2, addressed the brethren. Bro.: Rayner, 75, offered an amendment to the pending resolution; Bro.: Warren, 2, moved that all new matter therein be stricken out, and Bro.: Rayner erased it; Bro.: Wheeler, 1, moved to strike out the first preamble, which motion prevailed; the amendatory resolution of Bro.: Rayner, 75, then was as follows:

Resolved, That, whereas this Grand Lodge entertains and maintains the principles of Freemasonry, that all edicts emanating from a Grand Master to the subordinate lodges during the recess of the Grand Lodge must be implicitly obeyed; and,

WHEREAS, The M.:W.: Grand Master John J. Mercer issued his Edict No. 1, and

WHEREAS, Nebraska Lodge No. 1 did, without any authority of Masonic law, issue a so-called edict to the several subordinate lodges of the State of Nebraska in answer thereto,

Therefore be it Resolved, That the action of the said M.:W.: Grand Master John J. Mercer in suspending the charter of said Nebraska Lodge No. 1, and causing the delivery of the jewels of the officers of said lodge, be sustained and endorsed.

Bro.: Black, 76, called attention to the non-adoption of the report of the committee on Credentials, whereupon it was decided that such report, having been submitted without reading, any question of membership in the Grand Lodge could be decided when it arose. Bro.: Hastings, 19, arose to a matter of privilege, and stated that he was not "the head of one branch of the Scottish Rite." On a vote by yeas and nays the amendment of Bro.: Rayner was lost by two hundred and ten, 210, ayes to two hundred and forty-nine, 249, nays.

The Grand Lodge was now called from labor until two o'clock this afternoon.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 19, 5890.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at two thirty-five p. m., Grand Master Mercer presiding.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to lay the corner stone of the City Hall in accordance with the programme adopted yesterday.

Returning to Freemasons Hall, the Grand Master called the Grand Senior Warden, R.: W.: Bradner D. Slaughter, to the East.

The question under consideration being the resolution presented this morning by the committee on Doings of Grand Officers, Bro.: Coutant, 11, offered the following amendment to the original resolution:

But we expressly except from such approval so much of said edict as relates to the legitimacy of any of the so-called Scottish Rite bodies and that this Grand Lodge, renewing its declaration of last year, again expressly declines to commit itself to the recognition of any of the so-called Scottish Rite bodies as being Masonic, or to discuss or pass upon their history, use or legitimacy.

Bro.: Coutant 11, Dunham 3, Holmes 55, Finch 36, and Ransom 2, addressed the brethren; Bro.: Ransom 2, offered the following amendment:

WHEREAS, the Grand Master by a misinterpretation of the resolutions of the Grand Lodge by an edict issued and styled by him Edict No. One (1), recognized certain Scottish Rite bodies claiming to be Masonic, and,

WHEREAS, it was the expressed declaration of the Grand Lodge that it would not recognize any body claiming to be of such rite, and,

WHEREAS, the Grand Master because Nebraska Lodge No. One (1) by its resolutions and manifestoes showed insubordination to said edict arrested the charter of Nebraska Lodge No. One (1), be it

Resolved, that the edict issued by the said Master is recalled and hereby annulled and said Nebraska Lodge No. One (1) is hereby censured for its said act of insubordination, and,

Resolved, further that the charter of said Nebraska Lodge No. One (1) be restored to it with instructions to said Lodge to rescind the said resolutions.

Bros.: Phelps 34, Wilson 19, Bullard 32, Owen 19, Watson 2, Hartman 11, Wheeler 1, Ranson 2, and France 56, addressed the brethren.

On a vote by yeas and nays Bro.: Ranson's amendment to the amendment was lost: yeas one hundred and fifty-one, 151, nays three hundred and thirty-six, 336.

On a vote by yeas and nays the amendment offered by Bro.: Coutant, 11, was lost by a vote of one hundred and seventy-seven, (177) yeas to three hundred and seven (307) nays.

On a vote by yeas and nays the resolution offered by the committee on Doings of Grand Officers was adopted by three hundred and forty-five (345) yeas to one hundred and thirty-nine (139) nays, the resolution being as follows:

Resolved, That we unequivocally approve, sustain and endorse the Grand Master in the issuance of Edict No. 1, of July 20, 5889, his subsequent arrest of the charter of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, and the suspension from office of the three principal officers thereof for insubordination and contumacy.

The Grand Lodge was now called from labor to refreshment until half past eight o'clock this evening.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 19, 5890.

At nine o'clock the Grand Lodge resumed labor, the Grand Master, M.:W.: John J. Mercer, presiding.

Bro.: White, 6, made report as follows, which was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee on Codification of the Law presents herewith the Law of Freemasonry as indexed and compiled by the committee. The Law as published includes the approved decisions of Grand Master France, and all amendments or changes made at the session of 1889-5889. Your committee would fraternally suggest that all resolutions intended for or relating to matters of temporary existence should be presented simply as resolutions; but all matters which contemplate a change in the Law should be presented as an amendment to some particular section or paragraph. Your committee desires to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to Section 103, par. 2. The paragraph ought to state whether the unanimous consent of the lodge should be shown by ballot or a vote in the usual manner.

Bro.: Rheem, 3, presented the following report, which was agreed to:

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

We, your committee on Accounts, fraternally report that we have examined the books of the R.:W.: Grand Secretary and compared the receipts and expenditures and find the balance of Grand Lodge funds now on hand as shown by his books to be as follows:

General Fund.....	\$3914.69
Relief Fund.....	701.31
Nebraska Masonic Home Fund.....	5598.23

We find a slight error in order No. 586, which was drawn by the Grand Secretary for \$20.90, the amount authorized being \$20.50. The Grand Secretary should pay to the Grand Treasurer forty cents to correct this error.

We have also examined the report of Grand Secretary on blanks, blank books and supplies, and find the same correct with the exception of nine apron cases short, and which, the R.: W.: Grand Secretary informs the committee were issued by him, but that he has mislaid the memorandum from which to make the charge and cannot now recall the name of the party to whom they were issued, but fraternally re-

quests said party if he remembers the purchase to come forward and settle.

Your committee take pleasure in saying that with these slight exceptions they find the books of the Grand Secretary have been kept in an exceedingly careful and complete manner and show not only that this jurisdiction has a Grand Secretary who is eminently qualified to perform the duties of the office, but one who has his heart in the work and strives only for the promotion of the best interests of Freemasonry in Nebraska.

Your committee further report that they find the account of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 unbalanced on the ledger, as the charter being under arrest the R. W. Grand Secretary is not able to decide whether the lodge should be charged with Grand Lodge dues or not. Your committee recommend that the Grand Lodge decide the question.

We further report that we have examined the accounts of the R. W. Grand Treasurer and find the balance of funds in his hands to be as follows.

General Fund.....	\$4341 10
Relief Fund.....	701 31
Nebraska Masonic Home Fund.....	5598 23
The R. W. Grand Treasurer has deposited with your committee certified check No. 1890 on Merchants National Bank for.....	4341 10
Certified check No. 1891 on same bank for	701 31
And certificate of deposit for No. 15996 on same bank for.....	5598 23

to balance the amounts shown to be on hand in the different funds.

We find the following orders outstanding:

Order No. 417 of 1887.....	\$ 4 90
Order No. 634 of May 22, '90, favor Lee P. Gillette.....	50 00
Order No. 655 of June 10, '90, favor Rees Printing Co.....	202 35
Order No. 656 of June 10, '90, favor Grand Secretary, office expenses year 89-90.....	169 16
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	\$426 41

When these orders are paid the books of the R. W. Grand Treasurer and the R. W. Grand Secretary will agree.

Your committee further report that we have examined the account of M. W. Brother Robert W. Furnas, Managing Trustee of the Orphan Educational Fund, to May 31st, 1890, and find that there have been collected on principal of monies invested by that fund the sum of \$3,150 00, and interest on invested funds \$1,034 51; these two amounts, with amount on hand per last report, \$6,685 71, aggregate \$10,870 22.

There was a loan of \$1,500 00 made from this amount, which would leave in the hands of the Managing Trustee \$9,370 22. M. W. Bro. Furnas has deposited with your committee

One certificate of deposit on First National Bank of Minden, Nebraska, for	\$7,914 70
And one certificate of deposit on Sutton National Bank, Sutton, Nebraska, for	1,624 00
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Making a total of	\$9,538 70

Which is \$168 48 more than he should have on hand Your committee cannot explain this difference. M.:W.: Bro.: Furnas, in his report, in order to make it agree with money on hand, has charged himself with \$168 48 more interest than he collected. He cannot at this time explain the overplus. Your committee are of the opinion that the account of the Orphan Educational Fund at the bank has been given a credit that should have gone to the personal account of Bro.: Furnas. We recommend that the report stand as presented until Bro.: Furnas can find the error.

Your committee further report that we have examined the M.:W.: Grand Master's statement of office expenses for the year and find the same correct, and also that there is a balance due the Grand Master of \$304 25, and we recommend that a warrant be drawn in his favor for this amount.

Your committee further report that they have examined the expense account of the Grand Custodian and find the same correct, and that there is a balance due him of \$4 95, and we recommend that a warrant be drawn in his favor for that amount.

Your committee further report that they have examined the following bills, found the same correct, and recommend that warrants be drawn for their payment :

Rees Printing Co., 500 copies of reports of Grand Treasurer, etc., of '90.....	\$99 60
J. S. Caulfield, stationery for use of Grand Lodge.....	12 30
Knight & Leonard Co., for 600 copies of Grand Master's address ..	92 50

With reference to the foregoing report it was, on motion, ordered that the item of Grand Lodge dues against Nebraska Lodge No. 1, be balanced on the Grand Lodge ledger.

Bro.: Warren, 2, submitted the following additional report from the committee on Doings of Grand Officers :

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

The committee on the Doings of Grand Lodge officers beg leave to recommend that so much as relates to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand be referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

That so much as relates to a testimonial to Bro.: Robt. Frere Gould be referred to a select committee of three.

That so much as relates to Northern Light Lodge No. 41 be referred to committee on Ways and Means.

Bros.: Furnas, 4, Tulleys, 53, and Dunham, 3, were appointed as the above special committee. Bro.: Furnas, 4, made report as follows, which was adopted:

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

The special committee to which was referred the Gould Testimonial matter beg leave to report that we feel that it is not expedient that an appropriation be made for that purpose at this time.

Bro.: Phelps, 34, introduced the following report from the committee on Grievances, which was adopted:

In the matter of the appeal of Bro.: George J. Stoney, 25, from the discipline imposed by Saint Johns Lodge No. 25, your committee beg leave to report that it finds that the record shows that at the time of the reception of the charges and specifications the master of said Lodge did not, as required by paragraph 2 of section 303 of the By-Laws relative to discipline, "Immediately appoint the time and place for trial." Appellant before entering upon his defense made objection to proceeding because of this error in the proceedings. This he had a right to do, and because the mandatory provision above cited was not complied with, the decision ought to be set aside, and recommend that it be set aside because of said informality and remanded to said lodge for further proceedings.

In the matter of the appeal of Bro.: William E. Nason from the decision of Saint Johns Lodge No. 25 acquitting Bro.: William L. Allison, your committee finds that there is a conflict of evidence in the record, and are of the opinion that the decision of the lodge ought not to be set aside, because the lodge had, not only the evidence, but the witnesses and surrounding circumstances to assist them in their finding. A finding of fact is rarely, if ever, set aside in an appellate court when there is any evidence to sustain the verdict. Your committee would therefore recommend that the decision be affirmed and the appeal dismissed.

In the matter of the appeal of Bro.: Alexander Atkinson from the decision of Capitol Lodge No. 3 in dismissing charges preferred by him against Bro.: Wm. R. Bowen. From an examination of the testimony we are of the opinion that the language employed by Bro.: Bowen towards Bro.: Atkinson, to-wit: "That's a lie" and "That's a malicious lie" is susceptible as an interpretation which deprives it of its especially offensive character. It may well have meant that Bro.: Atkinson honestly but mistakenly was repeating a false statement, and not intended as a reflection upon the personal veracity of Bro.: Atkinson. We are lead to this conclusion more readily from our knowledge of the straight forward character of Bro.: Bowen and his reputation for acting and speaking without concealment or pre-

variation. We therefore recommend that the decision of Capitol Lodge No. 3 be affirmed and the appeal dismissed.

Bro.: Wilson, 19, made the following report, which was concurred in:

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

Your committee on By-laws from Chartered Lodges, beg to report that we have examined the by-laws of Corinthian Lodge No. 83, as also those of Geneva Lodge No. 79, and find them in accordance with the constitution and laws of this Grand Lodge and recommend their approval.

We have further had under consideration the amendments to the by-laws of Amity Lodge No. 169, and Riverton Lodge No. 63, and find that they are in accordance with the constitution and laws of the Grand Lodge and recommend their approval.

Bro.: White, 6, offered the following, which was adopted without dissent:

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

The committee on Codification of the Law offer the following amendment to Sec. 103, paragraph 2; add after the word consent in the seventh line the following words: "by ballot."

Bro.: Bishop, 123, chairman of the committee on Credentials, made final report from that committee, which report was adopted as hereinbefore recorded.

On proceeding to the election of officers, Bros.: Wilson, 19, Gibbons, 16, Houchin, 79, and Cook, 89, served as tellers and the following were chosen:

Bro.: ROBERT E. FRENCH, 46, Grand Master.
 Bro.: BRADNER B. SLAUGHTER, 89, Deputy Grand Master.
 Bro.: SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON, 17, Grand Senior Warden.
 Bro.: LEWIS A. KENT, 127, Grand Junior Warden.
 Bro.: CHRISTIAN HARTMAN, 11, Grand Treasurer.
 Bro.: WILLIAM R. BOWEN, 3, Grand Secretary.

Later in the session appointments were made by the incoming Grand Master as follows:

Bro.: JACOB A. HOOD, 34, Grand Chaplain.
 Bro.: ANDREW R. GRAHAM, 114, Grand Orator.
 Bro.: LEE P. GILLETTE, 19, Grand Custodian.
 Bro.: FRANCIS E. WHITE, 6, Grand Marshal.
 Bro.: HENRY H. WILSON, 19, Grand Senior Deacon.
 Bro.: GEORGE E. HAWKINS, 26, Grand Junior Deacon.
 Bro.: JACOB KING, 3, Grand Tiler.

Bro.: JOHN J. MERCER, 4, Trustee Orphan Educational Fund.
 Bros.: WILLIAM R. BOWEN, 3, CHARLES J. PHELPS, 34, and FRANK E.
 BULLARD, 32, committee on Foreign Correspondence.
 Bros.: FRANK H. YOUNG, 148, GEORGE H. BISHOP, 123, and GEORGE P.
 RAY, 146, committee on Codification of Law.

On motion of Bro.: Guss, 187, it was

Resolved: that the dues of Bro.: Eli B. Jones, of Fortitude Lodge No. 69, now extinct, be remitted in order that he may become a member of Israel Lodge No. 187.

On motion of Bro.: Hawkins, 26, it was

Resolved; that the over payment of one dollar and ninety-five cents (\$1.95,) by Palestine Lodge U.: D.: be returned by order to Bro.: Monroe C. Steele, 26.

The Grand Lodge was now called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, June 20, 1890.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at half past nine o'clock this morning, M.: W.: John J. Mercer in the East.

Bro.: Young, 148, made the following report from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, which was adopted:

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

We, your committee on Charters and Dispensations, report as follows:

We have carefully examined the records and papers transmitted to the Grand Secretary by the various lodges working under dispensation within this Grand Jurisdiction, and we recommend that a charter be granted to each of the following lodges working under dispensation and that their by-laws as corrected by the committee be approved:

Amethyst Lodge No. —, formerly Amethyst U.: D.:

Crystal Lodge No. —, formerly Scotia U.: D.:

Minnekadusa Lodge No. —, formerly Minnekadusa U.: D.:

Signet Lodge No. —, formerly Leigh U.: D.:

Highland Lodge No. —, formerly Highland U.: D.:

Arcana Lodge No. —, formerly Arcana U.: D.:

Level Lodge No. —, formerly Stockville U.: D.:

Morning Star Lodge No. —, formerly Gresham U.: D.:

Purity Lodge No. —, formerly Imperial U.: D.:

That Carleton Lodge and Armada Lodge be continued under dispensation, and that Bromfield Lodge and Ailams Lodge be discontinued.

Bro.: France, 56, stated that five brethren were suffering from the recent disaster at Bradshaw, Nebraska. On motion of Bro.: Dunham, 3, the sum of two hundred dollars from the Relief Fund was placed in the hands of Bro.: France for the relief of these five brethren and their families. This sum was increased by contributions from the brethren present.

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Bro.: Dinsmore, 49, made report from the committee on Ways and Means, as follows, which was adopted:

We, your committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as referred to the compensation of the committee of the Codification of the Law have had the same under consideration and would recommend that there be appropriated the sum of \$58.08, as follows: F. E. White, \$32.40; F. H. Young, \$25.68.

We, your committee on Ways and Means would further fraternally recommend that the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated for the Grand Master's clerk hire, payable quarterly; we further recommend that the sum of twelve hundred (\$1,200) dollars be continued for the current year for the salary of the Grand Custodian.

We, your committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as referred to the Masonic Relief Association, have had the same under consideration, and would recommend that there be appropriated the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) to pay for the monthly circulars of said association for years of 1889 and 1890.

We, your committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Secretary's report relating to the return made by Northern Light No. 41, which was mailed by the Secretary of said lodge May 1, 1890, but was not delivered to the Grand Secretary until June 1, have had the same under consideration, and, believing that the lodge is entitled to the rebate allowed to lodges making prompt returns, would recommend that said lodge be allowed a further credit of \$1 85.

On motion of Bro.: Whitmarsh, 55, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to send a telegram to Grand Chaplain, the Rev. Bro.: Hood, expressing the sympathy of the Grand Lodge with him in his affliction, its sincere desire for his recovery and its affectionate remembrance of his long and valuable services in behalf of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction.

With the following report Bro.: Faulkner, 56, submitted the payroll prepared by the committee on Payroll, which was adopted; and it was ordered that an order be

drawn in favor of the Grand Treasurer for the amount thereof, thirty one hundred and seven dollars and eighty-five cents (\$3,107 85).

To the M. W. Grand Master and Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Brethren: Your committee on Payroll report that they have completed payroll according to the best information they have been able to obtain.

We find that two lodges, No. 47 and No. 178, have no report of mileage on their returns, therefore this payroll contains no mileage for the representatives of these lodges.

We have solicited chairmen of committees to report for their various committees, and we do sincerely hope no one has been overlooked.

The payroll aggregates \$3,107.65, which is the correct amount as shown by the payroll.

On motion it was ordered that the representatives of Lodges Nos. 47 and 178 be placed on the payroll.

Bro.: Warren, 2, presented the following from the committee on Doings of Grand Officers, which was adopted:

Resolved, 1. That the Grand Master within sixty days convene Nebraska Lodge No. 1, to restore the charter thereof to such of its members as shall before such time file with the Grand Secretary a written renunciation of the action of said lodge in issuing its circular of August 6th, 5889.

2. That such restoration of such charter shall be upon condition that the action of said lodge of said date, and the resolutions passed at that time, be rescinded and expunged.

3. That unless Bros.: Alexander Atkinson, Master, Augustus C. Osterman, Senior Warden, and William D. McHugh, Junior Warden, of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 shall within said time file a statement in writing with the Grand Master, expressing contrition for their conduct in connection with Edict No. 1, and the circular issued by said lodge in connection therewith, which said statement shall be satisfactory to the Grand Master and be approved by him, the Grand Master shall cause charges and specifications for unmasonic conduct to be preferred by the Grand Junior Warden against the said brethren, which shall be tried before a commission of the Grand Lodge as provided in the regulations.

Bro.: Lowman, 135, presented the following report which was adopted, except so much thereof as relates to the Grand Masters's recommendation No. 1, which was recommitted for fuller report:

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your special committee appointed to consider the recommendations of the Grand Master beg leave to make the following report:

That recommendation No. 1 be adopted.

That recommendation No. 2 be not adopted; it is the opinion of your committee that this recommendation would work a hardship to many of the weaker lodges.

That recommendations Nos. 3, 4 and 5 be adopted.

That recommendation No. 6 be not adopted.

Later the following additional report from the same committee was presented by Bro.: Marshall, 76, and was agreed to; the amendment will be submitted to the chartered lodges of the jurisdiction:

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

We, your committee on recommendations of the Grand Master, beg leave to make a further report on the matter referred back to us.

As to recommendation No. 1, we report as follows:

Amend Sec. 2 of Art. 12 of the Constitution to read as follows: Upon the petition of fifteen or more Master Masons being presented to the Grand Master he may grant them a dispensation to open and hold a lodge at the place therein to be named, with power to make Masons, and he shall therein appoint the Master and Wardens of the new lodge. But in no case shall such dispensation be issued unless the petition be accompanied by a recommendation from the two nearest or most convenient chartered lodges existing within a radius of fifteen miles of the lodge seeking dispensation (if from a town or city where more than two lodges exist, then from a majority of such lodges), setting forth that the petitioners are all Master Masons in good standing; that the establishment of the new lodge is of manifest propriety and will conduce to the good of the Fraternity, and that a safe and suitable lodge room has been provided therefor; and, also, a certificate from the Grand Custodian setting forth that the three principal officers are competent to confer the three degrees of Masonry in a suitable and impressive manner. No such dispensation shall be issued after December thirty-first of any Masonic year; such dispensation shall terminate on the thirtieth day of April preceding the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and shall then be returned to the Grand Secretary, together with the by-laws, books of record and returns of the new lodge to that date.

Bro.: Bowen, 3, presented the following report which was concurred in:

To the Grand Lodge:

Your committee on Foreign Correspondence have examined so far as time will permit the communication from the newly established Grand

Lodge of New Zealand, and recommend that recognition be extended to such Grand Lodge by our Grand Master at his discretion.

Bro.: Wheeler, 1, moved that consideration of the amendment to paragraph 14, Section 104, of the By-laws, recorded on page 62 of 5889, be indefinitely postponed, which motion prevailed.

Bro.: Wheeler, 1, duly seconded, moved to amend paragraph 12, Section 104 of the By-laws, to read: "For each member the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1 25);" he asked unanimous consent for its consideration, which was not given, and the amendment will come up for consideration at the next annual communication.

Bro.: France, 56, submitted the following report from the committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted:

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

Your committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the decisions of the Grand Master, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report:

1. We recommend the approval of decisions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18 and 19.

2. We recommend the modification of decision No. 5 by striking out all after the words "case" in the second line; and decision No. 6 by striking out all after the word "possible:" and decision No. 8 by striking out the words, "It is the duty of the lodge to return the fee to the candidate." Under the regulations it is optional with the lodge to return or retain the fee, and as thus modified they be approved.

3. We recommend that decision No. 11 be modified by striking out all after the words, "same night," and as thus modified that it be approved. No reconsideration is allowable.

We recommend disapproval of decision 17.

We recommend the approval of action of the Grand Master with reference to Bros.: Vac Randa, 87, Anson W. Atwood, Augustus D. Flanagan, and Patrick J. Murphy, 131.

On motion of Bro.: Rayner, 75, his amendment offered a year ago relative to petitions from soldiers and sailors was now considered and was not adopted.

Bro.: Rheem, 3, chairman of the committee on Accounts, presented the following report, which was agreed to:

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee on Accounts fraternally ask your attention to the following statements and recommendations:

It has been the custom of the Grand Lodge since its foundation to appropriate and expend moneys for the purchase of furniture and fixtures, the compiling, binding and reprinting of proceedings of this and other jurisdictions, and for other articles.

Up to the present time these expenditures amount to quite a large sum and must of necessity grow larger from year to year.

While this money has without a doubt been judiciously and wisely expended, there is no complete inventory of the articles purchased by which any member of this Grand Lodge can at any time ascertain exactly what the possessions of the Grand Lodge consist of in this direction.

Your committee have made a cursory examination and find that this Grand Lodge is the owner of furniture consisting of tables, chairs, carpets, book cases, etc., also quite an extensive and valuable library that is growing from year to year and which should be increased as fast as our finances will admit. It seems to your committee that such an inventory should be compiled without more delay; and while it will entail some expense on the Grand Lodge to do so, your committee are firmly of the opinion the money will be well expended. And we recommend that it be done, and that after its completion all articles purchased from future appropriations be added to it and the inventory be checked each year and reported in detail to the Grand Lodge.

It has heretofore been the custom to simply check the financial accounts of the different officers of this Grand Lodge, but no statement of the assets and liabilities of the Grand Lodge has ever been presented by which exact financial condition could be determined, and this is not possible until an inventory is made. Your committee further recommend that the committee on Accounts be required, after the inventory is made, to present to this Grand Lodge at each annual communication a full and complete statement of its assets and liabilities.

On motion of Bro.: Barker, 132, it was

Resolved, that the Grand Custodian in his visits to subordinate lodges be instructed to examine each lodge's records and see if they are properly kept and in accordance with the by-laws of the Grand Lodge, and report to the Grand Master the facts in each case.

The Grand Lodge was now called to refreshment until two o'clock this afternoon.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, June 20, 1890.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at two o'clock, with M. W. John J. Mercer, Grand Master, in the East.

Bro.: Marshall, 76, submitted a report from the special committee on the recommendations of the Grand Master which report was adopted as follows the amendment will be considered at the next annual communication:

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

As to recommendation 5 we report as follows:

Amend Par. 3, Sec. 2, of By-Laws relative to Grand Lodge to read as follows:

The Grand Custodian shall attend all communications of the Grand Lodge and shall with the advice and consent of the Grand Master have the entire charge and supervision of the work of this jurisdiction and it shall be his duty to see that the uniform and established work and lectures of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska are thoroughly taught and practiced by the lodges throughout the jurisdiction and if it shall come to his knowledge that any lodge in the jurisdiction shall ignore, refuse, or fail to practice in any respect such uniform and established work as taught by him, it shall be his duty to instantly report the same to the Grand Master, who may arrest the charter of said lodge and shall hold the same until such time as they shall comply with the requirements of the Grand Lodge aforesaid, or until the next communication thereof, and it shall be his duty to examine the records of each lodge visited by him, to give instructions and make suggestions and recommendations for the good of the Craft whenever the same may be necessary, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master. He shall make a full report to the Grand Lodge of his official visits and acts performed during the year and he shall receive as compensation for his services such sum as may be determined by the Grand Lodge from time to time, provided that all necessary traveling and hotel expenses be paid by the lodge visited.

Bro.: Oberfelder, 75, duly seconded, moved to amend the law of Freemasonry in Nebraska by changing the name of the Grand Custodian to Grand Lecturer.

On motion of Bro.: Tulleys, 53, it was

Resolved, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby returned to the Master Masons lodges of Omaha for the refreshment furnished dur-

ing the present session; and to the Masonic Temple Craft of Omaha for the perfect accommodations.

W. Bro.: James P. A. Black, 76, now delivered the

ORATION.

I have earnestly wished the power were given me, to delve so deep into the mines of wisdom and truth, forming the foundation upon which has been raised the super-structure of our mystic institution, that the recompense to each of you who have assembled at this our annual convocation, and honored me with your presence tonight, might be the inspiration of a new idea, the stirring of a fresh impulse, the recognition of a heretofore undiscovered power, which, being instilled into each individual Masonic life, would send you to your several homes, with your attachment for the principles of the fraternity more firmly established, and your resolutions for improvement materially strengthened.

In my reseraches, however, I find the history, the principles, the objects, the powers and beauties of our fraternity have been so fully discussed by those who in former years have so ably filled the honored position which by your kindness, and the consideration of your Grand Master, it is my pleasure now to occupy, that I deem it wise to confine myself to the beaten channels where yet I tread with infant feet, rather than attempt to lead you in paths that I know not, lest peradventure we stray into ways of error, and fall by the wayside.

I hold in my hand a small kaleidoscope: a simple toy; the plaything of a child. It consists of a few bits of glass encased in a piece of pasteboard. But as I raise it to the light, and notice the various combinations of beauty ever changing with each slight turn, I am filled with admiration, and the simple toy becomes to me a wonderful piece of mechanism.

My brethren, the vital truths of our Craft, like the few bits of glass in the kaleidoscope, present ever varying combinations of beauty to the discerning mind; and, if I shall be able to so arrange them in the kaleidoscope of our Masonic lives, that in the combination you may discover some hitherto undiscovered beauty; if I may portray in bold relief some vital truth, as yet half hidden from your sight; if I may unfold to you some latent power for good, and send it forth on its world's mission, my ambition will be more than satisfied, and you will be amply repaid for the attention you may give my effort.

"In the beginning God created the Heavens and the earth; and the "earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of "the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters, "and God said let there be light, and there was light."

Go back with me a moment, and pause in contemplation of that sublime event, which, ages ago, heralded the opening of this world's history. The Great Creator has, from time to time, in periods of longer or shorter duration, the length of which is to us at present immaterial, but which is in Holy writ described as six days, completed the creation not only of

this earthly sphere, but of the millions of other worlds, which, stationed in their proper places by the All-Powerful hand, comprise the boundless, undefinable, unlimited domain designated as the heavens; and, pausing in contemplation of His handiwork, taking as it were a final survey before starting in motion the stupendous machinery, which, through all time, must continue its course, He finds one thing lacking. The one essential element, which, during the cycles of years to follow, shall give life, joy and happiness to all forms of vegetable and animal life, has not yet appeared. "Darkness was upon the face of the deep." And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God created man in His own image."

Linger with me once more, and consider the glory and sublimity of that first sunrise. "The spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." You who have stood upon the sea shore and watched the first rays of dawn as they come stealing through the darkness, silently, almost imperceptibly, like a great spirit, vanishing the night shades with their very breath, faster and faster they come, clearer and more clearly they appear, causing the darkness to recede, where, you know not, until almost unawares, you stand in the full gray dawn, a human being, an individual thing, distinguished from surrounding objects, discerning and discerned, you fill a defined space where, but a few moments ago, you stood unseeing and unseen, wrapped in the loneliness of the sheet of the surrounding darkness. And now the sun's first ray send forth its gleam into the dawn; another, and still another, faster and faster, brighter and brighter, and now the glorious orb of day stands full and round before you, and as he shoots his piercing rays upon the billows, each sparkling drop, with its rainbow hues dancing in the sunlight, murmurs, "God is good."

Then, turning from the boundless deep, casting your eyes upon the landscape, you see the dew upon the grass, the foliage upon the trees, the little flowers at your feet, the plants and herbs, smiling in the sunlight, send forth their fragrant odors as an offering of gratitude to the Great Giver for His continued blessings. The beasts of the field, starting from their lairs, sniff the invigorating air, and gladly turn their faces to the full glare of the morning sun; the birds, flitting from tree to tree, carol their songs of welcome to their friend and benefactor; all nature seems refreshed and rejoicing in the glory of the new born day.

Who among you can witness such a scene, although from infancy you may have experienced its almost daily repetition, without awakening within you a sense of gratitude to the Great Giver, that he has endowed you with faculties for the enjoyment of these beautiful surroundings. What, then, must have been the emotions of our first parent as he stood in the Garden of Eden, in the prime and vigor of manhood, and the full possession of all his faculties, on that first morning when God said, "Let there be light," and saw the great floods of sunlight making the earth rejoice; and as he stood, mute with awe at the splendor of the scene thus spread before him, and heard a voice of the Creator

at his side, speaking to him through the very joyousness of his soul, saying: "All these things have I given thee for an inheritance," he bows his head in reverence and exclaims:

"Oh, Thou Eternal One! whose presence bright
All space doth occupy, all motion guide—
Thou only God—there is no God beside!
Thou art! directing, guiding all—Thou art!
Direct my understanding, then, to Thee;
Control my spirit, guide my wandering heart;
Tho' but an atom midst immensity,
Still I am something, fashioned by Thy hand!
Though worthless my conceptions all of Thee,
Yet shall Thy shadowed image fill my breast,
And waft its homage to Thy Deity.
And when the tongue is eloquent no more,
The soul shall speak in tears of gratitude."

Methinks no other earthly moment can ever be so replete with happiness as that creation morn. And we wonder not that the desire for light, God's first revelation to man, stands ever uppermost in our hearts, and is esteemed the one great gift most essential to earthly happiness. The first mark of intelligence of the infant in its mother's arms is the recognition of light, the dread of darkness. The greatest punishment that can be inflicted on the strong man is to deprive him of light, and the darkness of the dungeon will break the rebellious spirit callous to every other sense of degradation or pain. The aged and decrepid, waiting the summons calling them to the other shore, abiding the time

"When nature has paid her last debt,
And earth claims her lendings again,
When soul has no more a regret,
And body no longer a pain,"

cling with childlike pertinacity to the shades of declining day, and find their greatest comfort basking in the rays of the morning sun.

The first, the constant, the last prayer of the human soul is an appeal for light. True to humanity, the first emotion in the heart of the candidate for Masonry, after kneeling at the altar and taking upon himself the vows and obligations of an E. A. S., realizing that from thenceforth a new life is opened before him, that whatever may have been his past history, his motives and aims for the future are to be directed in the lifting of himself and his fellow men to higher planes of social and moral rectitude, and contemplating in a moment the responsibilities of this new life, is a prayer for *light*.

Light, that he may discover the proper boundaries of his mission and continue with earnest endeavor to so shed the rays of his higher and broader knowledge into the pathways of his daily life, that his fellow-men may be made better and wiser by his walk, precept and example; that he may be enabled to so direct his words and actions that his life may indeed

Write words of comfort and consolation, sentences of wisdom and volumes of peace, usefulness and happiness for those with whom he associates;

Indite lessons of the power and goodness of the Great Creator by the silent example which his correct moral walk and deportment continually exhibit in the avocation of his life;

Imprint, upon the hearts of the young, the fact that the road to happiness is found only in the improvement of the manifold blessings which daily strew our path;

Paint, in pictures whose import cannot be mistaken, the lesson that we are placed in this world for a purpose, that fields of usefulness are opening to us on every hand, and that he who neglects to choose one of these fields and vigorously employ his life in the ennoblement of his fellowmen, is a disgrace to society at large, and unworthy the name of man;

Stamp, by the devotion of his life in the interests of justice and truth, upon the minds of those uninformed, the impression that the principles taught by our institution and inculcated by our order, silently but unmistakably lead men to higher and nobler lives, and bind us together into a common band of brothers, seeking only the best good for ourselves and our fellowmen;

Stain no part of the symmetry of his life by an unkind word, an evil thought, or an unjust deed;

Cut from his pathway all the snares, the vices, and immoralities which clinging to his daily walk and conversation, would obstruct the unclouded view of a pure and blameless life to which he should ever point;

Carve, with the intellect with which he has been endowed, bright designs upon the tresselboard of life, leaving for those who follow in his footsteps, rich pictures of the various pathways, all leading to our common goal, and urging them ever onward to more earnest endeavors, and more zealous work for the pleasure of the Master, and the profit of the Craft;

Hew to the line of rectitude and truth, swerving neither to the right nor to the left, bearing constantly in mind that he who fails to tenderly remind a brother of his faults, and direct his footsteps in the paths of uprightness, is derelict in duty, untrue to his vows, and neglectful of what is at once the highest duty and privilege of our order;

Mark well the distinction between esteem of self and love of his brother, the dividing line between duty and vanity, the difference between the thirst for glory and the laudable desire to fulfill the purpose of his life in the accomplishment of good and noble deeds;

Engrave upon the memory of those who shall remain, when the Grand Architect of the Universe shall summon him from his labors here below, to eternal refreshment in the celestial lodge above, such lessons of the beauty and excellence of his life, that they too may be drawn into our great brotherhood, and being led in the ways of wisdom, may in their turn so portray the beauties of Masonry, that the principles of the Craft may be more firmly established and the world at large convinced of their good effect;

That the twenty-four inch gauge may be so applied in laying off, the work allotted him in his proper sphere of life, that the wisest division may be made of his time, giving not only the proper hours to his usual avocations, the proper development both of mind and body, and the service of God and a worthy distressed brother, but so apportioning those hours that the best results may be thereby attained;

That in the proper use of the common gavel, each piece of material allotted him for his social, intellectual and spiritual building may be so fitted that nothing be lost; and that the edifice constructed therefrom may be of perfect ashlers, symmetrical in all its parts, and entitle the builder to the reward offered by the Master to those who prove faithful to their trusts;

That he may so walk, at duty's call, among the pollution and degradation of crime and misery, alleviating the sufferings of the outcast and oppressed, and elevating the unfortunate to higher planes of action, that his distinguishing badge may ever remain untarnished by sin, pure and unspotted before the world;

Light, that he may do all this sincerely and effectually, yet silently and unobtrusively, scarcely letting his left hand know what his right doeth, and without by word, thought or deed revealing any of the sacred mysteries of our Craft, which distinguish us from the rest of the world, and form the sacred tie which for ages has kept our bands united in the common pursuit of the welfare and happiness of each other.

Having been duly initiated an E. A., and served a proper time as such, the candidate again finds himself at the altar of Masonry, and takes upon himself the further obligation of a F. C. Here he is reminded that, as we progress in knowledge, our duties and responsibilities correspondingly increase. And as the new fields of labor and usefulness connected with this degree are opened before him, again his prayer ascends for further light;

Light that the laws, rules and regulations, written and unwritten, binding us together in a common brotherhood, may be clearly discerned. That, peering into the darkness of the outside world, the extreme length of his cable tow may be plainly seen; and should a brother's need fall within a circle transcribed by its utmost length, his hand may be ready to supply his wants, and his heart go forth in answer to the call, lest by his short-sightedness his brother fall, and he be not held blameless;

That the slightest variation of the plumb line of his life from the line of rectitude and right may be instantly detected; that he may ever lead in the straight and narrow way, and be not a stumbling block in the path of others less informed;

That, as he journeys on the level of time to that bourne from whence no traveler returns, no irregularities or excesses may impair his faculties, or debase the dignity of his profession; but that his zealous attachment to the principles of our institution may keep the "spirit test" of that useful instrument ever in full view, and demonstrate to the

world that Masonry demands the highest exercise of all our powers, physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual.

That when the square of virtue is applied to the transactions of his life, there shall be detected no divergence from the ways of uprightness and truth, that when the great Book of Life is opened at the last day, the lines of his earthly career may form a perfect square, touched on every corner by a circle transcribing his whole duty to God and man :

That the edifice of his life, erected in accordance with his God-given powers, whether it be the simple Tuscan of the common laborer, the Ionic of the mechanic, the merchant, the scholar, or the Corinthian of the statesman or the orator, whose thoughts and words control the destiny of nations, may be so symmetrical in all its parts as to form a beautiful, perfect and complete whole, and merit the approbation of the all-wise Judge to whom we shall all render an account at the last day.

Coming now to the last and highest degree of Ancient Craft Masonry, and assuming the obligations of that degree, what a multitude of thoughts crowd upon us. The obligations of this degree are numerous and extremely weighty, and were it not for the firm reliance in Divine power which has been taught us in the preceding degrees, we might well shrink from assuming them. And now, as never before, the heart of the true Mason goes out in fervent prayer, for greater light. Light that he may, in justice to his country, and with due regard to the government under which he lives, properly discriminate, and disclose or keep forever secret the secrets of his brother communicated to him as such. That the needs of his brother, his widow, his orphans, may be so revealed to him that, while he may go on foot and out of his way to supply their wants and render the needed assistance, he may do so in such a way and manner that they shall feel equally blessed to give and receive : and that his beneficence may lead its recipients closer to the Great Giver to whom we are all indebted for the manifold blessings which we now enjoy : that, as he kneels by the bedside of death, and "with soft touch wipes the sweat beads from the fevered brow, and whispers of Beulah land, where tear drops are not seen, and sorrow is not known, and where the happy song is always singing," the sympathetic heart, melting with the fervid heat of brotherly devotion, may take away the bitterness of the death sting, bear the sufferer peacefully through the valley of the shadow, part the sable curtain hiding from his view the great beyond, and bid the departing spirit God speed as it wings its way from the narrow confines of its earthly tabernacle to the boundless realms of bliss, where all good Masons hope to dwell in eternal happiness in the Paradise of God.

That he may so guard his thoughts, words and actions that the chastity of his brother's wife, sister, daughter, mother, may not only be held inviolate at his hands, but that he be ever ready to protect that sanctity at his life's peril, at the slightest approach of impending danger ;

That his eye and ear may ever be on the alert to catch the faintest

signal of distress given by a worthy brother, that his limbs may be swift to the rescue, and that he may clearly discriminate between the chances of life and death, and fail not in the rescue from lack of courage;

So regulate his life that, while he whispers good counsel into the ear of his falling brother, and tenderly reminds him of his faults, no beam may obstruct the vision of his own eye while he seeks to remove the mote from that of his brother; so subjugate the love of self to the desire for the ennoblement of his fellowmen, that in his adorations to Deity the welfare of his brother may be remembered equally with his own; that with the trowel of his example he may so spread the cement of brotherly love and kindness, that the smallest crevice of strife and discord may be detected and filled, that he may be the instrument of uniting his lodge into the common band of friends and brothers whose only emulation is who best can work or most excel. That the pot of incense sending forth its adorations to Deity may be ever burning on his family altar, and that its fumes may be so replete with the aroma of worthy deeds that it may indeed be the emblem of a pure heart and prove an acceptable sacrifice to the Deity;

That as he goes forth into the great bee hive of worldly avocations, he may be so guided in the proper choice of his labor, that his life may be full of good works; that he may indeed add to the common stock of knowledge and understanding; that in the common reliance of mankind one upon another for sustenance and support, he may not be a drone in the hive of society, deriving his sustenance from the labor of others and contributing nothing in return, but wisely and usefully employing his time in reciprocal acts of love and friendship, that when the great honeycomb of this world's deeds is presented to the Grand Master of the Celestial Lodge above, his particular cell may be found filled to the brim with honey extracted from the flowers scattered along the pathway of a well spent life; that, standing with the tiler's sword in hand, he may not only guard the book of constitutions from the invasions of the profane, but arrest the slightest deviation from the established usages of the Craft, silently and circumspectly defending the noble tenets of our profession, and preserving unsullied the reputation of the fraternity; that as he guides his bark through the broad expanse of the ocean of life, whether in the calm and placid waters of prosperity, or through the storms and tempests of adversity, the effulgence of the rays sent forth from the lighthouse of the Holy Scriptures may ever clearly discover to him the shoals and quicksands of vice, indolence and sensuality, the rocks and breakers of unbelief and infidelity, and that he may safely land in the peaceful harbor of a well spent life; and as he drops his anchor in the quiet waters "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest," may it take firm hold upon the rock of ages; and as passing down the gangway he abandons the clayey vessel of mortality, and taking upon himself the robes of immortality, steps upon the undiscovered shore, his hand may be grasped at the water's edge by Him who walked upon the sea of Gal-

lilee, and his ear catch the welcome greeting, "Come! Blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

To so keep the innermost recesses of his heart illumined by the rays of benevolence, charity and brotherly love, that the All-Seeing Eye, peering into its remotest corners, may find therein such purity of purpose, such earnest desire for the accomplishment of good, that He may pronounce it a fit temple for His abode, and that his reward may be a "white stone with a new name written," which shall insure unspeakable happiness at His right hand.

That he may notice the golden sands of time dropping, one by one, through the hour glass of his life, and so improve each almost imperceptibly passing opportunity that, as it glides into the ir retrievable past, it may bear with it some worthy thought, some word of love, some deed of kindness, leaving an imprint of good on the great page of human life, that when the all-devouring scythe of time cuts the brittle thread, detaining his bounding soul on time's side of eternity, no part of his physical, mental or moral powers shall remain unused, but may his last heartbeat empty the vessel to its very dregs, that as he appears before the all-wise Judge to render an account of his stewardship, no talent may be returned rolled in a napkin, but may the record of his exhibit such a judicious investment and vigorous use of his God-given powers that he may receive the welcome plaudit, "well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

That when the setting mall of time shall have ended his earthly career, the spade of kindly remembrance may dig for him a grave in the hearts of those with whom he daily mingled, the coffin of charity hide from their view the frailties of his human life, and that new life, new beauty and greater love for our order, may, nurtured by the richness of his example, bloom like a sprig of acacia, designating the last resting place of one who was indeed an A. F. and A. M.:

My brothers, if such be the motives guiding and controlling Masonic life, it is not surprising that during all the centuries marking the pathway of human progress, during all the ages when justice, benevolence and truth were battling against superstition, fanaticism, ignorance, tyranny and oppression, the Masonic institution has marched continually onward, with ever accelerated speed and increasing glory, gathering in her train the noblest and the best of all nations and generations,

- "Neath every form of government, in every age and clime,
- "Amid the worlds convulsions and the ghastly wrecks of time,
- "While empires rise in splendor and are conquered and o'erthrown,
- "And cities crumble into dust, their very sites unknown,
- "Beneath the sunny smiles of peace, the threatening frowns of strife,
- "Freemasonry has stood unmoved, with age renewed her life."

And that to-day, when the wheel of progress is revolving with lightning speed, when, as never before, the light of science is daily unveiling the storehouses of nature's treasures, when the perfection of invention subjugating the forces of nature to the demands of a more en-

lightened civilization surpasses our wildest imagination, when the overthrow of ignorance and superstition seems overwhelming in the unprecedented thirst for universal knowledge marking the waning of the nineteenth century, Masonry stands in the foreground in all her grandeur, proclaiming the doctrine of equality and universal brotherhood from her altars throughout the entire globe, rejoicing that the grand civilization which has so richly dawned upon the entire world is ever joining in closer bonds of Fraternal fellowship the scattered millions of our order.

"She claims her votaries in all climes, for none are under ban
 "Who place implicit trust in God, and love their fellow man.
 "The heart that shares another's woe, beats just as warm and true
 "Within the breast of Christian, Mohammedan or Jew.
 "She levels all distinctions from the highest to the least.
 "The king must yield obedience to the peasant in the East."

And we, the Masons of Nebraska, a little band from the great household of our universal brotherhood, stand proudly before the world, rejoicing in the fact that as we cast a retrospective glance over the history of our mystic order, no compromising weakness, no flinching from the path of duty, dims the brightness of its record, or mars the picture of perfect manhood it enjoins upon its followers.

"As some tall cliff that lifts its giant form,
 "Swells from the vale and midway leaves the storm,
 "Though round its base the rolling clouds are spread,
 "Eternal sunshine settles on its head."

Brethren, let us each solve for ourselves the question to-night, are we living in the perfect light which points out our whole duty to our God, our country, our neighbors and ourselves? If not, we are living beneath our privileges, and coming short of our duty as Masons. If we are not, let us go at once to the Great Giver for further light.

"The square upon the Bible place,
 To rule our actions day by day.
 May we while on life's eager race,
 Ne'er from the path of duty stray.
 Though beauty's line may be the curve,
 And angles seem, perchance, less fair,
 From rectitude let no one swerve;
 Whoever parts upon the square."

Let us resolve anew to devote our lives to the performance of the great duties incurred by our Masonic obligations, that when the sands of life are run, when the last earthly light shall flicker in the socket of existence, and we pass through the valley of the shadow of death into the great beyond, our eyes shall re-open upon the glorious light of the Son of Righteousness, before whose halo the brightness of the noonday sun pales as a shadow; and may Jacob's ladder, reaching to the heaven's, appear in full view, and as we ascend by the various rounds of brotherly love, relief, truth, faith and hope, and standing on the topmost round of charity, await the examination of our record as shown in the book of life, may the Grand Master of the universe clasp our hand in his, and bid us kindly welcome to the Celestial lodge above;

and may the fruition of our hopes be the realization of that ineffable happiness which eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither hath the heart of man conceived.

On motion of Bro.: Hull, 67, it was

Resolved, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered our Worshipful Brother James P. A. Black, Grand Orator, for the very able and instructive address delivered before this Grand Body. And further, that he be requested to furnish a copy thereof for publication with the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Bro.: Wheeler, 1, and Ransom, 2, now informed the brethren as far as possible regarding a distressing and serious accident to one of our number.

Bro.: Dinsmore, 49, submitted two reports from the committee on Ways and Means, as follows, which were concurred in:

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

We, your committee on Ways and Means fraternally recommend that the following sums, or so much thereof as may be required, be appropriated to be paid out upon the advice and consent of the Grand Master, for the following purposes:

Postage, telegrams, telephones, etc.....	\$220 00
Janitor.....	60 00
Light.....	25 00
Heat.....	50 00
Stationery.....	60 00
Blanks, blank books, letter heads, etc.....	300 00
Ice.....	10 00
Odds and ends.....	100 00-825 00
Grand Secretary, clerk hire.....	600 00
Reprint of Grand Lodge proceedings.....	500 00
Binding and purchase of books for Library.....	100 00
Blank report of committee on Credentials.....	25 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's office.....	200 00
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	\$2250 00

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

We, your committee on Ways and Means would respectfully recommend that the amount of money at the disposal of the Grand Secretary for the purpose of purchasing and keeping in stock supplies to be furnished subordinate lodges (at cost) be increased \$150, making a total of \$500.

We would further recommend that an appropriation of \$60.00 be made for the purchase of manila filing cases for use in the Grand Secretary's office, the present supply being filled.

On motion the Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were authorized and empowered to borrow funds to meet the running expenses of the Grand Lodge under appropriations made at this communication.

Past Grand Master Rolland H. Oakley, 19, assisted by M.:W.: James A. Tulleys, 53, now obligated, instructed and installed all the newly chosen officers of the Grand Lodge excepting V.:W.: Jacob A. Hood, Grand Chaplain, who was absent because of serious illness; each officer was invested with his jewel.

Omaha was selected as the place for the next annual communication.

Bro.: Davis, 21, duly seconded, offered the following amendment; unanimous consent for its immediate consideration being denied, same was laid over until the next annual communication:

Amend Section 6 of the By-Laws by striking out of same the following, to-wit: "and two dollars per day for each day's attendance.

Bro.: Bowen, 3, offered the following, which was not considered because of a point of order raised by Bro.: White, 6:

A Freemason non-affiliated for ninety days has no Masonic rights whatever in Nebraska, excepting only the right to petition for membership in a chartered lodge.

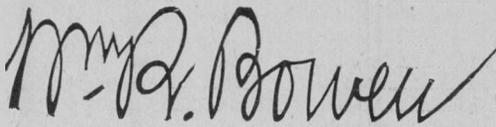
On motion of Bro.: Wheeler, 1, it was ordered that the Ceremonials now with the committee on Jurisprudence be referred to the Past Grand Masters residing in Omaha for report to the Grand Master within thirty days; and that on the Grand Master's approval the Grand Secretary shall have the same printed.

The amendment recorded on page 58 of 5889, requiring but one ballot for the three degrees, was now taken up and its consideration indefinitely postponed.

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The Grand Lodge was now closed in ample form, peace and harmony prevailing.

ROBERT E. FRENCH,
Grand Master.



Grand Secretary.

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BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE

At Rest.

NAME.	LODGE.	DATE OF DEATH.
ANDREW M. TALBOT.....	Charity,	No. 53.....Mch. 28, '90
MILTON LANE.....	Lancaster,	" 54.....Sep. 16, '89
JOHN P. SNUFFIN.....	Lancaster,	" 54.....Dec. 3, '89
L H. BARKER.....	York,	" 56.....May 8, '89
JAMES M. GARDNER.....	York,	" 56.....Apr. 16, '90
JOSHUA B. DAVIS.....	Wahoo,	" 59.....Aug. 23, '89
HIRAM BROWN.....	Melrose,	" 60.....
A E. FABER.....	Melrose,	" 60.....Oct. '89
EPHRIAM P. SMELSER.....	Osceola,	" 65.....Oct. 1, '89
SAMUEL H. FRY.....	Aurora,	" 68.....Feb. 13, '90
JOHN G. CUTTING.....	Sterling,	" 70.....Oct. 23, '89
WILLIAM A. HARRIS.....	Sterling,	" 70.....Feb. 10, '90
ROBERT H. BUTCHER, JR.....	Trowel,	" 71.....Mch. 18, '90
DANIEL W. BARKER.....	Nelson,	" 77.....Jul. 9, '89
ROBERT HOLLINGWORTH.....	Nelson,	" 77.....Apr. 11, '90
JOHN L. DAVIS.....	Tyre,	" 85.....Dec. 25, '89
WILLIAM D. CHIPMAN.....	Ionic,	" 87.....Mch. 20, '90
BYRON L. WILDER.....	Star,	" 88.....Apr. 18, '90
SAMUEL ARBUTHNOT.....	Hubbell,	" 92.....Aug. 5, '89
FREDERICK LARSON.....	Bennett,	" 94.....Mch. 7, '90
HENRY PAUL.....	Stella,	" 105.....Apl. 22, '90
WARREN H. HAYES.....	Steele City,	" 107.....Oct. 24, '89
ORIN FULLER.....	Alma,	" 116.....May 21, '89
JOHN A. LARMON.....	Hardy,	" 117.....Sep. 8, '89
WILLIAM J. T. WALLACE.....	North Bend,	" 119.....Jun. 20, '89
JAMES A. BONNER.....	North Bend,	" 119.....Dec. 14, '89
JONATHAN P. BIGGS.....	Stromsburg,	" 126.....Nov. 7, '89
FREDERICK F. MERETHEW.....	Ark & Anchor,	" 131.....Feb. 2, '90
JOHN G. KITE.....	Upright,	" 137.....Mch. 20, '90
FRANCIS M. EDWARDS.....	Western,	" 140.....Feb. 10, '90
WILLIAM D. SHOONMAKER.....	Anchor,	" 142.....Dec. 12, '89
HARRY FAUST.....	Siloam,	" 147.....Jun. 14, '89
ISAAC W. HEATH.....	Evergreen,	" 153.....Dec. 23, '89
JOHN J. STANSBURY.....	Samaritan,	" 158.....Aug. 19, '89
GWYNNE KIRKPATRICK.....	Samaritan,	" 158.....Nov. 12, '89
FRANCIS E. LANG.....	Mason City,	" 170.....Oct. 13, '89
C B. FESSENDEN.....	Merna,	" 171.....Sep. '88
WILLIAM H. PECK.....	Grafton,	" 172.....Apr. 10, '90

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NAME.	LODGE.	DATE OF DEATH.
THOMAS B. LEMON.....	Western Star, No. 2.....	Feb. '90
GEORGE W. SROAT.....	Western Star, " 2.....	Mar. 15, '90
PETER HOSTETTER.....	Capitol, " 3.....	Oct. 21, '89
DAVID E. HUME.....	Capitol, " 3.....	Oct. 8, '89
ROBERT G. JENKINSON.....	Capitol, " 3.....	Dec. 23, '89
JOHN T. PAULSEN.....	Capitol, " 3.....	Sep. 3, '89
SELIGMAN SCHLESINGER.....	Capitol, " 3.....	Dec. 1, '89
CHARLES SHIVERICK.....	Capitol, " 3.....	Mch. 18, '90
PAYSON M. POMEROY.....	Covert, " 11.....	Feb. 6, '90
MARTIN J. JOHANNES.....	Covert, " 11.....	Mch. 1, '90
FREDERIC H. MATTESON.....	Covert, " 11.....	Apr. 12, '90
WILLIAM E. DILLON.....	Nebraska City, " 12.....	Apr. 2, '90
JOHNATHAN B. SAMUEL.....	Orient, " 13.....	Sep. 16, '89
SOL RYMAL.....	Lincoln, " 19.....	May 29, '88
JOHN S. BOWEN.....	Washington, " 21.....	Jun. 4, '89
ROLAND R. FLETCHER.....	Washington, " 21.....	Jan. 11, '89
GUSTAF G. ANDERSON.....	St. Johns, " 25.....	Jun. 16, '89
JOSHUA E. WEBSTER.....	St. Johns, " 25.....	Feb. 10, '90
RICHARD C. COADY.....	St. Johns, " 25.....	Feb. 14, '90
ROBERT B. HARRINGTON.....	Beatrice, " 26.....	Dec. 7, '89
PETER GOOM.....	Beatrice, " 26.....	Apr. 13, '90
CARL T. PULSIFER.....	Jordan, " 27.....	Dec. 10, '89
GEORGE ROMBERG.....	Jordan, " 27.....	Dec. 16, '89
ANDREW E. MOREHOUSE.....	Tekamah, " 31.....	Aug. 7, '88
DAVID BAILLIE.....	Ashlar, " 33.....	May 8, '89
ZENAS H. DENMAN.....	Ashlar, " 33.....	Nov. 10, '89
MORGAN BALDWIN.....	Fairbury, " 35.....	Nov. 4, '89
JAMES W. GAVITT.....	Humboldt, " 40.....	Aug. 1, '89
JAMES B. McCLERRY.....	Juniata, " 42.....	Oct. 4, '89
SEYMORE J. OHENDORF.....	Hebron, " 43.....	Jun. 6, '89
WILLIAM D. VERMILLION.....	Hebron, " 43.....	Mch. 1, '90
KIMBER A. MOORE.....	Palmyra, " 45.....	Jul. 21, '89
ASBURY COLLINS.....	Rob Morris, " 46.....	Mch. 10, '90
GEORGE W. BAKER.....	Salem, " 47.....	Jan. 8, '90
OLIVER W. DUNNING.....	Salem, " 47.....	Apr. 18, '90
CALEB J. LITCH.....	Fairmont, " 48.....	Dec. 7, '89
JAMES CORBIN.....	Hastings, " 50.....	
JAMES LAIRD.....	Hastings, " 50.....	Aug. 17, '89
THOMAS McCORMICK.....	Hastings, " 60.....	

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA
NEAR FELLOW GRAND LGDGES.

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.
Alabama.....	Palmer J. Pillans.....	Mobile.....	May 31, 1870.
Arizona.....	Alonzo Bailey.....	.....	March 28, 1888.
Arkansas.....	William K. Ramsey.....	.....	January 26, 1889.
British Columbia.....	Robert P. Rithet.....	Victoria.....	April 20, 1874.
California.....	William A. Davies.....	Stockton.....	June 2, 1873.
Canada.....	Charles W. Brown.....	Toronto.....	February 22, 1884.
Colorado.....	Henry M. Teller.....	Central City.....	April 20, 1874.
Connecticut.....	Joseph K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.....	April 9, 1877.
Delaware.....	Daniel McClintock.....	Wilmington.....	January 29, 1889.
District of Columbia.....	John H. Russell.....	Washington.....	September 22, 1869.
England.....	Brackstone Baker.....	Lee, Kent.....	June 24, 1881.
Florida.....	William A. McLean.....	Jacksonville.....	February 12, 1877.
Georgia.....	Thomas W. Latham.....	Atlanta.....	February 4, 1890.
Idaho.....	Matthew G. Luncy.....	.....	October 31, 1889.
Illinois.....	John M. Palmer.....	Springfield.....	January 29, 1889.
Indiana.....	Martin H. Rice.....	Indianapolis.....	..... 1869.
Indian Territory.....	John T. Adair.....	Talequah.....	July 29, 1879.
Iowa.....	Richard J. Crouch.....	DeWitt.....	October 6, 1888.
Ireland.....	Joseph A. Galbraith.....	Dublin.....	May 5, 1888.
Kansas.....	Edward D. Hillyer.....	Valley Falls.....	September 22, 1869.
Kentucky.....	Lorenzo D. Croninger.....	Covington.....	June 1, 1871.
Louisiana.....	Aristee L. Tissot.....	New Orleans.....	March 14, 1883.
Maine.....	Edward P. Burnham.....	Saco.....	March 29, 1870.
Manitoba.....	A. H. Cameron.....	.....	.....
Maryland.....	William T. Price.....	Baltimore.....	May 24, 1888.
Michigan.....	Abraham T. Metcalf.....	Kalamazoo.....	January 17, 1874.
Minnesota.....	J. E. Finch.....	Hastings.....	..... 1870.
Mississippi.....	J. K. McLeod.....	Moss Point.....	June 14, 1888.
Missouri.....	Charles F. Vogel.....	Saint Louis.....	June 3, 1877.
Montana.....	Henry M. Parchen.....	Helena.....	April 9, 1877.
Nevada.....	Chauncey N. Noteware.....	Carson.....	April 30, 1888.
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.....	Richard English.....	Raton.....	January 1, 1890.
New York.....	Robert M. C. Graham.....	New York City.....	April 9, 1877.
North Carolina.....	James B. Batchelor.....	Raleigh.....	..... 1869.
North Dakota.....	William H. Gannon.....	Ellendale.....	August 1, 1890.
Novia Scotia.....	A. S. Townshend.....	Parrsborough.....	June 7, 1889.
Ohio.....	Robert Gwynn.....	Cincinnati.....	..... 1869.
Oregon.....	Thomas McF. Patton.....	Salem.....	June 9, 1883.
Pennsylvania.....	James W. Robins.....	Philadelphia.....	May 24, 1882.
Prince Edward's Isl'd.....	John Muirhead.....	Charlottetown.....	March 21, 1877.
Quebec.....	William M. Le Mesurier.....	Montreal.....	October 31, 1889.
Rhode Island.....	Edward L. Freeman.....	Providence.....	April 17, 1877.
Scotland.....	D. Murray Lyon.....	Edinburgh.....	June 24, 1881.
South Carolina.....	Augustine T. Smythe.....	Charleston.....	March 20, 1877.
South Dakota.....	George W. Kingsbury.....	Yankton.....	March 18, 1878.
Tennessee.....	Caswell A. Goodloe.....	Alamo.....	April 16, 1888.
Texas.....	E. G. Bower.....	Dallas.....	November 25, 1887.
Utah.....	Abbot R. Heywood.....	Ogden.....	September 25, 1888.
Vermont.....	William Brinsmaid, Jr.....	Burlington.....	May 5, 1888.
Virginia.....	Etheldred L. Turner.....	Hicksford.....	July 9, 1884.
Washington.....	Samuel Vestal.....	Snohomish.....	April 3, 1888.
West Virginia.....	Benjamin F. Martin.....	Pruntytown.....	..... 1869.
Wisconsin.....	Merrick P. Wing.....	La Crosse.....	April 9, 1877.
Wyoming.....	John H. Symons.....	Laramie City.....	May 5, 1882.

Nebraska commissions expire at the Festival of S. John the Baptist, three years after date, as per regulation adopted June, '88.

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

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVES.	ADDRESS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENTS.
Alabama.....	James W. Chaddock, 12.....	Nebraska City.....	September 22, 1889.
Arizona.....	Fred J. Benedict, 50.....	Hastings.....	March 23, 1885.
Arkansas.....	Samuel W. Hayes, 55.....	Norfolk.....	March 6, 1878.
British Columbia.....	William Adair, 5.....	Dakota City.....	May 12, 1874.
California.....	John J. Wemple, 50.....	Hastings.....	March 24, 1883.
Canada.....	James Gilbert, 184.....	Omaha.....	June 2, 1890.
Colorado.....	Josiah B. Redfield, 2.....	Omaha.....	May 11, 1874.
Connecticut.....	Samuel P. Davidsen, 17.....	Tecumseh.....	October 10, 1889.
Delaware.....	Edwin A. Allen, 142.....	North Loup.....	December 1, 1869.
District of Columbia.....	Charles F. Catlin, 11.....	Omaha.....	September 18, 1869.
England.....	George W. Lininger, 3.....	Omaha.....	June 23, 1883.
Florida.....	Lee P. Gillette, 19.....	Beatrice.....	March 3, 1888.
Georgia.....	Edwin F. Warren, 2.....	Nebraska City.....	March 31, 1883.
Idaho.....	James A. Tulley, 53.....	Red Cloud.....	February 1, 1873.
Illinois.....	Harry P. Deuel, 11.....	Omaha.....	January 1, 1889.
Indiana.....	George H. Thummel, 33.....	Grand Island.....	September 2, 1872.
Indian Territory.....	Bradner D. Slaughter, 89.....	Fullerton.....	August 4, 1879.
Iowa.....	John J. Mercer, 4.....	Omaha.....	July 10, 1890.
Ireland.....	Samuel I. Whitten, 67.....	Edgar.....	October 6, 1888.
Kansas.....	James B. Bruner, 25.....	Omaha.....	June 3, 1890.
Kentucky.....	Henry Gibbons, 46.....	Kearney.....	May 27, 1885.
Louisiana.....	J. Newton Wise, 3.....	Plattsmouth.....	October 25, 1869.
Maine.....	N. E. Harding, 2.....	Nebraska City.....	December 1, 1869.
Manitoba.....	Edwin F. Warren, 2.....	Nebraska City.....	March 24, 1877.
Maryland.....	George Armstrong, 3.....	Omaha.....	February 2, 1877.
Michigan.....	Daniel H. Wheeler, 1.....	Omaha.....	....., 1883.
Minnesota.....	Homer J. Allen, 46.....	Kearney.....	May 27, 1890.
Mississippi.....	John M. Burks, 19.....	Lincoln.....	December 31, 1869.
Missouri.....	George B. France, 56.....	York.....	June 25, 1888.
Montana.....	Charles F. Goodman, 3.....	Omaha.....	August 14, 1873.
Nevada.....	Robert C. Jordan, 33.....	Omaha.....	April 25, 1890.
New Brunswick.....	John J. Mercer, 4.....	Omaha.....	May 14, 1883.
New Hampshire.....	Frank W. Hayes, 15.....	Fremont.....	February 8, 1879.
New Jersey.....	James R. Cain, 9.....	Falls City.....	September 24, 1878.
New Mexico.....	Henry E. Palmer, 6.....	Plattsmouth.....	April 25, 1879.
New York.....	Edward K. Valentine.....	West Point.....	February 11, 1889.
North Carolina.....	Robert W. Furnas, 4.....	Brownville.....	September 20, 1869.
North Dakota.....	.....	.....	.....
Nova Scotia.....	John D. Moore, 33.....	Grand Island.....	.....
Ohio.....	Robert W. Furnas, 4.....	Brownville.....	September 10, 1869.
Oregon.....	Henry Brown, 3.....	Omaha.....	.....
Pennsylvania.....	William R. Bowen, 3.....	Omaha.....	May 5, 1883.
Prince Edward's Isl'd.....	William H. Platt, 33.....	Grand Island.....	February 19, 1877.
Quebec.....	Milton J. Hull, 67.....	Edgar.....	March 6, 1886.
Rhode Island.....	William M. Knapp, 56.....	York.....	April 9, 1877.
South Carolina.....	Frank E. Bullard, 32.....	North Platte.....	January 14, 1881.
South Dakota.....	Manoah B. Reese, 59.....	Wahoo.....	March 30, 1885.
Tennessee.....	Francis E. White, 6.....	Plattsmouth.....	June 29, 1888.
Texas.....	Martin Dunham, 3.....	Omaha.....	February 22, 1876.
Utah.....	Robert E. French, 46.....	Kearney.....	May 4, 1888.
Vermont.....	William R. Bowen, 3.....	Omaha.....	June 13, 1877.
Virginia.....	William E. Hill, 2.....	Nebraska City.....	October 21, 1879.
Washington.....	Charles A. Holmes, 17.....	Tecumseh.....	February 15, 1877.
West Virginia.....	Henry T. Davis.....	Lincoln.....	October 12, 1866.
Wisconsin.....	George E. Haskins, 26.....	Beatrice.....	September 17, 1889.
Wyoming.....	Rolland H. Oakley, 19.....	Lincoln.....	March 7, 1877.

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

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

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama.....	Myles J. Green.....	Montgomery.
Arizona.....	John M. Ormsby.....	Tucson.
Arkansas.....	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock.
British Columbia.....	Henry Brown.....	Victoria.
California.....	Alexander G. Abell.....	San Francisco.
Canada.....	John J. Mason.....	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado.....	Edward C. Parmalee.....	Pueblo.
Connecticut.....	Joseph K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
Delaware.....	William S. Hayes.....	Wilmington.
District of Columbia.....	William R. Singleton.....	Masonic Temple, Washington.
England.....	Shadwell H. Clerke.....	Freemasons Hall, London.
Florida.....	DeWitt C. Dawkins.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	Andrew M. Wolhin.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	James H. Wickersham.....	Boise City
Illinois.....	Loyal L. Munn.....	Freeport.
Indiana.....	William H. Smythe.....	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory.....	Joseph S. Murrow.....	Atoka, Choctaw Nation.
Iowa.....	Theodore S. Parvin.....	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland.....	Archibald St. George.....	Freemasons Hall, Dublin.
Kansas.....	John H. Brown.....	Kansas City.
Kentucky.....	Henry B. Grant.....	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	James C. Batchelder, M. D.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Ira Berry.....	Portland.
Manitoba.....	William G. Scott.....	Winnipeg.
Maryland.....	Jacob H. Medairy.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Sereno D. Nickerson.....	Masonic Temple, Boston.
Michigan.....	William P. Iunes.....	Gand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	Thomas Montgomery.....	Saint Paul.
Mississippi.....	John L. Power.....	Jackson.
Missouri.....	John D. Vincil.....	Saint Louis.
Montana.....	Cornellus Hedges.....	Helena.
Nebraska.....	William R. Bowen.....	Freemasons Hall, Omaha.
Nevada.....	Chauncey N. Noteware.....	Carson.
New Brunswick.....	Edwin J. Wetmore.....	Saint John.
New Hampshire.....	George P. Cleaves.....	Freemasons Hall, Concord.
New Jersey.....	Joseph H. Hough.....	Trenton.
New Mexico.....	Alpheus A. Keen.....	East Las Vegas.
New York.....	Edward M. L. Ehlers.....	New York.
North Carolina.....	Donald W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
North Dakota.....	Thomas J. Wilder.....	Casselton.
Nova Scotia.....	Benjamin Curren.....	Halifax.
Ohio.....	J. H. Bromwell.....	Cincinnati.
Oregon.....	Stephen F. Chadwick.....	Salem.
Pennsylvania.....	Michael Pisbet.....	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Prince Edward's Island.....	B. Wilson Higgs.....	Charlottetown.
Quebec.....	John H. Isaacson.....	Montreal.
Rhode Island.....	Edwin Baker.....	Providence.
Scotland.....	D. Murray Lyon.....	Freemasons Hall, Edinburgh.
South Carolina.....	Charles Inglesby.....	Charleston.
South Dakota.....	Charles T. McCoy.....	Aberdeen.
Tennessee.....	John Frizzell.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	William F. Swain.....	Houston.
Utah.....	Christopher Diehl.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	Warren G. Reynolds.....	Burlington.
Virginia.....	William B. Isaacs.....	Richmond.
Washington.....	Thomas M. Reed.....	Olympia.
West Virginia.....	George W. Atkinson.....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	John W. Laffin.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	William L. Kuykendall.....	Cheyenne.

NEBRASKA LODGES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

- Acacia, 34
 Adams, U.:D.:
 Adoniram (159).
 Ainsworth, U.:D.: (131).
 Albion, 78.
 Alexandria, 74.
 Alliance, 183.
 Amethyst, 190.
 Amity, 169.
 Anchor, 142.
 Arapahoe, 109.
 Arcana, 195.
 Ark and Anchor, 131.
 Armada, U.:D.:
 Ashland, 18 (extinct).
 Ashlar, 33.
 Atkinson, 164.
 Auburn, 124.
 Aurora, 68.

 Bancroft, 145.
 Bannack City, U.:D.: (extinct).
 Barneston, 165.
 Battle Creek, U.:D.: (extinct).
 Beatrice, 26.
 Beaver, U.:D.: (179).
 Beaver City, 93.
 Benkelman, U.:D.: (180).
 Bee Hive, 184.
 Bennett, 94.
 Blue Hill, 129.
 Blue River, 30.
 Blue Springs, U.:D.: (85).
 Blue Valley, 64.
 Boaz, 185.
 Brainard, 115.
 Bromfield, U.:D.:
 Burchard, U.:D.: (137).
 Burnett, U.:D.: (166).

 Cambridge, 150.
 Capitol, 3.
 Carleton, U.:D.:
 Cedar, U.:D.: (13).
 Cedar Rapids, U.:D.: (143).
 Cedar River, 89.
 Central City, U.:D.: (extinct).
 Chadron, U.:D.: (158).
 Charity, 53.
 Clay Centre, 139.
 Columbus, U.:D.: (extinct).
 Columbus, U.:D.: (extinct).
 Columbus, U.:D.: (58).
 Columbus, 8 (extinct).
 Composite, 81.
 Corinthian, 83.
 Covert, 11.
 Crawford, U.:D.: (181).
 Creighton, 100.
 Crescent, 143.
 Crete, 37.
 Crystal, 191.
 Culbertson, 174.
 Cuming City, U.:D.: (21).
 Custer, U.:D.: (148).
 Curtis, 168.

 Dakota (5).
 Danbury, U.:D.: (185).
 Davenport, U.:D.: (154).
 Decatur, 7 (extinct).
 DeWitt, 111.
 Doniphan, 86.
 Doric, 118.

 Edgar, 67.
 Elk Creek, 90.
 Elm Creek, 133.
 Elwood, 167.

- Emmet Crawford, 148.
 Euclid, 97.
 Eureka, 16 (extinct).
 Evening Star, 49.
 Evergreen, 153.
 Ewing, U.:D.: (156).

 Fairbury, 35.
 Fairfield, 84.
 Fairmont, 48.
 Faith, 181.
 Falls City, 9.
 Fidelity, 51.
 Fortitude, 69 (extinct).
 Frank Welch, 75.
 Fremont, 15.
 Friend, 73.

 Garfield, 95.
 Geneva, 79.
 Genoa, U.:D.: (125).
 Gibbon (see 46).
 Gibbon, U.:D.: (189).
 Giddings, (2).
 Gladstone, 176.
 Globe, 113.
 Grafton, 172.
 Grant, U.:D.: (34).
 Grant, U.:D.: (186).
 Granite, 189.
 Greenwood, U.:D.: (163).
 Guide Rock, 128.

 Hamilton, U.:D.: (68).
 Hardy, 117.
 Harlan, 116.
 Harmony, U.:D.: (extinct).
 Harmony, U.:D.: (extinct).
 Hartington, 155.
 Harvard, 44.
 Hastings, 50.
 Hay Springs, 177.
 Hebron, 43.
 Hesperia, 178.
 Highland, 194.
 Hillsdale, U.:D.: (29).
 Hiram, 52.

 Holdrege (146).
 Hooper, 72.
 Hope, 29.
 Hubbell, 92.
 Humboldt, 40.

 Idaho, U.:D.: (extinct).
 Incense, 182.
 Indianola, 123.
 Israel, 187.
 Ionic, 87.

 Jachin, 146.
 Jasper, 122.
 Jewel, 140.
 Johnson, U.:D.: (141).
 Joppa, 76.
 Jordan, 27.
 Juniata, 42.
 Justice, 180.

 Kenesaw, 144.
 Keystone, 62.

 La Fayette, 24 (extinct).
 Lancaster, 54.
 Lebanon, 58.
 Level, 196.
 Liberty, U.:D.: (152).
 Lily, 154.
 Lincoln, 19.
 Livingstone, 66.
 Lone Tree, 36.
 Long Pine, 136.
 Loup Fork, U.:D.: (8, extinct).

 Macoy, 22 (extinct).
 Magic City, U.:D.: (184).
 Mason City, 170.
 Melrose, 60.
 Meridian, 188.
 Merna, 171.
 Minden, 127.
 Minnecadusa, 192.
 Monitor, U.:D.: (extinct).
 Morning Star, 197.
 Mosaic, 55.

- Mount Moriah, 57.
 Mount Nebo, 125.
 Mount Zion, 161.
 Mystic Tie, 166.
 McCook, 135.
- Nebraska, 1.
 Nebraska City, 12.
 Nelson, 77.
 Nemaha Valley, 4.
 Norfolk, U.:D.: (55).
 North Bend, 119.
 North Loup, U.:D.: (142).
 Northern Light, 41.
- Oakland, 91.
 Odell, U.:D.: (122).
 Ogalalla, 159.
 Ohioa (182).
 Oliver, 38.
 Omadi, 5.
 Ord, 103.
 Orient, 13.
 Osceola, 65.
 Oxford, U.:D.: (138).
- Palestine, U.:D.: (extinct).
 Palmyra, 45.
 Papillion, 39.
 Parallel, 152.
 Pawnee, 23.
 Pawnee City, U.:D.: (23).
 Peru, U.:D.: (extinct).
 Peru, 14.
 Platte Valley, 32.
 Plattsmouth, 6.
 Plumb, 186.
 Pomegranate, 110.
 Ponca, 101.
 Porter, 106.
 Prudence, 179.
 Purity, 198.
 Pythagoras, 156.
- Rawalt, 138.
 Republican, 98.
 Reynolds, U.:D.: (160).
- Rising Star, U.:D.: (20).
 Riverton, 63.
 Robert Burns, 173.
 Rob Morris, 46.
 Rock Bluff, 20 (extinct).
 Rocky Mountain, 8 (transferred).
- Saint Johns, 25.
 Saint Paul, 82.
 Salem, 47.
 Saline, U.:D.: (73).
 Saline, U.:D.: (161).
 Samaritan, 158.
 Scribner, 132.
 Seward, U.:D.: (38).
 Shelby, U.:D.: (118).
 Shelton, 99.
 Shickley, U.:D.: (178).
 Signet, 193.
 Siloam, 147.
 Silver Creek, U.:D.: (extinct).
 Solar, 134.
 Solomon, 10.
 Springfield, 112.
 Square, 151.
 Stanton, U.:D.: (41).
 Star, 88.
 Steele City, 107.
 Stella, 105.
 Sterling, 70.
 Stromsburg, 126.
 Summit, 7 (transferred).
 Summit, 141.
 Superior, 121.
 Syracuse, U.:D.: (57).
- Table Rock, 108.
 Talmage, U.:D.: (162).
 Tecumseh, 17.
 Tekamah, 31.
 Temple, U.:D.: (5).
 Temple, 175.
 Thistle, 61.
 Tobias (149).
 Trenton, U.:D.: (extinct).
 Trestle Board, 162.
 Trowel, 71.

Tuscan, 130.	Washington, 21.
Tyre, 85.	Waterloo, 102.
Ulysses, U.:D.: (187).	Wayne, 120.
Unity, 163.	Weeping Water, U.:D.: (97).
Upright, 137.	Western, 140.
Utica, 96.	Western Star, 2.
Valentine, U.:D.: (113).	Wisner, 114.
Valley, 157.	Wymore, 104.
Valparaiso, U.:D.: (151).	Wyoming, 28 (transferred).
Waco, 80 (extinct).	York, 56.
Wahoo, 59.	Zeredatha, U.:D.: (98).
	Zeredatha, 160.

LOCATION OF EXISTING NEBRASKA LODGES,

BY TOWNS ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

- Adams, U.:D.:
Ainsworth, 131.
Albion, 78.
Alexandria, 74.
Alliance, 183.
Alma, 116.
Ansley, 176.
Arapahoe, 109.
Arlington, 52.
Armada, U.:D.:
Ashland, 110.
Atkinson, 164.
Auburn, 124.
Aurora, 68.
- Bancroft, 145.
Barneston, 165.
Beatrice, 26.
Beaver Crossing, 179.
Beaver City, 93.
Benkelman, 180.
Bennett, 94.
Blair, 21.
Bloomington, 76.
Blue Hill, 129.
Blue Springs, 85.
Brainard, 115.
Broken Bow, 148.
Brownville, 4.
Burchard, 137.
Burnett, 166.
- Cambridge, 150.
Carleton, U.:D.:
Cedar Rapids, 143
Central City, 36.
Chadron, 158.
- Clarks, 134.
Clay Centre, 139.
Columbus, 58.
Cortland, 194.
Cozad, 188.
Crawford, 181.
Creighton, 100.
Crete, 37.
Culbertson, 174.
Curtis, 168.
- Dakota City, 5.
Danbury, 185.
Davenport, 154.
David City, 51.
Decatur, 88.
DeWitt, 111.
Doniphan, 86.
Dorchester, 118.
- Edgar, 67.
Elk Creek, 90.
Elm Creek, 133.
Elwood, 167.
Ewing, 156.
- Fairbury, 35.
Fairfield, 84.
Fairmont, 48.
Falls City, 9.
Filley, 175.
Firth, 66.
Fort Calhoun, 10.
Fremont, 15.
Friend, 73.
Fullerton, 89.

- Gandy, 190.
 Geneva, 79.
 Genoa, 125.
 Gibbon, 189.
 Gordon, 195.
 Grafton, 172.
 Grand Island, 33.
 Grant, 186.
 Greenwood, 163.
 Gresham, 197.
 Guide Rock, 128.
- Hardy, 117.
 Hartington, 155.
 Harvard, 44.
 Hastings, 50.
 Hay Springs, 177.
 Hebron, 43.
 Holdrege, 146.
 Hooper, 72.
 Hubbell, 92.
 Humboldt, 40.
- Imperial, 198.
 Indianola, 123.
- Johnson, 141.
 Juniata, 42.
- Kearney, 46.
 Kenesaw, 144.
- Leigh, 193.
 Lexington, 61.
 Liberty, 152.
 Lincoln, 19, 54.
 Long Pine, 136.
 Loup City, 106.
- Madison, 113.
 Mason City, 170.
 McCook, 135.
 Merna, 171.
 Milford, 30.
 Minden, 127.
- Nebraska City, 2, 12.
 Neligh, 71.
 Nelson, 77.
 Nemaha City, 29.
 Niobrara, 87.
 Norfolk, 55.
 North Bend, 119.
 North Loup, 142.
 North Platte, 32.
- Oakland, 91.
 Odell, 122.
 Ogalalla, 159.
 Ohioa, 182.
 Omaha, 1, 3, 11, 25.
 O'Neil, 95.
 Ord, 103.
 Orleans, 60.
 Osceola, 65.
 Oxford, 138.
- Palmyra, 45.
 Papillion, 39.
 Pawnee City, 23.
 Peru, 14.
 Phillips, 62.
 Pierce, 153.
 Plattsmouth, 6.
 Ponca, 101.
- Red Cloud, 53.
 Republican City, 98.
 Reynolds, 160.
 Rising, 81.
 Riverton, 63.
 Rulo, 13.
 Rushville, 169.
- Saint Paul, 82.
 Salem, 47.
 Schuyler, 34.
 Scotia, 191.
 Scribner, 132.
 Seward, 38.
 Shelby, 161.
 Shelton, 99.
 Shickley, 178.

- Sidney, 75.
South Omaha, 184.
Springfield, 112.
Stanton, 41.
Stratton, 173.
Steele City, 107.
Stella, 105.
Sterling, 70.
Stockville, 196.
Stromsburg, 126.
Stuart, 147.
Superior, 121.
Surprise, 130.
Sutton, 49.
Syracuse, 57.
- Table Rock, 108.
Talmage, 162.
Tecumseh, 17.
Tekamah, 31.
Tobias, 149.
- Ulysses, 187.
Utica, 96.
- Valentine, 192.
Valparaiso, 151.
- Wahoo, 59.
Wakefield, 83.
Waterloo, 102.
Wayne, 120.
Weeping Water, 97.
Western, 140.
West Point, 27.
Wilber, 64.
Wilsonville, 157.
Wisner, 114.
Wymore, 104.
- York, 56.

LOCATION OF EXISTING NEBRASKA LODGES,

BY COUNTIES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

- Adams, 42, 50, 144.
Antelope, 71.
- Boone, 78, 143.
Box Butte, 183.
Brown, 131, 136.
Buffalo, 46, 99, 133, 189, U.:D.:
Burt, 31, 88, 91.
Butler, 51, 81, 115, 130, 187.
- Cass, 6, 97, 163.
Cedar, 155.
Chase, 198.
Cherry, 192.
Cheyenne, 75.
Clay, 44, 49, 67, 84, 139.
Colfax, 34, 193.
Cuming, 27, 114, 145.
Custer, 148, 170, 171, 176.
- Dakota, 5.
Dawes, 158, 181.
Dawson, 61, 188.
Dixon, 83, 101.
Dodge, 15, 72, 119, 132.
Douglas, 1, 3, 11, 25, 102, 184.
Dundy, 180.
- Fillmore, 48, 79, 172, 178, 182.
Franklin, 63, 76.
Frontier, 168, 196.
Furnas, 93, 109, 138, 150, 157.
- Gage, 26, 85, 104, 122, 152, 165, 175,
194, U.:D.:
Gosper, 167.
Greeley, 191.
- Hall, 33, 86.
Hamilton, 62, 68.
Harlan, 60, 98, 116.
Hitchcock, 173, 174.
Holt, 95, 147, 156, 164.
Howard, 82.
- Jefferson, 35, 107, 160.
Johnson, 17, 70, 90.
- Kearney, 127.
Keith, 159.
Knox, 87, 100.
- Lancaster, 19, 54, 66, 94.
Lincoln, 32.
Logan, 190.
- Madison, 55, 113, 166.
Merrick, 36, 134.
- Nance, 89, 125.
Nemaha, 4, 14, 29, 124, 141.
Nuckolls, 77, 117, 121.
- Otoe, 2, 12, 45, 57, 162.
- Pawnee, 23, 108, 137.
Perkins, 186.
Phelps, 146.
Pierce, 153.
Platte, 58.
Polk, 65, 126, 161.
- Red Willow, 123, 135, 185.
Richardson, 9, 13, 40, 47, 105.

Saline, 37, 64, 73, 111, 118, 140, 149.	Valley, 103, 142.
Sarpy, 39, 112.	
Saunders, 59, 110, 151.	Washington, 10, 21, 52.
Seward, 30, 38, 96, 179.	Wayne, 120.
Sherman, 106.	Webster, 53, 128, 129.
Sheridan, 169, 177, 195	
Stanton, 41.	York, 56, 197.
Thayer, 43, 74, 92, 154, U.:D.:	



ROLL OF LODGES.

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WITH OFFICERS FOR YEAR 5890-91.

NEBRASKA LODGE, NO. 1, OMAHA, DOUGLAS COUNTY.

Created, — —, 54; chartered Oct. 3, 55.

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday in each calendar month.

SEAL—Apron, with square and compasses laid thereon.

OFFICERS.

Joseph R. Stafford, Master.	William C. McLean, Secretary.
Rowland W. Bailey, Sen. Ward.	Charles G. Sprague, Senior Deacon.
John L. Meyer, Junior Warden.	William S. Robertson, Jun. Dea.
John W. Rodefer, Treasurer.	William F. Hogeboom, Tiler.

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

Created May 10, 55; chartered May 28, 56.

REGULAR MEETING—Friday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A rayed star above the book of constitutions guarded by the tiler's sword.

Motto, "*Lux esto.*"

OFFICERS.

Herbert C. Freeman, Master.	Milton R. Thorp, Secretary.
Claude Watson, Senior Warden.	Edward F. Thorp, Senior Deacon.
Charles M. Hubener, Jun. Ward.	———, Junior Deacon.
Samuel H. Morrison, Treasurer.	John S. Place, Tiler.

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

Created Jan. 9, 57; chartered June 3, 57.

REGULAR MEETING—First Monday of each calendar month.

SEAL—The first Capitol building in Nebraska.

OFFICERS.

George M. Nattinger, Master.	Leverett M. Anderson, Sen. Dea.
John Pray, Senior Warden.	Finley P. Gridley, Junior Deacon.
John G. McBride, Junior Warden.	Joseph C. Carver, Senior Steward.
Myer Hellman, Treasurer.	Thomas Carey, Junior Steward.
John Bamford, Secretary.	Riley C. Whitmarsh, Tiler.

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

Created Dec. 15, 57; chartered June 2, 58.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—Square and compasses rayed, with two stars.

OFFICERS.

William J. Jones, Master.	James M. Hacker, Secretary.
Benjamin F. Jones, Senior Warden.	Joseph L. Roy, Senior Deacon.
Amos C. McIninch, Jun. Ward.	Jonas Drury, Junior Deacon.
George Crow, Treasurer.	Benjamin F. McIninch, Tiler.

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

Created Jan. 18, 58; chartered June 2, 58.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—Square and compasses.

OFFICERS.

William Adair, Master.	Edward J. Raymond, Secretary.
John F. Sides, Senior Warden.	Mell A. Schmeid, Senior Deacon.
Lewis A. Hart, Junior Warden.	John B. Bubb, Junior Deacon.
Julius Massenhoeler, Treasurer.	George T. Woods, Tiler.

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

Created Jan. 18, 58; chartered June 2, 58.

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

SEAL—Square and compasses surrounding the letter "G."

OFFICERS.

Velosco V. Leonard, Master.	Ackland Salisbury, Senior Deacon.
Julius Pepperberg, Senior Warden.	Edward W. Cook, Junior Deacon.
Theodore P. Livingston, Jun. Ward.	George S. Copeland, Sen. Stew.
Alfred W. White, Treasurer.	Henry J. Helps, Junior Steward.
William Hayes, Secretary.	Michael Archer, Tiler.

SUMMIT LODGE, NO. 7, PARKVILLE, COLORADO.

Created May 6, 61; chartered June 5, 61.

(Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, Aug. 2, 61.)

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

Created May 21, 61; chartered June 5, 61.

(Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, Aug. 2, 61.)

DECATUR LODGE, NO. 7, DECATUR, BURT COUNTY.

Created —, —, —; chartered June 4, 62.

(Extinct since June 18, 73.)

CENTRAL CITY LODGE, U.:D.:, ———, COLORADO.

Created —, —, 60 or 61.
(Extinct since —, —, —.)

PERU LODGE, U.:D.:, PERU, NEMAHA COUNTY.

Created June 13, 61.
(Extinct since June 23, 63.)

BANNACK CITY LODGE, U.:D.:, BANNACK CITY, IDAHO.

Created June 24, 63.
(Extinct since —, —, —.)

MONITOR LODGE, U.:D.:, UNITED STATES ARMY.

Created July 30, 63.
(Extinct since prior to 67.)

COLUMBUS LODGE, NO. 8, PLATTE COUNTY.

Created Aug. 23, 63; chartered June 23, 64.
(Extinct since June 25, 68.)

IDAHO LODGE, U.:D.:, NEVADA CITY, IDAHO.

Created Nov. 17, 63.
(Extinct since June 23, 64.)

COLUMBUS LODGE, U.:D.:, COLUMBUS, PLATTE COUNTY.

Created July 1, 61.
(Extinct since —, —, —.)

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

Created Oct. 4, 64; chartered June 23, 65.

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

SEAL—An apron.

OFFICERS.

Charles F. Cain, Master.	Reuben Horrocks, Senior Deacon.
Paul U. G. Southard, Sen. Ward.	David W. Sowles, Junior Deacon.
Andrew J. Tucker, Junior Warden.	Edwin S. Jones, Senior Steward.
Jacob N. Herbst, Treasurer.	William I. Jones, Junior Steward.
Amos E. Gantt, Secretary	Henry C. Lapp, Tiler.

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

Created Aug. 15, 65; chartered June 22, 66.

REGULAR MEETINGS—First Tuesday in each calendar month.

OFFICERS.

Edwin N. Grenell, Master.	Elias Hicks Clark, Secretary.
J. William Wulff, Senior Warden.	William C. Vaughan, Sen. Dea.
Bela G. Fenner, Junior Warden.	Rice Arnold, Junior Deacon.
Austin W. Beals, Treasurer.	Nicholas Rotzer, Tiler.

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

Created July 24, 65; chartered June 22, 66.

REGULAR MEETING—First Wednesday in each calendar month.

SEAL—The Mosaic pavement.

OFFICERS.

Charles P. Southard, Master.	Randolph B. Chapman, Sen. Dea.
Frederick E. Sanborn, Sen. Ward.	William L. Ritter, Junior Deacon.
Samuel J. Boden, Junior Warden.	John M. Stafford, Senior Steward.
Michael O. Maul, Treasurer.	Louis H. Behrens, Junior Steward.
Eben K. Long, Secretary.	Henry Newell, Tiler.

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

Created Feb. 19, 66; chartered June 22, 66.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

James W. Chadduck, Master.	William C. Willman, Secretary.
James B. Northcutt, Senior Warden.	Neil Sinclair, Senior Deacon.
William Brower, Junior Warden.	William F. N. Houser, Jun. Dea.
Max Kohn, Treasurer.	John Place, Tiler.

ORIENT LODGE, NO. 13, RULO, RICHARDSON COUNTY.

Created June 23, 66; chartered June 19, 67.

REGULAR MEETING—Monday on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

[No report received up to October 1, '90.]

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

Created May 23, 67; chartered June 19, 67.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

George W. Heywood, Master.	John H. F. Scott, Senior Deacon.
Charles F. Neal, Senior Warden.	George Ashley, Junior Deacon.
B. Frank Neal, Junior Warden.	—— ———, Senior Steward.
Jacob Zaring, Treasurer.	Will H. F. Gaede, Junior Steward.
Daniel C. Cole, Secretary.	William W. Mardis, Tiler.

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

Created July 3, 66; chartered June 20, 67.

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday in each calendar month.

SEAL—Three columns, with plumb, square and level.

OFFICERS.

Peter D. Denney, Master.	William T. Crook, Senior Deacon.
George A. Storey, Senior Warden.	Edwin T. Smith, Junior Deacon.
Robert C. McDonald, Jun. Ward.	Edwin W. S. Pratt, Sen. Stew.
Arthur Truesdell, Treasurer.	Charles Sweet, Junior Steward.
Daniel J. Springer, Secretary.	Joel A. Greene, Tiler.

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

Created Jan. 27, 68; chartered June 24, 68.

(Extinct since Dec. 23, 75.)

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

Created Dec. 7, 67; chartered June 24, 68, or Oct. 28, 69.

REGULAR MEETING—First Saturday in each calendar month.

OFFICERS.

George D. Bennett, Master.	—— ———, Secretary.
—— ———, Senior Warden.	John S. Harman, Senior Deacon.
Warren H. Holmes, Jun. Ward.	Arthur C. Sullivan, Junior Deacon.
Cornelius Woodley, Treasurer.	Pitts H. Hopkins, Junior Steward.
James Robbins, Tiler.	

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

Created April 10, 68; chartered June 24, 68.

(Extinct since Aug. 17, 81.)

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

Created May 4, 68; chartered June 25, 68.

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday in each calendar month.

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

OFFICERS.

Henry H. Wilson, Master.	Samuel L. Geisthardt, Sen. Deac.
Irving L. Lyman, Senior Warden.	Alexander H. Hutton, Jun. Deac.
Lorenzo D. Woodruff, Jun. Ward.	Thomas Cochran, Senior Steward.
Lucien B. Freeman, Treasurer.	William R. Phelan, Junior Steward.
James W. Frow, Secretary.	George J. Hendry, Tiler.

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

Created July 15, 67; chartered June 25, 68.

(Extinct since July 16, '84.)

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

Created Feb. 24, 68; chartered June 25, 68.

REGULAR MEETING—Second Tuesday in each calendar month.

OFFICERS.

Edward C. Jackson, Master.	Nathan Carter, Senior Deacon.
William H. Eller, Senior Warden.	Harry Higley, Junior Deacon.
Stephen M. Gibson, Junior Warden.	Lekh R. Fletcher, Senior Steward.
Frederick W. Kenney, sr., Treas.	Frank Dunn, Junior Steward.
Lester H. Clow, Secretary.	Frank Harriman, Tiler.

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

Created Feb. 10, 69; chartered Oct. 29, 69.

(Extinct since Dec. 31, 77.)

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

Created Jan 4, 69; chartered Oct. 23, 69.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Tuesday in each calendar month.

SEAL—Square and compasses surrounding a five pointed star.

OFFICERS.

Joseph L. Edwards, Master.	Harry J. Lee, Senior Deacon.
Wesley W. Woodward, Sen. Ward.	Gilbert F. Springer, Junior Deacon.
John A. Howard, Junior Warden.	Gilbert J. Dorrance, Senior Steward.
Charles E. Casey, Treasurer.	Fielding A. Beeler, Junior Steward.
James L. Bentley, Secretary.	Samuel S. Shannon, Tiler.

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

Created June 29, 69; chartered Oct. 27 or 28, 69.

(Extinct since March 27, 77.)

SAINT JOHNS LODGE, NO. 25, OMAHA, DOUGLAS COUNTY.

Created May 28, 69; chartered Oct. 28, 69.

REGULAR MEETING — First Thursday in each calendar month.

SEAL — A quarterfool, bearing, (1) an eagle; (2) location of lodge, with star; (3) date of charter; (4) a certain point within a circle, with star, embordered with two parallel lines with book of constitutions thereon; within all, the square and compasses.

OFFICERS.

Thomas K. Sudborough, Master.	William E. Nason, Senior Deacon.
Frank S. Hayes, Senior Warden.	Thomas Batterton, Junior Deacon.
William W. Keysor, Jun. Ward.	Andrew J. Hunt, Senior Steward.
G. H. William Sievers, Treasurer.	Frank F. Williams, Junior Steward.
James B. Bruner, Secretary.	Charles S. Huntington, Tiler.

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

Created March 28, 70; chartered June 22, 70.

REGULAR MEETING — Second and fourth Monday of each calendar month.

SEAL — The letter "G." Motto, "Faith, Hope and Charity."

OFFICERS.

Munroe C. Steel, Master.	Frank W. Cole, Senior Deacon.
John P. Downs, Senior Warden.	Albert R. Campbell, Junior Deacon.
Frank H. Crowell, Junior Warden.	— — — — —, Senior Steward.
Silas W. Wadsworth, Treasurer.	Noah Ryan, Junior Steward.
Orville M. Stonebraker, Secretary.	J. G. Dole, Tiler.

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

Created Dec. 25, 69; chartered June 23, 70.

REGULAR MEETING — Second and fourth Tuesday in each calendar month.

SEAL — A shield bearing, (1) the dagger; (2) the square; (3) the compasses with letter "G."

OFFICERS.

Alexander M. Rose, Master.	Thomas M. Franse, Senior Deacon.
Amandus Krause, Senior Warden.	Ludwig Rosenthal, Junior Deacon.
George W. Boyer, Junior Warden.	Daniel C. Giffert, Senior Steward.
Henry Lukins, Treasurer.	Aaron Barnett, Junior Steward.
Florando E. Krause, Secretary.	Jeremiah D. Romig, Tiler.

WYOMING LODGE, NO. 28, SOUTH PASS CITY, WYOMING.

Created Nov. 24, 69; chartered June 23, 70.

(Transferred to the Grand Lodge of Wyoming Dec. 15, 74.)

HOPE LODGE, NO. 29, NEMAHA CITY, NEMAHA COUNTY.

Created Nov. 8, 69; chartered June 23, 70.

REGULAR MEETING — Friday on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

James A. Titus, Master.	Thomas J. Oliver, Senior Deacon.
Henry Williams, Senior Warden.	William Hawxby, Junior Deacon.
Right Halsterman, Junior Warden.	A. L. P. Thompson, Sen. Stew.
Henry A. Brand, Treasurer.	William Stokes, Junior Steward.
Jeremiah Marlatt, Secretary.	Gilford Lilly, Tiler.

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

Created April 25, 70; chartered June 23, 70.

REGULAR MEETING—Thursday on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

Alfred Hiller, Master.	Samuel A. StCyr, Senior Deacon.
John A. Cocklin, Senior Warden.	Edwin R. Brown, Junior Deacon.
Thomas H. Bishop, Junior Warden.	S H. Rice, Senior Steward.
Elisha Courtright, Treasurer.	Henry Worlentyke, Junior Steward.
George W. Brandon, Secretary.	Charles W. France, Tiler.

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

Created Aug. 19, 69; chartered June 23, 70.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Wednesday in each calendar month.

OFFICERS.

James P. Latta, Master.	William B. Roberts, Senior Deacon.
Charles T. Dickinson, Sen. Ward.	Albert P. Mason, Junior Deacon.
Edward P. Worcester, Jun. Ward.	Isaac Gibson, Senior Steward.
George W. Green, Treasurer.	Frederick F. Ellis, Jun. Stew.
Sidney S. Skinner, Secretary.	Stephen E. Dilley, Tiler.

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

Created Jan. 15, 70; chartered June 23, 70.

REGULAR MEETING—Second Tuesday in each calendar month.

OFFICERS.

Frank E. Bullard, Master.	William N. Cartwright, Secretary.
Charles Hendy, Senior Warden.	Arch M. Mason, Senior Deacon.
George C. Danenhowe, Jun. Ward.	William W. Birge, Junior Deacon.
Charles McDonald, Treasurer.	Platt J. Gilman, Tiler.

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

Created Aug. 11, 70; chartered June 22, 71.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Thursday in each calendar month.

SEAL—The letter "G."

OFFICERS.

Charles F. Rollins, Master.	Samuel Hexter, Senior Deacon.
Robert J. Barr, Senior Warden.	Nathan H. Hurford, Junior Deacon.
George P. Dean, Junior Warden.	Martin V. Powers, Senior Steward.
Edward Hooper, Treasurer.	Henry Schlotfeldt, Junior Steward.
Charles W. Brininge, Secretary.	James Tout, Tiler.

HARMONY LODGE, U. D., SAINT DEROIN, NEMAHA COUNTY

Created Nov. 26, 70.
(Extinct since —, 70.)

COLUMBUS LODGE, U. D., COLUMBUS, PLATTE COUNTY.

Created Jan 3, 71.
(Extinct since May 12, 71.)

HARMONY LODGE, U. D., SAINT DEROIN, NEMAHA COUNTY.

Created Jan. 3, 71.
(Extinct since June 19, 73.)

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

Created July 18, 70; chartered June 19, 72.
REGULAR MEETING—First Thursday in each calendar month.
SEAL—A sprig of acacia.

OFFICERS.

William D. Fletcher, Master.	John P. Sprecher, Senior Deacon.
John C. Sprecher, Senior Warden.	Leslie L. White, Junior Deacon.
Frederick Kropf, Junior Warden.	Sylvanus C. Webber, Sen. Stew.
James A. Grimison, Treasurer.	John E. Arnold, Junior Steward.
Walter W. Wells, Secretary.	Vachel W. Sutherland, Tiler.

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

Created June 30, 71; chartered June 19, 72.
REGULAR MEETING—First and third Monday in each calendar month.
SEAL—Virgin weeping over a broken column; on the left a tree.

OFFICERS.

Hiram B. Leonard, Master.	Edmund H. Hinshaw, Senior Deacon.
Alvin C. Gowdy, Senior Warden.	John N. Collier, Junior Deacon.
Oscar G. Collier, Junior Warden.	James P. Hicks, Senior Steward.
Gilbert L. Pritchett, Treasurer.	William S. Underwood, Jun. Stew.
Edward L. Cline, Secretary.	Alexander Benedict, Tiler.

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

Created Aug. 9, 71; chartered June 19, 72.
REGULAR MEETING—First and third Saturday in each calendar month.
SEAL—The square and compasses, with letter "G" in centre, over a tree.

OFFICERS.

William W. Finch, Master.	William Y. R. Gawne, Sen. Deac.
John C. Lutes, Senior Warden.	George F. Reed, Junior Deacon.
William H. C. Rice, Junior Warden.	James Dunnovan, Senior Steward.
James Vieregg, Treasurer.	Auther J. Bowle, Junior Steward.
Bell E. Berryman, Secretary.	Joseph B. White, Tiler.

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

Created Jan. 8, 72; chartered June 19, 72.

REGULAR MEETING—First Friday in each calendar month.

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

OFFICERS.

Wells H. Skinner, Master.	Moses E. Haight, Senior Deacon.
Frank Johnson, Senior Warden.	James Muncey, Junior Deacon.
Frederic A. Durrie, Junior Warden.	Otto P. Hettler, Senior Steward.
William F. Buchanan, Treasurer.	Henry C. Nevitt, Junior Steward.
Frank D. Williams, Secretary.	William L. Lovell, Tiler.

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

Created July 25, 71; chartered June 18, 73.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

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

OFFICERS.

Frank G. Simmons, Master.	T. Frank Skeede, Senior Deacon.
Smith D. Atkins, Senior Warden.	Ernest C. Holland, Junior Deacon.
Harry T. Jones, Junior Warden.	Bernhard Kohn, Senior Steward.
West B. Barrett, Treasurer.	James G. Taylor, Junior Steward.
Carl A. Bemis, Secretary.	Charles N. Emilton, Tiler.

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

Created Nov. 18, 72; chartered June 18, 73.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

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

OFFICERS.

Edgar Howard, Master.	Elmer J. Hunt, Senior Deacon.
Malcom P. Brown, Senior Warden.	Iurgen George Selk, Junior Deacon.
James Hassett, Junior Warden.	Howard Whitney, Senior Steward.
Orlando W. Royce, Treasurer.	Frederick Frick, Junior Steward.
David McCoull, Secretary.	Frederick D. Rhodes, Tiler.

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

Created Dec. 16, 72; chartered June 18, 73.

REGULAR MEETING—Thursday on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

Peter W. Hays, Master.	Samuel M. Philpot, Senior Deacon.
Peter P. Daigh, Senior Warden.	Howard S. Norton, Junior Deacon.
J. Rock Williamson, Jun. Ward.	Orange T. Bantz, Senior Steward.
James L. Linn, Treasurer.	Charles E. Nims, Junior Steward.
Edgar S. Norton, Secretary.	Morris Friend, Tiler.

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

Created Jan. 20, 73; chartered June 18, 73.

REGULAR MEETING — Wednesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — The All-Seeing Eye, radiant, above the book of constitutions, guarded by the tiler's sword.

OFFICERS.

John A. Ehrhardt, Master.	William T. McFarland, Sen. Dea.
Francis McGiverin, Senior Warden.	James McKinsey, Junior Deacon.
John C. Cleland, Junior Warden.	James Brooks, Jr., Senior Steward.
Julius Poessnecker, Treasurer.	James W. Mackey, Junior Steward.
Alfred A. Kearney, Secretary.	Jason E. Nichols, Tiler.

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

Created Feb. 21, 73; chartered June 18, 73.

REGULAR MEETING — Monday on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

Enos J. Hanchett, Master.	Joseph Hill, Senior Deacon.
James McKelvey, Senior Warden.	William G. Saddler, Junior Deacon.
E A. St. John, Junior Warden.	Guy N. McGonigal, Senior Steward.
David R. Bigelow, Treasurer.	George F. Moore, Junior Steward.
A P. Slack, Secretary.	Daniel R. Ball, Tiler.

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

Created March 10, 73; chartered June 18, 73.

REGULAR MEETING — First Thursday in each calendar month.

OFFICERS.

James Dinsmore, Master.	George E. Young, Senior Deacon.
Jacob J. Werner, Senior Warden.	Green M. Smith, Junior Deacon.
Jacob C. Fulmer, Junior Warden.	Oliver I. Steel, Senior Steward.
J. Addison Bowdle, Treasurer.	John W. Hughes, Junior Steward.
Allen G. Stewart, Secretary.	Daniel T. Scoville, Tiler.

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

Created March 25, 73; chartered June 18, 73.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Tuesday in each calendar month.

OFFICERS.

William J. Turner, Master.	Levi B. Munger, Secretary.
James S. Catterson, Senior Warden.	Harry N. Webster, Senior Deacon.
	Junior Warden. John Shean, Junior Deacon.
W L. Gaddis, Treasurer.	Samuel C. Sloat, Tiler.

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

Created Jan. 9, 72; chartered June 26, 74.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A quartered shield, bearing a crown, cross and crescent, a palm tree, and the jewel of the Grand Master. For a crest, the All-Seeing Eye, radiant.

OFFICERS.

John O. Moore, Master.	William S. White, Secretary.
Dwight Waite, Senior Warden.	William L. Loper, Senior Deacon.
Charles A. Sweet, Junior Warden.	Joshua Wilbur, Junior Deacon.
Alexander McIntyre, Treasurer.	Joseph Rudge, Tiler.

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

Created Feb. 21, 73; chartered June 26, 74.

REGULAR MEETING—First Wednesday of each calendar month.

SEAL—A shield bearing an hour-glass, partly surrounded by a scythe. For a crest, a winged globe.

OFFICERS.

Homer J. Allen, Master.	George E. Ford, Senior Deacon.
Hiram P. Porter, Senior Warden.	A C. Potter, Junior Deacon.
Norris Brown, Junior Warden.	Hiram E. Dunn, Senior Steward.
James D. Hawthorne, Treasurer.	Wallace M. Brice, Junior Steward.
Robert E. French, Secretary.	Justus H. Lyon, Tiler.

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

Created Feb. 21, 73; chartered June 26, 74.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—The square and compasses, surrounding a star bearing the letter "G."

OFFICERS.

Joshua Vandervort, Master.	Wiley J. Reynolds, Secretary.
———, Senior Warden.	John W. Herbett, Senior Deacon.
Henry Heiker, Junior Warden.	———, Junior Deacon.
John R. Brooke, Treasurer.	Daniel W. Scott, Tiler.

FAIRMONT LODGE, NO. 48, FAIRMONT, FILMORE COUNTY.

Created Dec. 4, 73; chartered June 26, 74.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A point within a circle, embordered by two perpendicular parallel lines supporting the book of constitutions.

OFFICERS.

J. Lewis Davis, Master.	Simeon Sawyer, Secretary.
Joseph Burns, Senior Warden.	Henry Musselman, Senior Deacon.
Moses H. Bennett, Junior Warden.	Zary E. Minnick, Junior Deacon.
Christian Musselman, Treasurer.	Cyrus B. Thompson, Tiler.

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

Created Dec. 22, 73 ; chartered June 26, 74.

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Thursday in each calendar month.

SEAL—A five-pointed star, bearing the letter "G."

OFFICERS.

George H. Van Dayne, Master.	George A. Merrill, Senior Deacon.
William H. Davis, Senior Warden.	Alfonzo W. Poland, Junior Deacon.
Mirick S. Spaulding, Jun. Ward.	Isaac N. Clark, Senior Steward.
Edward W. Woodruff, Treasurer.	David Pickard, Junior Steward.
John M. Birkner, Secretary.	Nathaniel A. Tyler, Tiler.

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

Created Jan. 3, 74 ; chartered June 26, 74.

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday in each calendar month.

SEAL—A shield bearing chevron (for the square); in chief, a sun ; in center-base, a crescent.

For crest, the symbol of a M.:M.:

OFFICERS.

David M. McElhinney, Master.	William S. McKinney, Sen. Deac.
Abijah R. VanSickle, Sen. Ward.	Herman C. Bobzein, Junior Deacon.
Elroy Petteys, Junior Warden.	Martin L. McWhinney, Sen. Stew.
Frederick J. Benedict, Treasurer.	Enos H. Reed, Junior Steward.
Thomas J. Creeth, Secretary.	William F. Buchanan, Tiler.

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

Created Jan. 19, 74 ; chartered June 26, 74.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A shield, with chevron bearing the compasses. For crest, the All-Seeing Eye.

OFFICERS.

George W. Osterhout, Master.	John F. Zeilinger, Senior Deacon.
Wason W. Barker, Senior Warden.	Daniel E. Coleman, Junior Deacon.
William F. Quade, Junior Warden.	George R. Colton, Senior Steward.
Arthur J. Evans, Treasurer.	David C. Reynolds, Junior Steward.
William F. Downing, Secretary.	William Ritchie, Tiler.

HIRAM LODGE, NO. 52, ARLINGTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Created Feb. 26, 75 ; chartered June 26, 74.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—The plumb.

OFFICERS.

Peter Hammang, Master.	William D. Badger, Senior Deacon.
Soren Oleson, Senior Warden.	Bruce Mansfield, Junior Deacon.
Andrew B. Batson, Junior Warden.	Lewis C. Weber, Senior Steward.
William H. Whitney, Treasurer.	William Alexander, Jun. Stew.
Lexyman L. Lease, Secretary.	Wilbur R. Downs, Tiler.

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

Created March 2, 74; chartered June 26, 74.

REGULAR MEETING—Friday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—An open hand.

OFFICERS.

Charles W. Bronson, Master.	Charles F. Cather, Senior Deacon.
George E. Leming, Senior Warden.	Frank Ives, Junior Deacon.
J M. Young, Junior Warden, A	Galusha, Senior Steward.
A S. Marsh, Treasurer.	S Foe, Junior Steward.
R B. Fulton, Secretary.	William Parkes, Tiler.

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

Created April 20, 74; chartered June 26, 74.

REGULAR MEETING—First Friday in each calendar month.

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

OFFICERS.

Daniel H. Muir, Master.	Charles A. Tucker, Senior Deacon.
Landy C. Clark, Senior Warden.	Frank S. Stetson, Junior Deacon.
Lewis C. Dunn, Junior Warden.	Eleazer S. Gore, Senior Steward.
Robert B. Graham, Treasurer.	Clyde Kirkpatrick, Junior Steward.
Henry A. Guild, Secretary.	Cassius C. Kenedy, Tiler.

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

Created Oct. 1, 74; chartered June 23, 75.

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday in each calendar month.

SEAL—A shield, checker-bordered, bearing a sheaf of wheat. Crest, "5875."

OFFICERS.

Delavan A. Holmes, Master.	Silas G. Dean, Senior Deacon.
Ernest H. Tracy, Senior Warden.	Frederick E. Hardy, Junior Deacon.
W. Herman Bucholz, Jun. Ward.	B. Frank Sprecher, Senior Steward.
Herman Gerecke, Treasurer.	Charles R. Barker, Junior Steward.
Lucius M. Gaylord, Secretary.	John P. Wright, Tiler.

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

Created Oct. 1, 74; chartered June 23, 75.

REGULAR MEETING—First Friday in each calendar month.

SEAL—A shield, bearing a tau-cross; beneath a pair of compasses extended over three points, and between, a dagger and one point and a square between two points. For a crest, letter "G" between 58 and 75.

OFFICERS.

George E. Chilcote, Master.	Walter F. Reynolds, Senior Deacon.
William H. Reader, Senior Warden.	Alexander J. Bolster, Junior Deacon.
Gustav F. Wruck, Junior Warden.	Henry E. Barker, Senior Steward.
Charles L. Meissner, Treasurer.	Elon Granger, Junior Steward.
Willard L. Whedon, Secretary.	George Brown, Tiler.

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

Created Nov 7, 74; chartered June 23, 75.

REGULAR MEETING — Tuesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — The square and compasses interlaced with the letter "G."

OFFICERS.

Jasper K. Griffith, Master.	Francis E. Brown, Secretary.
Othniel Horne, Senior Warden.	Ira P. Conger, Senior Deacon.
John A. Webber, Junior Warden.	George Z. Page, Junior Deacon.
Jessee W. Anderson, Treasurer.	John Pinkham, Tiler.

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

Created Dec. 7, 74; chartered June 23, 75.

REGULAR MEETING — Second Wednesday in each calendar month.

SEAL — A quartered shield, bearing first and fourth, three mountains; second and third, a cedar of Lebanon. For crest, a Grand Master's jewel between 58 and 75.

OFFICERS.

Chauncey H. Sheldon, Master.	Jasper N. Heater, Senior Deacon.
Gustavus B. Spiece, Sen. Ward.	Israel Gluck, Junior Deacon.
Frederick W. Reimer, Jun. Ward.	Anni L. Bexby, Senior Steward.
Charles A. Speice, Treasurer.	Edward S. Streeter, Junior Steward.
Gustavus G. Becher, Secretary.	Julius Rasmussen, Tiler.

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

Created Jan. 20, 75; chartered June 23, 75.

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

OFFICERS.

Benjamin F. Good, Master.	Mason L. Ellsworth, Senior Deacon.
James O'Donnell, Senior Warden.	James W. Ball, Junior Deacon.
Abraham A. Cressman, Jun. Ward.	Ira G. Stone, Senior Steward.
Charles L. Mielenz, Treasurer.	Floyd M. Pyles, Junior Steward.
Frank J. Kirchman, Secretary.	John D. Lehmkuhl, Tiler.

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

Created March 10, 75; chartered June 24, 75.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — An Altar, with book of constitutions, square and compasses, for support, crossed pens and crossed swords. For crest, two clasped hands.

OFFICERS.

John A. Ellis, Master.	Henry T. Ferguson, Secretary.
John A. Gibson, Senior Warden.	George M. Wallace, Senior Deacon.
E. P. Young, Junior Warden.	Edward J. Terry, Junior Deacon.
John H. Olson, Treasurer.	Christian D. Rupp, Tiler.

THISTLE LODGE, NO. 61, LEXINGTON, DAWSON COUNTY.

Created May 8, 75; chartered June 21, 76.

REGULAR MEETING — First Tuesday in each calendar month.

SEAL — A shield bearing three thistles. For crest, three plates.

OFFICERS.

John F. Kutz, Master.	Frederick L. Temple, Secretary.
George Zepf, Senior Warden.	Richard H. Spradling, Sen. Dea.
Orange Scott, Junior Warden.	William Kugler, Junior Deacon.
James C. Barnes, Treasurer.	George Little, sr., Tiler.

KEYSTONE LODGE, NO. 62, PHILLIPS, HAMILTON COUNTY.

Created Jan. 1, 76; chartered June 21, 76.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — A keystone bearing the square and compasses.

OFFICERS.

William U. Biggart, Master.	Claudius B. Coleman, Sen. Dea.
William H. England, Sen. Ward.	Henry McCoy, Junior Deacon.
Edward Dearing, Junior Warden.	Benjamin F. Webb, Senior Steward.
Nelson F. Lane, Treasurer.	Junior Steward.
James O. Baker, Secretary.	Tiler.

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

Created Dec. 22, 75; chartered June 21, 76.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — A shield bearing three squares interlaced. Crest, the Master's square.

OFFICERS.

Willis P. Fulton, Master.	Rufus M. Stark, Secretary.
Jacob P. Outson, Senior Warden.	Eugene Hunter, Senior Deacon.
Norman E. Worley, Junior Warden.	David Eastwood, Junior Deacon.
McKee Crilly, Treasurer.	Jacob S. McClintock, Tiler.

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

Created Oct. 6, 76; chartered June 7, 77.

REGULAR MEETING — Tuesday on or before each full moon and second Tuesday following.

SEAL — A shield bearing a pot of incense. Crest, three quarter notes.

OFFICERS.

James S. Shackelton, Master.	Alexander P. Thompson, Sen. Dea.
Charles Whipple, Senior Warden.	Edward Turner, Junior Deacon.
N B. Hayden, Junior Warden.	Joseph H. Grimm, Senior Steward.
Joseph F. Chaloupka, Treasurer.	George H. Ross, Junior Steward.
George H. Tracy, Secretary.	John Ramey, Tiler.

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

Created Nov. 23, 76; chartered June 20, 77.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — A shield bearing lightning emanating from the word *Lux*. Crest, the All-Seeing Eye.

OFFICERS.

Levi L. Snider, Master.	Edwin L. King, Senior Deacon.
Simeon O. Whaley, Senior Warden.	Milton R. Snodgrass, Jun. Dea.
William W. Wilson, Jun. Ward.	Leonard L. Iler, Senior Steward.
Horace A. Scott, Treasurer.	Rufus Elmer, Junior Steward.
Napoleon C. Foy, Secretary.	William J. Conklyn, Tiler.

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

Created Feb. 16, 77; chartered June 20, 77.

REGULAR MEETING — Wednesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — A ladder reaching up to letter "G."

OFFICERS.

Jacob Groves, Master.	Edwin R. Spencer, Senior Deacon.
John Kommers, Senior Warden.	Arista Phillips, Junior Deacon.
Edwin Champion, Junior Warden.	Cicero Hill, Senior Steward.
Israel M. Hill, Treasurer.	George F. Collins, Junior Steward.
William J. Crandall, Secretary.	Edwin Sedgwick, Tiler.

EDGAR LODGE, NO. 67, EDGAR, CLAY COUNTY.

Created Feb. 27, 77; chartered June 20, 77.

REGULAR MEETING — Second and fourth Monday, September to May inclusive; second Monday in June, July and August.

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

OFFICERS.

Samuel W. Christy, Master.	William R. Fuller, Senior Deacon.
John Whitten, Senior Warden.	John J. Walley, Junior Deacon.
Charles A. Voorhees, Jun. Ward.	John G. Prosser, Senior Steward.
John G. Glazier, Treasurer.	John W. Brown, Junior Steward.
George M. Murdock, Secretary.	Oliver Croasmun, Tiler.

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

Created Feb. 10, 76; chartered June 19, 78.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Tuesday in each month.

SEAL — A sheaf of wheat.

OFFICERS.

Myron T. Wildish, Master.	William H. Alden, Secretary.
William F. Gooden, Senior Warden.	Senior Deacon.
William M. Shean, Junior Warden.	Amos D. Travis, Junior Deacon.
William R. Smith, Treasurer.	David G. Cole, Tiler.

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

Created April 24, 77; chartered June 19, 78.

(Extinct since July 14, 87.)

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

Created July 16, 77; chartered June 19, 78.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Tuesday in each calendar month.

SEAL — A shield, bearing emblems of each degree.

OFFICERS.

Thomas B. Renshaw, Master.	Samuel H. Nissley, Senior Deacon.
William Kneeland, Senior Warden.	William Freeborn, Junior Deacon.
William Borland, Junior Warden.	Valentine Zink, Senior Steward.
George W. Grimes, Treasurer.	John Pratt, Junior Steward.
John M. Hershey, Secretary.	Abner Dollarhide, Tiler.

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

Created Jan. 28, 78; chartered June 19, 78.

REGULAR MEETING — First and Third Wednesday in each calendar month.

SEAL — A shield, with trowel bearing square and compasses. Crest, three lodges.

OFFICERS.

Harry B. Hauser, Master.	Robert Wilson, Senior Deacon.
Julius E. Wilder, Senior Warden.	W. Austin Elwood, Junior Deacon.
Henry E. Kryger, Junior Warden.	William T. Whittemore, Sen. Stew.
Carl Roben, Treasurer.	James M. Coleman, Junior Steward.
William H. Campbell, Secretary.	James R. Strock, Tiler.

HOOPER LODGE, NO. 72, HOOPER, DODGE COUNTY.

Created March 19, 78; chartered June 25, 79.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — An anchor.

OFFICERS.

John M. Kreader, Master.	William M. Sanders, Secretary.
Henry Schwab, Senior Warden.	Senior Deacon.
George F. Heine, Junior Warden.	Junior Deacon.
James F. Briggs, Treasurer.	J. Ludwig Aperstette, Tiler.

FRIEND LODGE, NO. 73, FRIEND, SALINE COUNTY.

Created May 4, 78; chartered June 25, 79.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A winged hour-glass, with two sprigs of acacia

OFFICERS.

Henry L. Lewis, Master.	James V. Beghtol, Senior Deacon.
John D. Pope, Senior Warden.	Charles Berry, Junior Deacon.
Charles W. Doty, Junior Warden.	Frank A. Jones, Senior Steward.
William Porter, Treasurer.	Francis F. W. Brown, Jun. Stew.
Denoice C. Page, Secretary.	Richard Dine, Tiler.

ALEXANDRIA LODGE, NO. 74, ALEXANDRIA, THAYER COUNTY.

Created Dec. 26, 78; chartered June 25, 79.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A rough ashlar bearing the letter "G" and a gavel, with cabel-tow.

OFFICERS.

Edwin H. Burnham, Master.	James Harvey Enslow, Sen. Deac.
John Hedrick, Senior Warden.	James F. Thomas, Junior Deacon.
William P. Barker, Junior Warden.	John S. Cheyne, Senior Steward.
Henry W. Kennon, Treasurer.	George L. Archer, Junior Steward.
Edgar M. Jenkins, Secretary.	Joseph C. Martin, Tiler.

FRANK WELCH LODGE, NO. 75, SIDNEY, CHEYENNE COUNTY.

Created Dec. 26, 78; chartered June 25, 79.

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday in each calendar month.

SEAL—A bust of Past Grand Master Frank Welch.

OFFICERS.

James J. McIntosh, Master.	Joseph Taylor, Senior Deacon.
Joseph Oberfelder, Senior Warden.	James Murphy, Junior Deacon.
Harry Hudson, Junior Warden.	Henry Downs, Senior Steward.
Peter Smith, Treasurer.	John Glover, Junior Steward.
Jacob Kiefer, Secretary.	John A. Carly, Tiler.

JOPPA LODGE, NO. 76, BLOOMINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Created March 29, 79; chartered June 25, 79.

REGULAR MEETING—Friday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A shield bearing the square, plumb and level.

OFFICERS.

Thomas F. Ashby, Master.	James E. Kelly, Senior Deacon.
Franklin N. Hager, Senior Warden.	Perry Hildreth, Junior Deacon.
James B. Sumner, Junior Warden.	Seth Pickering, Senior Steward.
George W. Sheppard, Treasurer.	Charles Davis, Junior Steward.
William E. Hatch, Secretary.	James P. A. Black, Tiler.

NELSON LODGE, NO. 77, NELSON, NUCKOLLS COUNTY.

Created March 15, 79; chartered June 23, 80.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—The level.

OFFICERS.

Charles P. Leigh, Master.	David A. Gibson, Senior Deacon.
Abraham Chenoweth, Sen. Ward.	Thomas J. Hewitt, Junior Deacon.
Frank S. Shaw, Junior Warden.	John J. Kimmnerer, Sen. Stew.
Joseph VanValin, Treasurer.	Daniel McClurg, Junior Steward.
Valorus A. Thomas, Secretary.	James M. Crandall, Tiler.

ALBION LODGE, NO. 78, ALBION, BOONE COUNTY.

Created Aug. 1, 79; chartered June 23, 80.

REGULAR MEETING—The first and third Saturday in each calendar month.

SEAL—A square crossed by a twenty-four inch gauge.

OFFICERS.

Arthur A. Ladd, Master.	Frederic H. Smith, Senior Deacon.
Samuel P. Ayer, Senior Warden.	Henry P. Bull, Junior Deacon.
Paul A. Krause, Junior Warden.	Monroe J. Ladd, Senior Steward.
John C. Mann, Treasurer.	Charles Riley, Junior Steward.
Charles J. Smith, Secretary.	John C. Emery, Tiler.

GENEVA LODGE, NO. 79, GENEVA, FILLMORE COUNTY.

Created Nov. 24, 79; chartered June 23, 80.

REGULAR MEETING—Friday on or before each full moon and a fortnight thereafter.

SEAL—The noonday sun with human face.

OFFICERS.

Jacob L. Houchin, Master.	James H. Dempster, Senior Deacon.
Elmer M. Billings, Senior Warden.	Richard A. Matteson, Jun. Deac.
Mark Butler, Junior Warden.	Mortimer C. Edwards, Sen. Stew.
Adoniram J. Beals, Treasurer.	Frank H. Briggs, Junior Steward.
Melvin C. Woodford, Secretary.	Robert M. Hazlett, Tiler.

WACO LODGE, NO. 80, WACO, YORK COUNTY.

Created March 20, 80; chartered June 23, 80.

(Extinct since Jan. 31, 85.)

COMPOSITE LODGE, NO. 81, RISING CITY, BUTLER COUNTY.

Created March 20, 80; chartered June 22, 81.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—The rising sun within the square and compasses.

OFFICERS.

Lucius A. Warren, Master.	William H. Sheppard, Sen. Deac.
Willis A. Baldwin, Senior Warden.	Nelson Thos. Holderness, Jun. Deac.
Jesse H. Rising, Junior Warden.	James O. Hurd, Senior Steward.
Charles E. Wilcox, Treasurer.	George Keebaugh, Junior Steward.
Darius R. Leard, Secretay.	James N. Taylor, Tiler.

SAINT PAUL LODGE, NO. 82, SAINT PAUL, HOWARD COUNTY.

Created April 15, 80; chartered June 22, 81.

REGULAR MEETING — Third Thursday in each calendar month.

SEAL — A shield bearing square and dagger. For crest, three letters "G."

OFFICERS.

Edward R. Fletcher, Master.	Samuel W. Jackson, Senior Deacon.
William K. Gray, Jr., Sen. Ward.	John Amsler, Junior Deacon.
Joseph Q. Oviatt, Junior Warden.	Isaac D. McDonald, Senior Steward.
Phineas T. Jackson, Treasurer.	Peter Hansen, Junior Steward.
Rogers Scribner, Secretary.	Abram C. Snyder, Tiler.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, NO. 83, WAKEFIELD, DIXON COUNTY.

Created April 22, 80; chartered June 22, 81.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — A Corinthian column.

OFFICERS.

Cyrus E. Hunter, Master.	William H. Beckenhauer, Sen. Dea.
Bruce T. Harmon, Senior Warden.	William S. Cook, Junior Deacon.
Herbert P. Shunway, Jun. Ward.	James W. Duncan, Senior Steward.
Joseph B. Elseffor, Treasurer.	Levi Kimball, Junior Steward.
John G. Moir, Secretary.	Joshua C. Wills, Tiler.

FAIRFIELD LODGE, NO. 84, FAIRFIELD, CLAY COUNTY.

Created Sept. 3, 80; chartered June 22, 81.

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

SEAL — A perfect ashlar.

OFFICERS.

John C. Hedge, Master.	Melvin D. Gates, Senior Deacon.
Edward J. Jenkins, Senior Warden.	Lyman Porter, Junior Deacon.
James Hart, Junior Warden.	James Farley, Senior Steward.
John Tweed, Treasurer.	Dyer B. Gillette, Junior Steward.
H M. Goldsmith, Secretary.	George W. Howe, Tiler.

TYRE LODGE, NO. 85, BLUE SPRINGS, GAGE COUNTY.

Created Sept 16, 80; chartered June 22, 81.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Tuesday in each calendar month.

OFFICERS.

William W. Wright, Master.	William H. Wilson, Senior Deacon.
Frank W. Lewis, Senior Warden.	George F. Harpster, Junior Deacon.
Matthias B. Walsh, Junior Warden.	William N. Spellman, Sen. Stew.
Joel C. Williams, Treasurer.	John V. Roop, Junior Steward.
John Ault, Secretary.	Robert Woodruff, Tiler.

DONIPHAN LODGE, NO. 86, DONIPHAN, HALL COUNTY.

Created Jan. 7, 81; chartered June 22, 81.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — The All-Seeing Eye, above an altar.

OFFICERS.

Martin Ennis, Master.	David C. Gideon, Senior Deacon.
John Schwyn, Senior Warden.	Clarence M. Lowser, Junior Deacon.
Charles F. Raymer, Junior Warden.	Roland M. Bennett, Senior Steward.
George Humphreys, Treasurer.	Aaron Hess, Junior Steward.
Ozro B. Foster, Secretary.	William Morefield, Tiler.

IONIC LODGE, NO. 87, NIOBRARA, KNOX COUNTY.

Created Jan. 24, 81; chartered June 20, 82.

REGULAR MEETING — Thursday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — A shield bearing an Ionic column.

OFFICERS.

George G. Bayha, Master.	Abram L. Jones, Senior Deacon.
John C. Thomas, Senior Warden.	William M. McClintock, Jun. Dea.
David M. Cunningham, Jun. Ward.	Solomon Draper, Senior Steward.
Herman Westermann, Treasurer.	Henry D. Palen, Junior Steward.
Morris W. Clare, Secretary.	John F. Lenger, Tiler.

STAR LODGE, NO. 88, DECATUR, BURT COUNTY.

Created Sept. 17, 81; chartered June 20, 82.

REGULAR MEETING — First Tuesday of each calendar month.

SEAL — A blazing star.

OFFICERS.

Edgar A. Sears, Master.	Robert G. Langley, Senior Deacon.
Thomas R. Ashley, Senior Warden.	E. Darwin Canfield, Junior Deacon.
John B. Walker, Junior Warden.	Melvin I. Kenyon, Senior Steward.
James Ashley, Treasurer.	Hiram Chase, Junior Steward.
Henry C. McHirron, Secretary.	Milton C. Walston, Tiler.

CEDAR RIVER LODGE, NO. 89, FULLERTON, NANCE COUNTY.

Created Jan. 19, 82; chartered June 20, 82.

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

SEAL — A river with cedars growing.

OFFICERS.

Thomas C. Reid, Master.	William W. Barre, Secretary.
Davis W. Randolph, Sen. Ward.	Morris E. Thorpe, Senior Deacon.
Henry H. Eyman, Junior Warden.	Henry E. Knapp, Junior Deacon.
Cyrus H. Gilmore, Treasurer.	Alexander C. Williams, Tiler.

ELK CREEK LODGE, NO. 90, ELK CREEK, JOHNSON COUNTY.

Created Feb. 11, 82; chartered June 20, 82.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A shield bearing two crowns and a gavel.

OFFICERS.

Samuel G. Wright, Master.	Henry M. Libby, Senior Deacon.
Thomas McClure, Senior Warden.	John Kinkade, Junior Deacon.
William H. Phelen, Junior Warden.	John W. Youngman, Sen. Stew.
Richard P. Jennings, Treasurer.	Vanison C. Alexander, Jun. Stew.
Thomas B. Rogers, Secretary.	David M. Palmer, Tiler.

OAKLAND LODGE, NO. 91, OAKLAND, BURT COUNTY.

Created Feb. 7, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Wednesday in each calendar month.

SEAL—A plumb-line in a hand.

OFFICERS.

Charles K. Cull, Master.	John W. Preston, Senior Deacon.
Senior Warden.	Junior Deacon.
Harry K. Eagleson, Junior Warden.	William W. Hopkins, Sen. Stew.
Henry Neumann, Treasurer.	Victor L. Fried, Junior Steward.
Charles E. Cord, Secretary.	Willis G. Sears, Tiler.

HUBBELL LODGE, NO. 92, HUBBELL, THAYER COUNTY.

Created April 29, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Saturday in each calendar month.

SEAL—The tiler's sword.

OFFICERS.

Albert L. Elder, Master.	William H. Conklin, Senior Deacon.
Andrew F. Agnew, Senior Warden.	Wiley D. Fisher, Junior Deacon.
Samuel A. Lockwood, Jun. Ward.	Louis Lange, Senior Steward.
Leonard P. Luce, Treasurer.	William F. Boberrhouse, Jun. Stew.
Harvey Ford, Secretary.	George Cottam, Tiler.

BEAVER CITY LODGE, NO. 93, BEAVER CITY, FURNAS COUNTY.

Created May 3, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—The compasses suspended from the square.

OFFICERS.

William T. Ayer, Master.	William T. Collings, Sen. Deac.
Clayton B. Roberts, Sen. Ward.	James S. Runyan, Junior Deacon.
William M. Ingalls, Jun. Ward.	Manly R. Hadley, Senior Steward.
George H. Jones, Treasurer.	Lucius Kinsman, Junior Steward.
Joseph S. Pehelus, Secretary.	Charles W. Beeler, Tiler.

BENNETT LODGE, NO. 94, BENNETT, LANCASTER COUNTY.

Created May 5, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—Two clasped hands above XCIV.

OFFICERS.

James B. Taylor, Master.	Ray L. Woods, Senior Deacon.
Charles A. Pierce, Senior Warden.	Charles L. Johnson, Junior Deacon.
Judson E. Vanderlip, Jun. Ward.	Henry Deardoff, Senior Steward.
William Nelson, Treasurer.	Henry D. Hall, Junior Steward.
Daniel H. Harris, Secretary.	Aaron J. Vail, Tiler.

GARFIELD LODGE, NO. 95, O'NEIL, HOLT COUNTY.

Created June 28, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Tuesday in each calendar month.

SEAL—A pen and a sword crossed.

OFFICERS.

Elias M. Lowe, Master.	W	J. Dobbs, Senior Deacon.
Charles C. Millard, Senior Warden.	Hank C. McElroney, Jun. Deac.	
E C. Coon, Junior Warden.	Irwin C. Colburn, Senior Steward.	
Alexander U. Morris, Treasurer.	Alexander Boyd, Junior Steward.	
Wesley T. Evans, Secretary.	William Wisegarver, Tiler.	

UTICA LODGE, NO. 96, UTICA, SEWARD COUNTY.

Created July 14, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A beehive.

OFFICERS.

Joseph Jones, Master,	Thomas L. Taylor, Senior Deacon.
John A. Boon, Senior Warden.	John W. Bunyan, Junior Deacon.
Thomas J. Brant, Junior Warden.	William T. Bevard, Senior Steward.
James E. Hibbord, Treasurer.	Samuel P. Yoho, Junior Steward.
William F. Purinton, Secretary,	George W. Collamore, Tiler.

EUCLID LODGE, NO. 97, WEEPING WATER, CASS COUNTY.

Created July 21, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

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

SEAL—The forty-seventh problem and three tapers.

OFFICERS.

Philimon S. Barnes, Master.	Stephen Orton, Senior Deacon.
James Johnson, Senior Warden.	John McKay, Junior Deacon.
John C. Lehman, Junior Warden.	Arlington O. Ashley, Sen. Stew.
Joseph M. Beardsley, Treasurer.	Junior Steward.
Elijah Ratnour, Secretary.	Tiler.

REPUBLICAN LODGE, NO. 98, REPUBLICAN CITY, HARLAN COUNTY.

Created July 27, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—The twenty-four inch gauge and common gavel crossed.

OFFICERS.

Clarence A. Luce, Master.	Nelson J. Ludi, Secretary.
James Muir, Senior Warden.	James F. Kelley, Senior Deacon.
James D. Smith, Junior Warden.	David F. McFarland, Jun. Dea.
Samuel Hood, Treasurer.	Jerome B. Forbes, Tiler.

SHELTON LODGE, NO. 99, SHELTON, BUFFALO COUNTY.

Created July 28, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—Friday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—Three steps within the square and compasses.

OFFICERS.

Jason R. George, Master.	Walter S. Allison, Senior Deacon.
Rodney Beecher, Senior Warden.	Amhurse H. Morris, Jun. Deacon.
Charles S. Bailey, Junior Warden.	Moses L. Phelps, Senior Steward.
Benjamin F. Sammons, Treasurer.	Charles N. Kinney, Junior Steward.
Mark G. Lee, Secretary.	George L. Thomas, Tiler.

CREIGHTON LODGE, NO. 100, CREIGHTON, KNOX COUNTY.

Created Aug. 19, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—The letter "C."

OFFICERS.

Robert M. Peyton, Master.	William L. Turner, Senior Deacon.
William H. Bailey, Senior Warden.	Charles Saunders, Junior Deacon.
Nathaniel L. Raymond, Jun. Ward.	George E. Cheney, Senior Steward.
Earl Hufferer, Treasurer.	Horace G. Carrell, Junior Steward.
Jacob Demmer, Secretary.	Robert T. McKague, Tiler.

PONCA LODGE, NO. 101, PONCA, DIXON COUNTY.

Created Sept. 1, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—Friday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—Three burning tapers.

OFFICERS.

Alfred E. Barnes, Master.	Edward J. Berry, Senior Deacon.
Fay Mattison, Senior Warden.	Gustave Franz, Junior Deacon.
John A. Mohr, Junior Warden.	William Lister, Senior Steward.
James H. Logan, Treasurer.	Jonathan Mallory, Junior Steward.
Asa W. Rose, Secretary.	Mark Brown, Tiler.

WATERLOO LODGE, NO. 102, WATERLOO, DOUGLAS COUNTY.

Created Sept. 7, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—The trowel.

OFFICERS.

George W. Hill, Master.	Charles W. Baldwin, Senior Deacon.
Chauncey P. Coy, Senior Warden.	Henry W. Goodhart, Jun. Deacon.
Herbert M. Puffer, Junior Warden.	Benjamin F. Bell, Senior Steward.
Otto Vogt, Treasurer.	Charles Lyons, Junior Steward.
Lewis L. Stephens, Secretary.	Victor Peterson, Tiler.

ORD LODGE, NO. 103, ORD, VALLEY COUNTY.

Created Sept. 14, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A shield, bearing three castles and the tiler's sword.

OFFICERS.

Charles B. Coffin, Master.	Albert W. Jackson, Senior Deacon.
John C. Work, Senior Warden.	William D. Ogden, Junior Deacon.
William S. McCarthy, Jun. Ward.	Aidwin D. Robinson, Senior Steward.
John F. Barron, Treasurer.	Frank J. Ager, Junior Steward.
George W. Hall, Secretary.	William Weare, Tiler.

WYMORE LODGE, NO. 104, WYMORE, GAGE COUNTY.

Created Nov. 10, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—Two clasped hands within the square and compasses.

OFFICERS.

A. Edward Winter, Master.	Joseph O. Kier, Senior Deacon.
James Sullivan, Senior Warden.	Hiram L. Madden, Junior Deacon.
Oliver P. Newbranch, Jun. Ward.	Philip Wolf, Senior Steward.
John H. McMullen, Treasurer.	Thomas Moore, Junior Steward.
George L. Hemperley, Secretary.	Ellis Snuffin, Tiler.

STELLA LODGE, NO. 105, STELLA, RICHARDSON COUNTY.

Created Dec. 4, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A hand pointing to the All-Seeing Eye.

OFFICERS.

W. Robert Wyatt, Master.	Joseph Hogrefe, Secretary.
J. A. W. Hull, Senior Warden.	E. William Lawson, Senior Deacon.
James H. Overman, Jun. Warden.	John W. Curtis, Junior Deacon.
William H. Hogrefe, Treasurer.	Lewis N. Mills, Tiler.

PORTER LODGE, NO. 106, LOUP CITY, SHERMAN COUNTY.

Created Dec. 9, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

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

OFFICERS.

Charles R. Stedman, Master.	Joseph S. Pedlar, Senior Deacon.
Warren T. Chase, Senior Warden.	John C. Edmonson, Junior Deacon.
James Landers, Junior Warden.	Charles Conhiser, Senior Steward.
Joseph F. Simpson, Treasurer.	Charles J. Odendahl, Jun. Stew.
Alfred Watkinson, Secretary.	Arthur M. Bennett, Tiler.

STEELE CITY LODGE, NO. 107, STEELE CITY, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Created Jan. 23, 83; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Wednesday in each calendar month.

SEAL—A slipper under two crossed rods.

OFFICERS.

Joseph C. Graves, Master.	John R. Minkler, Senior Deacon,
Joshua Robertson, Senior Warden.	William H. Chancellen, Jun. Dea.
John R. Zweiple, Junior Warden.	Isaac Manley, Senior Steward.
William Green, Treasurer.	George M. Bixley, Junior Steward.
Alexander Bell, Secretary.	Nathan D. Z. Wiley, Tiler.

TABLE ROCK LODGE, NO. 108, TABLE ROCK, PAWNEE COUNTY.

Created Jan. 24, 83; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—The trowel in the angle of the square.

OFFICERS.

J. Finley Kemper, Master.	James A. Carlock, Secretary.
Anslem S. Crisler, Senior Warden.	Ambrose D. Davis, Senior Deacon.
William Boggs, Junior Warden.	Adam C. Allinson, Junior Deacon.
Charles S. Wood, Treasurer.	Orin T. Crisler, Tiler.

ARAPAHOE LODGE, NO. 109, ARAPAHOE, FURNAS COUNTY.

Created Feb. 10, 83; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Thursday in each calendar month.

SEAL—A shield bearing the compasses and anchor.

OFFICERS.

Thomas Bloodworth, Master.	Lyman C. Hanning, Secretary.
Alexander Hagberg, Senior Warden.	Robert B. Chambers, Senior Deacon.
Junior Warden.	Junior Deacon.
Treasurer.	Tiler.

POMEGRANATE LODGE, NO. 110, ASHLAND, SAUNDERS
COUNTY.

Created Feb. 13, 83; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—First Friday in each calendar month.

SEAL—A branch, with fruit, of pomegranate.

OFFICERS.

Richard E. Butler, Master.	George D. Lawson, Senior Deacon.
Gifford J. Railsback, Senior Warden.	Joseph H. Marsh, Junior Deacon.
Albert B. Chamberlain, Jun. Ward.	James A. Bowen, Senior Steward.
Thomas J. Pickett, Jr., Treasurer.	John K. Clarke, Junior Steward.
Thomas Johnson, Secretary.	John B. Hemphill, Tiler.

DEWITT LODGE, NO. 111, DEWITT, SALINE COUNTY.

Created Feb. 28, 83; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—Monday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—The All-Seeing Eye within the square and compasses.

OFFICERS.

Arthur C. White, Master.	William H. Staley, Senior Deacon.
Albert Thomas, Senior Warden.	Zachariah Vachon, Junior Deacon.
William H. Leacock, Jun. Ward.	Ira Brewer, Senior Steward.
Harry Millie, Treasurer.	B. Arthur Boggs, Junior Steward.
J. Robert Hollingworth, Secretary.	George A. Hunt, Tiler.

SPRINGFIELD LODGE, NO. 112, SPRINGFIELD, SARPY COUNTY.

Created March 30, 83; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Saturday of each calendar month.

SEAL—The umb crossed with the square.

OFFICERS.

John T. Sexson, Master.	Joseph M. Elwell, Senior Deacon.
John B. Litchenwallner, Sen. Ward.	Renel S. Alford, Junior Deacon.
Thomas D. Roberts, Junior Warden.	Samuel S. Leech, Senior Steward.
Elmer P. Swain, Treasurer.	James B. Nicholson, Jr., Jun. Stew.
James C. Miller, Secretary.	Bird S. Brawner, Tiler.

GLOBE LODGE, NO. 113, MADISON, MADISON COUNTY

Created Feb. 16, 82; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A globe.

OFFICERS.

William M. Bickley, Master.	James Stuart, Senior Deacon.
Joseph Cotey, Senior Warden.	John H. Jefferson, Junior Deacon.
Stephen Jones, Junior Warden.	John S. Crue, Senior Steward.
Edwin S. Prince, Treasurer.	William S. Wills, Junior Steward.
William E. Kimball, Secretary.	Henry C. Twing, Tiler.

WISNER LODGE, NO. 114, WISNER, CUMING COUNTY.

Created Feb. 12, 83; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING—Second and Fourth Wednesday in each calendar month.

SEAL—The letter "G" within a lodge.

OFFICERS.

Frank C. Evans, Master.	Andrew R. Graham, Senior Deacon.
Solomon S. Krake, Senior Warden.	Frederick L. Kirton, Junior Deacon.
George F. Kenower, Jun. Ward.	Clark C. McNish, Senior Steward.
Oliver Emley, Treasurer.	John W. Brill, Junior Steward.
Edwin M. Kirton, Secretary.	Thomas Grimes, Tiler.

BRAINARD LODGE, NO. 115, BRAINARD, BUTLER COUNTY.

Created July 11, 83; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—Square and compasses, with letter "G." Also two mallets.

OFFICERS.

John T. McKnight, Master.	James W. Hull, Senior Deacon.
Samuel M. Truax, Senior Warden.	Harvey Griffis, Junior Deacon.
John T. Russel, Junior Warden.	James B. Logan, Senior Steward.
William H. Taylor, Treasurer.	Frank H. Porter, Junior Steward.
Augustus Talbot, Secretary.	John Talbot, Tiler.

HARLAN LODGE, NO. 116, ALMA, HARLAN COUNTY.

Created July 11, 83; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING—Second Friday in each month.

SEAL—"Su Lux," with aurora.

OFFICERS.

Philetus P. Bentley, Master.	Daniel B. Mudgett, Senior Deacon.
Edwin Lair Willets, Senior Warden.	Alvan A. Brown, Junior Deacon.
William C. Dye, Junior Warden.	George M. Braum, Senior Steward.
Robert N. Piper, Treasurer.	Mahlon A. Herritt, Junior Steward.
David S. Musselman, Secretary.	William P. Carr, Tiler.

HARDY LODGE, NO. 117, HARDY, NUCKOLLS COUNTY.

Created July 18, 83; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING—Monday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—An altar with lights.

OFFICERS.

James H. Fair, Master.	Charles A. Hayes, Senior Deacon.
Willis J. Raynor, Senior Warden.	Thomas F. Scruby, Junior Deacon.
Noah W. Slater, Junior Warden.	Alfred E. Reese, Senior Steward.
William Hayes, Treasurer.	Oscar A. Lowe, Junior Steward.
William Bateman, Secretary.	Peter Welch, Tiler.

DORIC LODGE, NO. 118, DORCHESTER, SALINE COUNTY.

Created Aug. 2, 83; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A Doric column.

OFFICERS.

William Freedell, Master.	J. Frank Longanecker, Sen. Dea.
S. G. Panter, Senior Warden.	A. N. Mosier, Junior Deacon.
Freeman P. Gifford, Jun. Ward.	David Mooberry, Senior Steward.
Samuel Dainton, Treasurer.	William R. Williams, Jun. Steward.
John C. Thurston, Secretary.	Frederick M. Potter, Tiler.

NORTH BEND LODGE, NO. 119, NORTH BEND, DODGE COUNTY.

Created Sept. 5, 83; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING—Second Tuesday in each calendar month.

SEAL—The Holy Bible, square and compasses.

OFFICERS.

Bissel P. Rice, Master.	John P. Yost, Senior Deacon.
Harvey I. Adams, Senior Warden.	Bruce T. Dunn, Junior Deacon.
Burlingame Walker, Jun. Ward.	Peter Gillis, Senior Steward.
Dunham M. Strong, Treasurer.	John Cusack, Junior Steward.
Albert L. Hildum, Secretary.	Joseph E. Newsome, Tiler.

WAYNE LODGE, NO. 120, WAYNE, WAYNE COUNTY.

Created Sept. 26, 83; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Friday in each calendar month.

SEAL—The moon in wane.

OFFICERS.

Robert M. Goshorn, Master.	Daniel Harrington, Senior Deacon.
Fremont L. Neeley, Sen. War.	Robert L. Wilkins, Junior Deacon.
Milton K. Rickabaugh, Jun. Ward.	George Slaw, Senior Steward.
John S. Lewis, Jr., Treasurer.	Enoch Hunter, Junior Steward.
Benjamin F. Feather, Secretary.	Charles A. Bagert, Tiler.

SUPERIOR LODGE, NO. 121, SUPERIOR, NUCKOLLS COUNTY.

Created Nov. 22, 83; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—The All-Seeing Eye, sun, moon and stars; the square and compasses surrounding the letter "G."

OFFICERS.

John W. Mitchell, Master.	George J. Spohn, Senior Deacon.
Albert Curtis, Senior Warden.	William S. Bloom, Junior Deacon.
George W. Dollman, Jun. Ward.	Edward J. Smith, Senior Steward.
Alexander E. Hunter, Treasurer.	William H. Dean, Junior Steward.
William W. Hopper, Secretary.	John A. Gull, Tiler.

JASPER LODGE, NO. 122, ODELL, GAGE COUNTY.

Created Nov. 26, 83; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Wednesday in each calendar month.

SEAL—Square, compasses and letter "G" on book of constitution.

OFFICERS.

Leonidas A. Scroggs, Master.	James Duncan, Senior Deacon.
Ira N. Pickett, Senior Warden.	Frederick O. Borne, Junior Deacon.
William H. Bock, Junior Warden.	Adolph J. Fragle, Senior Steward.
John C. Anthony, Treasurer.	Colonel J. Hiatt, Junior Steward.
Arthur B. Templeton, Secretary.	Lund Nelson, Tiler.

INDIANOLA LODGE, NO. 123, INDIANOLA, RED WILLOW COUNTY.

Created Dec. 8, 83; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING—Thursday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A shield, bearing three castles and a trowel.

OFFICERS.

Lowrey P. Edgar, Master.	Donald D. McAlpine, Senior Deacon.
Jacob H. Berge, Senior Warden.	Jacob M. Short, Junior Deacon.
Albert H. Barnes, Junior Warden.	James Hetherington, Sen. Steward.
Adam Grass, Treasurer.	Marion Cruzen, Junior Steward.
George S. Bishop, Secretary.	Charles R. Vaughan, Tiler.

AUBURN LODGE, NO. 124, AUBURN, NEMAHA COUNTY.

Created Dec. 25, 83; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING—Monday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A sword pointing at a naked heart.

OFFICERS.

Edward N. Boyd, Master.	Eugene M. Tyler, Senior Deacon.
Thomas W. Eustice, Senior Warden.	James K. Curzon, Junior Deacon.
Charles P. Edwards, Jun. Ward.	Thomas McKnight, Senior Steward.
John C. Bonsfield, Treasurer.	Jasper N. McKinney, Junior Steward.
Robert C. Boyd, Secretary.	John S. Richards, Tiler.

MOUNT NEBO LODGE, NO. 125, GENOA, NANCE COUNTY.

Created Jan. 1, 84; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Saturday in each calendar month.

SEAL—The square and compasses above a mountain.

OFFICERS.

Gustave A. Mollin, Master.	Edward C. McMillan, Senior Deacon.
Peter L. McFadden, Senior Warden.	William E. Walton, Junior Deacon.
Henry Stevens, Junior Warden.	Norris A. Williams, Senior Steward.
Edward F. Fairchild, Treasurer.	Harry A. Riley, Junior Steward.
Judson Becanon, Secretary.	Moses W. Cannon, Tiler.

STROMSBURG LODGE, NO. 126, STROMSBURG, POLK COUNTY.

Created Jan. 16, 84; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Saturday after each full moon.

SEAL—The All-Seeing Eye above the ballot box.

OFFICERS.

George S. Osborne, Master.	Charles S. Peterson, Secretary.
Jay C. Green, Senior Warden.	Senior Deacon.
John L. Johnson, Junior Warden.	Thomas R. Ross, Junior Deacon.
Isaac Boostrom, Treasurer.	Tiler.

MINDEN LODGE, NO. 127, MINDEN, KEARNEY COUNTY.

Created Jan. 22, 84; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

Rush H. Palmer, Master.	James A. Martin, Senior Deacon.
John L. McPheely, Sen. Ward.	Arthur H. Burnett, Junior Deacon.
Joseph S. Dickman, Jun. Ward.	Andrew Jensen, Senior Steward.
John W. Ferguson, Treasurer.	Lowell M. Miller, Junior Steward.
William T. McGinnis, Secretary.	Swan Larson, Tiler.

GUIDE ROCK LODGE, NO. 128, GUIDE ROCK, WEBSTER COUNTY.

Created Jan. 28, 84; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

Charles A. Nelson, Master.	Isa B. Hampton, Senior Deacon.
Samuel B. Newmyar, Sen. Ward.	Jacob H. Shugart, Junior Deacon.
John S. Stratton, Junior Warden.	Noah H. Peters, Senior Steward.
Irwin W. Crary, Treasurer.	Lark Reddin, Junior Steward.
Patrick S. McGuire, Secretary.	Wilber S. Knapp, Tiler.

BLUE HILL LODGE, NO. 129, BLUE HILL, WEBSTER COUNTY.

Created Feb. 18, 84; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING—Friday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—Two clasped hands within a lodge.

OFFICERS.

[No report received up to October 1, '90.]

TUSCAN LODGE, NO. 130, SURPRISE, BUTLER COUNTY.

Created Feb. 20, 84; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING—Thursday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A Tuscan column and three steps.

OFFICERS.

George H. Miller, Master.	Charles Ludden, Senior Deacon.
Alere A. Thorp, Senior Warden.	Case Will, Junior Deacon.
Lewis E. Ludden, Junior Warden.	Samuel Barrett, Senior Steward.
David Read, Treasurer.	Henry I. Crapenhoft, Jun. Steward.
Sidney Schram, Secretary.	Myran Payne, Tiler.

ARK AND ANCHOR LODGE, NO. 131, AINSWORTH, BROWN COUNTY.

Created July 3, 84; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—An ark with an anchor.

OFFICERS.

Samuel G. Chany, Master.	Augustus Oakley, Senior Deacon.
William H. Orcutt, Sen. Warden.	Herbert W. Founies, Jun. Deacon.
Rollin S. Rising, Junior Warden.	Charles H. Marsden, Senior Steward.
Washington G. Salle, Treasurer.	Francis M. Whitticar, Jun. Steward.
Orin C. Bartlett, Secretary.	Daniel Pratt, Tiler.

SCRIBNER LODGE, NO. 132, SCRIBNER, DODGE COUNTY.

Created July 9, 84; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING—First Wednesday in each calendar month.

SEAL—The compasses inscribing a circle.

OFFICERS.

James Booth, Master.	Samuel B. Parks, Senior Deacon.
William K. Wright, Sen. Warden.	Daniel McBain, Junior Deacon.
Lewis H. Neff, Junior Warden.	Lee M. Whitman, Senior Steward.
William L. Golder, Treasurer.	James Beaver, Junior Steward.
Charles Inches, Secretary.	Gus A. Diels, Tiler.

ELM CREEK LODGE, NO. 133, ELM CREEK, BUFFALO COUNTY.

Created Aug. 8, 84; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday in each calendar month.

SEAL—A tree.

OFFICERS.

Henry Nautker, Master.	Edwin W. Potter, Senior Deacon.
David I. Brown, Senior Warden.	August Pierson, Junior Deacon.
Charles J. Carper, Junior Warden.	William Lamson, Senior Steward.
Theodore C. Anderson, Treasurer.	Lewis B. Irvin, Junior Steward.
George G. Case, Secretary.	Bernhardt Oertti, Tiler.

SOLAR LODGE, NO. 134, CLARKS, MERRICK COUNTY.

Created Aug. 8, 84; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A sun between two columns.

OFFICERS.

Ethel A. Richardson, Master.	John Foulkes, Senior Deacon.
John C. Hartwell, Senior Warden.	Mads M. Kokjer, Junior Deacon.
John Copeland, Junior Warden.	Harry Blizzard, Senior Steward.
Thomas L. Dixon, Treasurer.	Hans M. Kokjer, Senior Steward.
Harry M. Read, Secretary.	Frederick Brown, Tiler.

MCCOOK LODGE, NO. 135, MCCOOK, RED WILLOW COUNTY.

Created Oct. 6, 84; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Tuesday in each calendar month.

SEAL—A weeping willow.

OFFICERS.

Rutherford B. Archibald, Master.	Artemus Snyder, Senior Deacon.
Senior Warden.	Moses Erman, Junior Deacon.
Emil Lindner, Junior Warden.	A. J. Chambers, Senior Steward.
Thomas G. Rees, Treasurer.	P. M. Wilkinson, Jun. Steward.
William M. Anderson, Secretary.	John R. Roxby, Tiler.

LONG PINE LODGE, NO. 136, LONG PINE, BROWN COUNTY.

Created Oct. 6, 84; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Saturday in each calendar month.

SEAL—A pine tree within the angle of a square.

OFFICERS.

Charles C. McPherson, Master.	Jerome D. Alexander, Sen. Dea.
Edwin W. VanHousen, Sen. War.	William H. Donahue, Junior Deacon.
James Scott, Junior Warden.	Bernard F. O'Neil Senior Steward.
John H. A. Thomas, Treasurer.	E. O. Merik, Junior Steward.
Daniel A. Hawkins, Secretary.	Andrew W. Jackson, Tiler.

UPRIGHT LODGE, NO. 137, BURCHARD, PAWNEE COUNTY.

Created Nov. 14, 84; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

James M. Barclay, Master.	David A. Harrah, Senior Deacon.
James Pepperl, Senior Warden.	Charles W. Harris, Junior Deacon.
Liberty B. Shinn, Junior Warden.	Senior Steward.
David C. Stitt, Treasurer.	Silas N. Welsh, Junior Steward.
Ferdinand Bstandig, Secretary.	Martin V. Sis.o, Tiler.

RAWALT LODGE, NO. 138, OXFORD, FURNAS COUNTY.

Created Nov. 15, 84; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—The letter "R."

OFFICERS.

William T. Hamilton, Master.	Neal A. Pettygrove, Senior Deacon.
John A. Huff, Senior Warden.	John M. Lee, Junior Deacon.
William D. Barnard, Jun. Ward.	John W. Scarborough, Sen. Stew.
Edgar J. Pease, Treasurer.	James N. Sashbrook, Jun. Stew.
George E. Whitman, Secretary.	Hollis R. Montague, Tiler.

CLAY CENTRE LODGE, NO. 139, CLAY CENTRE, CLAY COUNTY.

Created Dec. 6, 84; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Saturday in each calendar month.

SEAL—A sprig of acacia within the square and compasses.

OFFICERS.

Herman E. Stein, Master.	C. Homer Keyes, Senior Deacon.
George A. Shike, Senior Warden.	George Cinnamon, Junior Deacon.
Orlando P. Shoemaker, Jun. Ward.	Hugh B. Loudon, Senior Steward.
Charles C. Blanchard, Treasurer.	Harrison Black, Junior Steward.
George F. Dickson, Secretary.	Louis F. Fryar, Tiler.

WESTERN LODGE, NO. 140, WESTERN, SALINE COUNTY.

Created Dec. 6, 84 chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday on or before full moon, and two weeks thereafter.

SEAL—A lodge with a radiant sun in the west.

OFFICERS.

Eugene A. Allen, Master.	Sidney W. Maynard, Senior Deacon.
Albert Mead, Senior Warden.	John F. Waddington, Junior Deacon.
Peter Waldorf, Junior Warden.	William McMaster, Senior Steward.
William Mullen, Treasurer.	F. H. Porter, Junior Steward.
James H. Swan, Secretary.	William H. Timmel, Tiler.

SUMMIT LODGE, NO. 141, JOHNSON, NEMAHA COUNTY.

Created Dec. 6, 84; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Saturday of each calendar month.

SEAL—A hill top, with a sprig of acacia thereon.

OFFICERS.

Isaac H. Claggett, Master.	William B. Green, Senior Deacon.
Gustave Nombalis, Senior Warden.	Henry J. Snyder, Junior Deacon.
David D. Adams, Junior Warden.	Thomas J. Alexander, Sen. Stew.
John H. Pahlman, Treasurer.	Daniel Casey, Junior Steward.
William J. Hoback, Secretary.	Hiram Alderman, Tiler.

ANCHOR LODGE, NO. 142, NORTH LOUP, VALLEY COUNTY.

Created Dec. 18, 84; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Saturday in each calendar month.

SEAL—A shield bearing an anchor with a lodge numbered 142.

OFFICERS.

Eaton S. Sears, Master.	Frank M. Merrick, Senior Deacon.
Deiderick Spethmann, Sen. Ward.	James Rohan, Junior Deacon.
Henry E. Davis, Junior Warden.	Norman W. Latham, Sen. Steward.
George W. Smith, Treasurer.	Leclerc E. Ballard, Junior Steward.
John B. Gowen, Secretary.	Hamilton N. Colby, Tiler.

CRESCENT LODGE, NO. 143, CEDAR RAPIDS, BOONE COUNTY.

Created Jan. 24, 85; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING—Fourth Saturday in each calendar month

SEAL—A crescent.

OFFICERS.

William A. Gibson, Master.	Charles Martin, Senior Deacon.
Albert P. Brink, Senior Warden.	William J. Outhwaite, Jun. Dea.
William H. Ward, Junior Warden.	Lucius W. Braman, Senior Steward.
Frederick C. Hawks, Treasurer.	Henry Enerson, Junior Steward.
Alexander Macqueen, Secretary.	Francis A. Simons, Tiler.

KENESAW LODGE, NO. 144, KENESAW, ADAMS COUNTY.

Created Jan. 28, 85; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING—Friday on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

Henry E. Norton, Master.	Marshall Morse, Senior Deacon.
Edward P. Gillett, Senior Warden.	Benjamin F. Cook, Junior Deacon.
Charles D. Courtwright, Jun. Ward.	John B. Cook, Senior Steward.
John G. Hayzlett, Treasurer.	Clarence A. Powell, Jun. Stew.
Truman P. Booth, Secretary.	Mordecai W. Hensley, Tiler.

BANCROFT LODGE, NO. 145, BANCROFT, CUMING COUNTY.

Created Feb. 25, 85; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A shield bearing the book of constitutions, with sword, a hand with dagger, and the forty-seventh problem.

OFFICERS.

William Collins, Master.	Frank G. Senter, Senior Deacon.
Orin D. Bassinger, Senior Warden.	Rasmus P. Nelson, Junior Deacon.
John E. Turner, Junior Warden.	Allen T. Hill, Senior Steward.
John W. Watson, Treasurer.	David W. Gilliland, Jun. Stew.
Joseph E. Blenkison, Secretary.	Thomas M. Senter, Tiler.

JACHIN LODGE, NO. 146, HOLDREGE, PHELPS COUNTY.

Created March 31, 85; chartered June 17, 86.

REGULAR MEETING—Third Thursday of each calendar month.

OFFICERS.

James I. Rhea, Master.	Senior Deacon.
Edwin F. Longee, Senior Warden.	Emil Mogni, Junior Deacon.
Wilfred L. Ledoux, Junior Warden.	Adolf Franzen, Senior Steward.
Max Uhlig, Treasurer.	John T. DeCue, Junior Steward.
Lewis Weber, Jr., Secretary.	Riswell A. Shepherdson, Tiler.

SILOAM LODGE, NO. 147, STUART, HOLT COUNTY.

Created April 30, 85; chartered June 17, 86.

REGULAR MEETING—Friday on or after each full moon.

SEAL—A lodge under the All-Seeing Eye.

OFFICERS.

George H. Bowring, Master.	Frederick S. Hunt, Senior Deacon.
Andrew H. Runyon, Senior Warden.	George T. Bastedo, Junior Deacon.
James A. Rice, Junior Warden.	Daniel P. Stowell, Senior Steward.
Levi C. Reichard, Treasurer.	Thomas F. Tracy, Junior Steward.
Horace Shank, Secretary.	Anson B. Cooper, Tiler.

EMMET CRAWFORD LODGE, NO. 148, BROKEN BOW, CUSTER COUNTY.

Created July 13, 85; chartered June 17, 86.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A dismounted cannon.

OFFICERS.

Alpha Morgan Master.	Harry E. O'Neill, Senior Deacon.
Silas A. Holcomb, Senior Warden.	Gustav O. Wendel, Junior Deacon.
Edward C. House, Junior Warden.	William A. Gilmore, Sen. Stew.
Francis M. Rublee, Treasurer.	George E. Carr, Junior Steward.
Edward Royse, Secretary.	Edward F. McClure, Tiler.

JEWEL LODGE, NO. 149, TOBIAS, SALINE COUNTY.

Created Aug. 15, 85; chartered June 17, 86.

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Tuesday in each calendar month.

SEAL—The book of constitutions and tiler's sword.

OFFICERS.

Alexander M. Babcock, Master.	Sidney G. Empey, Senior Deacon.
Eugene E. Leet, Senior Warden.	John Krisl, Junior Deacon.
Emanuel Zeaman, Junior Warden.	Volney Osborn, Senior Steward.
F. F. Nunemaker, Treasurer.	William M. Wallace, Jun. Stew.
William H. Taylor, Secretary.	Rankin Y. Wear, Tiler.

CAMBRIDGE LODGE, NO. 150, CAMBRIDGE, FURNAS COUNTY.

Created Aug. 10, 85; chartered June 17, 86.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A shield bearing the square and compasses, with warden's column and gavel.

OFFICERS.

Nathan Fodrea, Master.	Stephen K. Keyes, Senior Deacon.
Frank Selby, Senior Warden.	Ira A. Hanning, Junior Deacon.
Ira A. Hanning, Junior Warden.	Frank Crookam, Senior Steward.
William P. Bennett, Treasurer.	John Talmadge, Junior Steward.
Ira Doling, Secretary.	Thomas H. Clark, Tiler.

SQUARE LODGE, NO. 151, VALPARAISO, SAUNDERS COUNTY.

Created Sept. 7, 85; chartered June 17, 86.

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Tuesday in each calendar month.

SEAL—A shield bearing three squares surrounding a star.

OFFICERS.

John M. Hixson, Master.	Thomas Hull, Senior Deacon.
William Bays, Senior Warden.	Samuel M. Farmer, Junior Deacon.
Uriah B. Craven, Junior Warden.	William Fifer, Senior Steward.
Theodore H. Bowman, Treasurer.	Thomas D. Worrall, Jun. Steward.
Ithamar C. Stephens, Secretary.	James A. Cole, Tiler.

PARALLEL LODGE, NO. 152, LIBERTY, GAGE COUNTY.

Created Nov. 20, 85; chartered June 17, 86.

REGULAR MEETING—Thursday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A point within a circle bordered with two parallel lines.

OFFICERS.

Robert H. Kirby, Master.	Hiram A. Harden, Senior Deacon.
John W. Allen, Senior Warden.	Jasper Dunn, Junior Deacon.
Charles H. Palmer, Junior Warden.	Allen E. Souders, Senior Steward.
Joseph B. Rippey, Treasurer.	William C. Evans, Sr., Jun. Stew.
Edgar E. Harden, Secretary.	William V. Lemarr, Tiler.

EVERGREEN LODGE, NO. 153, PIERCE, PIERCE COUNTY.

Created Nov. 27, 85; chartered June 17, 86.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A shield bearing three chevrons, a dagger and a pine tree.

OFFICERS.

James M. Alden, Master.	Charles C. Wilson, Secretary.
George F. Keiper, Senior Warden.	Robert Lucas, Senior Deacon.
James P. Buckner, Junior Warden.	James Pool, Junior Deacon.
Christian Repners, Treasurer.	Columbus F. McDonald, Tiler.

LILY LODGE, NO. 154, DAVENPORT, THAYER COUNTY.

Created Nov. 28, 85; chartered June 17, 86.

REGULAR MEETING—Friday on or before each full moon, and two weeks thereafter.

SEAL—A shield bearing a lily.

OFFICERS.

Adelbert D. Pierce, Master.	Edy Randall, Senior Deacon.
Isaac B. Lonneker, Senior Warden.	George W. Bearnes, Junior Deacon.
Ruben Moore, Junior Warden.	Joseph H. Eberman, Sen. Stew.
George Bradley, Treasurer.	Edward W. Robinson, Jun. Stew.
Gardiner G. Pratt, Secretary.	Monroe Bolton, Tiler.

HARTINGTON LODGE, NO. 155, HARTINGTON, CEDAR COUNTY.

Created Jan. 26, 86; chartered June 17, 86.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A shield; a hand holding a plumb-line to a wall.

OFFICERS.

Homer A. Miller, Master.	Alonzo S. Ryan, Senior Deacon.
Levi H. Monroe, Senior Warden.	Dewitt W. C. Nichols, Jun. Dea.
George D. Cord, Junior Warden.	Bernhart Olsen, Senior Steward.
Eph Lanner, Treasurer.	Whitfield H. Needham, Jun. Stew.
Julius F. Jenal, Secretary.	Guy R. Wilber, Tiler.

SILVER CREEK LODGE, U.D., SILVER CREEK, MERRICK COUNTY.

Created Feb. 26, 86.

(Extinct since June 17, 86.)

PYTHAGORAS LODGE, NO. 156, EWING, HOLT COUNTY.

Created Oct 24, 86; chartered June 16, 87.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon and a fortnight thereafter.

SEAL—A star over a sprig of acacia.

OFFICERS.

Albert A. Ege, Master.	John J. Carmichael, Senior Deacon.
DeWitt L. Cramer, Sen. Ward.	Perry A. Elder, Junior Deacon.
Frederick R. Bignold, Jun. Ward.	Joseph N. Kay, Senior Steward.
David Brion, Treasurer.	Richard W. Barrett, Junior Steward.
Frederick ² H. Green, Secretary.	Ernest C. French, Tiler.

VALLEY LODGE, NO. 157, WILSONVILLE, FURNAS COUNTY.

Created Feb. 22, 86; chartered June 16, 87.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday after each full moon.

SEAL—An apron between two columns; also the letter "G."

OFFICERS.

Wendell P. Pierce, Master.	Charles W. McComb, Sen. Dea.
Luzerne P. Haning, Senior Warden.	Augustin Short, Junior Deacon.
Benjamin H. Newell, Jun. Ward.	James McComb, Senior Steward.
Preston T. Soverns, Treasurer.	Henry O. Dixon, Junior Steward.
Amos W. Hunt, Secretary.	Richard L. Hillman, Tiler.

SAMARITAN LODGE, NO. 158, CHADRON, DAWES COUNTY.

Created March 17, 86; chartered June 16, 87.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Thursday in each calendar month.

SEAL—The good Samaritan.

OFFICERS.

James L. Paul, Master.	Parmley M. Pritchard, Sen. Dea.
Albert L. Miller, Senior Warden.	Allen G. Fisher, Junior Deacon.
Lyman A. Brower, Jun. War.	Charles W. Dresser, Senior Steward.
William S. McPheeley, Treasurer.	Joseph Haslam, Junior Steward.
Samuel M. Christensen, Secretary.	Solomon Hartsell, Tiler.

OGALALLA LODGE, NO. 159, OGALALLA, KEITH COUNTY.

Created Aug. 15, 86; chartered June 16, 87.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—Square and compasses surrounding "Lodge 159."

OFFICERS.

Edwin M. Searle, Master.	William B. McCartney, Secretary.
A Phelps, Senior Warden.	E R. Breisch, Senior Deacon.
Herman Snyder, Junior Warden.	M McLean, Junior Deacon.
Lindsey D. Hanna, Treasurer.	Cornelius S. Horton, Tiler.

ZEREDATHA LODGE, NO. 160, REYNOLDS, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Created Aug. 21, 86; chartered June 16, 87.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Saturday in each calendar month.

SEAL—A sheaf of wheat near a waterfall, with tiler's sword.

OFFICERS.

Walter C. Parker, Master.	Parley E. Wolcott, Senior Deacon.
Alvin Porter, Senior Warden.	Winfield S. Willoughby, Jun. Dea.
Robert Bruce, Junior Warden.	James Deathridge, Senior Steward.
Benjamin F. Walker, Treasurer.	Recent Bevington, Junior Steward.
Alonzo H. Bothwell, Secretary.	Nathaniel B. Moore, Tiler.

MOUNT ZION LODGE, NO. 161, SHELBY, POLK COUNTY.

Created Aug. 25, 86; chartered June 16, 87.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or after each full moon.

SEAL—The figure of Justice.

OFFICERS.

James Patterson, Master.	Ensign S. Mitchell, Senior Deacon.
Temple Reed, Senior Warden.	Charles Krumbach, Junior Deacon.
Daniel A. Burritt, Junior Warden.	Francis M. Leiber, Senior Steward.
John S. Smith, Treasurer.	Henry Humiston, Junior Steward.
Samuel N. Anell, Secretary.	Eli P. Blevins, Tiler.

TRESTLE BOARD LODGE, NO. 162, TALMAGE, OTOE COUNTY.

Created Oct. 3, 86; chartered June 16, 87.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—The trestle board.

OFFICERS.

William D. Spicknell, Master.	Selover Conger, Senior Deacon.
Benjamin F. Bailey, Senior Warden.	Thomas M. King, Junior Deacon.
Asberry Edmisten, Junior Warden.	James Kennedy, Senior Steward.
Benjamin S. Mothersead, Treasurer.	George Wathan, Junior Steward.
James A. Lewis, Secretary.	James W. Jones, Tiler.

UNITY LODGE, NO. 163, GREENWOOD, CASS COUNTY.

Created Dec. 18, 86; chartered June 16, 87.

REGULAR MEETING—Friday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A triangle of network, surrounding a lodge.

OFFICERS.

Ephraim D. Laughlin, Master.	John W. Bowker, Secretary.
John F. Polk, Senior Warden.	Albert D. Welton, Senior Deacon.
Benjamin F. Laughlin, Jun. Ward.	Charles S. Blessing, Junior Deacon.
Cyrus F. Hall, Treasurer.	Robert Farmer, Tiler.

ATKINSON LODGE, NO. 164, ATKINSON, HOLT COUNTY.

Created Aug. 19, 86; chartered June 21, 88.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Wednesday in each calendar month.

SEAL—A shield bearing first the square, second the compasses, third the letter "G."

OFFICERS.

Jacob Smith, Master.	Benjamin D. Sherwood, Sen. Dea.
Charles M. Forney, Senior Warden.	Nicholas D. O'Brien, Junior Deacon.
J. Elmer Allison, Junior Warden.	Seth Woods, Senior Steward.
C. Timmons Smith, Treasurer.	William Dickerson, Jun. Stew.
Joseph B. Sturdevant, Secretary.	Daniel White, Tiler.

BARNESTON LODGE, NO. 165, BARNESTON, GAGE COUNTY.

Created Aug. 26, 86; chartered June 21, 88.

REGULAR MEETING--Tuesday on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

Seth S. Ratliff, Master.	George R. Foster, Senior Deacon.
Allison G. Keys, Senior Warden.	James H. Keys, Junior Deacon.
Almon L. Cook, Jr., Junior Warden.	Charles Cruce, Senior Steward.
Almon L. Cook, Sr., Treasurer.	Nathan Glick, Junior Steward.
William Taner, Secretary.	William Stonehacker, Tiler.

BATTLE CREEK LODGE, U.:D.:, BATTLE CREEK, MADISON COUNTY.

Created Aug. 23, 86.

(Extinct since June 21, 88.)

MYSTIC TIE LODGE, NO. 166, BURNETT, MADISON COUNTY.

Created Feb. 18, 87; chartered June 21, 88.

REGULAR MEETING--Thursday on or before each full moon.

SEAL--Two pillars with cable tow.

OFFICERS.

C. Edwin Burnham, Master.	John F. Newhall, Secretary.
William G. Bentley, Sen. Ward.	Richard L. Williams, Senior Deacon.
Charles H. Snider, Junior Warden.	Charles B. Young, Junior Deacon.
Benjamin H. Wells, Treasurer.	Charles L. Burnham, Tiler.

ELWOOD LODGE, NO. 167, ELWOOD, GOSPER COUNTY.

Created June 21, 87; chartered June 21, 88.

REGULAR MEETING--Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL--The level and the compasses.

OFFICERS.

Burton L. Chambers, Master.	Andrew Dow, Secretary.
Charles P. Boynton, Senior Warden.	Hiram A. Willard, Senior Deacon.
Thomas G. Reynolds, Junior Ward.	Augustus R. Rose, Junior Deacon.
John L. Trobee, Treasurer.	William Goodman, Tiler.

CURTIS LODGE, NO. 168, CURTIS, FRONTIER COUNTY.

Created June 21, 87; chartered June 21, 88.

REGULAR MEETING--First and third Monday in each calendar month.

SEAL--An hourglass within a lodge.

OFFICERS.

James W. Ridgway, Master.	Irving McCann, Senior Deacon.
John B. Haddock, Senior Warden.	Arthur M. Johnson, Junior Deacon.
Charles B. Compton, Jun. Ward.	William H. McCowen, Sen. Stew.
Burgess B. Baker, Treasurer.	Alonzo R. Cruzen, Junior Steward.
W. Durrant Page, Secretary.	John H. Luth, Tiler.

TRENTON LODGE, U. D., TRENTON, HITCHCOCK COUNTY.

Created June 27, 87.
(Extinct since June 20, 89.)

BROMFIELD LODGE, U. D., BROMFIELD, HAMILTON COUNTY.

Created July 1, 87.
(Extinct since June 20, 90.)

AMITY LODGE, NO. 169, RUSHVILLE, SHERIDAN COUNTY.

Created July 20, 87; chartered June 21, 88.
REGULAR MEETING—First and third Saturday in each calendar month.
SEAL—A rock in midocean, an open book, and the All-Seeing Eye.

OFFICERS.

Frank W. Sprague, Master.	John H. Jones, Senior Deacon.
James M. Baker, Senior Warden.	Wellington Thompson, Jun. Dea.
Cornelius Patterson, Jun. Ward.	Washington H. Brown, Sen. Stew.
Michael P. Musser, Treasurer.	Elver L. Heath, Junior Steward.
James R. C. Davis, Secretary.	Francis M. Thompson, Tiler.

MASON CITY LODGE, NO. 170, MASON CITY, CUSTER COUNTY.

Created Aug. 1, 87; chartered June 21, 88.
REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday on or before each full moon.
SEAL—The square and compasses surrounding a point within a circle.

OFFICERS.

William A. Runyan, Master.	T J. Castellon, Senior Deacon.
Andrew B. Johnston, Sen. Ward.	George Bowden, Junior Deacon.
Charles W. Thatcher, Jun. War.	Hiram T. Coffman, Senior Steward.
Paul H. Marlay, Treasurer.	Sylvester Brewer, Junior Steward.
Robert Walker, Secretary.	James Gouley, Tiler.

MERNA LODGE, NO. 171, MERNA, CUSTER COUNTY.

Created Aug 2, 87; chartered June 21, 88.
REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.
SEAL—An acorn beneath the square.

OFFICERS.

Isaac A. Coleman, Master.	George N. Thompson, Sen. Dea.
Oscar A. Smith, Senior Warden.	Francis M. Graham, Junior Deacon.
Oscar G. Fenner, Junior Warden.	Senior Steward.
James S. Hanna, Treasurer.	Junior Steward.
William G. Brotherton, Secretary.	Charles Karnes, Tiler.

CRAFTON LODGE, NO. 172, GRAFTON, FILLMORE COUNTY.

Created Oct. 18, 87; chartered June 21, 88.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday on or before each full moon, and a fortnight thereafter.

SEAL—Right-angles, horizontals and perpendiculars, with All-Seeing Eye and square and compasses.

OFFICERS.

Alonzo McCalley, Master.	George Coates, Senior Deacon.
Senior Warden.	Christian Stahl, Junior Deacon.
Josef Franz, Junior Warden.	Peter W. Walters, Senior Steward.
William Bosserman, Treasurer.	Christian Garrett, Junior Steward.
Secretary.	Jacob T. Schroyer, Tiler.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE, NO. 173, STRATTON, HITCHCOCK COUNTY.

Created Nov. 15, 87; chartered June 21, 88.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Saturday in each calendar month.

SEAL—Thistle and trowel.

OFFICERS.

John H. Yeomans, Master.	Vernon D. Selby, Senior Deacon.
Benjamin F. Noll, Senior Warden.	Herrick E. Wells, Junior Deacon.
John W. Burney, Junior Warden.	Frederick C. Kellogg, Sen. Stew.
Charles W. Shurtleff, Treasurer.	Charles J. Wilcox, Junior Steward.
Arthur E. Page, Secretary.	James H. Thackery, Tiler.

CULBERTSON LODGE, NO. 174, CULBERTSON, HITCHCOCK COUNTY.

Created Nov. 16, 87; chartered June 21, 88.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Wednesday in each calendar month.

SEAL—Bee-hive, square and compasses and trowel.

OFFICERS.

John M. Williams, Master.	George G. Eisenhart, Sen. Dea.
Bernard Conway, Senior Warden.	Henry Lehman, Junior Deacon
Edward B. Elledge, Junior Warden.	Senior Steward.
Elmer E. McClelland, Treasurer.	Junior Steward.
Wiley S. Cornutt, Secretary.	Arthur B. Young, Tiler.

TEMPLE LODGE, NO. 175, FILLEY, GAGE COUNTY.

Created Dec. 9, 87; chartered June 21, 88.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Saturday in each month.

SEAL—The open book of constitutions, with compasses on one page and square on the other.

OFFICERS.

Elijah Filley, Master.	Louis B. Canfield, Senior Deacon.
Ted D. Slossen, Senior Warden.	James C. Penrod, Junior Deacon.
John W. Wright, Junior Warden.	Ansmer C. Liton, Senior Steward.
George Waddington, Treasurer.	Harry McBride, Junior Steward.
Andrew P. VanBurgh, Secretary.	Louis C. Caley, Tiler.

GLADSTONE LODGE, NO. 176, ANSLEY, CUSTER COUNTY.

Created Feb. 18, 88; chartered June 21, 88.

REGULAR MEETING--First Saturday after each full moon.

OFFICERS.

Edwin H. Burrows, Master.	John Munger, Senior Deacon.
Clark J. Stevens, Senior Warden.	Edgar Varney, Junior Deacon.
Edward L. Cleveland, Jun. Ward.	William D. Fritz, Senior Steward.
James W. Fairfield, Treasurer.	David A. Vausant, Junior Steward.
George H. Snell, Secretary.	Jacob H. Klick, Tiler.

HAY SPRINGS LODGE 177, HAY SPRINGS, SHERIDAN COUNTY.

Created Feb. 20, 88; chartered June 21, 88.

REGULAR MEETING--Monday on or before each full moon.

SEAL--A burning taper within the square and compasses.

OFFICERS.

Madison Finch, Master.	Frank Tulloss, Senior Deacon.
George H. Rhodes, Senior Warden.	Eustach F. Companiott, Jun. Dea.
J. Edwin Brown, Junior Warden.	William J. Harris, Senior Steward.
Nathan S. Bristol, Treasurer.	Chris L. Rhinemuth, Jun. Stew.
Henry J. Simpson, Secretary.	Josiah Thomas, Tiler.

HESPERIA LODGE, NO. 178, SHICKLEY, FILMORE COUNTY.

Created Jan. 11, 88; chartered June 20, 89.

REGULAR MEETING--Saturday on or before each full moon and a fortnight thereafter.

SEAL--A star in the West of a lodge.

OFFICERS.

William M. Van Buren, Master.	William J. Stephens, Senior Deacon.
Rudolph B. Campbell, Sen. Ward.	Frank B. Huston, Junior Deacon.
Joseph H. Springer, Junior Warden.	Stanford M. Huston, Sen. Stew.
George W. Righter, Treasurer.	Joseph W. Ireland, Junior Steward.
Thomas C. Canine, Secretary.	Wolford C. Peterson, Tiler.

PRUDENCE LODGE, NO. 179, BEAVER CROSSING, SEWARD COUNTY.

Created Aug. 24, 88; chartered June 20, 89.

REGULAR MEETING--Tuesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL--The figure of Prudence.

OFFICERS.

Major A. V. Davis, Master.	Frank W. Upton, Secretary.
John L. Evans, Senior Warden.	Francis A. Greedy, Senior Deacon.
Joseph H. Wise, Junior Warden.	Harden H. Corbett, Junior Deacon.
David M. Roland, Treasurer.	Dewitt L. Carkins, Tiler.

JUSTICE LODGE, NO. 180, BENKELMAN, DUNDY COUNTY.

Created Oct. 8, 88; chartered June 20, 89.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Friday in each calendar month.

OFFICERS.

John R. King, Master.	Albert Guy, Secretary.
Edmond V. Moore, Senior Warden.	Philip Marshall, Senior Deacon.
Andrew B. Starkey, Junior Warden.	James S. West, Junior Deacon.
Farquar J. Forbes, Treasurer.	Jacob K. Balderston, Tiler.

FAITH LODGE, NO. 181, CRAWFORD, DAWES COUNTY.

Created Dec. 13, 88; chartered June 20, 89.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

Leroy Hall, Master.	Emmett W. Dailey, Secretary.
Oliver K. Eastman, Senior Warden.	Eugene Scofield, Senior Deacon.
William S. Hazleton, Jun. Warden.	Charles Pearson, Junior Deacon.
Frederick Beaman, Treasurer.	Samuel P. Macomber, Tiler.

INCENSE LODGE, NO. 182, OHIOWA, FILLMORE COUNTY.

Created Dec. 21, 88; chartered June 20, 89.

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Friday in each calendar month.

SEAL—A pot of incense within a lodge.

OFFICERS.

Morris Thomas, Master.	John T. Enslow, Senior Deacon.
William Riddell, Senior Warden.	James H. Reed, Junior Deacon.
George H. Baker, Junior Warden.	J. Joseph Hasterlick, Sen. Stew.
Austin Adams, Treasurer.	John Rose, Junior Steward.
Harvey W. Strader, Secretary.	Moses C. Fitzer, Tiler.

ALLIANCE LODGE, NO. 183, ALLIANCE, BOX BUTTE COUNTY.

Created Jan. 18, 89; chartered June 20, 89.

REGULAR MEETING—Thursday on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

Francis M. Devore, Master.	D. C. McIntire, Senior Deacon.
Thomas D. Shurtz, Senior Warden.	David Peters, Junior Deacon.
John Carmicle, Junior Warden.	William K. Miller, Senior Steward.
H. Warren Axtell, Treasurer.	William Larsen, Junior Steward.
Clayton A. Porter, Secretary.	Gregory Zurn, Tiler.

BEE HIVE LODGE, NO. 184, SOUTH OMAHA, DOUGLAS COUNTY.

Created Jan. 22, 89; chartered June 20, 89.

REGULAR MEETING—First Wednesday in each calendar month.

SEAL—A bee hive beneath the square.

OFFICERS.

Edmund C. Haywood, Master.	Walstein B. Wyman, Senior Deacon.
Alonzo V. Miller, Senior Warden.	Claude L. Talbot, Junior Deacon.
Ornon B. Tubbs, Junior Warden.	Wiley H. Beckett, Senior Steward.
George H. Brewer, Treasurer.	William McCraith, Junior Steward.
John B. Watkins, Secretary.	James Emerick, Tiler.

BOAZ LODGE, NO. 185, DANBURY, RED WILLOW COUNTY.

Created Jan. 24, 89; chartered June 20, 89.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

Samuel R. Messner, Master.	William A. Minniear, Sen. Deacon.
Foster G. Stilgebauer, Sen. Ward.	Charles W. Minniear, Jun. Deacon.
Hiram W. Parker, Junior Warden.	Judson Remington, Senior Steward.
Enos M. Woods, Treasurer.	Charles W. Ryan, Junior Steward.
Edward E. Underwood, Secretary.	Charles Puelly, Tiler.

PLUMB LODGE, NO. 186, GRANT, PERKINS COUNTY.

Created Jan. 31, 89; chartered June 20, 89.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A plumb within a lodge.

OFFICERS.

Charles A. Cooper, Master.	David E. Gray, Senior Deacon.
George H. Prime, Senior Warden.	Daniel J. Fink, Junior Deacon.
Charles G. Woods, Junior Warden.	Virgil A. Cannon, Senior Steward.
Jerome L. Beard, Treasurer.	Joseph A. Yewne, Junior Steward.
William L. Rutledge, Secretary.	John E. Miller, Tiler.

ISRAEL LODGE, NO. 187, ULYSSES, BUTLER COUNTY.

Created Feb. 2, 89; chartered June 20, 89.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—Interlaced square, compasses and letter "G" surrounding a trowel.

OFFICERS.

U. Cloyd Guss, Master.	Daniel C. Northway, Senior Deacon.
William Bannister, Senior Warden.	James Cameron, Junior Deacon.
Charles W. Wright, Jun. Ward.	Hiram S. Craig, Senior Steward.
George W. Lord, Treasurer.	Hurbert D. Waldo, Junior Steward.
Calvin M. Rice, Secretary.	Jerry J. Burge, Tiler.

MERIDIAN LODGE, NO. 188, COZAD, DAWSON COUNTY.

Created Feb. 4, 89; chartered June 20, 89.

REGULAR MEETING—Third Saturday in each calendar month.

SEAL—A globe showing the 100th meridian.

OFFICERS.

John Krumholz, Master.	Eldridge D. Owens, Senior Deacon.
Curtis Ralston, Senior Warden.	Amos R. Landon, Junior Deacon.
John G. Phelps, Junior Warden.	John D. Anderson, Senior Steward.
Clark K. Brown, Treasurer.	William Holway, Junior Steward.
John T. Buckley, Secretary.	Thomas A. McCrystal, Tiler.

GRANITE LODGE, NO. 189, GIBBON, BUFFALO COUNTY.

Created Feb. 18, 89; chartered June 20, 89.

REGULAR MEETING—First Thursday of each calendar month.

OFFICERS.

James H. Davis, Master.	Robert J. McCallum, Senior Deacon.
John Reddy, Senior Warden.	Willard F. Kinkade, Junior Deacon.
Er C. McClure, Junior Warden.	Darwin F. Ingles, Senior Steward.
Frank S. Fulmer, Treasurer.	Reuben Biglow, Junior Steward.
William C. Wells, Secretary	Albert Wattenpaugh, Tiler.

CARLETON LODGE, U. D., CARLETON, THAYER COUNTY.

Created July 20, 89.

OFFICERS.

Jonas C. Baurman, Master.	Edward E. Teeter, Senior Warden.
Solomon W. Chambers, Junior Warden.	

AMETHYST LODGE, NO. 190, GANDY, LOGAN COUNTY.

Created Aug. 5, 89; chartered June 20, 90.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

James W. McSay, Master.	Franklin E. Douglas, Sen. Dea.
John H. Duckworth, Sen. Ward.	Heber A. Chapin, Junior Deacon.
Oscar K. Peck, Junior Warden.	Senior Steward.
John Kring, Treasurer.	Junior Steward.
Sebastian E. Douglas, Secretary.	William M. Wilcox, Tiler.

CRYSTAL LODGE, NO. 191, SCOTIA, GREELY COUNTY.

Created Aug. 7, 89; chartered June 20, 90.

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Saturday in each calendar month.

OFFICERS.

John T. Price, Master.	N. Louis Swortwood, Sen. Dea.
Henry S. Sprecher, Senior Warden.	Ernest W. Phillips, Junior Deacon.
William B. Weekes, Jun. Ward.	Senior Steward.
John G. Phillips, Treasurer.	Junior Steward.
Lewis Herbert, Secretary.	Charles T. Weekes, Tiler.

MINNECADUSA LODGE, NO. 192, VALENTINE, CHERRY
COUNTY.

Created Aug. 15, 89; chartered June 20, 90.

REGULAR MEETING—Thursday on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

Hiram Cornell, Master.	Benjamin Hobson, Senior Deacon.
Andrew F. Ritterbush, Sen. Ward.	Jesse Granger, Junior Deacon.
James C. Dwyer, Junior Warden.	Andrew J. Brown, Senior Steward.
David Hanna, Treasurer.	William T. Bullis, Junior Steward.
J. Wesley Tucker, Secretary.	Joseph Hobson, Tiler.

ARMADA LODGE, U. D., ARMADA, BUFFALO COUNTY.

Created Aug. 26, 90.

OFFICERS.

Lewis B. Irvin, Master.	Cyrus W. Wright, Senior Warden.
	Howard C. Harbaugh, Junior Warden.

SIGNET LODGE, NO. 193, LEIGH, COLFAX COUNTY.

Created Sept. 3, 89; chartered June 20, 90.

REGULAR MEETING—

OFFICERS.

George L. Allen, Master.	Francis H. Geer, Senior Deacon.
Virgil W. Graves, Senior Warden.	Frederick W. Anderson, Jun. Deac.
James H. Hamilton, Junior Warden.	Francis N. Nichols, Senior Steward.
Highland Ensign, Treasurer.	James Langly, Junior Steward.
William B. Gardanier, Secretary.	Andrew M. Allen, Tiler.

HIGHLAND LODGE, NO. 194, COURTLAND, GAGE COUNTY.

Created Sept. 21, 89; chartered June 20, 90.

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

OFFICERS.

James J. Bridges, Master.	Albert B. McNickel, Senior Deacon.
Luther C. Kurtz, Senior Warden.	Jacob Bond, Junior Deacon.
Orville S. Deming, Junior Warden.	Thomas Forhan, Senior Steward.
Henry H. Silver, Treasurer.	Reuben Albert, Junior Steward.
Andrew S. Casad, Secretary.	R. Milton Mallory, Tiler.

ARCANA LODGE, NO. 195, GORDON, SHERIDAN COUNTY.

Created Oct. 17, 89; chartered June 20, 90.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Monday in each calendar month

OFFICERS.

Charles H. Johnson, Master.	Michael Morrissey, Senior Deacon.
Charles E. Hoffman, Senior Warden.	Leonard Dean, Junior Deacon.
William E. Wilhite, Junior Warden.	James C. Morrison, Senior Steward.
Charles A. Schrandt, Treasurer.	Robert Larson, Junior Steward.
John H. Flock, Secretary.	John T. Bayliff, Tiler.

LEVEL LODGE NO. 196, STOCKVILLE, FRONTIER COUNTY.

Created Nov. 1, 89; chartered June 20, 90.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

William H. Willmuth, Master.	Senior Deacon.
Ambrose S. Shelley, Senior Warden.	John L. Sanders, Junior Deacon.
James M. Gammill, Junior Warden.	James F. Fenton, Senior Steward.
Warren C. Fenton, Treasurer.	William O. Misner, Junior Steward.
George J. Kelly, Secretary.	Byron S. Hovey, Tiler.

MORNING STAR LODGE, NO. 197, GRESHAM, YORK COUNTY.

Created Dec. 16, 89; chartered June 20, 90.

REGULAR MEETING—Friday on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

Lawrence C. Van Allen, Master.	Frederick Yeomans, Senior Deacon.
Samuel C. Oaks, Senior Warden.	Henry C. Lamphere, Junior Deacon.
Josiah Locke, Junior Warden.	Sammel A. Tobey, Senior Steward.
George Fuller, Treasurer.	William Davidson, Junior Steward.
William P. Haines, Secretary.	William Kirby, Tiler.

PURITY LODGE, NO. 198, IMPERIAL, CHASE COUNTY.

Created Dec. 24, 89; chartered June 20, 90.

REGULAR MEETING—First Friday in each calendar month.

OFFICERS.

Jacob Bigler, Master.	Charles Towell, Senior Deacon.
Charles W. Meeker, Senior Warden.	Leonard W. Smith, Junior Deacon.
Cash D. Fuller, Junior Warden.	James E. Bigler, Senior Steward.
Roger W. Bennett, Treasurer.	Emery R. Young, Junior Steward.
Frederick Hoffmeister, Secretary.	Robert Malcolm Tiler.

ADAMS LODGE, U. D., ADAMS, GAGE COUNTY.

Created Jan. 18, 90.

(Extinct since June 20, 90.)