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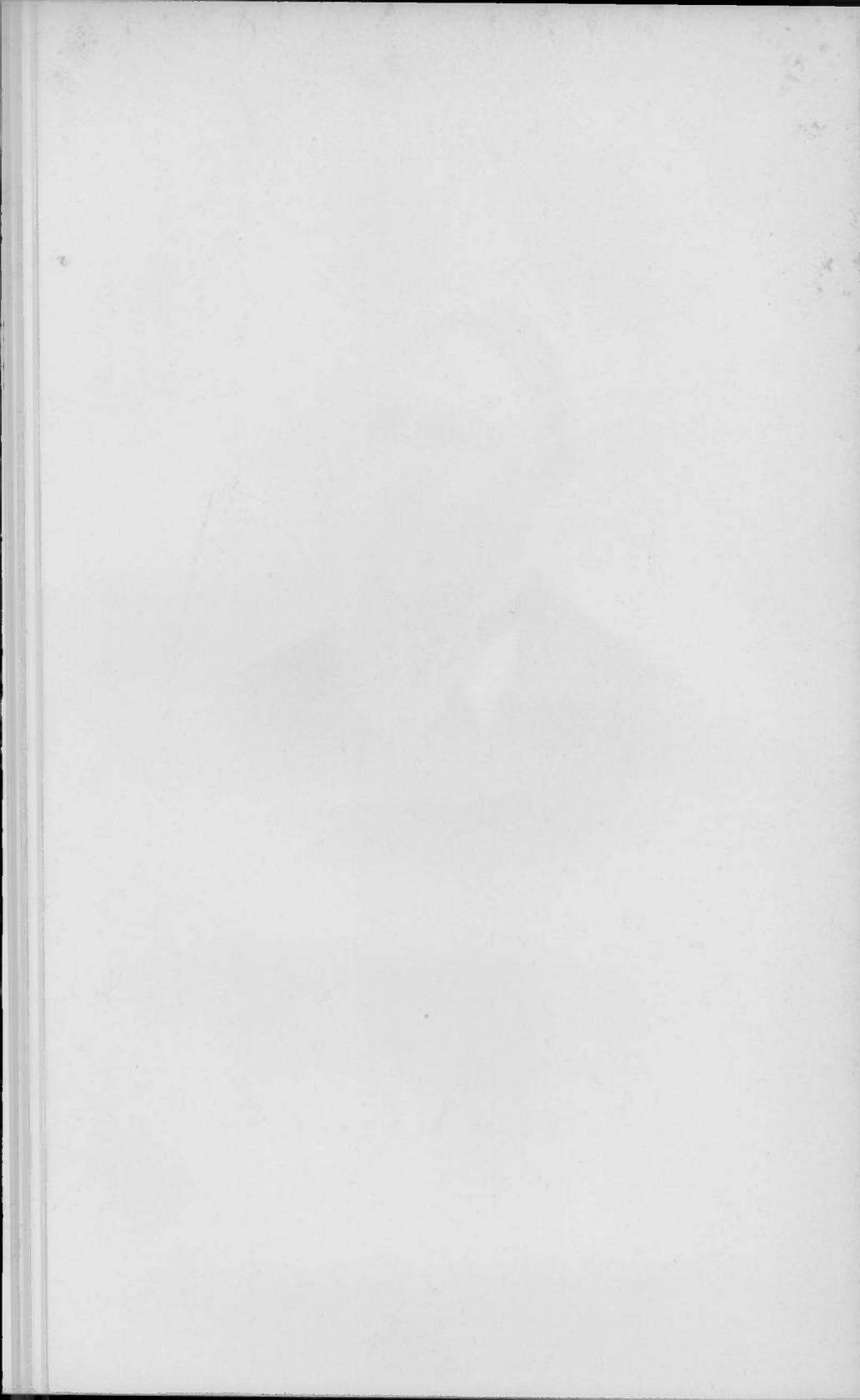
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THE Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska convened and assembled in the Capitol, Lincoln, on Wednesday, June 16, A. L. 5897, A. D. 1897, at three o'clock in the afternoon, there being present—

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| M. W. CHARLES J. PHELPS..... | Grand Master. |
| R. W. JOHN B. DINSMORE..... | Deputy Grand Master. |
| R. W. FRANK H. YOUNG..... | Grand Senior Warden. |
| R. W. HENRY K. KERMAN..... | Grand Junior Warden. |
| R. W. CHRISTIAN HARTMAN..... | Grand Treasurer. |
| R. W. WILLIAM R. BOWEN..... | Grand Secretary. |
| V. W. HARRY C. HARMAN..... | Grand Chaplain. |
| W. SAMUEL R. SMITH..... | Grand Orator. |
| M. W. JAMES A. TULLEYS (P. G. M.)..... | Grand Custodian. |
| W. WILLIAM W. KEYSOR..... | Grand Marshal. |
| W. ALBERT W. CRITES..... | Grand Senior Deacon. |
| W. FRANCIS E. WHITE..... | Grand Junior Deacon. |
| Bro. JACOB KING..... | Grand Tiler. |

and representatives from two hundred and twenty-one of the two hundred and twenty-eight 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 number of lodges was represented. The Grand Master declared the Grand

Lodge open for the transaction of business, and due proclamation thereof was made by the Grand Marshal.

The Grand Master ordered that all Freemasons in good standing, unless objected to by members of Grand Lodge, be admitted to seats in the galleries during the sessions of Grand Lodge, or until otherwise ordered.

The Grand Master congregated the committees on Visitors and on Credentials, and they began their labors.

The Grand Master now delivered his

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

I extend to you, each and all, a fraternal greeting, and congratulate you upon being permitted to assemble in this our fortieth annual communication, under conditions favorable to us all as men and Masons.

A year fraught with events of absorbing interest has come and gone since our last annual communication. In Armenia the Turk has continued his cruel and bloodthirsty persecutions of the Christians, and is permitted to do so to the great astonishment of enlightened Christendom. In Greece, the same hated foe of civilization is being permitted to humiliate if not subjugate a people who more than any other nation in times past have contributed to the upbuilding of the arts and sciences, the preservation of the best in ancient history, the richest in sculpture, the rare and beautiful in poetry; celebrated for its philosophy and all that is wise and judicious in architecture. The permission given to the Turk to pursue his cruel work is all the more apparent because of the assembled powers; officials representing governments whose peoples, stirred by sentiments of enlightened conscience and a righteous indignation, would glory in the utter overthrow of the Turk. Gladstone well expressed not only his own but as well the conviction of Christendom when he said: "The powers are now applying themselves to filling the measure of their disgrace."

Spain is prosecuting, near our own shores, a war against liberty-loving Cubans, which in cruelty is as atrocious as ingenious tyrants dare make it. There is no doubt that patriotic citizens of our own country almost unanimously sympathize with the Cubans and will rejoice to see some way by which our government may do something to reflect the sentiment of its people.

In our own country the national battle of ballots has occurred; but so loyal are our people to the principles of free government that a ready acquiescence by the minority to the rule of the majority for the good of the whole is accorded.

In our own state abundant rains and bounteous crops crowned the labors of the husbandman in the year last past, and now in early summer

Nebraska presents a beauty of landscape abounding in luxurious foliage and growing crops which is altogether gratifying to the eye and the pride of her citizens.

Freemasonry within our borders and generally wheresoever dispersed is in a prosperous condition. While its fundamental principles and its landmarks are unchangeable, yet it is a progressive science. Masonic study and research, archeological discoveries, and the best thought of wise and good men given to the consideration of its ceremonies and symbols, afford an explanation of their connection with ancient religions and philosophy as well as with the accepted truth in our own day. It is the privilege of every Mason to realize this; but only by a study of its literature can one reap the full benefit of his privileges.

"Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, and dust to dust." Words of solemn import and frequently uttered; but at the graves of our fraternal dead the hope inspired by the promise symbolized in the acacia takes new root in a faith the most precious vouchsafed to mortal man.

In our sister Grand Lodges we have to record death's work among those who have attained positions of honor, trust, and emolument.

M.·W.·. Brother Edward B. Rowe, P.·G.·.M.·. of Connecticut, died, at Boston, June 1st, 1896.

M.·W.·. Brother Asa H. Battin, P.·G.·.M.·. of Ohio, died, at Steubenville, Ohio, June 3d, 1896.

M.·W.·. Brother Webster D. Anthony, P.·G.·.M.·. of Colorado, died, at Denver, June 22d, 1896.

M.·W.·. Brother Dr. Joseph M. Anderson, P.·G.·.M.·. of Tennessee, died, at Lebanon, July 14th, 1896.

M.·W.·. Brother Rufus Claghorn Hatheway, P.·G.·.M.·. of Michigan, died, at Grand Rapids, December 9th, 1896.

R.·W.·. Brother Cicero H. Lewis, P.·D.·.G.·.M.·. of Oregon, died, at Portland, January 5th, 1897.

R.·W.·. Brother Andrew Martin Wolihin, Grand Secretary of Georgia, died, at Macon, February 22d, 1897.

M.·W.·. Brother Joseph Norton Dolph, P.·G.·.M.·. of Oregon, died, March 10th, 1899.

M.·W.·. Brother John Headley Bell, P.·G.·.M.·. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, died, at Winnipeg, March 16th, 1897.

M.·W.·. Brother John Stedman, P.·G.·.M.·. of Montana, died, at Helena, March 28th, 1897.

M.·W.·. Brother John William Morrison, P.·G.·.M.·. of Prince Edward's Island, died, in Charlottetown, P. E. I., April 11th, 1897.

R.·W.·. Brother Theodore Schreiner, Grand Tyler of Iowa, died, at Mt. Pleasant, April 14th, 1897.

M.·W.·. Brother George Armstrong, born in Baltimore, Md., August 1st, 1819; died at his home in Omaha, November 12th, 1896. He was made a Mason in Scotia Lodge, No. 6, Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1849; was a charter member of Capitol Lodge, No. 3, Omaha, and at the organization of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was elected and installed its Grand Sec-

retary, and was Grand Master from June 6th, 1860, to June 23d, 1863. His annual addresses as Grand Master evidence the spirit of a good man and true, expressing the lofty sentiments of a citizen and patriot. In 1862 he was commissioned as major in the Second Nebraska Cavalry; was mustered out at the end of term of service; assisted in recruiting and organizing an independent battalion of cavalry, and became its commanding officer. This troop, when the First Nebraska Infantry was converted into a cavalry regiment, was merged into that organization, with Major Armstrong as senior Major, until the close of the war.

R. W. Brother Charles W. Hamilton was Grand Senior Deacon at the organization in 1857, and in June, 1863, was elected and installed Grand Junior Warden. He was an active member of the Grand Lodge at its annual communications in the early years of its organization. He was an active, prosperous and influential citizen of Omaha from its earliest days to the time of his death, which occurred on the 18th day of November, 1896.

The death of one hundred and fifteen other brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction has been reported by our several lodges during the last Masonic year. I recommend that suitable action be taken by this Grand Lodge to commemorate their virtues and perpetuate their memories.

DECISIONS.

But for the fact that our law seems to require it, I should not deem it necessary to report all the decisions that I have been called upon to make, for some of them are no more than transcripts of former decisions and of the law found in our code, a copy of which is, or ought to be, in the possession of each Master of a lodge throughout the state.

1. Question—A brother has asked for a demit to join some lodge in Denver; his dues are paid to date; now must he state the name and number of the lodge he wishes to join, or is this all that is required? Answer—I think the brother has done all necessary to entitle him to a demit; it is not necessary that he should designate the lodge by name or number.

2. Answer and Question—A Master is not morally, Masonically, or in any other sense, bound through courtesy to confer our degrees upon any unworthy man or Mason. Of course, the Master should be satisfied as to the character of the candidate. Brother Master Masons who have knowledge of the immoral character of the candidate ought to exercise their right of objection, but if they do not and the Master is satisfied in the premises he should exercise his prerogative as Master of the lodge.

3. Answer—A hall does not have to be dedicated to Masonry before it can be used as a lodge-room.

4. Upon the receipt of a written request for a waiver of jurisdiction over a brother Fellow Craft from another lodge, under the seal of said lodge and signed by its Secretary or Master, the Master should order the request to be read in open lodge at a regular meeting. It should then lie over at least one month and be balloted upon by secret ballot at some

subsequent regular meeting, when by unanimous ballot the request may be granted. See paragraph 5, section 108, Grand Lodge By-Laws.

5. No by-law of a chartered lodge can be of any validity until approved either by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge.

6. Question—A young man took his first and second degrees and was compelled to go away to school before he could take the third. No regular meeting night comes during his Christmas vacation. The Master appointed a committee to examine him before he left. Can the lodge ballot on him from this committee report and appoint a special meeting for some night during the Christmas holidays and raise him? Answer—No. See Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska, page 46.

7. Question—Can a lodge receive a petition recommended only by brethren of other lodges? If so, what shall be done with the same? Answer—A petition to be made a Mason must be recommended by two members of the lodge petitioned, and a lodge should not receive a petition unless this requirement has been complied with. If a lodge has received a petition defective in this respect it has no jurisdiction to act upon it.

8. Question—Brother A, after receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree, lost a foot and a hand. Is he eligible to the Fellow Craft and Master's degrees? Answer—The brother in question, all other requisites existing, is eligible to advancement.

9. Question—Should the name of a brother making an objection to the advancement of a candidate be made a matter of record with the objection? Answer—No; the Master should withhold the name of the objector, stating only the objection made.

10. A lodge conferring any of the degrees for another lodge at the request of the latter lodge, may require as a condition upon which it will confer the degrees, a reasonable division of the fees paid by the candidate.

11. A candidate petitioned one of our lodges March 19th, 1896; was duly elected April 16th, 1896; initiated May 6th, 1896; examined and elected for second degree May 21st, 1896; passed May 29th, 1896; June 18th, 1896, passed a very good examination; and was elected for the third degree June 18th, 1896. Before the time set for the conferring of the third degree some one objected to the advancement of the candidate. The Secretary of the lodge, who states the case, says that he is not aware as to who objects, nor the nature of the objection. Held: First: If the objection is made by a member of the lodge, and to the Master of the lodge, it holds good until removed, and must be respected. The Master should declare the candidate rejected and the fact should be recorded. The objector is not required to give his reasons, nor is he bound to prefer charges. Second: If the objector is not a member of the lodge he is required to give his reasons, and if of a trivial nature they need not be recognized.

12. The officers of a lodge were installed on the 16th day of June, 1896, and have been acting as such since. Held: These are officers *de facto*, whose acts are legal and binding. Their installation, having been

in direct violation of law, was, so far as constituting them officers *de jure*, void. The Grand Master does not possess the power to impart the virtue of validity to an act absolutely void.

13. Lodge No. — was requested to confer the Master Mason degree upon a Fellow Craft brother of Lodge No. —, and asks for a dispensation authorising the same. Held: A dispensation is not necessary. A request from your lodge to ——— lodge, and an arrangement between the lodges as to the fee, as the lodges may agree, is all that is necessary to confer jurisdiction in the case.

14. The power to issue a dispensation authorising a lodge to ballot upon a petition for initiation from any person who has not been a continuous resident of the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he petitions for the twelve months immediately preceding, does not exist.

15. Question—Can officers wear the jewels of their office when a lodge attends services in a church on St. John's Day? Answer—Yes.

16. Question—Can a Fellow Craft Mason, on his written request, be dropped from the rolls? Answer—No.

17. Question—Can a member of a lodge in Village "A," who intends to remain a citizen of Village "A," be granted a demit? The party seeking the demit states in his application that he intends to join another lodge; yet, as a matter of fact, there is no other lodge in Village "A," and the understanding is that the applicant does not intend to join any other lodge. Held: A brother wishing a demit, and applying for the purpose of joining another lodge, against whom no charges are pending and who has paid in full all dues charged against him, is entitled to a demit. The fact that there is no other lodge within the lodge jurisdiction where he lives is immaterial, because he may apply for membership in a lodge in whose jurisdiction he does not reside.

18. A Mason has a right to a demit from his lodge for the purpose of joining another lodge, he not being indebted to the lodge for dues, and no charges pending against him.

19. Notice by letter to a brother who is delinquent in the payment of his dues, where his place of residence is known, is not sufficient. The Secretary of the lodge, or some brother authorised by the Master of the lodge or appointed by the Secretary, should personally deliver the notice and summons to the delinquent, and proof of such service be made upon the trial.

20. Members in arrears for dues cannot be suspended by vote of the lodge, upon their request in writing.

21. Amendments to the by-laws of lodges take effect at the time they are approved by the Grand Master.

22. Question—We are requested to confer the Master Mason degree upon a Fellow Craft member of ——— Lodge, No. —. Now when we confer the degree should he sign our books or should the books be sent to him from ——— Lodge? Held: A candidate who has been elected to receive the Master Mason degree, which is conferred upon request of a sister lodge, remains a member of the lodge which elected him, and he should sign its by-laws and not those of the lodge conferring the degree.

The signing of the by-laws can be delayed until the member returns to his lodge; and it is not necessary to send them to the lodge conferring the degree to be signed as a part of the work of conferring the degree.

23. Question—We have three brothers who want to quit the Fraternity on account of religious convictions. Is there any way we can grant them a demit? Answer—Brethren whose religious convictions interfere with their continuing members of a Freemasons lodge should be permitted to demit upon making their desire known, and a record of such demissions should show the reason for granting the same. I think, however, that the lodge should submit the matter to the Grand Master, who, upon sufficient showing, would grant dispensation, for without it I doubt that the lodge, under our law, could grant such demits.

24. A non-affiliated Master Mason may apply to any regularly chartered lodge for affiliation. The one in whose jurisdiction he resides has no authority in the premises unless the application is to that lodge.

25. Bro. K., on April 10th, 1895, requested of his lodge, No. 58, a demit, but the lodge, instead of granting a demit, issued to him what its Secretary calls a transfer certificate, and informed him that he was indebted to his lodge in the sum of \$2.25 on account of dues up to that time; but the same has not been paid. Bro. K., upon application and the deposit of the aforesaid certificate, has affiliated with lodge No. 233, but no notice of such affiliation has been received by No. 58. In the meantime No. 58 commenced proceedings to suspend Bro. K. for non-payment of dues, pending which No. 58 received information that Bro. K. had affiliated with No. 233, and submits the questions: First, how it places Bro. K.? and, second, are we (No. 58) not entitled to dues from him (K.) from the time he got the transfer until the day he became a member of No. 233? Answer—Bro. K., from the above statement, is in good standing in No. 233. He owes No. 58 dues accruing before affiliation with No. 233, but cannot be suspended for non-payment of dues by No. 58, because the latter lodge has lost jurisdiction for that purpose.

26. Where a man applied for membership in a lodge, paying in advance for the three degrees, was made a Mason and failed to apply for advancement, and subsequently a member of the lodge filed objections to his being advanced, the lodge should return all the money except the amount charged for the Entered Apprentice degree. That amount only of the entire sum became the property of the lodge upon his election to the Entered Apprentice degree.

27. Where a lodge Representative, three years ago, offered a resolution in the Grand Lodge proposing an amendment to the by-laws of the Grand Lodge, and the resolution, under a rule of the Grand Lodge, laid over, but was not called up at either of the two subsequent annual communications, the question as to what can be done in the premises should be submitted to the Grand Lodge by calling the matter up there, and not be decided by the Grand Master outside of a session of the Grand Lodge.

28. A profane, petitioning to be made a Mason, whose left knee is stiff, thereby disabling him to conform to the form and manner of initia-

tion required, is barred by our law from admission into the Fraternity of Freemasons.

29. A brother applying for a demit should pay his dues to the time of the granting of the demit.

30. There is no Masonic law in this jurisdiction to prevent one of our subordinate lodges from renting a hall owned, occupied, and controlled by the I. O. O. F., and using the same for lodge meetings, it being a proper and safe place to hold meetings.

31. A lodge may remit a brother's dues, although he has been suspended for non-payment of the same, and restore him to membership if it desires to do so, by a majority vote at any regular meeting of the lodge.

32. A man who has lost a limb, although he uses an artificial one as flexible and perfect as it is possible to construct, cannot be made a Mason without violating Masonic law and disregarding a landmark in Masonry. It is not in the rightful power of the Grand Master to grant a dispensation in such a case, because it would be such an innovation as no man or body of men has the right to make.

33. A lodge can receive a petition from and confer degrees upon a profane, not a resident of Nebraska, provided it be with the consent of the lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides, and its Grand Master.

34. Question—Is it a Masonic offense for a brother Mason to rent a building for saloon purposes, or where there is to be conducted a saloon business? Answer—No.

35. A lodge has the right to remove from one room to another in the same town. The Master and Wardens are presumed to exercise all the precaution necessary in such a case and there is no necessity for an inspection of the hall by anyone outside of the members of the lodge in question.

36. The fact that a man is book-keeper for a brewing association does not bar him from being made a Mason.

37. A demitted Master Mason whose demit is not one year old has all the rights of a Mason in good standing, except the rights dependent upon membership in a lodge, and they are many. While our Grand Lodge enactments require a signed application for a demit, yet all other conditions requisite existing, if a lodge has demitted a member his standing as a demitted Mason is not affected by want of his signature to a written application therefor, although lodges should require such petition and should not demit until such application is made.

38. The law of Freemasonry is mandatory in its provisions governing the return of a dispensation for a new lodge, and the Grand Master would not be justified in granting request for authority to continue making Masons under the dispensation.

39. Paragraph 10, section 108, has been regarded as the rule governing in this Grand Jurisdiction for a long time, and I regard it just and reasonable. Paragraph 5, section 107, seems to be in conflict with it, but the rule that apparent conflict in provisions of statute law should be so construed as not to make nugatory any provisions of the statute is a well-recognized canon of construction; applying it in a case coming within

the conditions where there are no by-laws to the contrary it would be unnecessary to require a Fellow Craft who had been rejected by ballot, to apply by petition, as the custom under this provision has been not to require it. I therefore decide that it is not necessary in such case to require a petition, and that you may proceed under said paragraph 10, section 108.

40. Where a profane on August 5, 1895, petitioned to the lodge in whose jurisdiction he resided, and in September, 1895, was rejected, and in February, 1896, removed into the jurisdiction of another lodge, and in May, 1897, desires to petition again, he should petition the lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides. If he does so it will be the duty of the latter lodge to obtain a waiver of jurisdiction from the former lodge before proceeding further in the matter.

41. The signing of a saloon-keeper's bond is not made a Masonic offense by our Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska.

DISPENSATIONS TO ELECT AND INSTALL OFFICERS.

June 12, 1896; Stromsburg, 126.—To elect Master out of time, and if the election create vacancies permission to fill the same.

June 18, 1896; Ionic, 87.—To elect and install officers out of time.

June 18, 1896; Hubbell, 92.—To elect and install officers out of time.

June 26, 1896; Harlan, 116.—To install officers out of time.

June 27, 1896; Garfield, 95.—To install Treasurer, Senior Deacon, and Junior Deacon, out of time.

July 1, 1896; Gavel, 199.—To install officers out of time.

July 2, 1896; Blue Hill, 129.—To install officers out of time.

July 2, 1896; Alexandria, 74.—To install officers out of time.

July 6, 1896; Guide Rock, 128.—To install officers out of time.

July 8, 1896; Fairfield, 84.—To install Secretary out of time.

July 13, 1896; Kenesaw, 144.—To elect and install Junior Warden and to install such other officers as have not heretofore been installed.

July 13, 1896; Robert Burns, 173.—To install Junior Warden out of time.

July 13, 1896; Grafton, 172.—To install officers out of time.

July 13, 1896; Landmark, 222.—To install such officers as have not heretofore been installed.

July 31, 1896; Pythagoras, 156.—To elect and install officers out of time.

July 31, 1896; Republican, 98.—To install officers out of time.

August 21, 1896; Wood Lake, 221.—To install Master and other officers out of time.

September 14, 1896; Occidental, 215.—To install officers out of time.

October 19, 1896; Washington, 21.—To install Junior Warden out of time.

November 9, 1896; Morning Star, 197.—To install officers-elect out of time.

For good and sufficient reasons shown in each case, I granted the following dispensations:

June 12, 1896; Cable, 225.—To ballot upon admission of a brother by demit or transfer certificate, without reference to time.

June 18, 1896; Alliance, 183.—To attend church as a Masonic body.

July 27, 1896; Friendship, 239.—To ballot for, and, if elected, advance and confer the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason upon a brother without regard to the time specified by law.

October 8, 1896; Fremont, 15.—To examine an Entered Apprentice and a Fellow Craft at a special meeting.

September 1, 1896; Cubit, 237.—To ballot for, and, if elected, confer the degree of E. A. upon a candidate without reference to time.

September 1, 1896; Ithmar, 238.—To ballot for, and, if elected, advance and confer the sublime degree of Master Mason upon a brother without reference to time.

November 5, 1896; Nebraska, 1.—To attend divine service clothed as Maçons, with white gloves and aprons.

December 2, 1896; Lancaster, 54.—To confer the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees, without reference to time.

January 9, 1897; Curtis, 168.—It appearing that the Master of Curtis Lodge, 169, and the Senior Warden of said lodge had both removed from this state, and that the Junior Warden of said lodge was unable to attend lodge on account of ill health, upon application dispensation was granted authorizing the members of said lodge, at the time of the next regular meeting after receiving the dispensation, to assemble, and Bro. C. B. Compton, Past Master, was authorized to open lodge, and the members were authorized to elect a Master to act until the election and installation of his successor at the next regular election of officers. Said Master also at said meeting was permitted to be installed by Bro. Compton, after the conferring of the Past Masters degree on the Master elect.

February 23, 1897; Western, 140.—To confer the Master Masons degree upon a brother without reference to time.

March 6, 1897; Compass and Square, 212.—To confer the Master Masons degree upon a brother without reference to time.

March 27, 1897; York, 56.—To confer the Master Masons degree upon a brother without reference to time.

May 9, 1897; Beatrice, 26.—To attend funeral in clothing as a lodge.

May 10, 1897; Samaritan, 158.—To ballot for, and, if elected, to confer the Master Masons degree without reference to time.

May 11, 1897; Humboldt, 40.—To confer Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees without reference to time.

May 16, 1897; Stromsburg, 126.—To attend church clothed as Masons, "with white gloves and aprons."

APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS AND SEALS.

June 18, 1896; Granite, 189.—Approved amendment to by-laws.

July 23, 1896; Beaver City, 93.—Approved amendment to by-laws.

July 23, 1896; Fremont, 15.—Approved amendment to by-laws.

September 19, 1896; Parian, 207.—Approved amendment to by-laws.
 October 19, 1896; Humboldt, 40.—Approved amendment to by-laws.
 October 20, 1896; Capitol, 3.—Approved amendment to by-laws.
 January 1, 1897; Ithmar, 238.—Approved amendment to by-laws.
 January 1, 1897; Ogalalla, 159.—Approved amendment to by-laws.
 February 3, 1897; Ashlar, 33.—Approved amendment to by-laws.
 March 6, 1897; Shelton, 99.—Approved amendment to by-laws.
 March 11, 1897; Evening Star, 49.—Approved amendment to by-laws.
 March 11, 1897; Republican, 98.—Approved amendment to by-laws.
 March 22, 1897; Friend, 73.—Approved amendment to by-laws.
 April 28, 1897; Mt. Moriah, 57.—Approved amendment to by-laws.
 May 6, 1897; Lincoln, 19.—Approved amendment to by-laws.
 May 7, 1897; Acacia, 34.—Approved amendment to by-laws.
 May 18, 1897; Fremont, 15.—Approved amendment to by-laws.
 October 7, 1896; Ithmar, 238.—Approved seal.
 November 6, 1896; Gilead, 233.—Approved seal.
 May 18, 1897; Golden Rule, 236.—Approved seal.

NEW LODGES.

At our last annual communication charters were granted to eight new lodges.

Temporary ill health prevented me from personally constituting these lodges, and I duly authorised our R. W. Brother Frank H. Young, Grand Senior Warden, who, with the assistance of our Grand Custodian, M. W. Brother James A. Tulleys, constituted Zion Lodge, No. 234, at Hyannis, on the 7th day of July, 1896, and installed its officers.

I duly authorised W. Brother Walter W. Wells, Master of 34, who, with the assistance of our Grand Custodian, constituted the following lodges and installed their officers:

Gilead Lodge, No. 233, Butte, Nebraska, August 26, 1896; Fraternity Lodge, No. 235, Winside, Nebraska, August 28, 1896; Golden Rule Lodge, No. 236, Allen, Nebraska, August 29, 1896; Pilot Lodge, No. 240, Lyons, Nebraska, August 31, 1896; Ithmar Lodge, No. 238, Crab Orchard, Nebraska, September 2, 1896; Cubit Lodge, No. 237, Douglas, Nebraska, September 3, 1896.

GRIEVANCES.

At the annual election of officers, held a short time before the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge, our North Star Lodge, No. 227, elected Brother Harlan E. DonCarlos, Master.

After the meeting of the Grand Lodge and before the time for the installation of Brother DonCarlos, Brother Frank C. Richards, of East Lincoln Lodge, No. 210, preferred charges and specifications against him; trial was had in North Star Lodge and Brother DonCarlos was acquitted upon each and every charge and specification. Brother Richards and certain members of North Star Lodge appealed from the decision of the lodge, and the Grand Master was asked to take jurisdiction.

Under the law governing the procedure in such cases the suit was triable in the Grand Lodge, and under ordinary circumstances, as I then

thought, the Grand Master would not have jurisdiction, but on or before the 25th day of September, 1896, I received a petition signed by thirty-two of the resident members of said lodge, requesting me "with all possible dispatch to adjudicate the matters," stating that "it would be for the best interests of Masonry in general and for our [their] lodge in particular."

Whereupon I caused said lodge to be summoned to meet at its lodge-room on the evening of October 2, at which time I was present.

Upon inquiry I learned that all resident members, except one sick member and two who were away from home, were present. Several of the members discussed the matter of the difficulties said to exist because of the contest growing out of the trial of Brother DonCarlos and urged that the good of our order and of that lodge in particular would be best conserved by the early decision of the appeal. And the lodge by a unanimous vote requested the Grand Master to take jurisdiction of and hear and determine the matter. Each appellant, member of the lodge, as also the appellee, asked me to take jurisdiction. The counsel of Brother Richards, Brother John S. Bishop, for and on behalf of Brother Richards, had already said to me that he wished me to hear and determine the matter, and on that evening, on my inquiry, said that there was no objection if I thought I had jurisdiction.

From the petition and the discussion aforesaid and the vote above mentioned, I found that the best interests of that lodge, its members, and the Fraternity, would be conserved by complying with the request that I take jurisdiction. Being also of the opinion that the Grand Master's duty is to exercise the prerogatives of his office when occasion requires, and that he has extraordinary powers, aside from those fixed by legislation, and that this case came within such powers, I took jurisdiction.

Each party was notified of my determination, given opportunity to take further testimony and be heard upon final hearing, which was had on October 14th.

The complainant, brother Richards, took additional evidence; both parties appeared; the complainant, however, protesting that the Grand Master had no jurisdiction.

In reviewing the case I became satisfied that the decision of the lodge was right, and that Brother DonCarlos was entirely innocent of the charges and specifications preferred against him, and decided accordingly.

After the disposal of this case, upon receiving the advance copy of our last annual communication, held June 10th and 11th, 1896, after the election of Brother DonCarlos and before the time for his installation, I found, upon page 572, the record of a proceeding in the Grand Lodge which at the time escaped my attention, but which was instituted by the complainant, Bro.: Frank C. Richards, in the form of a query submitted to the committee on jurisprudence, answered, decided, and approved, by action of the Grand Lodge. The record is as follows:

"Query by Bro. F. C. Richards, 210:

"In case charges are preferred against or objections made to a Master-

elect previous to his installation, can he be installed? If not, what course should be pursued by the lodge in reference to the matter of Master for the year ensuing? If objections are made, simply, should the case be disposed of in the same manner as though charges had been preferred for un-Masonic conduct, or how?

“Answer. The matter should be referred to the Grand Master for investigation and decision.”

In view of this action of the Grand Lodge it is something of a wonder that Brother Richards and his counsel should oppose the Grand Master's taking jurisdiction as he did, of the case, and equally unaccountable that the Grand Master's attention should not have been called to it by Brother Richards.

Why a party to a case, who already submitted the very question involved and obtained a decision, should persistently ignore the decision and contend for the opposite of what had been decided, is inexplicable upon any principle encouraged in Masonry as I understand it.

The record and evidence in the case are on file in the office of the Grand Secretary for the use of the Grand Lodge.

Upon information furnished by Past Grand Master Robert E. French, involving difficulties existing between Compass and Square Lodge, No. 212, and Square and Compass Lodge, No. 213, regarding the last sickness and the demission of Brother William A. Milton from Compass and Square Lodge, No. 212, I authorised Brother French to investigate the matter, which he did, and returned to me on May 24th his report, together with a transcript of the evidence taken, which I herewith submit to the Grand Lodge for its action in the matter.

CORNER-STONES.

At the request of the proper authorities, and assisted by the Grand Junior Warden and members of lodges Nos. 34, 55, 58, 78, 143, 193, and 230, I laid the corner-stone of the new court-house, at Albion, in Boone county, on the 10th day of September, 1896, in the presence of a large concourse of the people of that and adjoining counties, His Excellency, Brother Silas A. Holcomb, Governor of Nebraska, delivering a patriotic oration as a part of the day's proceedings.

On the 22d day of April, 1897, in compliance with the request of the officers of the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition, and assisted by the officers of the Grand Lodge and about one thousand Freemasons, I laid the corner-stone of one of the buildings proposed to remain permanently upon the grounds to be used for the coming exposition. Mt. Calvary Commandery, mounted and accompanied by a large number of Knight Templars on foot, acted as an escort to the Grand Lodge, the Omaha Lodges and the visiting brethren present from lodges throughout Nebraska and many from Iowa taking part in the procession from Masonic Hall to the Exposition grounds. The corner-stone was laid agreeably to ancient custom in our Fraternity, in the presence of a large concourse of people, estimated to reach 20,000 in numbers, on a beautiful spring day,

and marked the inauguration of the work of building the structures to be erected for the exposition.

At the regular meeting of Frank Welch Lodge, No. 75, held on the fourth day of May, 1897, difficulties culminated in steps taken by the Lodge to surrender its charter. This action was reported to me on the following day by one of its principal officers. I directed the Master to summon all the resident members of said lodge to meet on the evening of May 15th. I spent the whole of that day in ascertaining as well as I could the matters in difference between the brethren and found that through a misapprehension of the rights and privileges of individual members of the lodge trouble had arisen. One brother with some ground for complaint thought he had been wronged by the lodge; two Fellow Crafts, perhaps three, against whom no ground of objection really existed, had been rejected upon their application for advancement. The Master convened the lodge at the hour I had appointed and informed me that he had summoned every resident member as directed; and there was a large attendance. I presided and explained to the lodge what I regarded to be the duty of the lodge and its members one to the other and to the Fraternity at large, as also some questions of Masonic law and usage. The matters of disagreement were, by the members of the lodge, fully discussed in a fraternal spirit, and by a secret clear ballot I was petitioned to dispense authority to the lodge to ballot upon the advancement of the Fellow Crafts who had been rejected.

Regarding the matter of grave importance, and being satisfied that the good of the lodge and of Freemasonry would be best conserved, I determined to exercise a prerogative of the office I hold, but only in the unwritten law, yet as surely existing as any power residing in the Grand Master; I regarded the prayer of the lodge. Upon a favorable ballot taken upon each of two applications, I proceeded and raised the brothers to the sublime degree of Master Mason. This lodge has been and is an important one, having in its membership men of excellent standing and ability, and I have no doubt that its future will be prosperous.

THE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI EXPOSITION.

The Trans-Mississippi Exposition to be opened at Omaha in the early summer of 1898 is engaging wide interest. In the opinion of many wise and judicious men it is believed that it will result in great good to this western country, and Nebraska may well congratulate itself upon having secured so great a prize. Organised effort is being put forth on every hand to take part in the great undertaking. It has been suggested that Freemasons secure space, either upon the grounds or in one of the buildings to be erected, to be devoted to such use as may be deemed best for the convenience, comfort and social enjoyment of the Masonic Fraternity and auxiliary societies.

I recommend that a committee be appointed early in this session to devise and present to this communication before its close, for action, some plan commensurate with undertakings in other fields of enterprise now being carried forward.

On the 29th day of December, 1896, Brother Samuel H. Morrison, a member of Western Star Lodge, No. 2, of Nebraska City, filed with me charges and specifications against W. Brother Milton R. Thorp, Master of said lodge, setting forth definitely and specifically that said Master, well knowing the facts, had, at a regular meeting of his lodge, held on the 21st day of August, 1896, authorized and permitted a Fellow Craft member of the lodge to be balloted for, elected and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, notwithstanding the fact that objection to the advancement of the candidate had been regularly made by a member of the lodge and announced at a regular meeting of the lodge in April preceding, of which objection and the fact that it had not been withdrawn the said Milton R. Thorp had full knowledge.

Whereupon, I, deeming the charge to be of a sufficiently grave character, appointed R. W. John B. Dinsmore, D. G. M.; M. W. Brother Samuel P. Davidson, and M. W. Henry H. Wilson, a commission to investigate said charge. Investigation was had and the commission reported the evidence, together with its findings.

The absence of the Grand Junior Warden necessitated the appointment of an official, and upon recommendation of our Deputy Grand Master, chairman of the Commission, I appointed Brother Frank M. Hall, of Lincoln, to act as prosecutor, and take pleasure in saying that faithfully and in an able manner he performed his duty.

The findings, record, and report of the commission fully sustained the charges and specifications.

The right of Master Masons to object to the advancement of one of a lower degree is secured by a well-known landmark in Masonry and cannot be disregarded.

It is a flagrant violation of Masonic law for the Master of a lodge to override the objection of a member of his lodge. In this case the defendant, in his testimony, said, in substance, that he knew that it was against the law of our Grand Lodge, but that he did not agree with the Grand Lodge. By reference to page 572, proceedings of 1896, it will be seen that Brother Thorp submitted a query embodying the question, and that this Grand Lodge decided, approving the report of the committee on Jurisprudence, against the rule followed by him in this case. It is the second instance coming to my knowledge during the year where a Master-elect, after having procured, upon inquiry, a decision by the Grand Lodge, has then trampled the deliberate action of this Grand body under foot.

I promptly deposed Brother Thorp from his office as Master of his lodge, placing it in charge of the Senior Warden.

The record and papers in the case are on file in the office of the Grand Secretary for the use of this Grand Lodge and its appropriate committee.

OCCASIONAL LODGE.

A few years ago, I do not remember the year, nor have I the record of the event to aid my recollection, the Grand Master of Pennsylvania made of his son a Mason at sight.

The matter was pretty thoroughly discussed by Masonic reviewers and was generally approved by the better Masonic jurists.

My son, Harry E. Phelps, of Howell, Colfax county, Nebraska, desiring to be made a Mason, I determined, after a careful review and consideration of Masonic authorities, to exercise the prerogative, being satisfied beyond any question of doubt as to its existence, and on the 27th day of March, 1897, I called to my assistance our R. W. Brothers Frank H. Young, Grand Senior Warden, and William R. Bowen, Grand Secretary, W. Brother Walter W. Wells, Master of Acacia Lodge, No. 34, and twenty-five other Master Masons, in the hall of Acacia Lodge, No. 34, at Schuyler, Nebraska; announced my purpose and declared that if no objection existed among the brethren present, I should proceed. No objection appearing, I called off, opened an Entered Apprentice lodge, and, again declaring my purpose if no objection was made, caused the candidate to be made a Mason; following which I opened a lodge of Fellow Crafts, and in like manner, with all the precautions taken in the preceding degree, passed him to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason, and then resuming work on the Master Masons degree, with like precaution raised him to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The degrees were under my direction, in my presence, and with the assistance of the above-named brethren, fully exemplified.

My son has since applied for and obtained membership in Acacia Lodge, No. 34, of Schuyler, Nebraska, of which I have been a member ever since my initiation into Freemasonry.

YORK LODGE, 56.

It has ever been the province of the Grand Master, upon proper occasion, and of the Grand Lodge, at its pleasure, to issue edicts and such recommendations as the good of the Craft seemed to require; but the issuance of like documents by subordinate lodges is of rare occurrence, and, when indulged in, have, so far as my observation goes, brought discredit rather than honor to the lodge indulging in the same. In our own Grand Jurisdiction I recall but one instance—that of a disloyal body issuing an alleged edict, which returned to torment its promoters from the hands of this Grand Lodge roused to righteous indignation at the presumption of the offenders. The instance to which I refer was of recent occurrence, and is so familiar to all well-informed brethren that it is unnecessary to particularize.

Subordinate lodges have constitutional representation in the Grand Lodge, and Masonic usage, custom, and teaching, discredit any other mode of adjusting differences than in open Grand Lodge by resolution, discussion, and vote, under the rules governing our deliberations.

Your Grand Master, therefore, makes no excuse for criticising the issuance of a circular bearing date April 2d, 1897, purporting to be sent out by the officers of York Lodge, No. 56, and quite generally sent to our subordinate lodges. Its covert purpose is too apparent to deceive any well-informed member. I do not regard it either becoming, nor my duty

to discuss the questions it raises, further than to say that the expenses of the Grand Lodge have always been incurred by order of the Grand Lodge itself. The subject of economy was, by our Grand Secretary, brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge in 1891, and a committee was then appointed to consider the matter, (see proceedings 1891, page 421,) which reported in 1892, (see proceedings 1892, page 480,) recommending that no change be made in the existing methods, but that the same be maintained in their present high state of efficiency.

LODGES CREATED.

On the 31st day of March, 1897, I granted to Brothers Edward Cronau, Master; William M. Bartz, Senior Warden; William J. Ekerson, Junior Warden; and fourteen other brothers residing at Ravenna, Buffalo county, authorizing them to open and hold a lodge at that place under the name of Mackey Lodge. The officers and hall of this lodge were examined by M. W. Brother James A. Tulleys, Grand Custodian, upon whose recommendation the dispensation was issued. I am not advised whether a charter will be applied for at this communication of the Grand Lodge.

RELIEF.

Under and by virtue of the Grand Lodge there has been expended in protecting the life-insurance policy upon the life of Brother Lewis A. Kent, payable to his wife and assigned to the Grand Lodge as security for the sums paid thereon, the following sums:

July 13, 1895: Semi-annual interest on sum borrowed by Bro. Kent from Mass. Mut. Life Ins. Co.....	\$22 30
July 16, 1895: Premium on Bro. Kent's policy in Mass. Mut. Life Ins. Co.....	363 86
Dec. 26, 1895: Semi-annual interest on sum borrowed by Bro. Kent from Mass. Mut. Life Ins. Co.....	22 30
Jan. 25, 1896: Premium on Bro. Kent's policy in Mass. Mut. Life Ins. Co.....	363 86
June 27, 1896: Semi-annual interest on sum borrowed by Bro. Kent from Mass. Mut. Life Ins. Co.....	22 20
July 25, 1896: Premium on Bro. Kent's policy in Mass. Mut. Life Ins. Co.....	360 28
Dec. 24, 1896: Semi-annual interest on sum borrowed by Bro. Kent from Mass. Mut. Life Ins. Co.....	22 20
Jan. 31, 1897: Premium on Bro. Kent's policy in Mass. Mut. Life Ins. Co.....	360 26
April 26, 1897: To Henry H. Wilson.....	671 71

The last item, that for \$671.71, was paid to one Dr. Martin, who held a claim and assignment prior to ours, under which said Martin claimed a lien for a much larger amount than was actually chargeable to said policy, and under the advice of my predecessor a suit to determine the question was begun and prosecuted to final judgment. I deemed it necessary to employ counsel to attend to the final winding up of the Dr. Martin claim so as to protect the interests of the Grand Lodge, and to that end employed Brother Henry H. Wilson, who was familiar with the matter, and who made two trips to M'nden in the matter, incurring expenses in amount \$27.08. I also caused an order to be drawn in his favor for the sum of \$52.08, including said expenses and a fee of \$25.00, which I regarded as very moderate compensation for his valuable services.

SECOND EDITION NEBRASKA PROCEEDINGS.

As a result of the foresight of our Grand Secretary in heretofore getting the consent of the Grand Lodge to preserve from year to year stereotype plates for printing the annual proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and his zeal and painstaking care in preparing an excellent and exhaustive index, (and that, too, without any compensation for many weeks of labor thereon,) the Grand Lodge has been able to have printed at a very reasonable cost, volumes II, III, and IV, of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, bringing the work down to 1886, in form very convenient for our subordinate lodges and the Craft generally. The advantage of preserving in book form, amply indexed, these records, is so desirable that no one ought for a moment to question the wisdom of the expenditure. It is to the lasting credit of this Grand Jurisdiction that every item of Masonic history in its existence is being preserved in a form so convenient and permanent and of such ready reference.

For uniform courtesy and painstaking attention to every duty on the part of our Grand Secretary during the year past, I return my sincere acknowledgment and commendation due to that faithful and efficient officer.

CONCLUSION.

And now as I am about to surrender the gavel, so generously extended to me one year ago, and retire from the highest official position in our Fraternity to which a Mason can be exalted, I desire to express my heartfelt gratitude for all the assistance, fraternal consideration and support which has been so generously accorded to me by the officers of this Grand Body and of its subordinate lodges throughout the state.

I think it in nowise too much to claim, that there is no organisation among men, in this or any other Grand Jurisdiction wheresoever dispersed over the face of the globe possessing a membership so choice and excellent in intelligence, culture, and worth, as is found in the Fraternity of Freemasons, and I charge you, my brethren, to see to it, that in this Grand Jurisdiction, the high standard which has ever been upheld, be with fidelity maintained.

The duties of the Grand Master in a jurisdiction as large as ours are many. Often he is perplexed by questions arising in subordinate lodges, to determine which requires a fund of knowledge and familiarity with Ancient Landmarks and customs, as well as the enactments and decisions of our own Grand Lodge, which can be attained only by the diligent student of the history and polity of our institution.

In the selection of office bearers who will be likely to be advanced to the position of Grand Master, none should be selected unless they be studious and diligent in attaining that knowledge which is indispensable to anything like a wise administration of the affairs of the craft.

Knowledge, wisdom, and a zealous attachment to the principles of Freemasonry, are all required. Zeal alone, however commendable, is not enough, nor is knowledge unaccompanied with fraternal charity sufficient. Wisdom is a rare gift, or it may be attained, if so by diligence

and study and experience in close application to duty, all the more should we recognise its possessor and reward him with the honors we have to bestow.

Great and good men in all ages, kings, princes, and potentates, have deemed it not derogatory to their dignity to patronize our fraternity and meet upon the level in the lodge with our brethren.

The founders of the munificent government of our own loved country were almost to a man members of our society. The patriots who led our forefathers to the victories gained in many a hard-fought battle in the war of the revolution were nearly all men inspired with a love of justice, equality, and liberty, taught to them in the Masonic lodge-room, and down to our present day a great majority of our statesmen, jurists, legislators, military leaders, scholars, and men of letters, have knelt at our altars of obligation.

Proud, and justly so, are we of what is known of the history of our institution and of the illustrious characters who have been bright and shining lights in its councils, and its work of uplifting the civilized nations of the earth. It is our most solemn duty to care for the rich and precious heritage transmitted to us, so that our children and the generations after us may enjoy the full fruit of all the labor of love wrought for us, them, and all men.

And finally, brethren, may the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, of Nations and of Battles, bless and keep us, and after the struggle and battle of life is over, vouchsafe to each of us an entrance through the Gates into the City and Temple, of which the material city and temple which was at Jerusalem was an archetype and symbol eternal, and where God, our own Supreme Grand Master, forever reigns.

CHARLES J. PHELPS,

Grand Master.

The following four reports were now received without being read in full, same being at this time distributed in printed form to the members of Grand Lodge. 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, June 10, 1897.

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.

RECEIPTS.

June 10, 1896,	To balance on hand from last report . . .	\$12,262 56
29	“ cash from Grand Secretary	75 84
July 20	“ “ “ “ “	6 00

Dec. 3, 1896,	To cash from Grand Secretary.....	\$0 50
Jan. 7, 1897,	" " " " " "	21 00
Feb. 16,	" " " " " "	2 25
Mar. 20,	" " " " " "	50 04
Apr. 8,	" " " " " "	25 00
8,	" " " " " "	10 00
May 1,	" " " " " "	192 00
1,	" " " " " "	347 35
5,	" " " " " "	467 81
5,	" " " " " "	779 60
5,	" " " " " "	325 07
5,	" " " " " "	549 36
6,	" " " " " "	774 15
6,	" " " " " "	94 05
6,	" " " " " "	724 38
6,	" " " " " "	560 77
6,	" " " " " "	752 41
7,	" " " " " "	666 24
8,	" " " " " "	1,538 94
9,	" " " " " "	127 64
9,	" " " " " "	582 05
10,	" " " " " "	1,476 13
12,	" " " " " "	579 57
13,	" " " " " "	522 63
14,	" " " " " "	172 76
18,	" " " " " "	69 07
20,	" " " " " "	24 10
20,	" " " " " "	73 20
26,	" " " " " "	32 75
27,	" " " " " "	52 50
31,	" " " " " "	279 00
June 3,	" " " " " "	157 62
May 20,	" " " " " "	49 25
une 8,	" " " " " "	54 47
		\$24,478 06

DISBURSEMENTS.

DATE.	WARRANT NO.	NAME.	
May 11, 1896,	By 1282,	Rogers & Smith Company....	\$1,000 00
27,	" 1299,	The York Republican	1 35
June 1,	" 1303,	Rees Printing Co.....	12 50
6,	" 1304,	The Grand Secretary.....	31 82
11,	" 1305,	Rees Printing Co.....	105 00
12,	" 1306,	Rees Printing Co.....	58 75
12,	" 1307,	J. P. Cooke & Co.....	3 00
12,	" 1308,	State Journal Co.....	12 00
12,	" 1309,	The Grand Treasurer.....	21 00
12,	" 1310,	Megeath Stationery Co.....	1 00

DATE.	WARRANT NO.	NAME.	
June 12, 1896,	By 1311,	Rees Printing Co.....	\$7 20
12,	" 1312,	Rees Printing Co.....	66 85
12,	" 1313,	American Dist. Telegraph Co.	2 00
12,	" 1314,	Grand Treasurer for pay-roll..	3,981 70
12,	" 1315,	Robert C. Jordan.....	300 00
12,	" 1316,	Nebraska Telephone Co.....	30 00
12,	" 1317,	The Grand Custodian.....	100 00
12,	" 1318,	The Grand Master.....	100 00
12,	" 1319,	The G'd Master for his clerk,	125 00
25,	" 1320,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
25,	" 1321,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
25,	" 1322,	The Grand Sec'y for his clerk,	60 00
25,	" 1323,	The Grand Secretary.....	100 00
25,	" 1324,	Hammond Typewriter Co....	50 00
25,	" 1325,	Rogers & Smith Company....	14 00
27,	" 1326,	Mass. Mutual Life Ins. Co....	22 20
July 6,	" 1330,	Rees Printing Co.....	61 60
8,	" 1331,	The Grand Master.....	100 00
10,	" 1332,	Rogers & Smith Company....	11 00
25,	" 1333,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
25,	" 1334,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
25,	" 1335,	The Grand Sec'y for his clerk,	60 00
25,	" 1337,	James Stephenson.....	1 50
Aug 25,	" 1339,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
25,	" 1340,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
25,	" 1341,	The Grand Sec'y for his clerk,	60 00
25,	" 1342,	The Grand Master.....	100 00
Sept 25,	" 1343,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
25,	" 1344,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
25,	" 1345,	The Grand Sec'y for his clerk,	60 00
25,	" 1346,	Com. on For. Correspondence..	100 00
25,	" 1348,	Grand Master for his clerk...	125 00
Oct. 6,	" 1349,	Geo. H. Wells.....	8 50
6,	" 1350,	The Grand Custodian.....	100 00
24,	" 1351,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
24,	" 1352,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
24,	" 1353,	The Grand Sec'y for his clerk,	60 00
Nov. 3,	" 1355,	Lewis Inbody.....	3 65
3,	" 1356,	Horatio Wellington.....	3 65
3,	" 1357,	William E. McCloud.....	3 22
3,	" 1358,	J. W. Bennett.....	2 55
3,	" 1359,	Geo. B. France.....	26 93
11,	" 1360,	The Gen. Mas. Relief Ass'n...	59 18
25,	" 1361,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
25,	" 1362,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
25,	" 1363,	The Grand Sec'y for his clerk,	60 00
25,	" 1364,	The G'd Master for his clerk,	125 00

DATE.	WARRANT NO.	NAME.	
Nov. 24, 1896,	By 1366,	Rees Printing Co.....	\$29 12
24,	" 1367,	Rees Printing Co.....	43 12
Dec. 4,	" 1368,	W. S. Brooks	13 85
11,	" 1369,	Grand Sec'y for his janitor...	60 00
24,	" 1370,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
24,	" 1371,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
24,	" 1372,	The Grand Secretary.....	60 00
24,	" 1373,	The Grand Custodian.....	100 00
24,	" 1374,	The Grand Secretary.....	100 00
Jan. 15, 1897,	" 1377,	Rogers & Smith Company....	881 30
15,	" 1378,	Rogers & Smith Company....	109 95
25,	" 1379,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
25,	" 1380,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
25,	" 1381,	The Grand Sec'y for his clerk,	60 00
Feb. 3,	" 1383,	The G'd Master for his clerk..	125 00
8,	" 1384,	The Grand Custodian.....	100 00
8,	" 1385,	A. B. Huberman	8 00
25,	" 1386,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
25,	" 1387,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
25,	" 1388,	Maynard, Merrill & Co	57 60
25,	" 1389,	John W. Dixon.....	16 20
25,	" 1390,	Rees Printing Co.....	42 50
Mar. 8,	" 1391,	Henry H. Wilson.....	7 48
8,	" 1392,	Samuel P. Davidson.....	7 48
8,	" 1393,	Jno. B. Dinsmore.....	7 48
8,	" 1394,	Frank M. Hall.....	7 48
25,	" 1395,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
25,	" 1396,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
25,	" 1397,	The Grand Sec'y for his clerk,	60 00
25,	" 1398,	Rogers & Smith Company....	53 50
25,	" 1399,	American Dist. Telegraph Co.	18 30
Apr. 6,	" 1400,	Rogers & Smith Company	168 00
9,	" 1401,	L. C. Huntington & Son.....	50 00
9,	" 1402,	Rees Printing Co.....	31 40
24,	" 1403,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
24,	" 1404,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
24,	" 1405,	The Grand Sec'y for his clerk,	60 00
24,	" 1406,	The Grand Custodian.....	100 00
May 1,	" 1408,	James Stephenson.....	24 00
14,	" 1410,	Henry H. Wilson.....	52 08
17,	" 1411,	Masonic Temple Craft, Omaha	200 00
17,	" 1412,	Masonic Temple Craft, Omaha	30 00
25,	" 1413,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
25,	" 1414,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
25,	" 1417,	Lyman E. Ware.....	7 10
28,	" 1418,	Rogers & Smith Company....	1065 90
28,	" 1419,	Rogers & Smith Company....	53 30

DATE.	WARRANT NO.	NAME.	
May 29, 1897,	By 1420,	Robert E. French.....	\$15 45
June 1,	" 1422,	Christian Hartman.....	50 00
1,	" 1423,	Albert U. Wyman.....	5 00
1,	" 1424,	Treas. Orphans Educational Fund, for his clerk.....	60 00
5,	"	By order of G. M. & Gr. Sec., transferred to Relief Fund..	579 85
7,	" 1425,	Rees Printing Co.....	105 75
9,	" 1426,	The Grand Secretary.....	78 63
			<hr/> \$15,041 97
	Balance in General Fund		<hr/> <hr/> \$9,436 09

RELIEF FUND.

RECEIPTS.

June 10, 1896,	To balance on hand.....	\$1,161 30
July 20,	" cash from Grand Secretary.....	32 00
Aug. 20,	" " " " "	14 65
Nov. 30,	" " " " "	27 67
Feb. 16, 1897,	" " " " "	25 00
May 7,	" " " " "	90 00
18,	" " " " "	79 84
22,	By order Grand Master and Grand Sec- retary, transferred from General Fund (by letter).....	579 85
		<hr/> \$2,010 31

DISBURSEMENTS.

RELIEF FUND.

DATE.	WARRANT NO.	NAME.	
July 2, 1896,	1328,	Emmet Crawford Lodge, No. 148,	\$120 00
2,	1329,	" " " " "	60 00
25,	1336,	Massachusetts Mutual Life In- surance Co.....	360 26
Aug. 10,	1338,	Springfield Lodge, No. 112	12 15
Sept. 25,	1347,	" " " " "	7 50
Nov. 2,	1354,	" " " " "	11 60
25,	1365,	" " " " "	56 95
Jan. 15, 1897,	1376,	" " " " "	106 00
Dec. 24, 1896,	1375,	Massachusetts Mutual Life In- surance Co.....	22 20
Jan. 31, 1897,	1382,	Massachusetts Mutual Life In- surance Co.....	360 26
Apr. 26,	1407,	Henry H. Wilson.....	671 71
May 10,	1409,	Springfield Lodge, No. 112.....	3 50
			<hr/> \$1,792 13
	Balance in Relief Fund		<hr/> <hr/> \$218 18

Please find herewith my check, No. 1897, on the Merchants National Bank of Omaha, in favor of this Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., certified to by said bank, for \$9,654.27, being the amount in my hand belonging to the Grand Lodge.

I also hand you herewith the pay-roll for the session of 1896, and the warrants paid by me since the last session of this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

CHRISTIAN HARTMAN,
Grand Treasurer.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Freemasons of Nebraska:

Under your liberal appropriations I come after exactly twenty-five years in your service with my arms full; volumes 2, 3, and 4 of the second edition (not reprint) of our Grand Lodge are before you, volumes 3 and 4 being distributed here to save our lodges the cost of transportation by mail or express. Each Nebraska lodge now has a complete set of our proceedings up to and including 1886, which has for a decade been impossible because the first edition of several years (particularly 1857, 1872, 1878, and 1882) were entirely exhausted soon after issued.

The indexes to the four volumes of the second edition afford complete and ready reference to the matters heard and determined by Grand Lodge, many of which are unknown to the Craft in Nebraska because they lie buried in detached and unindexed pamphlets; the Masonic student here finds an "open sesame" in his research; the jurist may refer to the precedents so cherished by his class; the general reader may easily glean the matters that interest him; and each individual may find in the Index of Names reference to each page that records his presence, etc., on the floor of Grand Lodge. Without doubt this second edition, with its ample indexes, will largely influence and guide our future legislation in consistent lines based on the thoughtful action of those who founded Freemasonry in Nebraska; and it has been with this anticipation that I have persistently labored in preparing this edition and compiling its indexes; the indexes of each volume have taken from six to seven weeks of my time, much labor having been given to securing one given name in full of each individual indexed, in which you will observe I have succeeded with very few exceptions. This is my opus, my opera, the result of plans proposed by me and sanctioned by you twenty-three years ago; with the exception of portions of three pages, the four volumes are plain letterpress, with portraits which cost the printing only; by those best qualified to decide, this edition is pronounced to be as good as any in Freemasonry at home or abroad; I have spared no labor to make it so, and I think that, like fruit cake, it will become better with age. During the last twelve months I have denied myself any recreation whatever that I might accomplish what you ordered done; and in presenting the work to you I am devoutly thankful for the vigor, exceptional at my age, which

For the information of those interested I reproduce my paper, "In re Economy," which I submitted to Grand Lodge in 1891, (copy herewith,) on which the committee a year later reported (copy herewith) that no change whatever should be made in the methods then existing. One matter was not presented in my said paper, nor considered by the committee—that of the report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, the publishing of the report of this committee having been resumed in 1892. I estimate the total additional cost of this item of expense at about \$300.00 per year, including the \$100.00 paid the committee, (the average compensation in the United States and Canada was \$178.33½, according to the latest data that have come to my notice.)

Regarding the "itemized list of expenditures of our Grand Lodge for the year ending April 30, 1896, amounting to \$14,219.35," it is sufficient for me to state that such expenditures were all in accordance with appropriations made by Grand Lodge; were directed in detail by our Grand Master; were less than the appropriations; were less than two-thirds of the expenditures of the preceding year.

For twenty-five years I have frankly discussed our affairs with the Freemasons of Nebraska when presented in our annual gatherings where such affairs properly come up for consideration; and conclude by repeating a portion of my report of 1885, (page 3264, second edition,) wherein I said, "The ethics of our society do not come under the supervision of this office; but as the Craft learn to be prompt in our business matters, so will they become prompt in relief, exacting in morals, and foremost in good works.

Fraternally,

WM. R. BOWEN,

Grand Secretary since June 19, 1872.

[*Extract from Grand Lodge proceedings of 1891.*]

The Grand Secretary addressed the Grand Lodge as follows: on motion of Bro. Davidson, 17, the Grand Master was requested to appoint a special committee with Bro. Bowen, 3, as chairman, to consider and report upon the matters presented.

[IN RE ECONOMY.]

To the Grand Lodge:

When in '72 I took my present place in Grand Lodge I found an office that was about abreast of the times; the commonwealth of Nebraska was beginning to advance in prosperity; the Fraternity consisted of thirty-two [32] lodges (Nos. 1 to 33, with No. 8 extinct) and fifteen hundred and seventy-nine (1579) members; was beginning to stretch itself and to awaken to an anticipation of what its future might be; it demanded a movement that should put Nebraska Freemasonry on an equal plane with its fellow Grand Lodges of the same age and numbers. The Grand Lodge was in debt some three thousand dollars.

My training from '62 to '72 enabled me to put the Grand Secretary's office in satisfactory shape—I claim no credit for this, any more than a cross-eyed man should claim credit for being able to see both sides of the street at once—but the fact is patent, and I have no shamefacedness in stating the fact; the Grand Lodge appreciated and sustained my efforts for advancement by liberal appropriations of money and by the enactment of laws tending to improvement and accuracy in our domestic affairs.

It is not my purpose to contrast our present status at home and abroad with our condition in '72: those of you who care to know the facts do know; and those of you who care not, would not be interested or impressed by my words on the subject.

But I do desire at this time to invite your attention to the changes of opinion that come to the members of every organisation, including ours; the pendulum of compensation does swing; for years the Grand Lodge has been liberal in its expenditures, anxious to progress and having ample funds wherewith to make such progress — having such an income that in my time our annual dues have been reduced from one dollar and fifty cents per capita to thirty-five cents per capita. Judging from action lately taken and views recently expressed, it may be that the Grand Lodge thinks it has advanced sufficiently in the directions in which it has progressed during the last nineteen years, and that appropriations for current expenses should be restricted in order that our funds may be devoted to the establishment of organisations for relief and charity; so be it! such purpose should not be decried nor impeded; it is the duty of every office-bearer of the Grand Lodge to do his best to meet the expressed wish of the Grand Lodge; and I here present a statement of items of expense that can be reduced or abolished for the future.

1. The edition of our Grand Lodge proceedings usually consists of twelve hundred copies: three copies are sent to each Nebraska lodge, four copies to each American Grand Lodge, one copy to each foreign Grand Lodge, each of our present Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters, each Representative to and from fellow Grand Lodges, the Masonic periodicals and libraries, and to any Freemason in good standing who asks for a copy. These proceedings are quarter-bound, the stiff covers being deemed economical because the pamphlets would soon become worn if in thin paper covers. A postal card receipt is put in each package so I may *know* our proceedings reach those who are entitled to them.

Now if you wish, the number of copies can be reduced, saving about thirty cents on each copy. Cheaper covers may be used, saving about five cents per copy. The postal-card receipts may be omitted, saving about half a cent per copy. But Nebraska will not stand as high abroad, the pamphlets will become worn and dog-eared, and it will be uncertain whether or not our lodges have had due notice of the action and enactments of Grand Lodges.

2. I send all letters and circulars in sealed "return" envelopes. The circulars can be sent in unsealed envelopes, saving one cent on each. But the certainty of delivery will be reduced and there will be more publicity given our affairs.

3. I keep copies of letters, etc., sent from my office. This costs the price of several impression books per year and the time of therein copying the letters. Some expense can be saved by abandoning this system, but I shall have no record of what I have done, and you will have no check on my postage account; you now have a complete check on postage expended, nothing being charged that the letter-press books do not warrant.

4. The annual circular, usually issued in April, notifying the lodges and members when Grand Lodge meets, who are detailed on committees, etc., etc., is sent in sealed "return" envelopes, with blank postal cards for acknowledging its receipt. The postal-card receipts might be omitted, saving about nine dollars, if you are willing to dispense with the certainty that each lodge and committeeman has notice. The circulars might be sent in unsealed envelopes, thus saving one cent on each. Or the circular might be entirely dispensed with and the committees be appointed after Grand Lodge meets, at a total saving of say thirty dollars.

To keep an open office, as I have done since 1876, costs for rent \$200.00, for heat \$30.00, for light \$20.00, for janitor \$80.00, for ice \$10.00, and sundry minor items, making up say \$350.00 in all. I don't think you want any change herein, but submit the matter for consideration.

6. I use envelopes with printed addresses to each lodge, costing a trifle over the price of envelopes with the usual "return, etc."; a saving of say \$2.50 per thousand envelopes can be made here, but there will be less certainty of our letters promptly reaching destination.

7. The Grand Lodge sells to its lodges books, blanks, monitors, aprons, etc., at cost; it takes time, wrapping paper, postage, etc., to do this; a reduction of expenditure is possible in this matter.

8. We furnish each newly chartered lodge with a full set of books and blanks costing \$25.00 or \$30.00, and a parchment charter, entirely printed, costing \$6.00 or \$7.00; money can be saved by not furnishing these supplies.

9. The blank annual returns are printed *each year*, with specific dates and data clearly given for the guidance of lodge secretaries. It would cost a trifle less to print at one time enough to last three or four years; is this saving desirable?

10. For several years I have furnished each lodge Secretary with a set of eight envelopes for systematically filing each year's documents; the result has been beneficial, but may not be worth the cost—about \$17.00 per year.

11. The Grand Lodge pays the General Masonic Relief Association for a monthly warning circular to each Nebraska lodge; this will cost the Grand Lodge \$97.17 for year beginning September 1, 1891; a saving of money is possible here.

I have thus endeavored to present with some particularity an exhibit of our expenses that are almost entirely left to my judgment; they may be deemed excessive; there are few Grand Lodges that are more liberal to the constituent lodges than ours, and few that take better care of the Craft at large. And to touch upon a minor point, it is suggested that our society is doing something for our commonwealth by making Nebraska respected where even its name would otherwise be unknown.

I have made no reference to the various ways in which the Grand Lodge saves money to the individual members of our lodges; for instance, in furnishing diplomas at less than four cents that would otherwise cost about one dollar. Nor have I emphasized the fact that no funds have been expended by me without your appropriation; nor has any appropriation ever been materially exceeded.

Fraternally,

WM. R. BOWEN,

Grand Secretary.

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EXTRACT FROM GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS OF 1892.

Bro. Oakley, 19, submitted the following report "*In re economy*," which was accepted:

To the Grand Lodge:

Your special committee on the matter of economy, as presented by our Grand Secretary at our last annual communication, fraternally reports:

Your full committee has deliberately, thoroughly and fully considered all the matters referred to it; and it was unanimously agreed that no change should be made in the existing methods as detailed in the Grand Secretary's statement one year ago, but that same be maintained in their present high state of efficiency.

In view of a proposed reduction of fifty per cent in the cost of the warning circulars of the General Masonic Relief Association, it is recommended that the Grand Lodge continue its membership therein.

In order to reduce unnecessary expense, and carry out the object of the appointment of this committee, your committee recommends that our future Grand Masters be requested to form committees, as far as the best interests of the Grand Lodge will admit, from those who are entitled to mileage and per diem. And your committee further recommends that the mileage be reduced to four cents per mile one way.

Fraternally submitted.

ROLLAND H. OAKLEY, 19,

CHARLES K. COUTANT, 11,

HENRY GIBBONS, 46,

D. M. MCELHINNEY, 50,

Special Committee.

GRAND CUSTODIAN'S REPORT.

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

I herewith submit report of work done during the year just closed.

While I have not accomplished as much as in the previous year, I do not feel that the failure was through any fault of my own.

Owing to the political excitement last fall, I was unable to get anything done till after election; and near the close of the year I lost six weeks' time through sickness.

However, I have held thirty-two schools of instruction of three days each, and visited a number of lodges singly.

I also assisted in constituting the lodges at Hyannis, Chapman, Butte, Winside, Allen, Lyons, Crab Orchard, and Douglas.

I visited and examined the brethren at Ravenna, and recommended granting them a dispensation.

In selecting places for holding lodges of instruction, I complied, as far as practicable, with the resolution adopted last year, in visiting the smaller places. The lodges visited manifested a laudable interest in the work, but very little was shown by surrounding lodges.

I have examined the by-laws of nearly every lodge I have visited, and I find that a majority of them have some points in violation of the laws of the Grand Lodge. This does not properly come within the scope of my work, but I thought it proper to call attention to a matter that ought to be remedied.

The records, generally, I find well kept, and the compendiums up to date. I found one lodge, however, without a compendium.

With a few unfortunate exceptions, the lodges are in a healthy, prosperous condition, and show reasonably good progress in the work of the jurisdiction; and there is a marked improvement over last year in the amount of work being done.

Fraternally submitted.

JAMES A. TULLEYS,

Grand Custodian.

The Grand Custodian verbally recommended the appointment of a committee to preserve our work and to eliminate any superfluities or irregularities that may have crept in during the last thirty years. His recommendation was adopted, and our Grand Master appointed Brothers Robert W. Furnas, 4, Daniel H. Wheeler, 1, James A. Tulleys, 53, Frank H. Young, 207, and Walter W. Wells, 34, such committee.

ANNUAL STATEMENT AND REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

OMAHA, June 3, 1897.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

On behalf of the Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund the following report is submitted:

The amount of the fund at this date is.....	\$28,786 14
Consisting of securities per list.....	\$27,957 76
Cash.....	828 38
The amount of the fund at last annual statement was..	27,150 49
Gain during the year.....	\$1,635 65

Being a small amount over 6 per cent realized.

There remains to be collected of interest accrued some \$375. The collection of one item of \$144 is delayed by reason of the death of the borrower, and the estate being in the hands of an administrator there is no present provision for payment of the interest, and may not be until the estate shall be settled.

If to the total amount of arrears—some \$375—there be added \$127.99 net amount of outlay on the Hastings property otherwise referred to, and the arrears be collected, as is confidently expected, there will be realized to the fund upward of 7½ per cent for the year on the balance of June 1, 1896. In this statement no account is taken of current interest not yet due.

It has been the purpose to invest more largely in school, municipal, or other bonds, in accordance with the expression of the M. W. Grand Lodge, but no offers of satisfactory issues to any considerable amount have been received that would come within the reach of the fund not invested at the time of offering. Some small purchases of bonds and warrants have been made. Endeavor will be made gradually to affect such an exchange which, while it would much reduce the rate of interest accruing to the fund, will greatly lessen the labors of the Trustees in care of the fund. As times financially improve, the mortgages may be disposed of and the proceeds invested in bonds.

HASTINGS PROPERTY.

At date of last report the fund was owner of the undivided one-half of lot 17, block 24, original town of Hastings, at a cost then of	\$845 05
Foreclosure was had on tax certificate and sheriff's deed obtained in October, 1896, for the remaining undivided one-half at an expense for attorney's fee and costs of foreclosure.....	76 08
Recording sheriff's deed.....	1 75
Taxes since paid	64 06
For brick sidewalk ordered by city	11 00
	\$997 94
Received during the year from rents.....	24 90
Present cost to the fund of whole lot.....	\$973 04

The original loan, made about 1889, was \$500 on an undivided one-half. The interest, costs of two foreclosure proceedings, taxes, etc., have brought the costs to the amount as stated. The lot is located in the business portion of Hastings, but the building thereon has become greatly dilapidated, and is not in tenantable condition; and, as it is beyond repair, endeavor is being made to dispose of the same. During a portion of the past year, \$5 per month was obtained, but later only \$2.50 per month, and it is now unoccupied. It has been deemed best to obtain title and control of the whole lot, with the expectation that in time a sale may be made which will reimburse the fund in the whole or the greater portion of its outlay. At the time of the first foreclosure, in 1892, the undivided

one-half was appraised for purpose of sale at \$750. Application was made during the year to the Board of Supervisors of Adams County for remission of the taxes due, and that the property be hereafter exempted from taxation as being held for educational and benevolent purposes; but the opinion of the County Attorney being adverse to the allowance of such claim, it was not successful. As the cost has been eliminated from the assets, any amount realized will be a gain to the fund.

Appended are statements showing the receipts into the fund, and the sources from which derived; the disbursements, and for what accounts; and list of securities, with amounts and rates of interest.

Fraternally submitted,

For the Trustees.

A. U. WYMAN,

Treasurer.

A. U. WYMAN, Treasurer, *In Account with*

<i>Dr.</i>		ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.		
1896.		PRINCIPAL.	INTEREST.	
June	1,	To balance		\$460 70
	3,	No. 6, Lang	\$75 00	
July	6,	6, Lang	25 00	\$6 10
	18,	42, Anchor Lodge, No. 142		14 00
		5, Furay		42 00
		21, Horton		22 31
	21,	25, Middlesex Banking Company		15 00
Aug.	6,	3, Hilbert		20 00
	10,	28, Rooney		20 00
	17,	46, Falconer		14 00
	27,	39, Northern Light, 41,		40 00
Sept.	15,	44, Cole		28 00
	17,	19, Ginn		18 00
	21,	8, Polesley		20 00
Oct.	13,	45, Christensen		35 00
	20,	29, Romano		33 50
	26,	11, Lindner		26 00
	27,	43, Frear		15 00
	28,	24, Jensen		45 00
Nov.	6,	15, Peterson		40 00
	9,	32, Haman		32 00
		24, Jensen	900 00	10 70
	28,	9, Voss		35 00
Dec.	1,	41, Griffin		15 00
	11,	38, Swanson		18 00
	24,	17, Rooney		40 00
	30,	35, Village of Ord		224 00

1897.		PRINCIPAL	INTEREST.
Jan.	2, To No. 38, Swanson.....		\$18 00
	5, Furay		42 00
	25, Middlesex Banking Company.....	\$500 00	15 00
	18, 46, Falconer		5 00
	28, 42, Anchor Lodge, 142..		14 00
Feb.	2, 28, Rooney		20 00
	3, Hilbert.....		20 00
	4, 48, Neisendorfer		7 50
	20, 49, School District 49..		14 45
	40, Walker.....	600 00	34 53
Mch.	12, 51, School District 246,		26 00
	17, 19, Ginn		18 00
	18, 44, Cole.....		28 00
	8, Polsley		20 00
	27, 39, Northern Light, 41,		40 34
April	10, 32, Haman.....		32 00
	12, 45, Christensen.....		35 00
	46, Falconer.....	100 00	1 20
May	1, 15, Peterson.....		40 00
	8, 9, Voss.....		35 00
	14, 16, Wrightman.....		28 00
	26, 37, Stjeskal		42 00
	27, 10, Grentmann.....		20 70
	28, 41, Griffin.....		15 00
	43, Frear.....		15 00
June	1, 7, Luellen.....		122 41
	South Omaha judg- ment warrant ...		2 26
	12, Morse	900 00	63 00
	12, Savings Bank.....		80 72
	17, Rooney		40 00
	34, Grady		60 00
		<u>\$3,100 00</u>	<u>\$1,783 72</u>
Miscellaneous receipts:			\$4,883 72
	A. U. Wyman, salary donated to fund.....	\$5 00	.....
	Rent Hastings property	24 90	.....
			<u>29 90</u>
			<u>\$5,374 32</u>
1896.		Cr.	
Sept.	16, By attorney's fee and costs in Hastings foreclosure ...		\$76 08
1897.			
Jan.	26, purchase of H. D. Bache collateral note (47).....	\$100 00	.....

		PRINCIPAL.	INTEREST.
1897.			
Jan. 28,	Recording sheriff's deed to Hastings lot.....	.....	\$1 75
	By purchase of Neisendorfer collateral note (48).....	\$100 00	.....
Feb. 20,	purchase of school district 49, Valley Co (49).....	250 00	.....
	purchase of Swobe collateral note (50).....	659 57	.....
Mch. 12,	purchase of Sch. Dist. 246, Custer county.....	300 00	.....
19,	purchase of Simon Nelson (52).....	300 00	.....
	Accrued interest.....	.....	4 83
April 23,	paid for sidewalk, Hastings.....	.....	11 00
May 25,	tax, Hastings.....	.....	64 06
	purchase of South Omaha warrants.....	458 40	.....
	purchase of McCreary (54).....	300 00	.....
	Accrued interest.....	.....	3 00
	purchase of Tagger (55)..	250 00	.....
	Accrued interest.....	.....	1 25
	purchase of Rawls (56)..	800 00	.....
	Accrued interest.....	.....	16 00
	purchase of Buehler (57)..	500 00	.....
	purchase of Moore (58)...	350 00	.....
		<u>\$4,367 97</u>	<u>\$177 97</u>
	By balance cash on hand, for which certified check is attached.....	.....	828 38
			<u>\$5,374 32</u>

No. of Loan.	NAME OF BORROWER.	Amount.	Rate of Interest.
1	E. Hendrickson, (E. Wakeley, guarantor.).....	\$2,500 00	7 per cent.
3	Frank Hilbert.....	400 00	10 "
5	A. A. Furay.....	1,200 00	7 "
7	C. F. Luellen.....	900 00	8 "
8	Belle Polsley.....	500 00	8 "
9	Henry T. Voss.....	1,000 00	8 "
10	John Grentmann.....	300 00	7 "
11	Karoline Lindner.....	350 00	7 "
15	Geo. H. Peterson.....	1,000 00	8 "
16	Noah Wrightman.....	400 00	7 "
17	Patrick Rooney.....	1,000 00	8 "
19	John W. Ginn.....	450 00	8 "
21	A. A. Horton.....	318 75	7 "
28	Patrick Rooney.....	500 00	8 "
29	L. Romano et al.....	1,071 04	7 "
30	Catherine E. Hobbie et al.....	300 00	8 "
31	Catherine E. Hobbie et al.....	500 00	8 "
32	Henry Haman.....	800 00	8 "
33	Catherine E. Hobbie.....	1,000 00	8 "

No. of Loan.	NAME OF BORROWER.	Amount.	Rate of Interest.
34	John Grady.....	\$750 00	8 per cent.
35	Ord village bonds.....	3,200 00	7 "
37	Jan Stjeskal.....	600 00	6 "
38	Andrew Swanson.....	600 00	6 "
39	Northern Light Lodge, No. 41, Stanton.....	1,000 00	8 "
41	Mary P. Griffin.....	500 00	6 "
42	Anchor Lodge, No. 142, North Loup.....	350 00	8 "
43	Lawrence Frear.....	300 00	10 "
44	Daniel C. Cole.....	800 00	7 "
45	J. M. Christensen.....	1,000 00	7 "
47	Harriet P. Bache.....	100 00	10 "
48	Josephine Neisendorfer.....	100 00	10 "
49	School District 49, Valley county.....	250 00	7 "
50	Thomas Swobe.....	459 57	10 "
51	School District 246, Custer county.....	300 00	7 "
52	Simon Nelson.....	300 00	10 "
53	South Omaha judgment warrant.....	458 40	7 "
54	E. H. McCreary.....	300 00	6 "
55	A. G. and H. E. Tagger.....	250 00	6 "
56	C. A. Rawls.....	800 00	8 "
57	Andrew Buehler.....	500 00	6 "
58	Montgomery Moore.....	350 00	6 "
		\$27,957 78	

Bro.: Slaughter, 89*, chairman of the committee on Doings of Grand Officers, made the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your committee on Doings of Grand Officers fraternally submits the following report:

1. With reference to as much of the Grand Master's address as relates to our illustrious dead, we would recommend that the same be referred to a committee of five.
2. That so much as refers to decisions be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.
3. That so much as relates to special dispensations to elect and install officers be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.
4. That so much as relates to approval of by-laws and seals be referred to the committee on By-laws of Chartered Lodges.
5. That so much as relates to the matter in the controversy between Bro.: Frank C. Richards and Bro.: Harlan E. DonCarlos be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.
6. That so much as relates to the difficulty existing between Compass and Square Lodge, 212, and Square and Compass Lodge, 213, be referred to the committee on Grievances.
7. That so much as relates to Frank Welch Lodge, 75, be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.
8. That so much as relates to the Trans-Mississippi Exposition be referred to a special committee, as recommended by the Grand Master.
9. That so much as relates to the matter of Bro.: Milton R. Thorp,

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

Master of Western Star Lodge, 2, be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

10. That so much as relates to making Harry E. Phelps a Master Mason be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

11. That so much as relates to circular of York Lodge, 56, be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

12. That so much as relates to the dispensation for a new lodge at Ravenna be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

13. That so much as relates to the matter of Bro. Lewis A. Kent be referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

14. That the Grand Treasurer's report be referred to the committee on Accounts.

15. That so much of the Grand Secretary's report as refers to the finances of the Grand Lodge be referred to the committee on Accounts; that so much as refers to the credits and debits be referred to the committee on Returns; that so much as refers to issuing Vols. V and VI, second edition, Nebraska proceedings, and indexing same, be referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

16. That the report of the trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund be referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

The Grand Secretary presented the following special report, which was referred to the committee on Jurisprudence:

To Grand Lodge:

Under the amendment adopted at our last annual communication, our Grand Master caused the following announcement to be made to our chartered lodges:

EXEMPTION FROM DUES.

On June 11, 1896, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska enacted that "All Master Masons who have been members in good standing for thirty years, and who have reached the age of sixty-five years, may, by a majority vote of the lodge, be placed upon the retired list, and shall be exempt from the payment of further lodge dues, and the lodge shall not be liable to the Grand Lodge for dues on such retired members."

When, under the provision of the above law, any lodge has placed any one of its members upon the retired list, the Master of such lodge will cause the record of the brother thus retired to be traced step by step, on one or more of the certificates herewith enclosed; when the brother's record is thus completed it will be forwarded to the Grand Secretary (with certificate F); the Grand Secretary will submit the complete record to the Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, and, on his order, a Grand Lodge certificate will be issued that the retired brother is exempt from Grand Lodge dues. Until such Grand Lodge certificate is received by the lodge of which the retired brother is a member, the exemption from Grand Lodge dues will not be effective.

A record of each exemption certificate issued, will be kept in the Grand Secretary's office, and the Grand Lodge committees on Returns and Accounts will admit no claim for exemption from Grand Lodge dues except such as are thus certified and issued.

More blank certificates, A to F, may be obtained from the Grand Secretary.

By order of

M. W. CHARLES J. PHELPS,

Grand Master.

January 27, 1897.

WM. R. BOWEN,

Grand Secretary.

[CERT. A.]

....., Nebraska,
....., 189..

I certify on my honor as a Freemason that I was born on the..... day of
.....18....., at..... county,

Signed in the presence of Member of
..... Lodge, No.....
at..... Nebraska.

[CERT. B.]

....., 189..

It is hereby certified that in..... Lodge, No....., located at
....., Bro.
was initiated.....18....., passed.....18....., and
raised.....18....., since which date he has been *continuously* a mem-
ber of this lodge in good standing.

Witness my hand and seal of this lodge, the day and year first above written.
.....Sec'y, [SEAL.]
.....Lodge, No.....

[CERT. C.]

....., 189..

It is hereby certified that in..... Lodge, No....., located at
....., Bro.
was initiated.....18....., passed.....18....., and
raised.....18.....; that he remained *continuously* in good standing
a member of this lodge until.....18....., when he demitted.

Witness my hand and the seal of the lodge, the day and year first above written.
.....Sec'y, [SEAL.]
.....Lodge, No.....

[CERT. D.]

....., 189..

It is hereby certified that in..... Lodge, No....., located at
....., Bro.
was admitted on demit.....18....., since which date he has been
continuously a member of this lodge in good standing.

Witness my hand and seal of this lodge, the day and year first above written.
.....Sec'y, [SEAL.]
.....Lodge, No.....

[CERT. E.]

....., 189..

It is hereby certified that in..... Lodge, No....., located at
....., Bro.
was admitted on demit.....18....., and that he remained *continuously*
in good standing a member of this lodge until.....18.....
when he demitted.

Witness my hand and the seal of the lodge, the day and year first above written.
.....Sec'y, [SEAL.]
.....Lodge, No.....

[CERT. F.]

In.....Lodge, No.....
, Nebraska,
189..

To the Grand Secretary of Freemasons in Nebraska:

I certify that, by a majority vote at the regular meeting of this lodge held.....
18... Bro.
 a member of this lodge, was placed upon the retired list, under the law proposed in
 Grand Lodge June 13, 1895, and adopted June 11, 1896. Certificates as to the date of his
 birth and tracing his Masonic record step by step are herewith found.

Witness my hand and the seal of the lodge, the day and year first above written.
Sec'y, [SEAL]
Lodge, No.....

Under this law, ten (10) exemption certificates have been issued, and so many more are awaiting further data.

The attention of Grand Lodge is invited to the words "in good standing" in this law; and it is asked whether a brother sixty-five years of age who was raised thirty years ago, who remained a member of his first lodge one month, stood demitted for twenty-nine years and ten months, and one month ago became a member of a Nebraska lodge, is eligible for exemption under this law.

Fraternally,
 WM. R. BOWEN,
 Grand Secretary.

On this subject the committee on Jurisprudence made the following report, which was adopted:

To Grand Lodge:

Your committee on Jurisprudence recommends that the forms of certificates of exemption of dues, presented by our Grand Secretary, be approved.

The new code of by-laws of Saint Johns Lodge, 25, was referred to the committee on By-Laws of Chartered Lodges.

The following communication was received:

Mr. William R. Bowen, Grand Secretary: OMAHA, June 15, 1897.

R. . W. . AND DEAR BROTHER—I fraternally acknowledge the receipt of our M. . W. . Grand Master's kind notification of the approaching fortieth communication of the Grand Lodge. I regret that infirmities consequent upon advancing years will prevent my attendance. Assure the brethren that my heart is ever with them and that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska is affectionately remembered.

Fraternally and sincerely, ROBERT C. JORDAN,
 Past Grand Master.

On motion of Bro. . Wheeler, 1, Bro. . Furnas, 4, was requested to formulate a response to the foregoing greeting from our first Grand Master.

Bro.: Furnas in due time presented the following, which was adopted by a rising vote:

To Grand Lodge:

Your committee, to which was referred the correspondence between our Grand Secretary and our M.: W.: Brother Robert C. Jordan, reports as follows:

This Grand Lodge learns with sorrow that M.: W.: Robert C. Jordan, first Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, cannot longer attend its annual communications by reason of declining years and consequent physical disability. We call to mind in grateful remembrance and recognition his long, unremitting, and valuable services in the cause of Freemasonry; we fraternally extend to Brother Jordan our sympathy and condolence, praying for him Divine protection and perseverance to the end that the Craft may be long favored with his Masonic counsel and advice so long as it may please Providence to continue him in our midst.

It being learned that Bro.: Calvin E. Reed, our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Colorado, was in waiting, our Grand Master caused him to be presented by our Grand Senior Deacon and welcomed him to a seat in the East.

Bro.: Mercer, 4, presented the following report from the committee on Returns, which was referred to the committee on Jurisprudence:

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Some contention exists between Gilead Lodge, 233, (formerly Butte Lodge, U.: D.:), and Omadi Lodge, 5, over an apprentice fee collected by Omadi Lodge, which latter lodge waived jurisdiction in favor of Butte Lodge before the degree was conferred.

In its return one year ago, Butte Lodge reported the candidate initiated July 15, 1895, and the lodge was accordingly charged the customary fee by the committee on Returns.

The lodge, (now Gilead, 233,) by petition dated May 31, 1897, sends its grievance to Grand Lodge, and asks to be relieved from the payment of the aforesaid fee.

As the question raised by the petitioner appears to involve certain principles touched upon by Grand Master Wilson's decision No. 22, (see proceedings 1896, page 513,) your committee fraternally recommends that the said grievance of Gilead Lodge, 233, be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence, for report to Grand Lodge.

Whereupon the committee on Jurisprudence made the following report, which was adopted:

To Grand Lodge:

In the matter of complaint against Omadi Lodge, 5, by Gilead Lodge, 233, we recommend that the account of Gilead Lodge be credited with \$5.00, the Grand Lodge fee for the Apprentice degree, and that Omadi Lodge, 5, be charged with \$5.00, the Grand Lodge fee for the Apprentice degree conferred upon C. F. Adams, unless the same has already been paid by said Omadi Lodge, 5.

Bro.: Mercer, 4, submitted the following report from the committee on Returns. On motion of Bro.: Davidson, 17, its consideration was made the special order for ten o'clock tomorrow morning:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee on Returns submit the following report of work done by the Craft in this jurisdiction during the year ending April 30, 5897:

Number initiated.....	492	
“ passed.....	458	
“ raised.....		455
“ admitted.....		197
“ reinstated.....		81
“ gained otherwise.....		94
Total increase.....		827
Number demitted.....	275	
“ deceased.....	117	
“ suspended.....	488	
“ expelled.....	13	
“ lost otherwise.....	7	
Total decrease.....		900
Total net loss during the year.....		73
Number of Master Masons April 30, 5896.....		11,836
“ “ “ “ “ 5897.....		11,763
Membership dues for the year.....	\$11,693 00	
Fees for the year.....	2,460 00	
Total.....		\$14,153 00
Less surplus credits over debits.....		2,407 59
Total amount due Grand Lodge.....		\$11,745 41
Less rebates allowed this year as per Exhibit “A”....		2,651 51
Amount available for the use of the Grand Lodge....		\$9,093 90

Returns have been received from all the lodges except No. 128, and all but four lodges (Nos. 146, 170, 173 and 186) have forwarded funds.

One hundred and sixty-five lodges are entitled to the maximum rebate, in accordance with our law, (Sec. 104, Par. 14,) for general accuracy and the prompt transmittal of funds with duplicate returns.

Forty lodges, whose returns were satisfactory, but whose funds were received between May 7th and June 1st, have been credited with a proportional rebate, the detail of which is more clearly shown in the accompanying table of rebates, marked Exhibit "A."

The rebates allowed by us amount to \$2,699.73, which amount we recommend be placed to the credit of the respective lodges.

In accordance with the recommendation made a year ago by this committee, each lodge was this year furnished with a special circular of instructions relative to the proper making up of the annual returns, and reciting the penalties for the non-observance of our laws governing such reports. Notwithstanding the pains thus taken by the Grand Lodge and its committee, a number of our lodges have been neglectful of their opportunities and have forfeited their rebates, viz.:

Nos. 17, 61, 104, and 122, for not furnishing the given names of their members.

Nos. 41, 87, 122, and 125, for changing the Grand Secretary's figures. (See Proc. 1894, page 162.)

Nos. 146, 170, 173, and 186, for failure to forward funds.

Lodges Nos. 103, 110, 128, and 156, failed to forward funds before June 1st, and in accordance with our law (Sec. 104, Par. 15), not only lose their rebate but are subject to the usual 10 per cent penalty, the amount of penalty in each case being as follows: No. 103, \$6.60; No. 128, \$2.30; No. 110, \$5.30; No. 156, \$2.00; which amounts are to be charged against said lodges.

Sec. 104, Par. 17, of the Law, requires each lodge to furnish a duly certified statement of mileage. On account of an error in the mileage blanks sent out for the 1897 reports some confusion arose necessitating the sending of additional mileage blanks, which last blanks have not been forwarded to this committee. We therefore have no information regarding the mileage reports of 1897.

It is proper to here call attention to the fact that, although this committee last year reported that ten (10) lodges had neglected to furnish mileage statements, the committee on Pay-Roll, in violation of the law quoted above, placed these ten lodges upon the pay-roll.

One hundred twenty-seven lodges report their property insured against loss by fire, in amounts aggregating \$87,775.00; 62 lodges report that they carry no insurance whatever, while 39 lodges make no report whatever upon the subject.

Two hundred lodges have furnished quite satisfactory reports of the widows and children of deceased Master Masons in their jurisdiction, while 28 lodges make no report upon the subject.

The returns from the subordinate lodges for the year just closed present a better appearance than those of the preceding year, and the

Secretaries, as a rule, are entitled to much praise for their honest and conscientious work. We fear, however, there are still Secretaries who have mistaken their calling, though perhaps they are not so much to be blamed as the lodges who elected them to office.

The Secretary who by neglect of duty causes his lodge to lose a rebate credit of 25 cents per capita is an expensive luxury for a lodge to maintain. Most of the lost rebates are lost through simple neglect, for the Grand Lodge and its committees exhaust every means in their power, through correspondence and otherwise, to assist and encourage the lodge officers in their work.

We append, as a part of this report, a tabulated statement marked Exhibit "A," together with an abstract of the returns received from the subordinate lodges.

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN J. MERCER,

Chairman of Committee on Returns.

OMAHA, Neb., June 16, 5897.

EXHIBIT "A," ACCOMPANYING REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS,
AND SHOWING AMOUNT OF REBATES.

No. of Lodge	No. of Days.	No. of Mem- bers.	Amount	No. of Lodge	No. of Days.	No. of Mem- bers.	Amount	No. of Lodge	No. of Days.	No. of Mem- bers.	Amount
1	25	171	\$42 75	52	24	59	\$14 16	06	25	31	\$7 75
2	25	131	32 75	53	25	72	18 00	97	25	36	9 00
3	25	313	78 25	54	25	139	34 00	98	25	24	6 00
4	25	37	9 25	55	25	85	21 25	99	25	41	10 25
5	25	55	13 75	56	25	165	48 75	100	25	37	9 25
6	25	123	30 75	57	25	46	11 50	101	25	49	12 25
8	25	104	26 00	58	25	75	18 75	102	25	42	10 50
10	22	32	7 04	59	24	68	16 32	103		62	
11	25	304	76 00	60	20	43	10 75	104		75	
12	25	23	5 75	61		76		105		39	9 75
13	25	18	4 50	62	14	29	4 06	106	25	49	12 25
14	25	44	11 00	63	25	21	5 25	107	25	21	5 25
15	25	181	45 25	64	25	53	13 25	108	20	29	5 30
17		78		65	25	64	16 00	109	25	41	10 25
19	25	180	45 00	66	25	21	5 25	110		47	
21	25	80	20 00	67	25	69	17 25	111		52	13 00
23	25	95	23 75	68	25	99	24 75	112	25	45	11 25
25	25	330	82 50	70	25	37	9 25	113	25	46	11 50
26	24	169	40 56	71	25	68	17 00	114	25	54	13 50
27	25	50	12 50	72	25	51	12 75	115	20	35	7 00
29	25	30	7 50	73	22	40	8 80	116	25	34	8 50
30	25	31	7 75	74	25	19	4 75	117	25	28	7 00
31	25	80	20 00	75	25	51	12 75	118	24	29	6 98
32	25	111	27 75	76	25	42	10 50	119	25	46	11 50
33	25	144	36 00	77	25	55	13 75	120	25	66	16 50
34	25	81	20 25	78	25	58	14 50	121	25	58	14 50
35	25	112	28 00	79	25	78	19 50	122		16	
36	25	73	18 25	81	20	33	6 60	123	6	63	3 78
37	25	77	19 25	82	25	87	21 75	124	25	58	14 50
38	25	78	19 50	83	25	40	10 00	125		51	
39	25	25	6 25	84	25	58	14 50	126	25	53	13 25
40	25	39	9 75	85	25	47	11 75	127	22	40	8 80
41		35		83	25	37	9 25	128		22	
42	25	44	11 00	87		34		129	25	58	14 50
43	25	82	20 50	88	25	31	7 75	130	25	37	9 25
44	25	61	15 25	89	25	63	15 75	132	25	38	9 50
45	21	19	3 99	90	24	34	8 16	133	22	19	4 18
46	25	144	36 00	91	25	40	10 00	134	25	52	13 00
48	25	48	12 00	92	25	34	8 50	135	25	76	19 00
49	25	63	15 75	93	25	53	13 25	136	22	45	9 90
50	22	155	34 10	94	25	29	7 25	137	25	35	8 75
51	25	76	19 00	95	25	46	11 50	138	19	48	9 12

EXHIBIT "A"—CONCLUDED.

No. of Lodge	No. of Days.	No. of Mem- bers.	Amount	No. of Lodge	No. of Days.	No. of Mem- bers.	Amount	No. of Lodge	No. of Days.	No. of Mem- bers.	Amount
139	25	37	\$9 25	171	25	42	\$10 50	203	25	41	\$10 25
140	25	31	7 75	172	1	31	31	204	20	25	5 00
141	20	11	2 20	173	.....	44	.....	205	25	25	6 25
142	25	29	7 25	174	25	32	8 00	206	25	38	9 50
143	25	27	6 75	175	18	30	5 40	207	25	29	7 25
144	25	35	8 75	176	22	37	8 14	208	25	38	9 50
145	10	37	3 70	177	20	26	5 20	209	20	18	3 60
146	.....	69	.....	178	14	18	2 52	210	25	20	5 00
147	25	32	8 00	179	25	32	8 00	211	25	27	6 75
148	25	76	19 00	180	25	26	6 50	212	25	19	4 75
149	25	30	7 50	181	25	43	10 75	213	25	31	7 75
150	25	37	9 25	182	25	33	8 25	214	25	27	6 75
151	25	26	6 50	183	25	62	15 50	215	24	37	8 88
152	25	48	12 00	184	25	103	25 75	216	25	24	6 00
153	25	20	5 00	185	24	41	9 84	217	25	30	7 50
154	21	31	6 51	186	.....	45	.....	218	25	25	6 25
155	25	30	7 50	187	25	36	9 00	219	25	22	5 50
156	.....	19	.....	188	25	49	12 25	220	25	36	9 75
157	25	22	5 50	189	25	57	14 25	221	25	19	4 75
158	25	52	13 00	190	22	25	5 50	222	24	31	7 44
159	25	45	11 25	191	15	43	6 45	223	25	19	4 75
160	25	31	7 75	192	25	69	17 25	224	25	35	8 75
161	25	31	7 75	193	25	29	7 25	225	25	20	5 00
162	25	49	12 25	194	25	28	7 00	226	24	21	5 04
163	25	48	12 00	195	25	47	11 75	227	24	43	10 32
164	25	31	7 75	196	25	34	8 50	228	25	17	4 25
165	25	43	10 75	197	25	34	8 50	229	25	17	4 25
166	25	39	9 75	198	25	46	11 50	230	25	21	5 25
167	25	51	12 75	199	14	26	3 64	231	25	26	6 50
168	18	29	5 22	200	25	41	10 25	232	25	26	6 50
169	25	46	11 50	201	22	41	9 02				
170	.....	30	.....	202	25	42	10 50				
											\$2651 51

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF

NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Lodge.	ENTERED APPRENTICES.							FELLOW CRAFTS.							
		Gain.		Loss.				No. on Rolls April 30, 1897.	Gain.		Loss.				No. on Rolls April 30, 1897.	
		No. April 30, 1896.	By Initiation.	Total.	By Passing.	Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.		By Other Causes.	No. April 30, 1896.	By Passing.	By Other Causes.	Total.	By Raising.		Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	By Other Causes.
								Otherwise.							Total Losses.				Total Losses.
Nebraska.....	1	15	9	24	9	9	15	5	9	14	11	11	11	3		
Western Star.....	2	10	2	12	3	3	9	2	3	5	4	4	4	1		
Capitol.....	3	34	9	43	10	10	33	9	10	19	11	1	12	7		
Nemaha Valley.....	4	5	9	9	1	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	0		
Omadi.....	5	5	3	8	1	1	7	9	1	11	2	2	2	9		
Plattsmouth.....	6	22	1	23	2	2	21	4	2	6	3	3	3	3		
Falls City.....	9	18	18	18	1	1	18	3	3	3	3	0	0	3		
Solomon.....	10	6	1	7	1	1	6	1	1	2	1	1	1	1		
Covert.....	11	46	10	56	10	1	44	13	10	23	10	10	13	1		
Nebraska City.....	12	4	1	5	4	1	5	1	4	5	4	4	2	1		
Orient.....	13	11	4	15	4	1	11	1	4	3	1	4	1	2		
Peru.....	14	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	1	3	1	4	1	2		
Fremont.....	15	7	10	17	11	11	6	3	11	14	9	9	5	5		
Tecumseh.....	17	13	1	14	1	1	13	5	1	6	1	0	6	6		
Lincoln.....	19	22	9	31	9	9	22	11	9	20	10	1	12	8		
Washington.....	21	5	2	7	2	2	5	2	2	4	2	2	2	2		
Pawnee.....	23	7	4	11	1	1	10	2	1	3	3	0	0	3		
St. Johns.....	25	50	18	68	17	1	49	7	17	24	18	18	6	6		
Beatrice.....	26	30	13	43	11	11	32	5	11	16	7	7	9	9		
Jordan.....	27	6	1	7	7	7	0	7	3	3	3	0	0	3		
Hope.....	29	6	1	7	1	1	6	2	1	3	3	0	0	3		
Blue River.....	30	5	1	6	5	5	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	0		
Tekamah.....	31	5	1	6	1	1	5	0	1	1	1	1	0	0		
Platte Valley.....	32	9	5	14	5	5	9	3	5	8	6	6	2	2		
Ashlar.....	33	22	3	25	2	2	4	21	7	9	3	3	6	6		
Acacia.....	34	10	4	14	4	4	10	5	4	9	3	3	6	6		
Fairbury.....	35	13	3	16	3	3	13	4	3	7	2	2	5	5		
Lone Tree.....	36	4	1	5	4	4	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	0		
Crete.....	37	7	1	8	2	2	6	6	2	8	2	2	6	6		
Oliver.....	38	12	3	15	2	2	13	0	2	2	2	2	4	4		
Papillon.....	39	6	2	8	1	1	7	3	1	4	1	1	3	3		
Humboldt.....	40	6	2	8	1	1	7	3	1	4	1	1	3	3		
Northern Light.....	41	4	4	8	4	4	4	1	4	5	2	2	3	3		
Junata.....	42	13	1	15	2	2	13	0	2	2	2	2	0	0		
Hebron.....	43	9	6	15	5	5	10	1	5	6	6	6	0	0		
Harvard.....	44	4	1	5	4	4	1	4	1	1	1	0	1	1		
Palmyra.....	45	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Rob. Morris.....	46	14	4	18	4	4	14	1	4	5	5	5	4	4		
Fairmont.....	48	12	2	14	3	3	11	2	3	5	1	1	0	0		
Evening Star.....	49	5	1	6	5	5	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Hastings.....	50	15	2	17	3	3	14	5	3	8	3	3	5	5		
Fidelity.....	51	12	1	13	1	1	12	5	3	5	1	1	4	4		
Hiram.....	52	9	1	10	9	9	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Charity.....	53	4	3	7	2	2	5	1	2	3	2	2	1	1		
Lancaster.....	54	22	8	30	7	7	23	7	7	14	10	10	4	4		
Mosaic.....	55	6	4	10	2	2	8	0	2	2	2	2	0	0		
York.....	56	11	2	13	1	1	12	3	1	4	3	3	1	1		
Mt. Moriah.....	57	9	1	10	9	9	0	9	1	1	1	1	0	0		
Lebanon.....	58	9	1	10	9	9	0	10	1	1	1	1	0	0		
Wahoo.....	59	6	4	10	3	3	7	1	3	4	2	2	2	2		
Melrose.....	60	16	1	17	16	16	0	16	1	1	1	1	0	0		
Thistle.....	61	6	1	7	2	2	5	2	2	4	3	1	4	0		
Keystone.....	63	5	1	6	5	5	0	6	1	1	1	1	0	0		
Riverton.....	63	5	1	6	5	5	0	5	2	2	2	2	0	0		
Blue Valley.....	64	4	2	6	5	5	1	1	5	6	6	6	6	0		

NEBRASKA, FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1897.

SUSP. MASTER MASONS.					MASTER MASONS.					GRAND LODGE DUES, FEES, ETC.													
Gain.		Loss.			Gain.		Loss.			Amounts Due Lodges on Old Accounts.		Dues on Master Masons.		Fees on Initiation.	Amounts Due Gr. Lodge April 30, 1897.	No. of Lodge.							
No. April 30, 1896.	By Suspension.	By Other Causes.	Total.	No. on Rolls April 30, 1897.	No. April 30, 1896.	By Taking.	By Admission.	By Reinstatement.	By Other Causes.	Total.	By Demission.	By Death.	By Suspension.	By Expulsion.	By Other Causes.	Total Loss.	No. on Rolls April 30, 1897.	Amounts Due Lodges on Old Accounts.	Amounts Due Gr. Lodge on Old Accounts.	Dues on Master Masons.	Fees on Initiation.	Amounts Due Gr. Lodge April 30, 1897.	No. of Lodge.
17			17	2	15	171	11	1	2	185	3	12	1	1	6	179	\$41 25	\$171 00	\$171 00	\$45 00	\$174 75	1	
26			26	1	25	131	4	3	1	139	1	1	1	1	2	137	33 50	131 00	10 00	10 00	154 12	2	
76	23		99	2	97	313	11	5	2	331	3	4	23	1	30	301	76 50	11 30	313 00	45 00	292 80	3	
20			20	0	20	37				37	1	1			2	35	8 50				28 50	4	
17			18	0	18	55	2			57	3	1			4	53	11 50		55 00	15 00	58 50	5	
25	13		40	5	43	123	3		3	129	3	3	15		21	108	30 75		25 123 00	5 00	97 50	6	
11			11	0	11	104				104					0	104					104 00	9	
1			1	0	1	32	1			33					0	33	7 00			32 00	5 00	30 00	10
102	12		114	1	112	304	10	6	1	321	3	1	12		16	305	73 50	3 50	304 00	50 00	284 00	11	
12			12	0	12	23				23					1	22	6 50	3 00	23 00	5 00	24 50	12	
12			12	0	12	18	4			22					0	22	5 00		18 00	20 00	33 00	13	
5	1		6	0	6	44	1			45					1	44	10 00			44 00	10 00	44 00	14
31	1		32	1	31	181	9	4	1	195	3	1	1		5	190	44 25	9 90	181 00	50 00	196 65	15	
31	4		35	0	35	78	1	1	4	78	1	1	4		10	68	20 00	1 00	78 00	5 00	64 00	17	
80			80	2	78	280	10	7	2	299	2	2			4	295	65 25	7 80	280 00	45 00	267 50	19	
10	1		11	0	11	80	2	2	1	85	1	2	1		4	81	20 00		80 00	10 00	70 00	21	
16	6		22	2	20	95				101	5	1	6	1	13	88	21 00	1 00	95 00	20 00	92 00	23	
79	16		95	6	89	330	18	3	6	357	8	4	16		28	329	81 00	10 80	330 00	90 00	349 80	25	
45	2		47	1	46	165	7	2		179	1	2	2		5	174	37 03		169 00	65 00	196 97	26	
14			14	0	14	56				50					6	43	12 00	5 00	50 00	5 00	45 50	27	
17	7		24	0	24	30				30					7	23	6 80	80	30 00	5 00	29 00	29	
7			7	0	7	31				31					0	31	7 75		31 00		23 25	30	
16	7		23	0	23	80				83	6				13	70	18 50		80 00	5 00	66 50	31	
35	1		36	2	34	111	6	5	2	124	4	1	1		6	118	26 75	1 10	111 00	25 00	110 35	32	
51	3		54	2	51	141	3	3	3	153	2	1	3		5	148	37 25	15 00	144 00	15 00	136 75	33	
16	9		24	2	24	81	5			84	2	1	9		12	72	18 75	50	81 00	20 00	82 75	34	
8	6		14	1	13	112	2	1	1	116	3	2	6		11	105	28 75	2 25	112 00	15 00	100 50	35	
28			28	0	28	75				75					2	73	21 50		73 00		51 50	36	
29			29	2	27	77	2	1	2	82	2	2			4	78	18 00		77 00	5 00	64 00	37	
27	7		34	0	34	78	2	1		81	5				12	69	19 50	25 78	78 00	15 00	73 75	38	
15			15	0	15	25	1	1		27					0	27		1 50	25 00	10 00	36 50	39	
10	1		11	1	10	39	1	2	1	43	2		1		3	40	11 25	10	39 00	10 00	37 85	40	
16			16	0	16	35	2		1	38					0	38	9 25	4 65	35 00	20 00	50 40	41	
27			27	1	25	44	2	1	1	48	1	1			2	46	14 00	2 00	44 00	5 00	37 00	42	
25			25	0	25	82	6	1		89	3	1			4	85	20 75		82 00	30 00	91 25	43	
10	17		27	0	27	64				61			17		17	44	15 50		64 00		45 50	44	
3			3	0	3	19				20					1	19	5 25	6 00	19 00		19 75	45	
45	1		46	0	46	144	5	3		152	7	1	1		9	143	35 75	40	144 00	20 00	128 65	46	
27	5		32	1	31	48	1	1		50	2	1	5		8	42	14 25	1 00	48 00	10 00	44 75	48	
13	3		16	0	16	63				64	4	1	3		8	50	15 75		63 00	5 00	52 25	49	
22			22	0	22	155	3	3		161	2	3	1		6	155	40 00	10 45	155 00	10 00	135 45	50	
19			19	0	19	76				77					2	75	19 75		76 00		56 25	51	
14			14	0	14	67				60			14		15	45	15 75		59 00	5 00	48 25	52	
25	9		32	1	31	72	2	3	1	78			9		9	69	18 00	1 50	72 00	15 00	70 50	53	
53	10		63	1	61	136	10	2	1	149	2	1	10		13	136	53 75	25 00	136 00	40 00	147 25	54	
28			28	1	27	85	2	2	1	90	1				1	89	23 75		85 00	20 00	81 25	55	
23	10		33	0	33	195	3	9		207	1	4	10		14	193	56 75	10 50	195 00	10 00	158 75	56	
11			11	0	11	46				46	1				1	45	11 75		46 00		34 25	57	
2	1		3	0	3	75				75					2	73	18 50		75 00	5 00	62 00	58	
22	2		24	2	22	68	2	1	2	73	3	2	2		7	66	19 23		68 00	20 00	68 75	59	
7	4		11	0	11	43				43	3				7	36	10 75		43 00		32 25	60	
13	4		17	1	16	76	3			79	2	1	3		7	72	17 75	50	76 00	5 00	63 75	61	
15			15	2	13	29				31					0	31	9 75		29 00		19 25	62	
18			18	0	18	21				21					0	21	5 50	1 00	21 00		16 50	63	
10			10	2	8	53	6	1	2	62	1				1	61	12 72	1 60	53 00	10 00	54 88	64	

NEBRASKA FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 5897.

SUSP. MASTER MASONS.						MASTER MASONS.						GRAND LODGE DUES, FEES, ETC.					
No. April 30, 5896.	Gain.		Loss.		No. on Rolls April 30, 5897.	No. April 30, 5896.	Gain.		Loss.		No. on Rolls April 30, 5897.	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, 5896.	No. of Lodge.
	By Suspension.	By Other Causes.	Total.	Reinstatement.			By Death.	By Expulsion.	Total Loss.	By Raising.								By Admission.	Reinstatement.	By Other Causes.	Total.	By Demission.	By Death.	By Suspension.	By Expulsion.	Total Loss.
2			2	0	2	64	1		65	1	1	\$16 00		\$64 00	\$10 00	\$58 00	65
11			11	0	11	21			21			6 00		21 00	5 00	20 00	66
11			13	0	13	69	2	1	72	2	2	16 56		69 00	15 00	67 44	67
5			16	0	16	9	6	2	107	1	1	24 75		99 00	5 00	79 25	68
5			5	0	5	37			37			9 75	\$5 00	37 00		32 75	70
14			14	1	15	68	1		69	1		16 75		85 00	10 00	61 25	71
3			12	0	12	51	2	1	53	1		12 50		51 00	10 00	48 50	72
25			26	3	29	40	1	3	42	2	1	14 00	1 00	40 00		27 00	73
3			3	0	3	19	1		20	3		4 40		19 00		14 60	74
5			5	0	5	41	3	2	44	1	1	4 50		51 00	25 00	71 50	75
10			16	0	16	52			52			11 41		42 00		31 25	76
8			18	0	18	55			55			46 76		55 00	5 00	53 25	77
9			18	1	19	58	2	3	63	2	3	14 75		58 00	10 00	53 25	78
27			27	2	29	78	3	1	82	3		19 50	1 65	78 00	20 00	80 15	79
3			5	0	5	33			33	1	1	4 29		33 00		26 88	81
22			24	2	26	87	5	2	94	2	4	22 50	50	87 00	25 00	90 00	82
5			8	1	9	40	1		41	1	4	9 23		40 00	5 00	35 76	83
1			1	0	1	58	3		61	1		5 36		58 00	5 00	54 35	84
19			19	0	19	47	1		48	2		12 75		47 00	10 00	44 25	85
5			12	1	13	37	1	1	39	1	7	7 32		37 00		27 50	86
3			3	1	4	34	3	1	38	2	1	3 35	10 00	34 00	10 00	37 28	87
2			3	0	3	31	2		33	1	3	3 30	7 75	10 31	5 00	28 35	88
10			19	0	19	63	1		64	1	9	17 00	25	63 00	15 00	61 25	89
0			0	0	0	34			34			7 00		34 00	5 00	32 00	90
3			3	0	3	40			40			25 35	1 00	40 00	10 00	39 25	91
0			0	0	0	34			34			8 56	6 40	34 00	5 00	36 90	92
10			12	1	13	53	1	3	57	1	2	12 56	50	53 00	10 00	51 00	93
7			7	0	7	29			29			7 25		29 00		21 75	94
21			21	1	22	46	4	1	51	2	1	9 84		46 00	10 00	46 16	95
9			9	0	9	31	2	1	32	1	1	8 25		31 00		22 75	96
8			15	0	15	36	1		37	1	7	8 29		36 00		27 50	97
5			5	1	6	24	2		26	2		6 00	75	24 00	10 00	28 75	98
14			14	2	16	41	1	2	44	5		11 50	2 75	41 00	5 00	37 25	99
11			12	0	12	37	5		42		1	4 41	9 00	37 00	10 00	38 00	100
12			16	0	16	49			49	2	4	8 41	14 75	49 00	10 00	44 25	101
13			16	0	16	42	4		46	1	3	4 42	9 75	42 00	10 00	42 25	102
9			20	0	20	62	1		63	1	9	10 53	14 03	62 00		47 97	103
16			25	0	25	75	7	2	84	3	16	21 63	17 00	75 75	30 00	88 75	104
6			7	0	7	39			39	2	1	3 36	10 75	50 39 00	5 00	33 75	105
5			15	0	15	49	1	5	55	6	10	17 38	8 82	49 00	10 00	51 18	106
4			8	0	8	21	1		22	4	4	4 18	4 75	21 00	5 00	21 25	107
5			8	0	8	29			29	2	3	4 25	5 40	29 00		23 60	108
10			15	0	15	41	2		43	2	5	7 36	10 00	41 00	15 00	46 00	109
16			16	0	16	47			47			0 47	39 00	39 00	47 00	47 00	110
11			11	0	11	52	1		53	1		2 51	11 96	52 00	5 00	45 04	111
7			7	0	7	45			45	1	1	1 44	10 75	45 00		41 75	112
12			12	1	13	46	1		47	2	1	3 44	11 00	46 00	5 00	40 00	113
3			3	0	3	54	1	1	56	2	2	4 52	11 50	54 00	10 00	52 50	114
8			10	0	10	25			25			2 23	5 50	25 00		19 75	115
9			13	0	13	34			34		4	4 30	8 50	34 00		25 50	116
4			4	0	4	28	2		30			0 39	7 75	28 00	5 00	25 25	117
11			17	0	17	29			29	1	6	7 22	6 75	29 00		22 65	118
1			6	0	6	46	2	3	51	1	5	6 45	11 50	46 00	10 00	44 50	119
6			6	0	6	66	1		67	1		1 66	18 25	66 00	5 00	52 75	120
13			13	0	13	58	1		59	1		1 58	14 25	58 00	5 00	48 75	121
14			15	0	15	16			16			0 16	5 75	16 00	5 00	15 25	122
6			6	0	6	63			64	3		3 61	15 50	63 00	5 00	52 50	123
6			8	1	9	58			59	2	2	4 54	14 50	58 00		43 50	124

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF

NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Lodge.	ENTERED APPRENTICES.										FELLOW CRAFTS.									
		Gain.			Loss.							Gain.			Loss.						
		No. on Rolls April 30, 1886.	By Initiation.	Otherwise.	Total.	By Passing.	Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	By Other Causes.	Total Loss.	No. on Rolls April 30, 1887.	No. on Rolls April 30, 1886.	By Passing.	By Other Causes.	Total.	By Raising.	Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	By Other Causes.	Total Loss.	No. on Rolls April 30, 1887.
Boaz	185	2	3	5	1	1	1	1	4	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	
Plumb	186	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	4	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	
Israel	187	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	4	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	
Meridian	188	1	4	5	3	1	1	1	6	1	3	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	2	4	
Granite	189	2	1	3	2	1	1	1	4	4	4	1	1	6	4	1	1	1	2	2	
Amethyst	190	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	4	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	
Crystal	191	5	1	6	2	1	1	1	4	0	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	0	1	
Minnekadusa	192	8	4	12	4	1	1	1	7	4	4	1	1	9	7	1	1	1	7	1	
Signet	193	3	2	5	1	1	1	1	4	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	
Highland	194	4	4	8	4	1	1	1	6	1	4	1	1	6	4	1	1	1	4	1	
Arcana	195	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	4	0	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	0	1	
Level	196	1	3	4	3	1	1	1	5	3	1	0	3	3	3	1	1	1	3	0	
Morning Star	197	2	1	3	2	1	1	1	4	2	1	1	2	3	3	1	1	1	0	3	
Purity	198	9	3	12	3	1	1	1	6	3	9	1	3	4	3	1	1	1	3	1	
Gavel	199	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	4	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	
Blazing Star	200	3	2	5	2	1	1	1	5	2	3	2	2	5	4	1	1	1	4	1	
Scotts Bluff	201	3	4	7	2	1	1	1	6	2	5	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	2	2	
Golden Shield	202	3	7	10	5	1	1	1	8	4	2	5	1	8	5	1	1	1	5	3	
Roman Eagle	203	6	1	7	1	1	1	1	6	2	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	2	1	
Plainview	204	1	6	7	5	1	1	1	8	1	5	1	1	6	5	1	1	1	5	1	
Golden Fleece	205	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	4	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	
Napthali	206	2	2	4	2	1	1	1	6	2	2	0	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	0	
Parian	207	4	4	8	4	1	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	0	
Gauge	208	6	6	12	6	1	1	1	14	0	4	0	4	4	4	1	1	1	0	1	
Canopy	209	1	3	4	4	1	1	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	
East Lincoln	210	9	3	12	9	1	1	1	15	9	3	0	9	9	7	1	1	1	7	2	
Cement	211	1	11	12	11	1	1	1	23	11	1	1	1	12	10	1	1	1	10	2	
Compass and Square	212	3	6	9	5	1	1	1	12	5	4	0	5	5	3	1	1	1	3	2	
Square and Compass	213	2	2	4	2	1	1	1	6	0	2	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	
Plumbline	214	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Occidental	215	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Palisade	216	5	2	7	2	1	1	1	10	2	5	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	
Wauneta	217	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bloomfield	218	3	7	10	7	1	1	1	16	7	3	1	7	8	5	1	1	1	5	3	
Relief	219	1	4	5	4	1	1	1	10	4	1	0	4	4	3	1	1	1	3	1	
Magnolia	220	1	4	5	2	1	1	1	7	2	3	0	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	0	
Wood Lake	221	0	2	2	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Landmark	222	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Eminence	223	4	4	8	5	1	1	1	13	5	3	1	5	6	3	1	1	1	4	2	
Silver Cord	224	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cable	225	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	5	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	
Grace	226	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	6	1	2	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	2	1	
North Star	227	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	4	2	0	3	2	5	2	1	1	1	5	0	
Bartley	228	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Comet	229	0	4	4	1	1	1	1	7	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	2	
Delta	230	5	2	7	2	1	1	1	11	2	5	0	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	0	
Mount Hermon	231	2	2	4	2	1	1	1	7	2	2	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	2	1	
John S. Bowen	232	0	3	3	2	1	1	1	7	2	1	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	2	1	
Gilead	233	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	6	0	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	
Zion	234	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Fraternity	235	1	2	3	3	1	1	1	8	3	0	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	3	0	
Golden Rule	236	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cubit	237	0	3	3	3	1	1	1	8	3	0	1	3	4	4	1	1	1	4	0	
Ithmar	238	0	4	4	2	1	1	1	8	2	1	2	1	3	3	1	1	1	3	0	
Friendship	239	3	4	7	4	1	1	1	13	4	3	0	4	4	3	1	1	1	3	1	
Pilot	240	2	2	4	2	1	1	1	8	2	0	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	2	
Bell Creek	U D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mackey	U D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Exeter	U D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Extinct Lodges	33	33	33	66	33	33	33	33	132	0	33	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	0	12	
Totals	1308	492	618	1110	458	87	87	87	1327	380	458	384	455	448	448	448	448	448	0	12	

June, 1897.]

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA.

NEBRASKA, FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1897.

SECR. MASTER MASONS.		MASTER MASONS.										GRAND LODGE DEBS., FEES, ETC.									
No. April 30, 1896.	Gain. By Suspension. By Other Causes	Total.	Loss.			No. on Rolls April 30, 1897.	No. April 30, 1896.	Gain.			Loss.				No. on Rolls April 30, 1897.	Amounts Due Lodges on Old Accounts.	Amts. Due Gr. Lodge on Old Accounts.	Dues on Master Masons.	Fees on Initiation.	Amta. Due Gr. Lodge April 30, 1897.	No. of Lodge.
			Reinstatement. By Death. By Expulsion.	Total Loss.	By Raising. By Admission. Reinstatement.			Total.	By Demission. By Death. By Suspension. By Expulsion. By Other Causes.	Total Loss.											
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	1	1	1	42	40	1	13	0	0	14	0	14	185	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	2	1	1	38	35	3	0	0	38	0	38	185		
6	13	19	0	0	0	0	47	4	1	1	52	50	2	0	0	52	5	57	189		
3	9	12	0	0	0	0	61	1	1	9	71	69	2	0	0	71	0	71	189		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	2	1	4	32	31	1	0	0	32	0	32	194		
0	4	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	4	3	1	0	0	4	0	4	194		
0	2	2	0	0	0	0	45	1	1	2	48	46	2	0	0	48	0	48	195		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	6	3	4	57	55	2	0	0	57	0	57	195		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	1	1	1	81	79	2	0	0	81	0	81	195		
0	3	3	0	0	0	0	32	1	1	1	34	33	1	0	0	34	0	34	194		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	4	3	1	0	0	4	0	4	194		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	1	1	1	27	26	1	0	0	27	0	27	194		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	3	1	1	51	49	2	0	0	51	0	51	194		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	3	1	1	38	36	2	0	0	38	0	38	195		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	3	1	1	51	49	2	0	0	51	0	51	195		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	1	1	1	33	32	1	0	0	33	0	33	194		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	5	2	1	49	47	2	0	0	49	0	49	194		
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Bro.:Wilson, 19, presented the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to report that we have had under consideration the petition of Joseph R. Stafford, (held over from last year—see proceedings of 1896, page 570,) and the recommendation presented therewith, and we unanimously recommend that the petition be granted.

We have had under consideration the action of the Grand Master in the matter of the charges preferred against W.: Bro.: Milton R. Thorp, Master of Western Star Lodge, 2, and we recommend that the findings and sentence of the Grand Master therein be in all things approved.

Grand Lodge was now called to refreshment until half past eight o'clock this evening :

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Wednesday, June 16, 5897.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at nine o'clock, M.:W.: Charles J. Phelps, Grand Master, presiding.

W.: Bro.: Samuel R. Smith, Grand Orator, now delivered the following

ORATION.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska:

Standing as we do today on the threshold of another Masonic year, and looking back over the year that has just passed into the unknown beyond, its varied experiences speak to us in silent, parting, impressive admonition, bidding us turn our eyes with faith, hope, and confidence, to the dawn of the light of the new Masonic year bringing to us its cares and troubles, its joys and gladness, admonishing each of us to be up and doing, girding on our armor, behaving like men, ever being ready to meet the responsibilities and make the most of the opportunities of life as they may come to us. So that, when we are called upon to take a retrospective view of this year, we may indeed, and in truth, feel that we are one year's journey nearer an entrance into that celestial bourne from whence no traveler returns, and to which all good Masons hope at last to arrive by aid of that theological ladder which Jacob in his vision saw reaching from earth to heaven, upon which the angels of God as-

cended and descended, the three principal rounds of which are denominated faith, hope, and charity—faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity to all mankind.

My brethren, I must confess that to outline ideas, and clothe them in words to present to you today, has been given no little thought by me; and after my task was completed, and my thoughts had been intrusted to manuscript, unlike the great Pythagoras, I could not, in the joy of my heart, exclaim "Eureka," because I realized that it was the same old story that had been so many times before presented to you by those with whose ability your present orator sinks into comparative insignificance. But to me this old story of *True Freemasonry*, with all of its beauty and simplicity, like the old old story of the Cross, is ever new.

So then, my brethren, if the presentation of my thoughts to you shall have the effect of awakening anew the desire for "more light" in the mind of any brother, or may be the means of inducing any brother to drink more deeply at the great fountain of Masonry, I will feel that my labor has not been in vain. We would be wasting time and words to stop to deny the fact that widespread ignorance prevails among the Masonic Craft throughout the length and breadth of our land concerning what Masonry actually is. I have sat in lodges in Nebraska and in other jurisdictions and have seen our work exemplified by Masters and Wardens who themselves could not give the moral and Masonic application of the twenty-four-inch gauge and common gavel, the plumb, square, level, and trowel; nor of the many other important symbols used in our Order to teach valuable and lasting lessons; nor were they able to explain to the candidate those beautiful cardinal principles and virtues of Masonry—principles as everlasting as time itself. All of our solemn and impressive ceremonies were passed over as glibly as a child would repeat the "Mother Goose" jingles, and would have about the same impression on the mind of the candidate as would a repetition of the famous "Fables of Æsop." My brethren, "a stream never rises above its source." Just so long as we have Masters and Wardens who work in this way, just so long will we have Masonic parrots, whose only knowledge consists in just what they have heard.

Assembled in this lodge before me are many of the Masters and Wardens into whose hands will be intrusted this most important work for the coming year. Brethren, can we not and will we not resolve right here to raise the Masonic standard higher than it has ever been raised before? Can we not and will we not, from this day, go forth with a fixed determination to turn out better work than we have in the past? Will we not go from here with a fixed purpose in view to set better examples, and live nearer the true Masonic standard ourselves, and, by so doing, be a better pattern for those brethren less informed? In my opinion one of the most essential things in this life, as Pope says, is, first—

"Know then thyself: presume not God to scan;
The proper study of mankind is man."

The moral requisites of Masonry are of the highest, noblest, and most sublime character. Before you were initiated, upon your honor you

solemnly declared that you were unbiased by friends or mercenary motives; that you solicited the privileges of Masonry from a sincere desire for knowledge, and to be serviceable to your fellow creatures. At your entrance into the lodge you were impressed with your dependence upon the Great Sovereign, Creator, Preserver, and Sustainer of all things, the Great I Am, that I Am whose being was proclaimed to Moses amid the sublime and awful revelations of Sinai, and whose name, to Freemasonry, is like the vessels of gold in the Ancient Temple, at Jerusalem. From the moment you arose from your knees your course was one continuous book of revelation and instruction concerning the stern duties and realities of life, your duty to God, your country, your neighbor, and yourself. Your duty to God, in never mentioning his name except with that reverential awe which is due from the creature to the Creator; to your country, in ever being true to it and its laws; to your neighbor, in doing unto him as you would be done by; and to yourself, in avoiding all irregularities and vices which impair your faculties and debase your position among men. I cannot at this point refrain from culling a few thoughts, and presenting them to you, from the address of our Past Grand Master Samuel P. Davidson, in 1893, when he said: "Our membership is composed very largely of bright, prosperous, industrious, and sober men. So far as one can judge, they are for the most part men who respect and observe the laws of man and of God. Some of our brightest and in other respects most useful brethren either forget or boldly deny that *drunkenness* and profanity are offenses against Masonic Law. They ignore the solemn injunction which they received at the very threshold of their induction into Masonry, that of the great duties they are bound to discharge: one is to themselves in avoiding all irregularities or excesses which may impair their faculties and debase the dignity of their profession. * * * Masonry teaches temperance in all things. * * * But when Masons acquire the habit of drunkenness, and then attempt to apologise for it by asserting that it is not an offense against moral and Masonic law, all good Masons will unite in condemning both the practice and apology. * * * But we are also taught, at the very portal of Masonry, that *God* is. We are also solemnly admonished, as a duty we owe to Him, never to mention His name but with that reverential awe which is justly due from the creature to his Creator. Alas! How frequently is this sacred injunction ruthlessly unheeded. * * * When, on the other hand, a Mason thinks of the awe-inspiring majesty and the almighty power of God, and listens to the terrible thunderings of His mandates against the violators of His law, his very dread and awe should surround His name with such reverential fear that he would not *dare* to take it in vain. When we think of these things in the light of the teachings of Masonry, we can readily see the reason why *profanity* is a Masonic offense."

Brethren, in my talk to you at this time, I am convinced that it will be of no particular profit to you for me to dwell at any length upon Masonic history, or to delve into the antiquity of the Order. We have

no time, and indeed this is not the place, nor would it be profitable, for us to stop to speculate on the ancient books of India; nor endeavor to solve the mysteries of Mithras, Isis, and Eleusis; nor is it necessary for us to theorise as to whether or not that magnificent and spacious temple of King Solomon, at Jerusalem, was completed and dedicated according to Masonic rites and ceremonies; nor whether Solomon, King of Israel, Hiram, King of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff, were our first most excellent Grand Masters. Suffice it to say that the beautiful traditions of Masonry concerning the building of King Solomon's Temple, the organization of lodges at that time at Jerusalem, the destruction of the Temple, and the rebuilding of the same under Zerubbabel, have become interwoven into the belief and very nature of every Mason, until, as Mackey says, "All the symbolism of Freemasonry rests upon or is derived from the House of the Lord, at Jerusalem. And each lodge *is* and *must be* a symbol of the Jewish Temple; each Master in the chair, a representation of the Jewish King; and every Mason a personation of the Jewish workman."

The enlightened and inquisitive world of today grant and concede the antiquity of the Order; but conceding this, the world is constantly asking the question, "What is Masonry?" And when this question is asked, by it is not meant her work, her rituals, her customs, or her ornamentation, but her very *self*, *her soul*, *her being and principles*.

No brother before me, if he were a wise man, would commence the erection of a house until he had first carefully calculated the cost. You would sit down and figure on the foundation, its kind and material; you would carefully trace the plan and scan the specifications; you would lay out the size of the different compartments, and carefully count the cost; you would place its boundaries and fix its outlines; you would calculate the time in building, the labor to be employed, and most studiously conform to details.

So, then, how much more important is it to us, when we commence the erection of our great moral and Masonic edifice, to sit calmly down and take our bearings, and settle in our minds once and forever the question whether Freemasonry consists simply of ritualistic forms and ceremonies, with no meaning, or whether it contains those *living, vital, satisfying* principles, upon which the human intelligence may feed, and by which the heart of man may be made better, his mind broader, his life more pure, and his happiness and that of those around him more complete.

What is Freemasonry? I would answer, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that it is a great moral science founded upon the doctrines of Divine revelation; that all its essential truths are borrowed from inspiration; that its mission is to the world, and its object to glorify God and benefit man; for, as one has said, "It is in benefiting man we glorify God. Benefiting him in body, mind, and soul; elevating his thoughts, purifying his affections, and guiding his steps into the paths that lead to a glorious immortality; teaching men to love God, that they may love one another, and, from hearts full of love to their Maker, directing

streams of charity to all their fellows. It is to do good among men and lessen the evils that exist. This is Masonry, and this is her mission."

I am convinced that the great mistake of this age, even among Masons, is in supposing that rituals, forms, and ceremonies, constitute Masonry. Ah! my brethren, a greater mistake could not be made. While it is true that a man may, by performing the ceremonies and observing the forms of Masonry, be able to be recognized as a Mason; he may *call* himself a Mason after he shall have received the degrees; he may be *bright* in ritualistic lore; he may have marked well the rewards awaiting the faithful; he may have been honored and received by his brethren; he may have passed through desert sands and have traveled that rough and rugged journey through life; he may have rested in the shade of the lofty palms and cooled his parched lips with water from the sparkling fountains, and have bathed his fevered brow in the cool stream of the Jordan; yea! indeed, he may have been exalted to the summit of Ancient Freemasonry; and after all this may be a Mason in *name* only and have but slight conception of the mystic art, and at the very best see but the mere outlines of the True Temple. Mere rituals and forms used in our order serve a poor purpose unless observed, performed and studied with the purpose in view of discovering the great, vital, living, acting principles—the soul and being—principles emanating from Divinity.

Ah! my brethren, when you entered the lodge and were placed upon your knees to invoke the blessing of Deity, did it have no meaning to you? Did the beautiful lesson of our dependence one upon another have no impression upon your mind when you were taken by the hand and ordered to arise, follow your guide, and fear no danger? Did it appear as a matter of form only, when you ascended the winding stairs into the middle chamber? Did it have the appearance of ritualistic form only, when the high and holy significance of the letter "G" was explained to you? And when you passed through that awful and sublime scene, with its beautiful and impressive ceremonies, representing the victory over death through the strength of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, was your soul not filled with wonder, and admiration, and awe?

When we view Freemasonry in the light of what it really *is* and *does*, it is no wonder that the greatest of human intellects have for successive centuries been enchanted with its simplicity and charmed with its beauty. No one, however high in station, has considered it derogatory to his dignity and character to humble himself with the Fraternity and become a promoter of the art; and no one, howsoever lowly and humble his station may be, is barred from the privilege of participating in our labors and pleasures. The high and low, the rich and poor, all meet upon the great common ground of fraternity and true brotherhood, and, bound together as a common band of friends and brothers by the mystic tie of brotherly love and affection, they march forth hand in hand to proclaim to the world the great principles of the Fatherhood of God and the common universal brotherhood of man.

If we could carefully trace the footprints of Masonry into all the

minute recesses of this life, we could readily see her influence for good molding and shaping the political and social relations of the world. Past Grand Master Buck, of Louisiana, very aptly stated the influence of Masonry when he said: "The truths and virtues taught in the Masonic lodge are made living and creative by contact and sympathy with our fellow men. They are civilizers, bringing peace and happiness to all mankind,—the loom on which must be wrought to completion the garment of Divinity. Thus Masonry holds and directs some threads which are woven into this garment. We may truly claim a share in the progress which has been made in the elevation of man. Masonry, then, is a factor in the civilising influences which determine the happiness and progress of man. This alone, independent of the special good which it does, the relief it affords to sorrow and distress, the charity it extends to the helpless, the widow, and the orphan, the comfort and satisfaction which come to Brother Masons from the confidence of brotherhood— independent of all this, its deeper philosophy extends to the problems of all existence, and acts on the temporal and spiritual development of man." Ah! my brother, because Masonry exists, your wife, your daughter, your mother, and your sister, are safer in their persons; because Masonry exists, your life, your liberty, and your property rights, are more sacredly guarded; because Masonry exists, the political, moral and social relations of life are purer and better. Marching forth, as she does, with the Holy Bible in her hand; with "Peace and good will to all" inscribed upon her banner; imparting her principles in the spirit of meekness and charity, free from sectarianism and strife, she leads the way through the world winning the hearts and affections of men by the principles of morality, friendship, and brotherly love, a harbinger of good and a true friend to all mankind. Such, then, my brethren, is the great scope of the influence that our Order exerts in the world.

This being true, a grave responsibility rests upon each of us as individual members of that great body, to see that we are truly worthy members,—perfect ashlar fitted for the Builder's use. The greatest honor that was ever conferred upon you, or that ever can be conferred upon you by man, was at the time you were made a Mason and intrusted with the secrets of the Order; and you were admonished to be faithful to your trust; to support the dignity of your character on every occasion; that your constant care should be to guard against a breach of fidelity; to *preserve the reputation of the Fraternity* unsullied; that your *virtue, honor, and reputation*, were concerned in supporting with *dignity* the character you had assumed; and that *no* motive should make you swerve from your duty, violate your vows, or betray your trust. Let us then be very careful lest by our carelessness, thoughtlessness, indifference, and unworthiness, the beautiful and magnificent superstructure of Masonry be brought into disrepute. The wonderful influence of Masonry over men has been the wonder and admiration of the world for past ages. That there is some silent, mysterious, powerful, agency in this mystic Order that breaks down the cold, indifferent, worldly barriers between man and man, and establishes th warm, glowing, heart-to-heart friendship of brothers, not

one denies. Ah! my brethren, you all realize what that silent agency is. At every stage of our Masonic career we are constantly reminded of the great *leveling* power of the influence and teachings of this institution. The flimsy gauze of hypocrisy, deceit, selfishness, and pride, with which men are wont to cover themselves, is torn away, and man in his true character stands forth under the great search-light of Masonic Truth; and unity, peace, brotherly love, charity, and benevolence, that universal religion which Christ of Nazareth taught his followers, has taken their place. It has been said by some one that the two great luminaries of this world are, "the Christian religion, heaven's full and overflowing love to man, and Masonry, her handmaid."

It is true that Masonry does not attempt to dictate the religious or political belief of any one,—recognizes and requires no form of religious creed or opinion. Around her altars kneel the Persian whose prayers turn toward the rising sun. At her shrine bow the believers in nearly all creeds. Due reverence is paid her by nearly every shade of religious opinion, every man being permitted to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, the chief corner-stone of Masonry being a belief and trust in an all-wise and omnipotent God, hope in immortality, to teach morality, practice friendship, and exemplify brotherly love and charity.

Masonry considers no man for his worldly worth or honor. It is the *internal* and not the *external* qualifications that Masonry regards. The poor peasant who toils daily to sustain himself and family, and who is moral and upright before God, and of good report before the world, is regarded more highly by Masonry than the irreligious libertine clothed in purple and fine linen, faring sumptuously every day, honored by men, and possessing the wealth of a Croesus.

Masonry is a progressive science. We are building for eternity, with God as our architect and the Holy Bible for our plans and specifications. How wisely we are building time and eternity only can tell. But we know this, that if we carefully follow our plans and specifications as laid down to us in that great rule and guide to our faith, God's inestimable gift to us, we cannot materially err. The moment you take the Bible from Masonry the mystic cord of brotherly love and affection is severed as the flax before the flame. The Bible truly is the "Great Light" in Masonry, the chief corner stone upon which our moral and Masonic edifice is built. By it we work; upon it we obligate the Craft. And we are abjured and admonished to faithfully practice the precepts laid down in its sacred pages. Indeed, the man who doubts the truths revealed in that sacred volume cannot be a good Mason.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, do I put *too much stress* upon the *value* of that book to Masonry and what constitutes good Masons? I think not. But I would that I had the power to impress upon the mind of every brother before me the important place the Bible and its precepts occupy in our lodges. But I can only exhort you to partake more freely of the supply prepared for us of God, and to drink more deeply at the fountain of Freemasonry; for they are inseparable and inexhaustible.

By so doing we will be led to practice and cherish more carefully our Masonic obligations and teachings; we will more zealously enter into the real spirit of Masonry; a new world of beauty and grandeur will open to our view; new ideas and new thoughts will take possession of our minds; all of the beautiful symbols and ceremonies of Masonry will have a new meaning to us. An earnest application of the precepts of the Bible as taught by Masonry will be to you what the refreshing showers and the sun's warm rays are to the plant,—first the bud, then the opening flower, and next the full-blown rose, radiant with beauty, disseminating the fragrance of a beautiful life and a lovely character.

My time is hastening on and I must conclude. I wish that I had the time to take up and dwell at length upon the furniture of our lodge,—its ornamentation; its jewels; the principal characteristics of its membership; its creed; its cardinal principles and virtues; and outline to and show you the very exalted plane Masonry *requires* that all her members should reach. Always admonishing us in the most tender manner to carefully practice those noble tenets of our profession, "brotherly love, relief, and truth," by always doing unto a brother as we would he should do unto us; by always speaking the truth one to another and being true to our vows and obligations; by practicing that charity which suffereth long, and is kind; which thinketh no evil, doeth no evil; which envieth not, seeketh not its own, is not easily provoked; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things; that charity which throweth a broad mantle over the faults and imperfections of a friend and brother; that charity which reaches down and takes a fallen brother by the hand and lifts him up and pours upon his wounds the ointment of healing, whispering to him words of good counsel and cheer; that charity which, silently as the dews of heaven, enters the widow's home, where, hovering over the few dying embers upon the hearth, she presses her children to her breast, takes her by the hand and points her to the Great Father of all who ever hears the widow's prayer. It supplies her wants and bids her be of good cheer, for so long as the great Brotherhood of Masonry exists she and her little ones shall not suffer. That charity so beautifully portrayed by Cowper:

"Pure in her aim, and in her temper mild:
Her wisdom seems the weakness of a child:
She makes excuses when she might condemn;
Reviled by those who hate her, prays for them.
Suspicion lurks not in her artless breast;
The worst suggested, she believes the best.
Not soon provoked, however stung and teased,
And, perhaps made angry, soon appeased;
She rather waives than will dispute her right;
And, injured, makes forgiveness her delight."

My brethren, in conclusion let me say that I am sure you will pardon me if my deliverance has seemed to you much of the expostulatory and admonitory character. If this has been the case, I assure you it has been from a sincere desire that the Craft may be aided in arriving at what true Freemasonry is; and be the better enabled to do good work,

true work, square work; such work as will surely pass the Supreme Master Overseer's inspection and entitle you to your wages. My desire has been to bring prominently to your view that *higher manhood* and character, so much valued by *true Freemasonry*, and to portray to you the most essential doctrines and beautiful traditions and teachings of our Order, that you might, as one has said, "Behold Masonry as she issued from the Temple of the Lord on Mount Zion, having inscribed upon her brow in legible characters this motto: 'Peace on earth, good will to men.' Behold her as in her onward march she bears the olive branch of peace over the nations of the earth, promulgating her principles in the spirit of meekness and charity. No torrent of blood marks her course. No ensanguined plain presents a scene of woe. But amid persecutions dire the fair form of Mercy is seen to hover around her path, and, dove-like, finding no rest amidst the angry contentions of men, she bears in peace the olive branch within the Temple of Mercy, patiently awaiting the time when the passions of men shall be assuaged. Go view her as she worships there. Go read the Oracles of God lying open upon her altars. See her walking hand in hand with Christianity, acting as her handmaid, drawing supplies from the same fountain, teaching the same doctrines, worshiping the same God, and hoping to at last arrive with all her charge, and be admitted into that Temple made without hands, eternal in the heavens."

The Grand Master directed that a copy of the oration be obtained and published in our proceedings.

The Grand Master named Bros.: Furnas, 4, Dinsmore, 49, White, 6, Keysor, 25, and Crites, 158, as the committee on the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, and Bros.: Furnas, 4, Wheeler, 1, Tulleys, 53, Young, 207, and Walter W. Wells, 34, as the committee on Work.

Bro.: Sudborough, 25, presented the following communication, which was on motion referred to the committee on Jurisprudence. Late in the session the committee asked and was granted further time for consideration of the matter:

GRAND LODGE OF MAINE.

PORTLAND, September 4, 1896.

R. W. Thomas K. Sudborough, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska—DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: At the recent annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine the committee on Masonic Jurisprudence submitted a report in relation to rejected candidates, which was accepted, and the following resolutions were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge is deeply impressed with the necessity of uniform legislation by the several Grand Lodges in relation to the admission of rejected candidates.

Resolved. That the effect of a rejection should be limited to five years, and that during that time the candidate should be allowed to petition only to the lodge which rejected him, or to another lodge with the consent of that lodge, or such consent of officers and members of that lodge as may be prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction in which the rejection occurs.

Resolved. That each of the Representatives of this Grand Lodge be requested to present these resolutions to the Grand Lodge to which he is accredited and request for them fraternal consideration.

The report will be found in the printed proceedings, (pages 43 to 56,) a copy of which has been forwarded to your address.

In accordance with the resolutions, you are requested to present them and the report, in behalf of the Grand Lodge of Maine, to your Grand Lodge and request its fraternal consideration thereof.

Yours fraternally,

STEPHEN BERRY,

Grand Secretary.

M.·W.·Bro.·Byron L. Carr, Past Grand Master of Colorado, was introduced by our Deputy Grand Master, received with grand honors, and welcomed by our Grand Master.

Sundry memorials, queries, etc., were referred to committees at this time and later during the communication. Those not acted upon will be listed at the close of this record.

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

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Thursday, June 17, 1897.

Labor was resumed at half past nine o'clock this morning under direction of M.·W.·Charles J. Phelps, Grand Master.

The following committees, appointed on or before April 10, 1897, were announced, vacancies being filled:

On Visiting Brethren—Bros.·James Tyler, 19; Harlan E. DonCarlos, 227; Wilson E. Field, 210; and Francis A. Graham, 54.

On Credentials—Bros.·Nathaniel M. Ayers, 93; Alfred M. Oleson, 25; Thomas B. Rogers, 90; Edgar D. Champion, 66; and Ethel A. Robbins, 34.

On Accounts—Bros.·Julius Beckman, 15; Frank L. Haycock, 207; Samuel J. Whitten, 67; John E. Simpson, 11; and James H. Fair, 117.

On Charters and Dispensations—Bros.: Frank G. Simmons, 38; Arthur D. Stowitts, 75; John B. Stewart, 126; Ira N. Pickett, 122; and John S. Harman, 17.

On By-Laws of Chartered Lodges—Bros.: Alpha Morgan, 148; Julius J. Wilson, 171; Hiram A. Harden, 152; Henry B. Villars, 162; and Benjamin F. Mitchell, 52.

On Ways and Means—Bros.: David M. McElhinney, 50; William J. Stuart, 32; Albert K. Marsh, 49; William D. Fletcher, 34; and George T. Sprecher, 55.

On Relief—Bros.: Joseph L. Edwards, 23; Isaac D. Clarke, 39; Lucien B. Treeman, 19; Henry N. Webster, 44; and David Eastwood, 63.

On Grievances—Bros.: Winfield S. Strawn, 1; Robert E. Evans, 5; Henry S. Sprecher, 191; Henry E. Kryger, 71; and Carroll D. Evans, 58.

On Unfinished Business—Bros.: J. Newton Wise, 3; Jesse C. Wyatt, 165; James A. Titus, 29; Ezra J. Newton, 30; and Harry R. Webster, 44.

On Pay-Roll—Bros.: John D. Howe, 1; Francis O. Dort, 70; Thompson F. Martin, 78; Hamilton W. Hewitt, 73; and William E. Hatch, 76.

On Returns—Bros.: John J. Mercer, 4; J. Elmer Allison, 164; Thomas L. Davies, 96; Jason R. George, 99; and James F. Taylor, 107.

On Jurisprudence—The twenty-two Past Grand Masters present, with M.: Henry H. Wilson, chairman.

On Foreign Correspondence—Bros.: William R. Bowen, 3; John A. Ehrhardt, 41; and James P. A. Black, 76.

On Codification of the Law—Bros.: Francis E. White, 6; Frank H. Young, 207; and Frank E. Bullard, 32.

On Doings of Grand Officers—Bros.: Bradner D. Slaughter, 89; Charles L. Meilenz, 59; Okeley E. Green, 125; Henry Gibbons, 46; and James M. Kennedy, 125.

On Grand Lodge Office—Bros.: Charles J. Phelps, 34; William R. Bowen, 3; James P. A. Black, 76; John A. Ehrhardt, 41; and Henry H. Wilson, 19.

On Our Fraternal Dead—Bros.: Samuel P. Davidson, 17; James Dinsmore, 43; and Cyrus E. Hunter, 83.

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

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to submit the following report:

An examination of the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the year 1896 reveals the following matters carried over for consideration by this Grand Lodge: On page 570 will be found the request of the committee on Jurisprudence relative to a report on the petition of

Joseph R. Stafford for reinstatement to the rights and privileges of Freemasonry.

On page 575 will be found a proposed amendment to by-law 9, section 105, of the Law of Freemasonry in this jurisdiction.

On page 577 will be found the request of the committee on Foreign Correspondence for further time to investigate the subject-matter of the communication of Prof. J. Wm. Wennerberg relative to Masonry in Sweden.

All of which is respectfully submitted for the consideration of this Grand Lodge.

A proposition from Mr. P W. Marcellus, of Lincoln, to make a photograph of the members of Grand Lodge was accepted.

On motion of Bro.: Walter W. Wells, 34, it was ordered that five hundred blank Past Masters certificates be printed.

Bro.: Beckman, 15, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge:

Your committee on Accounts has examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer and find same correct.

The reports agree with exceptions as below:

Order No. 1326, \$22.20, was charged to General Fund instead of to Relief Fund.

Item of \$6.50 for interest on note Culbertson Lodge, 174, paid June 1, 1897, was credited to General Fund instead of to Relief Fund.

We recommend that the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer make the necessary transfers on their books.

The amount of cash on hand as shown by the reports of the

Grand Treasurer is, in General Fund.....	\$9,436 09
In Relief Fund.....	218 18

Total	\$9,654 27
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For which amount he has handed us certified check as per his report.

We find the following orders unpaid:

No. 1415, Rogers, Smith & Co., dated May 25, 1897.....	\$48 11
No. 1416, Rogers, Smith & Co., dated May 25, 1897.....	52 50
No. 1421, Justice Lodge, No. 180, May 29, 1897, (Relief Fund,)....	10 00

We have also compared the bills receivable with the record of same and find the aggregate amount \$17 in excess of amount indicated by books, \$6,131.88, which was caused by crediting the account with \$17 interest received on note of Rawalt Lodge, 138. We recommend that the Grand Secretary make the necessary correction on his books.

We have examined the following bills and recommend that they be paid:

Bill of Pacific and United States Express Co., express on chests to Lincoln and return to Omaha.....	\$7 70
Bill of State Journal Co., stationery, etc.....	16 40

Bill of C. Hartman, postage, etc.....	\$26 00
Bill of Rogers & Smith Co., dated May 18, 1897.....	72 00
Bill of Rogers & Smith Co., dated May 29, 1897.....	91 50
Bill of Rees Printing Co., dated June 14, 1897.....	78 00

We learn from the Grand Secretary that some supplies of the average value of \$400 are contained in a room that is not fireproof. We recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to carry insurance on same to the amount of \$300.

Bro.: Strawn, 1, submitted the following report from the committee on Grievances, which was adopted :

To Grand Lodge:

The record in the matter of the last sickness and death of Bro.: William A. Milton, late of Compass and Square Lodge, No. 212, at Sumner, Neb., contains no complaint or representation whatever; but only the evidence taken by a committee appointed by the M.:W.: Grand Master.

From such record we are left to infer that the matter for our recommendation and your action is the payment of the expenses of the last sickness and funeral of said brother, and to ascertain who is liable therefor.

During his last illness, and of date March 16, 1897, and on the application of a member of his lodge, Compass and Square Lodge, No. 212, issued to Bro.: Milton what is in form a demit. No application therefor in writing signed by the brother was ever made. His condition, both physically and mentally, at said time was such as to preclude the idea of him being affiliated in another lodge.

We take it that under section 110, paragraph 1, the alleged demit was a nullity.

Bro.: Milton died April 10, 1897, having in the meantime received from Square and Compass Lodge, No. 213, at Miller, absolutely needed relief in the sum of \$81.01, part of which was rendered prior to his alleged demission.

His own lodge (No. 212) was all the time fully cognizant of his condition, mentally, physically, and financially, and rendered him a little relief. That he was in good standing in said lodge is evidenced by the facts that there were no charges against him, and that a demit was ordered by his lodge.

It is said that the action of lodge No. 212 in leaving said brother to the care of Lodge No. 213 and in failing to pay the expenses of said sickness and burial, is a scandal to Freemasonry in that section, and we have readily come to the same conclusion. The said lodge should be disciplined therefor. The attempted grant of a demit seems to have been with a view to be rid of him when in a dying condition.

We think that Lodge No. 212 is liable to Lodge No. 213 for the full amount of the relief furnished, and recommend that it be so held.

The financial condition of Lodge No. 212 cannot affect the abstract question of the liability to the lodge furnishing the necessary and rea-

sonable relief granted in this case. With that question we have not now to deal.

Bro.: Henry Gibbons, 46, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, made a verbal report to Grand Lodge.

Bro.: Slaughter, 89, made report as follows, which was adopted :

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

Your committee on Doings of Grand Officers submit the following additional report:

There are two cases wherein Bro.: Frank C. Richards was complainant, and wherein Bro.: Harlan E. DonCarlos is defendant in one, and Bro.: John DonCarlos defendant in the other. The papers in these cases being placed together, there was no knowledge of the second case; therefore we recommend that the appeal of Bro.: Frank C. Richards in the case of Bro.: John DonCarlos be referred to the committee on Grievances.

Bro.: Ehrhardt, 41, presented the following report; a motion to refer to the committee on Grievances was not agreed to; and the report was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

We, your committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the address of the Grand Master relating to the case of Bro.: Harlan E. DonCarlos, Master-elect of North Star Lodge, No. 227, would report that we have had the same under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Master in the case of Bro.: Harlan E. DonCarlos be approved.

P.: G.: M.: Henry H. Wilson, chairman of the committee, took no part in the deliberations of the committee on this case.

Bro.: Ayers, 93, presented the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your committee on Credentials reports that all our chartered lodges are represented except Nos. 13, 104, 128, 156, 167, 186, and 197. There are also present the following-named officers of Grand Lodge, and Past Grand Masters:

GRAND OFFICERS.

M.: W.: CHARLES J. PHELPS.....Grand Master.
 R.: W.: JOHN B. DINSMORE.....Deputy Grand Master.
 R.: W.: FRANK H. YOUNG.....Grand Senior Warden.
 R.: W.: HENRY K. KERMAN.....Grand Junior Warden.
 R.: W.: CHRISTIAN HARTMAN.....Grand Treasurer.
 R.: W.: WILLIAM R. BOWEN.....Grand Secretary.

- V. : W. : HARRY C. HARMAN Grand Chaplain.
- W. : SAMUEL R. SMITH Grand Orator.
- M. : W. : JAMES A. TULLEYS Grand Custodian.
- W. : WILLIAM W. KEYSOR Grand Marshal.
- W. : ALBERT W. CRITES Grand Senior Deacon.
- W. : FRANCIS E. WHITE Grand Junior Deacon.
- Bro. : JACOB KING Grand Tiler.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

M. : W. : Brothers Daniel H. Wheeler, 1; Robert W. Furnas, 4; Harry P. Deuel, 11; Martin Dunham, 3; George H. Thummel, 33; Edward K. Valentine, 27; Rolland H. Oakley, 19; James A. Tulleys, 53; James R. Cain, 9; Edwin F. Warren, 2; Manoaah B. Reese, 59; George B. France, 56; John J. Mercer, 4; Robert E. French, 46; Bradner D. Slaughter, 89; Samuel P. Davidson, 17; James P. A. Black, 76; John A. Ehrhardt, 41; and Henry H. Wilson, 19.

REPRESENTATIVES.

LODGE.	MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Nebraska, No. 1	John D. Howe.....	William S. Felker.....	
Western Star, " 2	*Frank B. Eccleston.....		
Capitol, " 3	J. Newton Wise.....	Lyman E. Ware.....	
Nemaha Valley, " 4	Abraham L. Lawrence.....	*Robert W. Furnas.....	*John J. Mercer.
Omadi, " 5	Robert E. Evans.....		
Flatts-mouth, " 6		Adam Kurtz.....	
Falls City, " 9	David D. Reavis.....	*Amos E. Gantt.....	
Solomon, " 10	Edwin N. Grenell.....		
Covert, " 11	John E. Simpson.....		
Nebraska City, " 12	John M. Willman.....		
Orient, " 13			
Peru, " 14	John J. Neal.....		
Fremont, " 15	Julius Beckman.....		
Tecumseh, " 17	Samuel P. Davidson.....	William S. Bouton.....	Wallace R. Barton.
Lincoln, " 19	James Tyler.....	Thomas Cochrane.....	
Washington, " 21	*Will H. H. Davis.....		
Pawnee, " 23	John M. Bever.....	*Joseph L. Edwards.....	
Saint Johns, " 25	Alfred M. Oleson.....	*Thos. K. Sudborough.....	
Beatrice, " 26	Noah M. Ryan.....		
Jordan, " 27	Aaron Barnett.....	John B. Thorpe.....	
Hope, " 29	James A. Titus.....		
Blue River, " 30	Ezra J. Newton.....	Wm. K. Loughridge.....	
Tekamah, " 31	*Clinton M. Houston.....		
Platte Valley, " 32	William J. Stuart.....	Sam'l H. Donehower.....	
Ashlar, " 33	Willard A. Prince.....		
Acacia, " 34	Walter W. Wells.....		*Ethel A. Robbins.
Fairbury, " 35	Asa M. Berry.....		
Lone Tree, " 36	*John E. Babbitt.....		
Crete, " 37	Wilson R. Buck.....		
Oliver, " 38	John McLain.....		
Papillion, " 39	Isaac D. Clarke.....		
Humboldt, " 40	William H. Bock.....		
Northern Light " 41	John A. Ehrhardt.....		George A. Eberly.
Juniata, " 42	Ethan A. St. John.....	*Will Brookley.....	*William G. Saddle.
Hebron, " 43	Arthur C. Past.....	*James Watson.....	*Clarence C. Fowler.
Harvard, " 44	Harry N. Webster.....		Ezra Brown.
Palmyra, " 45	*John O. Moore.....		Joshua Wilbur.
Rob Morris, " 46	Wallace C. Bierce.....	William F. Crossley.....	*Henry Gibbons.
Fairmont, " 48	Joseph Burns.....		*Andrew F. Ashley.
Evening Star, " 49	John H. Tower.....		
Hastings, " 50	Tracy P. Sykes.....	John Reynard.....	*John J. Buchanan.
Fidelity, " 51		William F. Downing.....	
Hiram, " 52	Benjamin F. Mitchell.....		
Charity, " 53	Alexander G. Willis.....		

*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

LODGE.	MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Lancaster, No. 54	*John S. Bishop.....	Francis A. Graham..	Addison S. Tibbets.
Mosaic, " 55	Mark D. Tyler.....	*George T. Sprecher..	
York, " 56	Walter F. Reynolds..	*Robert Armstrong...	*Frederick C. Power.
Mount Moriah, " 57	James R. Alexander..	Jasper K. Griffith....	
Lebanon, " 58	William S. Fox.....	Miller H. Watts.....	Camden J. Garlow.
Wahoo, " 59	Charles L. Mielenz..	Fred R. Clark.....	
Melrose, " 60	.....	John A. Ellis.....	
Thistle, " 61	Frederick L. Temple.	Theodore L. Warrington	
Keystone, " 62	*Henry McCoy.....	.....
Riverton, " 63	David Eastwood.....	.....
Blue Valley, " 64	Thomas J. Taylor....	.....
Osceola, " 65	Horace A. Scott.....	.....	*Horace F. Henderson.
Livingstone, " 66	Edgar D. Champion..	.....
Edgar, " 67	Samuel J. Whitten..	.....
Aurora, " 68	.....	.....	Jacob F. Dietz.
Sterling, " 70	Francis O. Dort.....	.....	E. Ross Hitchcock.
Trowel, " 71	Henry E. Kryger....	.....	Fred E. Giesecker.
Hooper, " 72	Thomas W. Lyman....	.....
Friend, " 73	Hamilton W. Hewitt..	.....
Alexandria, " 74	David A. Sherwood..	.....
Frank Welch, " 75	Arthur D. Stowitts..	Joseph Oberfelder..	
Joppa, " 76	Charles E. Moffett..	.....
Nelson, " 77	Edgar D. Brown.....	.....	Henry E. Goodrich.
Albion, " 78	Thompson F. Martin..	*Henry P. Bull.....	
Geneva, " 79	Mark Butler.....	John M. Ward.....	*Charles A. Warner.
Composite, " 81	Willis A. Baldwin..	.....
Saint Paul, " 82	Bruce A. Jolls.....	.....
Corinthian, " 83	Cyrus E. Hunter.....	.....
Fairfield, " 84	.....	James E. Brodrick..	
Tyre, " 85	William W. Wright..	.....
Doniphan, " 86	*Martin Embs.....	.....
Ionic, " 87	Frank Nelson.....	.....
Star, " 88	Robert G. Langley..	Edwin D. Beck.....	
Cedar River, " 89	Fayette M. Lagrange.	.....	Edward Johnson.
Elk Creek, " 90	Thomas B. Rogers..	William A. Davis....	
Oakland, " 91	*Charles A. Peterson..	.....
Hubbell, " 92	.....	George Cottam.....	
Beaver City, " 93	Thomas R. Butler....	Levi H. Corbin.....	
Bennett, " 94	Reuben Conn.....	.....
Garfield, " 95	*James C. Harnish..	.....
Utica, " 98	Thomas L. Davies....	.....
Euclid, " 97	David C. West.....	Julian A. Pollard..	
Republican, " 98	Clarence A. Luce....	.....
Shelton, " 99	Jason R. George.....	Walter S. Allison..	
Creighton, " 100	*Nathaniel L. Raymond	Harry A. Cheney..	
Ponca, " 101	Alfred E. Barnes....	.....
Waterloo, " 102	George Johnson.....	.....
Ord, " 103	Charles B. Coffin....	*Thomas L. Hall.....	
Wymore, " 104	.....	.....
Stella, " 105	*William R. Wyatt....	.....
Porter, " 106	Charles W. Conhiser.	.....
Steele City, " 107	James S. Taylor.....	.....
Table Rock, " 108	*Caleb R. Judkins....	.....
Arapahoe, " 109	*Rolando J. Finch....	.....
Pomegranate, " 110	John C. Railsback....	.....
DeWitt, " 111	Albert Thomas.....	.....
Springfield, " 112	*John L. Wallner....	Joseph M. Elwell..	
Globe, " 113	*Willis McBride....	.....
Wisner, " 114	.....	Alfred J. West.....	
Brainard, " 115	John F. Russell.....	.....	*William H. Taylor.
Harlan, " 116	James Pepperl.....	.....
Hardy, " 117	James H. Fair.....	.....
Doric, " 118	J. Frank Longanecker.	.....
North Bend, " 119	*Dunham M. Strong..	.....
Wayne, " 120	Ephraim Cunningham.	.....
Superior, " 121	George W. Stubbs....	*James L. Harrington.	
Jasper, " 122	Ira N. Pickett.....	.....
Indianola, " 123	Jasper S. Phillips..	.....
Auburn, " 124	*Edward M. Boyd....	.....	Thomas H. Gillan.
Mount Nebo, " 125	Okeley E. Green.....	.....	*James M. Kennedy.
Stromsburg, " 126	John B. Stewart.....	.....
Minden, " 127	Hans P. Andersen..	.....

* Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

LODGE.	MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Guide Rock, No.128	.....	.....	.....
Blue Hill, "129	*Henry W. Hall.....	.....	Kenneth W. McKenzie.
Tuscan, "130	Simon C. Beede.....	.....	.....
Scribner, "132	William B. Gardanier.....	Alexander Ross.....	.....
Elm Creek, "133	Charles A. Willis.....	.....	.....
Solar, "134	.....	Myron H. Whaley...	.....
McCook, "135	Justin A. Wilcox.....	.....	.....
Long Pine, "136	*John S. Davison.....	.....	.....
Upright, "137	William C. M. Shinn.....	.....	.....
Rawalt, "138	John W. Scarborough.....	.....	Jacob H. Eller.
Clay Centre, "139	.....	.....	.....
Western, "140	.....	Thomas J. Chidester.....	.....
Summit, "141	Charles C. Stone.....	.....	.....
Anchor, "142	.....	Nathaniel K. Redlon.....	.....
Crescent, "143	.....	Reuben H. Shaffer.....	.....
Kenesaw, "144	*Henry E. Norton.....	.....	.....
Bancroft, "145	*Henry L. Randall.....	.....	.....
Jachin, "146	*Elias W. Beghtol.....	.....	.....
Siloam, "147	Robert E. Chittick.....	.....	.....
Em't Crawford "148	Alpha Morgan.....	.....	.....
Jewel, "149	Levi H. Mumau.....	.....	.....
Cambridge, "150	George A. Remington.....	.....	.....
Square, "151	*John H. Parker.....	.....	.....
Parallel, "152	Hiram A. Harden.....	Harlay E. Bowhay.....	*John K. Campbell.
Evergreen, "153	William W. Quivey.....	.....	.....
Lily, "154	Robert Tweed.....	.....	.....
Hartington, "155	Wilson S. Weston.....	.....	.....
Pythagoras, "156	.....	.....	.....
Valley, "157	.....	Amos W. Hunt.....	.....
Samaritan, "158	.....	.....	John G. Dunn.
Ogalalla, "159	Zeph Camp.....	.....	.....
Zeredatha, "160	*Alonzo H. Bothwell.....	.....	.....
Mount Zion, "161	Samuel L. Anell.....	.....	.....
Trestle Board, "162	Henry B. Villars.....	Benjamin H. Bailey.....	.....
Unity, "163	Robert A. Miller.....	.....	.....
Atkinson, "164	J. Elmer Allison.....	*James L. McDonald.....	.....
Barneston, "165	Jesse C. Wyatt.....	.....	.....
Mystic Tie, "166	*Thomas T. McDonald.....	.....	.....
Elwood, "167	.....	.....	.....
Curtis, "168	*James W. Ridgway.....	.....	.....
Amity, "169	Horace C. Dale.....	.....	.....
Mason City, "170	Maac C. Warrington.....	.....	*A. Edson Robertson.
Merna, "171	John J. Stanford.....	.....	.....
Grafton, "172	William A. Combs.....	.....	.....
Robert Burns, "173	.....	Joseph G. Burchell.....	.....
Culbertson, "174	Wiley S. Cornutt.....	.....	.....
Temple, "175	John W. Wright.....	Anson C. Tilton.....	*Elijah Filley.
Gladstone, "176	Josiah A. Armour.....	.....	.....
Hay Springs, "177	*Joseph E. Brown.....	.....	.....
Hesperia, "178	.....	Franklin Skipton.....	.....
Prudence, "179	Joseph F. Guss.....	.....	.....
Justice, "180	*Cary L. Will.....	.....	.....
Faith, "181	.....	.....	Augustus L. Moyer.
Incense, "182	Richard A. Harvey.....	.....	.....
Alliance, "183	Frank M. Knight.....	.....	.....
Bee Hive, "184	Andrew B. Farrar.....	.....	.....
Boaz, "185	William A. Minniear.....	.....	.....
Plumb, "186	.....	.....	.....
Israel, "187	Douglas W. Patrick.....	Robert L. Downing.....	*Daniel C. Northway.
Meridian, "188	Charles E. Allen.....	.....	.....
Granite, "189	Leroy J. Babcock.....	Charles A. Putnam.....	Charles M. Beck.
Amethyst, "190	*Charles M. Fisher.....	.....	.....
Crystal, "191	Henry S. Sprecher.....	.....	.....
Minnekadusa, "192	.....	William T. Kincaid.....	.....
Signet, "193	Francis N. Nichols.....	.....	.....
Highland, "194	Leonard Grieser.....	.....	.....
Arcana, "195	Samuel S. Joice.....	.....	.....
Level, "196	Ambrose S. Shelley.....	.....	.....
Morning Star, "197	.....	.....	.....
Purity, "198	Alonzo Cunningham.....	.....	.....
Gavel, "199	.....	James H. Bryant.....	William J. Long.
Blazing Star, "200	.....	Herbert L. Davis.....	.....

* Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES—CONCLUDED.

LODGE.	MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Scotts Bluff, No.201	Henry M. Thornton.....		
Golden Sheaf, "202	Sidney O. Reese.....		
Roman Eagle, "203		John King.....	
Plainview, "204	George H. Hecht.....		
Golden Fleece, "205	Frederick Sudman.....		
Napthali, "206		Thomas Nelson.....	
Parian, "207	Mark E. Schneringer.....		*Fran L. Haycock.
Gauge, "208	James W. Landers.....		
Canopy, "209			Clyde T. Campbell.
East Lincoln, "210	Frank C. Richards.....	Wilson E. Field.....	John Forberger.
Cement, "211	William B. Kern.....		
Comp. & Square "212	Morris B. Irvin.....		
Square & Comp. "213	*Erie W. Northrop.....		
Plumblin, "214	Frank V. Morse.....	James W. McKibben.....	
Occidental, "215	Jesse Gidley.....		
Palisade, "216	Benjamin F. Yates.....		
Wauweta, "217	D. Fenton Hostetter.....		
Bloomfield, "218			Will A. Needham.
Relief, "219			William C. Mitchell.
Magnolia, "220	Morris H. Evans.....		
Woodlake, "221			James M. Hanna.
Landmark, "222	Melville S. Wilcox.....		
Eminence, "223		Frank W. Mather.....	
Silver Cord, "224	Samuel B. Turner.....		
Cable, "225	Albert G. Hoffman.....		
Grace, "226	Francis A. Goggins.....		
North Star, "227	Harlan E. DonCarlos.....		John J. Adams.
Bartley, "228	*Allison G. Keys.....		
Comet, "229	James S. Livesay.....	Jerome Barnell.....	
Delta, "230			John W. Shrode.
Mt. Hermon, "231	Enos M. Shaw.....		
J. S. Bowen, "232	John Klotz.....		
Gilead, "233		Robert Ford.....	
Zion, "234	Byron E. Crandell.....		
Fraternity, "235	*Albert H. Carter.....		
Golden Rule, "236	Lyman G. Wright.....		
Cubit, "237	Charles Marshall.....	John T. Marshall.....	
Ithmar, "238		Isaac H. Rathbun.....	John Real.
Friendship, "239	Jesse Friman.....		
Pilot, "240	Lemuel C. Coffin.....		George W. Little.

* Proxy

Your committee also reports the presence of representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, from the following Grand Lodges: Arizona, Lewis A. Kent, 127; California, David M. McElHinney, 50; Colorado, Charles J. Phelps, 34; Connecticut, Samuel P. Davidson, 17; Delaware, Joseph L. Edwards, 23; District of Columbia, Bradner D. Slaughter, 89; Georgia, Edwin F. Warren, 2; Idaho, James A. Tulleys, 53; Illinois, George H. Thummel, 33; Indiana, Harry P. Deuel, 11; Indian Territory, James M. Kennedy, 125; Iowa, John J. Mercer, 4; Ireland, William Cleburne, 3; Kansas, James P. A. Black, 76; Kentucky, Henry Gibbons, 46; Louisiana, Albert W. Crites, 158; Maine, Thomas K. Sudborough, 25; Manitoba, Edwin F. Warren, 2; Michigan, Daniel H. Wheeler, 1; Mississippi, John M. Burks, 19; Missouri, George B. France, 56; Montana, Bradner D. Slaughter, 89; New Brunswick, John J. Mercer, 4; New Jersey, James R. Cain, 9; New York, Edward K. Valentine, 27; North Carolina, Robert W. Furnas, 4; North Dakota, John A. Eherhardt, 41; Nova Scotia, Henry H. Wilson, 19; Ohio, Robert W. Furnas, 4; South Carolina, Frank E. Bullard, 32; South Dakota, Manoah B. Reese, 59; Tennessee, Francis E. White, 6; Texas,

Martin Dunham, 3; Utah, Robert E. French, 46; Vermont, William R. Bowen, 3; West Virginia, Frank E. Bullard, 32; Wyoming, Rolland H. Oakley, 19.

Consideration of the report of the committee on Returns was now resumed. (See page 708.)

Bro.: Davidson, 17, moved —

That the committee on Returns be requested to amend its report by striking out the two lists of lodges to be denied rebate, which are denied the rebate in the report for the reasons that in one list in the returns the *one given name of each member* is not given, and in the other list the *figures given by the Grand Secretary* have been changed, provided the lodges mentioned in said lists promptly comply with the law in the particulars above mentioned.

Bro.: Wheeler, 1, moved —

That the resolution be amended so that the Grand Secretary shall send to the lodges herein referred to duplicate blank returns to be made out in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge; and if said lodges shall return said reports correct within thirty days, then proper rebate be allowed.

Both motions were adopted, and the report of the committee on Returns, as thus amended, was adopted.

Bro.: Bowen, 3, offered the following amendments, duly seconded, to our law regarding rebate-credits for prompt and correct rendition of lodge returns:

To Grand Lodge:

I propose the following amendments to section 104, paragraph 14, page 38, Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska, edition of 1895:

After the word "office," in the sixth line, add the words "together with five cents additional, if same reach the Grand Secretary's office on or before May 7th."

In the sixth and seventh lines change the word "twenty-five" to "thirty."

After the word "made," in the tenth line, add the words "with one given name in full for each and every individual named."

Bro.: White, 6, submitted the following report, in which Grand Lodge concurred; the decisions, etc., referred to will be found in the appendix:

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, June 17, 1897.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A. F. & A. M.:

As directed by resolution found on page 577, proceedings of 1896, the committee on Codification of the Law present herewith all standing reso-

lutions, approved decisions of Grand Master and committee on Jurisprudence that had not been compiled in the law. The committee has not heretofore deemed these matters of sufficient importance to place them under the different subheadings of the Law of Freemasonry, as they are more of an advisory nature than anything else.

Bro.: White, 6, also presented the following, which was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee on Codification of the Law find the following error in the printed edition of the Law of 1895: Page 13, last line but one, should read "committee on Doings of Grand Officers," in place of "Doings of Grand Lodges," as it now reads.

Bro.: Wilson, 19, submitted the following report, and Grand Lodge adopted same:

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

Your committee on Jurisprudence have had under consideration the granting of dispensations to elect and install officers, as reported in the address of the Grand Master, and we recommend the approval thereof.

Your committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to report that we have had under consideration the matter of Frank Welch Lodge, No. 75, as reported in the address of the Grand Master, and we recommend the approval of the efforts of the Grand Master to restore harmony in said lodge; but we disapprove the action of the Grand Master in granting a dispensation to ballot upon the petitions of the two Fellowcrafts for advancement, and in raising them to the degree of a Master Mason at an emergency communication of said lodge.

We have also had under consideration the matter of the circular sent out by York Lodge, No. 56, and we recommend the approval of the statement and criticism thereof, as found in the address of the Grand Master, and recommend that this Grand Lodge condemn the practice of sending circular letters or like documents by one subordinate lodge to others without the consent or approval of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

Your committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to report that we have had under consideration the decisions of the Grand Master as reported in his address, and make the following recommendations:

1. That decisions numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 38, 39, and 40, be approved.
2. That decisions numbered 10, 20, 23, and 36, be disapproved.
3. That decision numbered 13 be modified by striking out the words "and an arrangement between the lodges as to the fee, as the lodges may agree," and as so modified, the decision be approved.
4. That decision numbered 27 be approved, and that there be added thereto the following: "The amendment having lain over a year, and having failed of approval at the next session of the Grand Lodge, is no longer before that body, and cannot again be called up for action."

5. We find that decision numbered 33 is in accordance with paragraph 8 of section 106 of the law, but we further find that said paragraph is in conflict with paragraph 1 of the same section, and we therefore recommend that said paragraph 8 be repealed, and that said decision shall not be deemed a precedent.

6. That decision numbered 37 be not approved, for the reason that paragraph 1 of section 110 of the law provides that the application for a demit shall be over the signature of the applicant, and such written application is the foundation of the jurisdiction of the lodge to grant the demit. The vote of the lodge without such application is void, and the brother remains a member of such lodge notwithstanding such unauthorised vote.

7. That decision numbered 41 be not approved. While the signing of a saloonkeeper's bond has not been specifically declared a Masonic offense, it is clearly contrary to the spirit of Nebraska Freemasonry. The signing of a saloonkeeper's bond is un-Masonic, and subjects such signer to Masonic discipline.

8. That decision No. 34 be modified to read as follows: "It is a Masonic offense for a brother to knowingly rent a building for saloon purposes, or in which there is to be conducted a saloon business."

On motion of Bro.: Wheeler, 1, the election of officers was made the special order for three o'clock this afternoon, and the committee on Pay-roll was instructed to provide for three days' session.

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

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Thursday, June 17, 5897.

Labor was resumed at the appointed hour. M.:W.: Charles J. Phelps, Grand Master, in the East.

Bro.: Strawn, 1, presented the following report from the committee on Grievances, which Grand Lodge adopted:

To the Grand Lodge:

In the matter of the application of Alfred Canfield for restoration to Masonic standing, the case comes to us on his petition to Tecumseh Lodge, No. 17,—from which he was expelled,—and the favorable recommendation of said lodge.

No one appears to object to the granting of his prayer. Following

the recommendation of his lodge, which ought to know him best, we recommend his restoration to the rank and privileges of a Master Mason.

Bro.: Strawn, 1, submitted the following report from the committee on Grievances; Bro.: Davidson, 17, moved that, as the restoration was recommended by each and every member of Tecumseh Lodge, 17, who was present at the meeting at which the expulsion occurred, the report be amended so as to recommend restoration; the motion was adopted without dissenting vote, and the amended report of the committee was adopted.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee to whom was referred the application of Martin V. Easterday for restoration to all the rights and privileges of Masonry, would respectfully report that as the application for reinstatement was made on June 14, A. L. 5897, and no action taken by the subordinate lodge on said application; hence, under our law, we have no jurisdiction unless this Grand Lodge has the power to heal and does heal the defect at this time.

The facts as shown by the record and address of M. W. Bro.: Davidson are such that had this body jurisdiction your committee are of the opinion that the brother should be reinstated.

We therefore return said petition without recommendation.

Amended after the action of the Grand Lodge, by recommending his restoration.

The following report, presented by Bro.: Strawn, 1, was concurred in:

To the Grand Lodge:

Your committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro.: Frank C. Richards, East Lincoln Lodge, No. 210, from the action of North Star Lodge, No. 227, in the matter of the charges filed against Bro.: John DonCarlos, respectfully report:

That by the notice of appeal and assent of both parties the only question before us was the withdrawal of the charges by a vote of the lodge without the consent of the prosecution, and for the reason that another member of said lodge had been acquitted on identically the same charges.

Charges were filed July 2, 1896; duly received by the lodge and a committee appointed to take testimony. The committee made a ruling with reference to evidence, which ruling was reversed by the Master and the lodge at its regular September meeting.

At the October regular meeting of the said lodge, and while the lodge was in possession of a communication from the prosecution asking that the taking of testimony be immediately proceeded with, the action complained of was taken.

We are clearly of the opinion that such action was unwarranted by our law and by the respect due to charges duly preferred and received by a lodge. When so received they should be tried and judgment rendered thereon, and then any one aggrieved may appeal to this body. Because the majority of the lodge sympathises with the accused is not good cause shown; nor is the fact that another has been tried on charges identically the same and acquitted, the good cause referred to by our statute. That clause evidently refers to some accommodation between the parties which is approved of by the lodge—some reparation of an admitted wrong, or other adjustment agreeably to the spirit of Masonry, in which the good of the Order and a restoration of Masonic spirit between the accuser and accused has been fully arrived at. But it is not an arbitrary dismissal of the charges. The accuser has as much right to be heard, when charges have been received, as has the accused. Masonic fairness requires this under all circumstances. That rule has been violated in this case.

The cause should be reversed and the case remanded to the lodge, No. 227, with directions to proceed with the taking of evidence and a trial and decision of the charges received by the lodge.

During this afternoon and evening Grand Lodge made choice of the following-named office-bearers, other business being transacted between the ballotings :

BRO.: JOHN B. DINSMORE, 49 Grand Master.
 BRO.: FRANK H. YOUNG, 207 Deputy Grand Master.
 BRO.: WILLIAM W. KEYSOR, 25 Grand Senior Warden.
 BRO.: ALBERT W. CRITES, 158 Grand Junior Warden.
 BRO.: CHRISTIAN HARTMAN, 11 Grand Treasurer.
 BRO.: WILLIAM R. BOWEN, 3 Grand Secretary.

Later in the communication appointment was made of —

BRO.: HARRY C. HARMAN, 124 Grand Chaplain.
 BRO.: CHARLES H. SLOAN, 79 Grand Orator.
 BRO.: JAMES A. TULLEYS, 53 Grand Custodian.
 BRO.: FRANCIS E. WHITE, 6 Grand Marshal.
 BRO.: NATHANIEL M. AYERS, 93 Grand Senior Deacon.
 BRO.: FRANK E. BULLARD, 32 Grand Junior Deacon.
 BRO.: JACOB KING, 3 Grand Tiler.
 BROS.: WILLIAM R. BOWEN, 3, JOHN A. EHRHARDT, 41, and JAMES
 P. A. BLACK, 76 Committee on Foreign Correspondence.
 BROS.: FRANCIS E. WHITE, 6, JOHN O. MOORE, 45, and FRANK E. BUL-
 LARD, 32 Committee on Codification of the Law.

Bro.: Edwards, 23, submitted the following reports, which were adopted :

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

Your committee on Relief fraternally reports in regard to the appropriation for the relief of Bro. Abram M. Smith, a member in good standing of Western Star Lodge, No. 2, Nebraska City, now in Chicago, that said lodge has aided said brother to some extent, and he has received some financial aid also from the chapter and commandery of Nebraska City. Your committee also find that Western Star Lodge, No. 2, has not asked any assistance from this Grand Lodge to aid in relief of Bro. Smith, nor signified its inability to take proper care of him.

Your committee recommends, therefore, that the matter be referred back to said Western Star Lodge, No. 2, in order that that lodge may take such steps for relief of its member as it shall deem best. And it is further suggested that should said lodge require any assistance from this Grand Lodge in such matter, that it formulate its request, stating facts to the standing committee on Relief of this Grand Lodge, and said standing committee be authorized to act as it shall deem best in the premises.

Your committee on Relief reporting upon application of Bloomfield Lodge, No. 218, requesting reimbursement for money expended in care of Bro. A. N. Doane, their present Senior Warden, who was stricken with paralysis, and for such further relief as the disabled brother may in future require, report: It not being clear to the committee that Lodge No. 218 is unable without inconvenience to itself to bear the small expense incurred, hesitate to advise the reimbursement, and recommend further investigation by the standing Relief Committee of this Grand Lodge and to act in accordance with conditions as presented.

We further recommend that Bro. A. N. Doane be given such relief as the standing committee on Relief of this Grand Lodge consider his circumstances require and the funds at their command will permit.

Your committee on Relief would recommend in the case of G. H. Snell, of Gladstone Lodge, No. 176, that it be referred to the standing Relief Committee for their consideration. The family of our late brother is living in Missouri and is in very needy circumstances, and as Gladstone Lodge, No. 176, have just paid funeral expenses of \$44.00, they feel unable to assist the family, which consists of four girls and two boys, three of whom are too young to be of any assistance at all; and the lady herself is in ill health. Our Grand Senior Warden recommends the sum of sixty dollars for this year's expenses.

The committee consider this a very urgent case and recommend the earliest consideration.

Bro. Treeman, 19, presented the following report from the committee on Relief, which was agreed to:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

In reference to the call for relief for orphans of Bro. W. Elmer Morse, late a member of Scotts Bluff Lodge, No. 201, your committee find from the papers submitted that the brother was residing at Over-

brook, Kas., at the time of his death; was in good standing in Scotts Bluff Lodge, No. 201; that his wife died about a year ago; that he died June 5, '97, leaving six or seven children in destitute circumstances, the oldest only sixteen years old.

The report from the lodge to the Grand Lodge made May 8, '97, shows that there were no widows or orphans known to them at that date. Your committee recommend that, as something more than mere temporary relief is demanded in this case, the matter be referred to the permanent Relief Committee of this Grand Lodge for such action and such relief as the rules of the Grand Lodge allow and the means at the hands of the committee will permit.

Bro.: Cain, 9, moved that the rebate-credit denied Falls City Lodge, 9, on its 1896 return, be now granted; the matter was referred to the committee on Returns, which made the following report. Bro.: Davidson, 17, moved to amend the report so as to credit Falls City Lodge, 9, with the sum in question, which motion was lost; the report of the committee was adopted:

To Grand Lodge:

Your committee to whom was referred a resolution in favor of Falls City Lodge, No. 9, asking to be reimbursed the amount of their rebate forfeited in 1896, would report that we have examined the 1896 returns of said lodge, and find that the Grand Secretary's figures in said returns were changed by the lodge in two places, thus directly violating the rules of this Grand Lodge. We fail to find any extenuating circumstances whatever in the case; the penalty imposed was simply that fixed by this Grand Lodge, and your committee had no option whatever in the matter. We feel that to reimburse to this lodge the amount of their penalty would tend to lessen the force of our rules, establish a bad precedent, and be an act of injustice to certain *other* lodges, who, for the *same* cause, lost their rebate, but, acknowledging *their* error, have not asked to be reimbursed.

We, therefore, recommend that the reimbursement asked for in favor of Falls City Lodge, No. 9, be not granted.

Grand Lodge accepted the invitation presented by Bro.: Mercer, 4, to hold its next annual communication at Omaha.

Bro.: Burks, 19, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, addressed Grand Lodge, response being made by Grand Master Phelps.

The committee on Grievances was relieved from the further consideration of the matter referred to in the following report presented by Bro.: Strawn, 1, chairman:

To the Grand Lodge:

Your committee to whom was referred the application and recommendation of Fairfield Lodge, No. 84, for the restoration of George W. Noble, expelled from said lodge April 14, 1895, for disobedience to a summons, respectfully report that none of the requirements of paragraph 5 of section 309 of our laws, (such as a petition by the expelled person to his lodge, laying the same over one month, and the like,) have been observed. Under these circumstances, your committee is without jurisdiction to investigate or make a recommendation in this case, and ask to be excused from further consideration of the same.

Bro.: Simmons, 38, made the following report, which was agreed to :

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

Your committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the dispensations, records, petition for charter, request for continuance, and proposed by-laws, of two lodges under dispensation, having carefully examined and considered the same, fraternally report as follows :

We recommend that the proposed by-laws of Bell Creek Lodge, U.: D.: be approved and that a charter be granted to said lodge as George Armstrong Lodge, No. —

We recommend that Mackey Lodge, U.: D.: be continued under dispensation, as per the request of its members.

The following amendments to the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska were presented :

By Bro.: Coffin, 240 :

Section 107, Article 10. Be added: No petition for the degrees of Masonry can be received except for the three, namely, Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason; and one clear ballot shall elect to the three degrees. All by-laws or rules conflicting with this article are hereby repealed.

By Bro.: Simmons, 38:

Resolved, That the Law of Masonry in this jurisdiction be amended as follows: Add to paragraph 1, section 110, the following:

Provided, further, That any brother who may desire a demit for any other reasons may apply for the same to his lodge, stating his reasons, whereupon the lodge shall certify the application to the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge may in its discretion order such demit to be issued.

By Bro.: Armstrong, 56:

Resolved, That we amend paragraph 12 of section 104 of the By-Laws found in Law of Freemasonry of Nebraska, edition of 1895, on page 38 thereof, by striking out the words "one dollar" in fifth line of said paragraph and inserting "seventy-five cents" in lieu thereof, thereby making

Grand Lodge dues for each member seventy-five cents per annum, instead of one dollar, as they now are

Resolved, That we amend paragraph 2 of section 2 of the By-Laws, in the fourth line of page 18 of the Law of Freemasonry, edition of 1895, by striking out the word "eighteen" and inserting "twelve" in lieu thereof.

By committee on Codification of the Law:

Amend section 108, paragraph 10, page 47, by striking out the following: "There being no by-laws to the contrary, an objection to an advancement made manifest by the ballot is good only until the next regular meeting, but" leaving paragraph 10, section 108, to read, "An objection to an initiation or advancement made to the Master or to the lodge holds good until removed."

Bro.: Wilson, 19, presented the following report. Bro.: Strawn, 1, moved that "as requested by Grand Master Phelps, the consideration of this matter be postponed till the next annual communication," which was not agreed to, and the report was adopted:

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

Your committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to report that we have had under consideration the matter of making Harry E. Phelps a Mason, as reported in the address of the Grand Master.

Without entering into a discussion of the question of whether or not the prerogative of making Masons at sight ever inhered in the office of Grand Master, we are of the opinion that, by reason of our situation and Masonic traditions, such prerogative does not inhere in the office of Grand Master in Nebraska. We therefore disapprove the action of the Grand Master in making his son, Harry E. Phelps, a Mason at sight, as reported in his address. The Grand Master is the creature of the constitution of this Grand Lodge, and his prerogatives are defined and limited thereby.

Bro.: Edwards, 23, submitted the following report, which was agreed to:

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

Your committee on Relief fraternally reports: That the petition from Juniata Lodge, No. 42, Juniata, Nebraska, shows that the \$300 loaned said lodge in March, 1895, for relief of its needy members, has all been repaid the Grand Lodge except about \$48 of the principal and interest about \$27, aggregating about \$75 yet unpaid. It is also shown that said \$300 was distributed among the needy members of said lodge in the form of small loans. On this plan \$30 was loaned to Bro.: Herbert E. Wells, a needy member in good standing, to mature November following, at 6 per cent. But before the maturity of said loan Bro.: Wells died and left his family, a wife and three children, (the oldest a boy of eleven

years,) in destitute circumstances, requiring relief to a considerable extent by said lodge, and they are entirely unable to pay said note, and the lodge may be called upon at any time to make financial provision for support of said family. In view of these circumstances your committee recommends that said lodge be directed to cancel said note for \$30 and interest held by it against Herbert E. Wells, and that the Grand Lodge credit its claim against Juniata Lodge, No. 42, to the amount of said note and interest.

Bro.: Howe, 1, presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master :

We, your committee on Pay-Roll, would respectfully report that we have prepared a pay-roll of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge, amounting to \$3,715.30, which is submitted for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

Your committee would recommend that, as the supply of blank pay-rolls is exhausted, the Grand Secretary be authorized to purchase or have printed a supply sufficient to meet requirements.

Bro.: Warren, 2, offered the following, which was adopted by a rising vote without dissent :

Whereas, R.: W.: Bro.: William R. Bowen, who has continuously, successfully, and completely filled the office of Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge since June, 1872, and who has demonstrated his conspicuous fitness for the place in numberless ways, has recently given this Grand Lodge another proof of our good fortune in possessing an officer of his Masonic learning, tact, and industry, in his second edition of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, of which Vol. IV is the latest evidence; and

Whereas, The sweetest reward the faithful servant can receive is the knowledge that those for whom he labors appreciate the efforts made in guarding their interests, in advancing the common cause, and in the conscientious discharge of every duty imposed by his official station; and

Whereas, The high renown which the Grand Lodge of Nebraska enjoys among all the Masonic jurisdictions of the earth is due in great degree to the systematic, persistent and successful labors and good taste of our brother the Grand Secretary, and it is meet that such efforts on his part receive adequate recognition at home: therefore

Resolved, That we tender to Bro.: William R. Bowen, Grand Secretary, our sincere thanks and the assurance of our high appreciation of the work he has performed in the preparation and supervision of the second edition of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and of the painstaking labor everywhere manifested in the work, as evidenced by its extreme accuracy, and especially the completeness of the indexes thereto annexed.

The Craft was now called to refreshment until half past eight o'clock this evening.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Thursday, June 17, 5897.

Labor was resumed at the appointed hour, under direction of M.:W.: Charles J. Phelps, Grand Master.

Bro.: Beckman, 15, made the following report, which was adopted :

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge :

Your committee have examined the bill of Lincoln Dist. Tel. Co. for services moving express matter, \$2.00, and recommend that it be paid.

Bro.: Morgan, 148, submitted a report from the committee on By-Laws of Chartered Lodges, recommending that our Grand Master's action in approving lodge by-laws and seals be sustained, which report was adopted ; also a report with reference to the new by-laws of St. Johns Lodge, 25. On motion of Bro.: Wheeler, 1, so much of the report as referred to the by-laws of Saint Johns Lodge, 25, was recommitted, with instructions for the committee to indicate wherein the by-laws do not conform to Grand Lodge law governing chartered lodges.

Later Bro.: Morgan presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.: F.: & A.: M.: of Nebraska :

We, your committee on By-Laws of Chartered Lodges, to whom was referred the by-laws of St. Johns Lodge, No. 25., A.: F.: & A.: M.: , beg leave to report that it is our belief and opinion that Article 1 of Section 1 does not conform to your by-laws in this: that it fails to include the letters "A.: F.: & A.: M.:" following name and number of lodge.

2. That Section 1 of Article 3 does not conform with your by-laws in this: that said by-laws provide that the election of the officers shall be the regular meeting on or before the festival of St. John the Baptist. That Section 5 of Article 3 does not conform with your by-laws in this: it takes away from the Master of the lodge the full appointing power. That Paragraph 2 of Section 1, Article 4, does not conform with your by-laws in this: that it does not specify that said funds should be paid out with the consent of the lodge.

Bro.: McElHiney, 50, submitted the following reports from the committee on Ways and Means, which were adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred the report of the Treasurer of the Orphans Educational Fund, continues to note with pleasure the very satisfactory manner in which this fund has been handled, and indorse and recommend the continuance of the same.

Your committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred that portion of the Grand Master's report in relation to the Kent insurance policy, report as follows:

That we recommend the approval of the action of the Grand Master in what he has done, and also recommend that the Grand Lodge continue to pay the interest on the insurance company's loan, and also the semi-annual premiums.

We, your committee on Ways and Means, would respectfully recommend that the amount due the Relief Fund from the different lodges of this jurisdiction be called in, and that the Grand Master be instructed to use his best endeavor to carry this into effect, if the same can be done without distress to the debtor lodges.

Your committee on Ways and Means recommend the following appropriations:

Grand Master's expenses, 1897-8	\$300 00
" " clerk, 1897-8	500 00
" Secretary's salary, fixed by law	
" " clerk, 1897-8	600 00
" Treasurer's salary, fixed by law	
" Custodian's salary, 1897-8	1,200 00
" " expenses, 1897-8	500 00
Pay roll of present session—as much as may be necessary	
Grand Secretary's expense, 1897-8:	
Postage, telegrams, and telephone tolls	250 00
Stationery	65 00
Blanks	200 00
Incidentals	50 00
Grand Lodge office rent	200 00
Heat and light	50 00
Janitor	60 00
Rent of telephone	30 00
Treasurer Orphans Educational Fund, clerk	60 00
Library—purchasing, binding, etc.	100 00
Library repairs	10 00
Purchasing supplies for sale to lodges	750 00
Masonic Collectors Association	5 00
Treasurer Orphans Educational Fund, salary, 1897-8	5 00
Printing proceedings, 1897, and electrotyping same, or so much as may be necessary	1,000 00
Printing one charter	10 00
Volume V, Nebraska proceedings, about	1,000 00
Indexes of Volume V and Volume VI	300 00

To pay for indexing law (no appropriation last year)	\$50 00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	100 00
Set of working-envelopes, 1898-9	30 00

Your committee to whom was referred the following resolution asking for an appropriation of \$50, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay for papering, painting, and providing shades for the Grand Lodge office, also to provide for proper visitors' record, refer the same back without recommendation:

Resolved, That the sum of \$50, or so much thereof as may be needed, be and the same is hereby appropriated and set apart for the purpose of paying for papering, painting, and providing proper and needful window-shades for the office of the Grand Lodge, thus placing same in proper condition for the reception and entertainment of visitors during the Trans-Mississippi Exposition year, and also to provide proper visitors' register to be used during said year. Said amount to be expended only by and under the direction of the Grand Master.

On motion, the immediately foregoing resolution was adopted.

Bro. Edwards, 23, presented the following report, the consideration of which was this afternoon deferred. The report was adopted:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee on Relief reports that about two hundred and twenty-four lodges have sent in the report asked for of the widows and orphans within their respective jurisdictions. Some of these reports, from about one-fourth the lodges, are very imperfect, the blanks being returned without signatures of the officers, or report pro or con, evidently intending thereby that the Grand Lodge should understand that they have no widows or orphans. About one-fifth of the whole number of lodges report explicitly no widows or orphans in their respective jurisdictions. The reports from the remainder of the lodges show that there are at least four hundred widows and five hundred orphans. One-half of the above numbers of widows and orphans have become such within the last five years. In the year 1889 the widows and orphans in this Grand Jurisdiction was about one-fourth the present number. One-half of the above numbers belong to the older lodges, Nos. 1 to 55 inclusive. Of the whole number reported there are at least forty widows and seventy-one orphans in indigent circumstances, either receiving aid occasionally or continuously, or are dependent on their daily labor for subsistence, and may require financial aid any day. About ten per cent of all others are dependent upon daily labor supplemented by a small pension or other small income, placing their means of support upon very precarious footing. Except as above stated all others are reported in good financial circumstances.

Your committee is strongly impressed with the facts reported as showing a rapid increase of the numbers of widows and orphans within

our Grand Jurisdiction; and that the increase of indigency among the widows and orphans of deceased Master Masons is even greater in proportion.

Your committee finds the difficulty of obtaining full and correct reports from the several lodges of the widows and orphans in their several jurisdictions arises chiefly from the fact that no roll or record of their names and financial condition is kept by the lodges. When called upon for reports the Secretaries and Masters report such as can be remembered by them, sometimes omitting names of some unwittingly. In some cases the names of deceased Master Masons, with dates of death, are given with the words, "No widows and orphans except such as are well provided for." Your committee is fully convinced that the time is not far distant when this Grand Lodge will require an enlarged relief fund, not only to meet unexpected demands for relief caused by sudden visitation of misfortune to which all countries are alike subject, but to aid subordinate lodges to take proper care of and support their indigent widows and orphans of deceased Master Masons. At the beginning of the year just ended the relief fund was a little over two thousand dollars; and the current year will be commenced with over two hundred dollars available for general relief.

Your committee recommends that the Grand Lodge take such steps as may be necessary to provide and properly guard a sufficient relief fund, and that the Grand Lodge designate a committee to prepare suitable rules and regulations for its use to aid subordinate lodges in the proper care and support of their indigent widows and orphans.

Your committee further recommends that each subordinate lodge be required to keep a roll and a concise statement of the financial condition of the widows and orphans of deceased Master Masons within their respective jurisdictions, to be revised and corrected as often as the facts require.

Your committee further recommends that ten per cent be transferred from the General Fund of this Grand Lodge to the Relief Fund, in addition to the five per cent now provided for, and that the Relief Fund so provided be especially for relief, under direction of the Grand Lodge or the standing Relief Committee of this Grand Lodge.

Bro.: Wilson, 19, submitted the following reports, which were adopted:

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

Your committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to report, that we have had under consideration the following matters:

1. Query by Springfield Lodge, 112:

A petition having been presented to us by a gentleman of all the necessary qualifications of a petitioner, but with his left hand off at the wrist, this lodge of Master Masons respectfully and unanimously petitions the Grand Master and present session of Grand Lodge that we be granted permission to accept and act upon the same. *Answer:* We rec-

commend that the petition be denied, because such candidate is not eligible under our law.

2. We recommend that the forms of certificate of exemption from dues, presented by our Grand Secretary, be approved.

3. *Query by Bro.: Henry B. Villars, 162:*

A represents himself a Master Mason; the Master of the lodge in whose jurisdiction A resides appointed a committee to invite A to visit the lodge and prove himself a Master Mason, but he ignores the invitation: what action must the lodge take? *Answer:* This query is so indefinite in its statement of fact that your committee cannot direct the lodge as to its duty in this case. If a resident within the jurisdiction of a lodge shall publicly claim to be a Mason, the Master of such lodge should summon such claimant to appear in the anteroom of the lodge, or elsewhere, and prove himself a Mason, and if he fail to do so, the facts should be entered upon the records of the lodge and he be deemed and treated as a spurious and clandestine Mason.

4. In the matter of complaint against Omadi Lodge, No. 5, by Gilead Lodge, No. 233, we recommend that the account of No. 233 be credited with \$5.00, the Grand Lodge fee for the apprentice degree, and that Omadi Lodge, No. 5, be charged with \$5.00, the Grand Lodge fee for apprentice degree conferred upon C. F. Adams, unless the same has already been paid by said Omadi Lodge, No. 5.

5. We recommend that the petition of Sandie A. Morrison, to change his Masonic name from David A. Morrison to Sandie A. Morrison, be granted.

6. *Query by Bro.: Morris H. Evans, 220:*

A man is resident of Emerson, Nebraska; appointed as clerk for post trader at Rosebud Indian agency; he still retains his voting residence at Emerson: to what Masonic jurisdiction does he belong? *Answer:* The same as though his appointment had not been made, as he is still legally a resident of Emerson.

7. *Queries by Bro.: Alfred M. Olesen, 25:*

I desire to submit to the Grand Lodge the following questions:

1. Who are trustees of Orphans Educational Fund? *Answer:* Robert W. Furnas, Edwin F. Warren, and Albert U. Wyman.

2. Are the trustees required to keep on hand any certain sum to meet calls that may be made upon it? *Answer:* No. See section 7, by-laws, relating to Grand Lodge.

3. How should a lodge proceed in order to obtain for the (indigent) orphan of one of its members the benefits contemplated in the resolution creating this fund? *Answer:* Apply to the treasurer or trustees of the fund, who will give the necessary information as to how same can be obtained for persons entitled to its benefits.

8. *Query by Bro.: Robert E. Evans, 5:*

1. What is the proper order of procedure for a subordinate lodge upon the presentation of a petition for reinstatement by a brother who has been indefinitely suspended? *Answer:* Petition in the usual way.

2. Should a committee of investigation be appointed by the Master as upon an application for membership? *Answer:* Yes.

3. Should action on such petition be deferred for one lunar month? *Answer:* Yes.

4. Is notice of the presentation of the petition to absent members necessary? *Answer:* No.

9 *Query by Bro.: Edgar D. Brown, 77:*

What is the Masonic status of Harry E. Phelps, referred to by the Grand Master in his address, under the head of "Occasional Lodge"? *Answer:* Your committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to report that in their opinion Harry E. Phelps is an irregularly made Mason, and recommend that the Grand Master, in person or by proxy, be directed to go to Schuyler, as soon as convenient, and heal said Harry E. Phelps in due Masonic manner, first requiring payment of the fees prescribed by the laws of the lodge within whose jurisdiction said Harry E. Phelps resided, for conferring of the three degrees of Masonry.

On motion of Bro.: France, 56, it was —

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the elections of officers shall not be begun until the Grand Secretary announces that there is no further business on the Grand Secretary's desk which needs the attention of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary suggested that as the second edition of our Grand Lodge proceedings will soon be brought up to the present session, perhaps less than three pamphlet copies of each year's proceedings need be sent each Nebraska lodge. On motion of Bro.: Young, 207, it was —

Resolved, That one copy of our 1897 proceedings be mailed each of our lodges, unless more be asked for.

On motion of Bro.: Davidson, 17, it was —

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are most cordially tendered, to the Masonic Fraternity of Lincoln for the many courtesies extended by them to this Grand Body, and for the most pleasant and enjoyable hospitality furnished by them during this session.

Resolved, second, That we tender through the Masonic Fraternity of Lincoln to the state officers for the use of this hall and the other rooms tendered for the use of this Grand Lodge, its warmest thanks.

By a silent rising vote was adopted the following report presented by Bro.: Davidson, 17, from the special committee of which he was chairman:

To Grand Lodge:

We have again listened to the impressive announcement that death, the grand leveler of human greatness, has been among the Craft during

the past year. Many of us have stood around the open graves of loved and honored brothers. As we have stood by their open graves we have tried to manfully realise the dreadfulness of the responsibilities of life. We have also, at these open graves, tried to catch the hopeful inspiration promised and symbolised by the sprigs of acacia as they were dropped upon these lowered coffins. It is indeed true that "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, and dust to dust," are words of solemn import and frequently uttered. Today, as we stand in the shadow of these awe-inspiring dispensations of Providence, while we bow in subdued submission to the Divine Will, may our faith in the immortality of the soul be truly as bright as the mysteries which shall be hereafter revealed. It is indeed a most precious faith. May its tender yet resistless influence lift us all upon a higher plane, and from this more exalted sphere may we drink in fuller and more comprehensive views of the obligations resting upon us and of the exalted privileges we enjoy. Brethren, the happy reflections from a well-spent life will sweeten the lonely hours of death. While we thus drop tears of sorrow at the loss of our brethren who have fallen around us, let us also tender to our brethren of other Grand Jurisdictions our fraternal condolence by reason of the bereavements that have fallen upon them, as announced by our Grand Master. Many of the great, as well as the good, have fallen at their posts of duty. The record of the deeds of usefulness and brotherly kindness so lovingly and efficiently performed by them during their lives is left to us a rich heritage. So, as we stand in the "shadow of the pall," let us here and now devoutly resolve that "these dead shall not have died in vain."

On motion of Bro.: White, 6, it was —

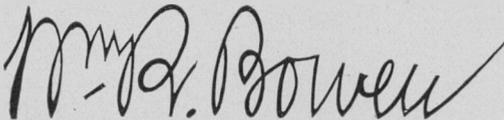
Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to M.:W.: Bro.: Charles J. Phelps for the very able manner in which he has presided over the Craft during the past year.

M.:W.: Samuel P. Davidson, assisted by Past Grand Master Oakley, now installed the incoming office-bearers of Grand Lodge, and proclamation thereof was made.

There remained not acted upon, queries from Bros.: McElHiney, 50, Luce, 98, and Bryant, 199, which seem to have been answered by reports made by the committee on Jurisprudence on other queries; also, a query from Bro.: Hewitt, 73. No further business appearing, Grand Lodge was closed at Low Twelve, peace and harmony prevailing.

JOHN B. DINSMORE,

Grand Master.



Grand Secretary.

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At Rest.

NAME.	LODGE.	DATE OF DEATH.
LEMUEL H. CASE	Nebraska,	No. 1.... June 10, 1896
GEORGE H. MITCHELL	Nebraska,	" 1.... July 25, 1896
AUGUSTUS C. ROSELIUS	Western Star,	" 2.... Sept. 21, 1896
GEORGE ARMSTRONG	Capitol,	" 3.... Nov. 12, 1896
JOSEPH BARKER	Capitol,	" 3.... July 2, 1896
CHARLES W. HAMILTON	Capitol,	" 3.... Nov. 8, 1896
DANIEL KENDALL	Capitol,	" 3.... Jan. 18, 1897
JOHN STRAIN	Nemaha Valley,	" 4.... Feb. 11, 1897
BARNABAS H. LAMPSON	Omadi,	" 5.... April 10, 1897
WILLIAM HEROLD	Plattsmouth,	" 6.... Oct. 25, 1896
MILES W. MORGAN	Plattsmouth,	" 6.... Dec. 8, 1896
LEWIS C. CURTISS	Plattsmouth,	" 6.... Mar. 3, 1896
NAPOLEON B. APPLE	Covert,	" 11.... April 12, 1897
SPENCER L. GANT	Nebraska City,	" 12.... April 19, 1897
JOSEPH D. MCDONALD	Fremont,	" 15.... Nov. 5, 1896
GEORGE W. HARMAN	Tecumseh,	" 17.... Sept. 11, 1896
FRANK A. PYLE	Lincoln,	" 19.... Sept. 17, 1896
JOHN H. ALFORD	Lincoln,	" 19.... Sept. 25, 1896
HARRY COOK	Washington,	" 21.... Nov. 6, 1896
SILAS H. FAWCETT	Washington,	" 21.... Nov. 7, 1896
THOMAS J. WORTHAM	Pawnee.	" 23.... June 19, 1896
MARTIN V. CIVER	Saint Johns,	" 25.... May 21, 1896
CHARLES H. CONNER	Saint Johns,	" 25.... June 23, 1896
NATHAN SHELTON	Saint Johns,	" 25.... July 7, 1896
HOWARD COOK	Saint Johns,	" 25.... Oct. 23, 1896
JAMES MARSH	Beatrice,	" 26.... May 1, 1896
WILLIAM E. RYAN	Beatrice,	" 26.... Sept. 28, 1896
HENRY ZEHRUNG	Jordan,	" 27.... Dec. 30, 1896
FLORANDO E. KRAUSE	Jordan,	" 27.... April 14, 1897
FREDERICK N. DICK	Platte Valley,	" 32.... Dec. 29, 1896
WILLIAM W. REESE	Acacia,	" 34.... Dec. 26, 1896
THAXTER W. BEAN	Fairbury,	" 35.... July 5, 1896
WILLIAM W. EVANS	Fairbury,	" 35.... Oct. 14, 1896
ROSCIUS J. TAMBLING	Crete,	" 37.... Jan. 22, 1897
WILLIAM SHIREY	Crete,	" 37.... April 23, 1897
JOSEPH B. HILL	Juniata,	" 42.... Mar. 30, 1897
FRANCIS E. FANNAN	Hebron,	" 43.... Sept. 21, 1896
JOSEPH RUDGE	Palmyra,	" 45.... Feb. 12, 1897

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JOHN J. PORTER	Rob Morris,	No. 46.... Feb. 12, 1897
GEORGE W. JOHNSTON	Fairmont,	" 48.... April 21, 1897
CHARLES PELIN	Evening Star,	" 49.... Sept. 1, 1896
OTTO J. OTTEN	Hastings,	" 50.... July 1, 1896
ALBERT E. FRY	Hastings,	" 50.... July 23, 1896
ALEXANDER D. BUCKWORTH	Hastings,	" 50.... Jan. 1, 1897
ELI R. MANLEY	Fidelity,	" 51.... Sept. 29, 1896
BENNAH P. FIFIELD.....	Fidelity,	" 51.... Oct. 7, 1896
HENRI S. CHRIST	Hiram,	" 52.... Mar. 15, 1897
JOSEPH K. MARLAY.....	Lancaster,	" 54.... April 15, 1897
JAMES R. ADAMS	York,	" 56.... Mar. 22, 1897
JOSEPH MORRISON.....	York,	" 56.... June 22, 1896
CHARLES J. NOBES.....	York,	" 56.... Feb. 3, 1897
HENRY C. SHEPARDSON	York,	" 56.... Dec. 28, 1896
EDWIN B. PHELPS	Wahoo,	" 59.... June 13, 1896
EDWARD J. HALL.....	Wahoo,	" 59.... Dec 2, 1896
HERBERT M. COTTON	Thistle,	" 61.... April 16, 1897
JAMES W. BEEBE	Osccola,	" 65.... June 25, 1896
NICHOLAS BARBEE	Aurora,	" 68.... Dec. 21, 1896
ALBERT H. DOLLERHIDE.....	Sterling,	" 70.... Nov. 30, 1896
WILLIAM W. BORLAND.....	Sterling,	" 70.... Aug. 25, 1896
WILLIAM F. KRUEGER.....	Frank Welch,	" 75.... May 1, 1896
HENRY N. BANKS	Nelson,	" 77.... Sept. 14, 1893
LORAN CLARK	Albion,	" 78.... May 11, 1896
AUGUST KOHLER.....	Albion,	" 78.... April 20, 1897
FREDERICK CARTER HAWKS.....	Albion,	" 78.... Oct. 20, 1896
ELI DICKERSON.....	Composite,	" 81.... Oct. 27, 1896
EUGENE L. SHERMAN	Fairfield,	" 84.... May 21, 1896
HERMAN WESTERMANN	Ionic,	" 87.... May 29, 1896
EDWIN H SMITH	Cedar River,	" 89.... Dec. 27, 1896
CALVIN C. CHAPMAN	Beaver City,	" 93.... Aug. 21, 1896
ALEXANDER U. MORRIS	Garfield,	" 95.... Sept. 23, 1896
AUGUSTUS BAUER	Ponca,	" 101.... April 7, 1897
CHARLES W. SCHRAM	Ponca,	" 101.... Mar. 3, 1897
JOHN W. HEMPSTED	Waterloo,	" 102.... Jan. 22, 1897
JAMES J. SHRIVER	Wymore,	" 104.... —, —, —
RICHARD D. WILCOX	Wymore,	" 104.... May 4, 1896
JAMES L. CATES	Stella,	" 105.... Jan. 12, 1897

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SAMUEL M. CUPP	Stella,	No. 105....Jan. 17, 1897
JOHN C. EDMONDSON	Porter,	" 106....Feb. —, 1897
WILL L. WOOD	Table Rock,	" 108....April 20, 1897
FRANK W. MILES.....	DeWitt,	" 111....Oct. 10, 1896
EBENEZER FISHER	Springfield,	" 112....Mar. 11, 1896
JOSEPH L. COTEY	Globe,	" 113....Feb. 16, 1897
JOHN B. TAYLOR	Wisner,	" 114....Sept. 10, 1896
WILLIAM NICHOLSON	Wisner,	" 114....April 22, 1897
JOHN H. LOUTZENHISER	Doric,	" 118....June 15, 1896
THADDEUS W. CEARNES	North Bend,	" 119....Sept. —, 1896
HENRY F. GAGNEBIN	Auburn,	" 124....Aug. 16, 1896
ROBERT TEARE	Auburn,	" 124....April 28, 1897
ANDREW J. TABER, JR.	Mount Nebo,	" 125....July 22, 1896
JAMES M. BARCLAY.....	Upright,	" 137....Mar. 10, 1897
HENRY L. BALLARD	Rawalt,	" 138....June 9, 1896
GEORGE H. ORR	Clay Centre,	" 139....Feb. 14, 1897
ISAAC A. MATTICK.....	Kenesaw,	" 144....Sept. 13, 1896
EDWARD G. BASSINGAR.....	Bancroft,	" 145....Sept. 27, 1896
ROBERT ADAMS	Jachin,	" 146....April 6, 1897
JONATHAN EDMISTEN.....	Em'et Crawford,	" 148....June 15, 1896
HENRY BURGESS	Cambridge,	" 150....Feb. 28, 1897
HERMAN WENDLE	Trestle Board,	" 162....Feb. 21, 1896
ALEXANDER JEWELL	Unity,	" 163....Feb. 8, 1897
JOHN W. BURNEY.....	Robert Burns,	" 173....Nov. 27, 1896
GEORGE H. SNELL	Gladstone,	" 176....Oct. 26, 1896
GEORGE H. RHODES	Hay Springs,	" 177....Jan. 10, 1897
C W. BEESEN.....	Hesperia,	" 178....Sept. 1, 1896
EDWARD D. WRIGHT.....	Crystal,	" 191....Dec. 11, 1896
JOHN V. GLOVER	Arcana,	" 195....Nov. 21, 1896
JEROME H. DAUCHY	Level,	" 196....Mar. 9, 1897
CHARLES E. HUFFMAN	Purity,	" 198....Feb. 13, 1897
WILLIAM J. HOLTZCLAW	Purity,	" 198....May 28, 1896
DAVID C. WORTS	Cement,	" 211....Jan. 10, 1897
JOHN R. DOTY	Wauneta,	" 217....Oct. 26, 1896
STEPHEN S. STARKS	Relief,	" 219....Nov. 26, 1896
SAMUEL G. BARNES.....	Wood Lake,	" 221....Jan. 22, 1897
F. SMITH NEUTON	Silver Cord,	" 224....Mar. 22, 1897
RANSOM BAKER.....	Extinct,	" 131....Jan. 28, 1892
LAURIENT FOMIER.....	Extinct,	" 131....July 17, 1896

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

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Alabama	Palmer J. Pillans	Belknap	Jun. 6, 1892.
Arizona	Alonzo Bailey	Globe	Jun. 6, 1892.
Canada	Charles W. Brown	Toronto, 42 Front St., E.	Apr. 4, 1892.
Colorado	Calvin E. Reed	Denver, 1320 Gaylord St.	Nov. 23, 1894.
Connecticut	Reuben H. Tucker	Ansonia	Dec. 4, 1894.
Delaware	Daniel McClintock	Wilmington	Mar. 18, 1892.
Dist. Columbia..	Frederick G. Alexander..	Washington City, 1525 Columbia St., N. W.	May 20, 1893. Feb. 4, 1890.
Georgia	Thomas W. Latham	Atlanta	Nov. 24, 1896
Idaho	William Hull	Montpelier	Jun. 6, 1892.
Indian Territory	David C. Blossom	Atoka	Mar. 18, 1892.
Iowa	Richard J. Crouch	DeWitt	Mar. 30, 1891.
Ireland	Robert S. Reeves	Dublin, 5 Fitzwilliam Place	Nov. 17, 1893.
Kansas	Charles E. Cory	Fort Scott	Feb. 20, 1892.
Kentucky	Lorenzo D. Croninger	Covington	Apr. 4, 1892.
Maine	Edward P. Burnham	Saco	Nov. 13, 1890.
Manitoba	Richard Dennis Foley	Manitou	Mar. 25, 1893.
Maryland	John H. Miller	Baltimore, Brown's Wharf	Jun. 6, 1892.
Minnesota	J. E. Finch	Hastings	Apr. 4, 1892.
Mississippi	John K. McLeod	Moss Point	Apr. 4, 1892.
Missouri	Charles F. Vogel	St. Louis, 716 Chestnut St.	Apr. 4, 1892.
Montana	Henry M. Parchen	Helena	Mar. 18, 1892.
Nevada	Chauncey N. Noteware	Carson	Mar. 18, 1892.
New Hampshire	Alpheus W. Baker	Lebanon	Apr. 4, 1892.
New Jersey	Charles Bechtel	Trenton	Feb. 21, 1893.
New Mexico	Richard English	Raton	Jan. 1, 1890.
New York	Thomas C. Cassidy	New York City	Feb. 20, 1891.
Nova Scotia	Alexander S. Townshend	Parrsborough	Mar. 18, 1892.
Ohio	Robert Gwynn	Norwood, Hamilton Co.	Mar. 18, 1892.
Oregon	Phil. Metschan	Salem	May 22, 1893.
Pennsylvania	Rev. Jas. W. Robbins, D. D.	Philadelphia, Merion P. O.	Apr. 4, 1892.
Quebec	William M. Le Mesurier	Montreal	Oct. 31, 1889.
South Carolina.	Augustine T. Smythe	Charleston	Feb. 20, 1892.
Tennessee	Jefferson C. Cawood, M. D.	Knoxville	Mar. 30, 1891.
Utah	Abbot R. Haywood	Ogden	Feb. 20, 1892.
Vermont	William Brinsmaid	Burlington	Jun. 6, 1892.
Virginia	Etheldred L. Turner	Emporia	Apr. 4, 1892.
West Virginia	Benjamin F. Martin	Grafton	Apr. 28, 1892.
Wisconsin	Freeman H. L. Cotter	Eau Claire	Nov. 20, 1896.
Wyoming	John H. Symons	Laramie	Apr. 28, 1892.

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

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.
Alabama	Lewis A. Kent, 127	Minden	Jan. 4, 1891.
Arizona	Samuel W. Hayes, 55	Norfolk	Mar. 6, 1878.
Arkansas	William Adair, 5	Dakota City	May 12, 1874.
Brit. Columbia	David M. McElhinney, 50	Hastings	Nov. 17, 1890.
California	James Gilbert, 3	Omaha	Jun. 2, 1890.
Canada	Charles J. Phelps, 34	Schuyler	Oct. 8, 1890.
Colorado	Samuel P. Davidson, 17	Tecumseh	Oct. 10, 1889.
Connecticut	Joseph L. Edwards, 23	Pawnee City	Feb. 17, 1894.
Delaware	Bradner D. Slaughter, 89	Lincoln	Oct. 22, 1890.
Dist. Columbia	George W. Lininger, 3	Omaha	Jun. 23, 1883.
England			
Florida			
Georgia	Edwin F. Warren, 2	Nebraska City	Mar. 31, 1883.
Idaho	James A. Tulleys, 53	Red Cloud	Feb. 1, 1873.
Illinois	George H. Thummel, 33	Grand Island	Mar. 14, 1892.
Indiana	Harry P. Deuel, 11	Omaha	Nov. 8, 1890.
Indian Territory	James M. Kennedy, 125	Genoa	Oct. 4, 1890.
Iowa	John J. Mercer, 4	Omaha	Jul. 10, 1890.
Ireland	William Cleburne, 3	Omaha	Dec. 7, 1890.
Kansas	James P. A. Black, 76	Bloomington	Nov. 21, 1893.
Kentucky	Henry Gibbons, 46	Kearney	May 27, 1885.
Louisiana	Albert W. Crites, 158	Chadron	Nov. 6, 1890.
Maine	Thomas K. Sudborough, 25	Omaha	Oct. 15, 1890.
Manitoba	Edwin F. Warren, 2	Nebraska City	Mar. 24, 1877.
Maryland			
Michigan	Daniel H. Wheeler, 1	Omaha	Jun. 10, 1891.
Minnesota	Robert C. Jordan, 33	Omaha	Feb. 11, 1889.
Mississippi	John M. Burks, 19	Lincoln	Dec. 31, 1869.
Missouri	George B. France, 56	York	Jun. 25, 1888.
Montana			
Nevada	Robert C. Jordan, 33	Omaha	Apr. 25, 1890.
New Brunswick	John J. Mercer, 4	Omaha	May 14, 1888.
New Hampshire	Frank W. Hayes, 15	Fremont	Feb. 8, 1879.
New Jersey	James R. Cain, 9	Falls City	Sep. 24, 1878.
New Mexico	Henry E. Palmer, 6	Omaha	Apr. 25, 1879.
New York	Edward K. Valentine, 27	West Point	Feb. 11, 1889.
North Carolina	Robert W. Furnas, 4	Brownville	Sep. 20, 1869.
North Dakota	John A. Ehrhardt, 41	Stanton	Aug. 1, 1890.
Nova Scotia	Henry H. Wilson, 19	Lincoln	Feb. 26, 1892.
Ohio	Robert W. Furnas, 4	Brownville	Sep. 10, 1869.
Oregon	Henry Brown, 3	Omaha	Dec. 23, 1869.
P. Edward's Isl'd	George E. Whitman, 138	Oxford	Jan. 6, 1891.
Quebec	Milton J. Hull, 67	Washington City, D. C.	Mar. 6, 1886.
Rhode Island	William M. Knapp, 56	York	Apr. 9, 1877.
South Carolina	Frank E. Bullard, 32	North Platte	Jan. 14, 1881.
South Dakota	Manoah B. Reese, 59	Wahoo	Mar. 30, 1885.
Tennessee	Francis E. White, 6	Plattsburgh	Jun. 29, 1888.
Texas	Martin Dunham, 3	Omaha	Feb. 22, 1876.
Utah	Robert E. French, 46	Kearney	May 4, 1888.
Vermont	William R. Bowen, 3	Omaha	Jun. 13, 1877.
Virginia	William E. Hill, 2	Los Angeles, Cal.	Oct. 21, 1879.
Washington	Charles A. Holmes, 17	Tecumseh	Feb. 15, 1877.
West Virginia	Frank E. Bullard, 32	North Platte	Jul. 18, 1891.
Wisconsin	George E. Hawkins, 26	Beatrice	Sep. 17, 1889.
Wyoming	Roland H. Oakley, 19	Lincoln	Mar. 7, 1877.

NEBRASKA LODGES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

- Acacia, 31.
 Adams, U. D., (extinct.)
 Adoniram (159).
 Ainsworth, U. D., (131.)
 Albion, 78.
 Alexandria, 74.
 Allen, U. D., (236.)
 Alliance, 183.
 Amethyst, 190.
 Amity, 169.
 Anchor, 142.
 Arapahoe, 109.
 Arcana, 165.
 Ark and Anchor, 131, (ext.)
 Armada, U. D., (extinct.)
 Ashland, 18, (extinct.)
 Ashlar, 33.
 Atkinson, 164.
 Auburn, 124.
 Aurora, 68.
 Bancroft, 145.
 Hannack City, U. D., (ext.)
 Barnston, 165.
 Bartley, 228.
 Battle Creek, U. D., (ext.)
 Beatrice, 26.
 Beaver, U. D., (179.)
 Beaver City, 93.
 Beaver Valley, U. D., (230.)
 Bell Creek, U. D.
 Benkelman, U. D., (180.)
 Bee Hive, 94.
 Bennett, 81.
 Blazing Star, 200.
 Bloomfield, 218.
 Blue Hill, 129.
 Blue River, 30.
 Blue Springs, U. D., (85.)
 Blue Valley, 64.
 Boaz, 185.
 Brainard, 115.
 Bromfield, U. D., (extinct.)
 Bromfield, U. D., (223.)
 Burchard, U. D., (137.)
 Burnett, U. D., (166.)
 Butte, U. D., (233.)
 Cable, 225.
 Cambridge, 150.
 Canopy, 209.
 Carleton, U. D., (199.)
 Capitol, 3.
 Cedar, U. D., (13.)
 Cedar Bluffs, U. D., (215.)
 Cedar Rapids, U. D., (143.)
 Cedar River, 89.
 Cement, 211.
 Central City, U. D., (ext.)
 Ceresco, U. D., (229.)
 Chadron, U. D., (158.)
 Chapman, U. D., (239.)
 Charity, 53.
 Clay Centre, 139.
 Columbus, U. D., (extinct.)
 Columbus, U. D., (extinct.)
 Columbus, U. D., (58.)
 Columbus, 8, (extinct.)
 Comet, 229.
 Compass and Square, 212.
 Composite, 81.
 Corinthian, 83.
 Covert, 11.
 Crab Orchard, U. D., (238.)
 Crawford, U. D., (181.)
 Creighton, 100.
 Crescent, 143.
 Crete, 37.
 Crystal, 191.
 Cubit, 237.
 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.)
 Delta, 230.
 DeWitt, 111.
 Doniphan, 86.
 Doric, 118.
 Douglas, U. D., (237.)
 East Lincoln, 210.
 Edgar, 67.
 Elk Creek, 90.
 Elm Creek, 133.
 Elwood, 167.
 Eminence, 223.
 Emmet Crawford, 148.
 Euclid, 97.
 Eureka, 16, (extinct.)
 Evening Star, 49.
 Evergreen, 153.
 Ewing, U. D., (156.)
 Exeter, U. D., (extinct.)
 Fairbury, 35.
 Fairfield, 84.
 Fairmont, 48.
 Faith, 181.
 Falls City, 9.
 Fidelity, 51.
 Firth, U. D., (66.)
 Fortitude, 69, (extinct.)
 Frank Welch, 75.
 Fraternity, 235.
 Fremont, 15.
 Friend, 73.
 Friendship, 239.
 Garfield, 95.
 Gauge, 208.
 Gavel, 199.
 Geneva, 79.
 Genoa, U. D., (125.)
 George Armstrong, 241.
 Gibbon, (see 46).
 Gibbon, U. D., (189.)
 Giddings, (2).
 Gilead, 233.
 Gladstone, 176.
 Globe, 113.
 Golden Fleece, 205.
 Golden Rule, 236.
 Golden Sheaf, 202.
 Grace, 226.
 Grafton, 172.
 Grant, U. D., (34.)
 Grant, U. D., (189.)
 Granite, 189.
 Greenwood, U. D., (163.)
 Gresham, U. D., (197.)
 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.
 Hermon, U. D., (231.)
 Hesperia, 178.
 Highland, 194.
 Hillsdale, U. D., (29.)
 Hiram, 52.
 Holdrege, (146.)
 Hooper, 72.
 Hope, 29.
 Hubbell, 92.
 Humboldt, 40.
 Hyannis, U. D., (234.)
 Idaho, U. D., (extinct.)
 Imperial, U. D., (198.)
 Incense, 182.
 Indianola, 123.
 Ionic, 87.
 Israel, 187.
 Ithmar, 238.
 Jachin, 146.
 Jasper, 122.
 Jewel, 149.
 John S. Bowen, 232.
 Johnson, U. D., (141.)
 Joppa, 76.
 Jordan, 27.
 Juniata, 42.
 Justice, 180.
 Kenesaw, 144.
 Keystone, 62.
 La Fayette, 24 (extinct)
 Lancaster, 54.
 Landmark, 222.
 Lebanon, 58.
 Leigh, U. D., (193.)
 Liberty, 196.
 Liberty, U. D., (152.)
 Lily, 154.
 Lincoln, 19.
 Livingstone, 66.
 Lone Tree, 36.
 Long Pine, 138.
 Loup Fork, U. D., (8, ext.)
 Macoy, 22, (extinct.)
 Magic City, U. D., (184.)
 Magnolia, 220.
 Mason City, 170.
 Melrose, 60.
 Meridian, 188.

- Merna, 171.
 Minden, 127.
 Minnekadusa, 192.
 Monitor, U. D., (extinct.)
 Morning Star, 197.
 Mosaic, 55.
 Mount Hermon, 231.
 Mount Moriah, 57.
 Mount Nebo, 125.
 Mount Zion, 161.
 Mystic Tie, 166.
 McCook, 135.

 Napthali, 206.
 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.
 North Star, 227.

 Oakland, 91.
 Occidental, 215.
 Odell, U. D., (122.)
 Ogallala, 159.
 Ohio, U. D., (182.)
 Oliver, 38.
 Omadi, 5.
 Ord, 103.
 Orient, 13.
 Osceola, 65.
 Oxford, U. D., (138.)

 Palestine, U. D., (extinct.)
 Palisade, 216.
 Palmyra, 45.
 Papillion, 39.
 Parallel, 152.
 Parian, 207.
 Pawnee, 23.
 Pawnee City, U. D., (23.)
 Peru, U. D., (extinct.)
 Peru, 14.
 Pilot, 240.
 Plainview, 204.
 Platte Valley, 32.
 Plattsmouth, 6.
 Plumb, 186.

 Plumblin, 214.
 Pomegranate, 110.
 Ponca, 101.
 Porter, 106.
 Prudence, 179.
 Purity, 198.
 Pythagoras, 156.

 Rawalt, 138.
 Relief, 219.
 Republican, 98.
 Reynolds, U. D., (100.)
 Rising, U. D., (81.)
 Rising Star, U. D., (20.)
 Riverton, 63.
 Robert Burns, 173.
 Rob Morris, 46.
 Rock Bluff, 20, (extinct.)
 Rocky Mountain, 8, (transferred.)
 Roman Eagle, 203.

 Saint Johns, 25.
 Saint Paul, 82.
 Salem, 47, (extinct.)
 Saline, U. D., (73.)
 Saline, U. D., (118.)
 Saline, U. D., (161.)
 Samaritan, 158.
 Scotia, U. D., (191.)
 Scott's Bluff, 201.
 Scribner, 132.
 Seward, U. D., (38.)
 Shelby, U. D., (161.)
 Shelton, 99.
 Shickley, U. D., (178.)
 Signet, 193.
 Siloam, 147.
 Silver Cord, 224.
 Silver Creek, U. D., (ext.)
 Solar, 134.
 Solomon, 10.
 Springfield, 112.
 Square, 151.
 Square and Compass, 213.
 Stanton, U. D., (41.)
 Star, 88.
 Steele City, 107.
 Stella, 105.
 Sterling, 70.
 Stockville, U. D., (196.)

 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, U. D., (149.)
 Trenton, U. D., (extinct.)
 Trestle Board, 162.
 Trilumular, U. D., (210.)
 Trowel, 71.
 Tuscan, 130.
 Tyre, 85.

 Ulysses, U. D., (187.)
 Unity, 163.
 Upright, 137.
 Utica, 96.

 Valentine, U. D., (113.)
 Valley, 157.
 Valparaiso, U. D., (151.)

 Waco, 80, (extinct.)
 Wahoo, 59.
 Washington, 21.
 Waterloo, 102.
 Wauneta, 217.
 Wayne, 120.
 Weeping Water, U. D., (97)
 Western, 140.
 Western Star, 2.
 Wilcox, U. D., (226.)
 Winside, U. D., (235.)
 Wisner, 114.
 Wood Lake, 221.
 Wymore, 104.
 Wyoming, 28, (transferred.)

 York, 56.

 Zeredatha, U. D., (98.)
 Zeredatha, 180.
 Zion, 234.

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| <p>Adams, 214.
Ainsworth, 224.
Albion, 78.
Alexandria, 74.
Allen, 236.
Alliance, 183.
Alma, 116.
Ansley, 176.
Arapahoe, 109.
Arcadia, 208.
Arlington, 52.
Arnold, 225.
Ashland, 110.
Atkinson, 164.
Auburn, 124.
Aurora, 68.</p> <p>Bancroft, 145.
Barneston, 165.
Bartley, 228.
Beatrice, 26.
Beaver Crossing, 179.
Beaver City, 93.
Benkelman, 180.
Bennett, 94.
Blair, 21.
Bloomfield, 218.
Bloomington, 76.
Blue Hill, 129.
Blue Springs, 85.
Brainard, 115.
Brock, 162.
Broken Bow, 148.
Bromfield, 223.
Brownville, 4.
Burchard, 137.
Burnett, 166.
Burwell, 200.
Butte, 233.</p> <p>Callaway, 207.
Cambridge, 150.
Carleton, 199.
Cedar Bluffs, 215.
Cedar Rapids, 143.
Central City, 36.
Ceresco, 229.
Chadron, 158.
Chapman, 239.
Chappel, 205.
Clarks, 134.
Clay Centre, 139.
Coleridge, 219.
Columbus, 58.
Cook, 231.
Cortland, 194.
Cozad, 188.
Crab Orchard, 238.
Craig, 241.
Crawford, 121.
Creighton, 100.
Crete, 37.
Culbertson, 174.
Curtis, 168.</p> <p>Dakota City, 5.
Danbury, 185.</p> | <p>Davenport, 154.
David City, 51.
Decatur, 88.
DeWitt, 111.
Diller, 206.
Doniphan, 86.
Dorchester, 118.
Douglas, 237.</p> <p>Edgar, 67.
Elk Creek, 90.
Elm Creek, 133.
Elmwood, 209.
Elwood, 167.
Emerson, 220.
Ewing, 156.
Fairbury, 35.
Fairfield, 84.
Fairmont, 48.
Falls City, 9.
Fillee, 175.
Firth, 66.
Fort Calhoun, 10.
Fremont, 15.
Friend, 73.
Fullerton, 89.</p> <p>Gandy, 190.
Geneva, 79.
Genoa, 125.
Gering, 201.
Gibbon, 189.
Gordon, 195.
Grafton, 172.
Grand Island, 33.
Grant, 186.
Greenwood, 163.
Gresham, 197.
Guide Rock, 128.</p> <p>Hardy, 117.
Hartington, 155.
Harvard, 44.
Hastings, 50.
Hay Springs, 177.
Hebron, 43.
Herman, 222.
Holdrege, 146.
Hooper, 72.
Hubbell, 92.
Humboldt, 40.
Hyannis, 234.</p> <p>Imperial, 198.
Indianola, 123.</p> <p>Johnson, 141.
Juniata, 42.</p> <p>Kearney, 46.
Kenesaw, 144.
Kennard, 232.</p> <p>Leigh, 193.
Lexington, 61.
Liberty, 152.
Lincoln, 19, 54, 210.</p> | <p>Long Pine, 136.
Loup City, 106.
Lyons, 240.</p> <p>Madison, 113.
Mason City, 170.
McCook, 135.
Merna, 171.
Milford, 30.
Miller, 213.
Minden, 127.</p> <p>Nebraska City, 2, 12.
Neligh, 71.
Nelson, 77.
Nemaha City, 29.
Niobrara, 87.
Norfolk, 55.
North Bend, 119.
North Loup, 142.
North Platte, 32.</p> <p>Oakland, 91.
Odell, 122.
Ogalalla, 159.
Ohiowa, 182.
Omaha, 1, 3, 11, 25.
O'Neill, 95.
Ord, 103.
Orleans, 60.
Osceola, 65.
Oxford, 138.</p> <p>Palisade, 216.
Palmyra, 45.
Papillion, 39.
Pawnee City, 23.
Pender, 203.
Peru, 14.
Phillips, 62.
Pierce, 153.
Plainview, 204.
Plattsmouth, 6.
Ponca, 101.</p> <p>Randolph, 202.
Ravenna, U. : D. :
Red Cloud, 53.
Republican City, 98.
Reynolds, 160.
Rising City, 81.
Riverton, 63.
Rulo, 13.
Rushville, 169.</p> <p>Saint Edward, 230.
Saint Paul, 82.
Schuyler, 34.
Scribner, 132.
Scotia, 191.
Seward, 38.
Shelby, 161.
Shelton, 99.
Shickley, 178.
Sidney, 75.
South Omaha, 184.
Springfield, 111.</p> |
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Stanton, 41.	Tecumseh, 17.	Wayne, 120.
Stratton, 173.	Tekamah, 31.	Weeping Water, 97.
Steele City, 107.	Tobias, 149.	Western, 140.
Stella, 105.		West Point, 27.
Sterling, 70.	Ulysses, 187.	Wilber, 64.
Stockville, 196.	University Place, 227.	Wilcox, 226.
Stromsburg, 126.	Utica, 96.	Wilsonville, 157.
Stuart, 147.		Winside, 235.
Sumner, 212.	Valentine, 192.	Wisner, 114.
Superior, 121.	Valparaiso, 151.	Wood Lake, 221.
Surprise, 130.		Wood River, 211.
Sutton, 49.	Wahoo, 59.	Wymore, 104.
Syracuse, 57.	Wakefield, 83.	
	Waterloo, 102.	York, 56.
Table Rock, 108.	Wauneta, 217.	

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Adams, 42, 50, 144.	Frontier, 168, 196.	Nuckolls, 77, 117, 121.
Antelope, 71.	Furnas, 93, 109, 138, 150, 157.	Otoe, 2, 12, 45, 57, 237.
Boone, 78, 143, 230.	Gage, 26, 85, 104, 122, 152, 165, 175, 194, 214.	Pawnee, 23, 108, 137.
Box Butte, 183.	Garfield, 200.	Perkins, 186.
Boyd, 233.	Gosper, 167.	Phelps, 146.
Brown, 136, 224.	Grant, 234.	Pierce, 153, 204.
Buffalo, 46, 99, 133, 189, 213, U. ·	Greeley, 191.	Platte, 58.
D. ·		Polk, 65, 126, 161.
Burt, 31, 88, 91, 240, 241.	Hall, 33, 86, 211.	Red Willow, 123, 135, 185, 228.
Butler, 51, 81, 115, 130, 187.	Hamilton, 62, 68, 223.	Richardson, 9, 13, 40, 105.
Cass, 6, 97, 163, 209.	Harlan, 60, 98, 116.	Saline, 37, 64, 73, 111, 118, 140, 149.
Cedar, 155, 202, 219.	Hitchcock, 173, 174, 216.	Sarpy, 39, 112.
Chase, 108, 217.	Holt, 95, 147, 156, 164.	Saunders, 59, 110, 151, 215, 229.
Cherry, 192, 221.	Howard, 82.	Scotts, Bluff, 201.
Cheyenne, 75.	Jefferson, 35, 107, 160, 206.	Seward, 30, 38, 96, 179.
Clay, 44, 49, 67, 84, 130.	Johnson, 17, 70, 90, 231, 238.	Sherman, 106.
Colfax, 34, 193.	Kearney, 127, 226.	Sheridan, 169, 177, 195.
Cuming, 27, 114, 145.	Keith, 159.	Stanton, 41.
Custer, 148, 170, 171, 176, 207, 225.	Knox, 87, 100, 218.	Thayer, 43, 74, 92, 154, 199, 203.
Dakota, 5.	Lancaster, 19, 54, 66, 94, 210, 227.	Valley, 103, 142, 208.
Dawes, 158, 181.	Lincoln, 32.	Washington, 10, 21, 52, 222, 232.
Dawson, 61, 188, 212.	Logan, 190.	Wayne, 120, 235.
Deuel, 205.	Madison, 55, 113, 166.	Webster, 53, 128, 129.
Dixon, 83, 101, 220, 236.	Merrick, 36, 134, 239.	
Dodge, 15, 72, 119, 132.	Nance, 89, 125.	York, 56, 197.
Douglas, 1, 3, 11, 25, 102, 184.	Nemaha, 4, 14, 29, 124, 141, 162.	
Dundy, 180.		
Fillmore, 48, 79, 172, 178, 182.		
Franklin, 63, 76.		

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LODGE.	TOWN.	COUNTY.	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.	CREATED.	CHARTERED.	
Nebraska,	No. 1	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Tuesday.....	Feb. —, 55....	Oct. 3, 55
Western Star,	" 2	Nebraska City..	Otoe.....	Friday on or before ○.....	May 10, 55....	May 28, 56
Capitol,	" 3	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Monday.....	Jan. 9, 57....	June 3, 57
Nemaha Valley,	" 4	Brownville.....	Nemaha.....	Saturday on or before ○.....	Dec. 15, 57....	June 2, 58
5 Omadi,	" 5	Dakota City.....	Dakota.....	Saturday on or before ○.....	Jan. 18, 58....	June 2, 58
Plattsmouth,	" 6	Plattsmouth....	Cass.....	First and third Monday.....	Jan. 18, 58....	June 2, 58
Falls City,	" 9	Falls City.....	Richardson....	Monday before ○.....	Oct. 4, 64....	June 23, 65
Solomon,	" 10	Fort Calhoun....	Washington....	Tuesday on or before ○.....	Aug. 15, 65....	June 22, 66
Covert,	" 11	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Wednesday.....	July 24, 65....	June 22, 66
10 Nebraska City,	" 12	Nebraska City..	Otoe.....	Tuesday on or before ○.....	Feb. 19, 66....	June 22, 66
Orient,	" 13	Rulo.....	Richardson....	Monday on or before ○.....	June 23, 66....	June 19, 67
Peru,	" 14	Peru.....	Nemaha.....	Saturday on or before ○.....	May 23, 67....	June 19, 67
Fremont,	" 15	Fremont.....	Dodge.....	First Tuesday.....	July 3, 66....	June 20, 67
Tecumseh,	" 17	Tecumseh.....	Johnson.....	First Saturday.....	Dec. 7, 67....	† June 24, 68
15 Lincoln,	" 19	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Tuesday.....	May 4, 68....	June 25, 68
Washington,	" 21	Blair.....	Washington....	Second Tuesday.....	Feb. 24, 68....	June 25, 68
Pawnee,	" 23	Pawnee City....	Pawnee.....	First and third Tuesday.....	Jan. 4, 69....	Oct. 28, 69
St. Johns,	" 25	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Thursday.....	May 28, 69....	Oct. 28, 69
Beatrice,	" 26	Beatrice.....	Gage.....	Second and fourth Monday..	Mar. 23, 70....	June 22, 70
20 Jordan,	" 27	West Point.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Tuesday..	Dec. 25, 69....	June 23, 70
Hope,	" 29	Nemaha City....	Nemaha.....	Friday on or before ○.....	Nov. 8, 69....	June 23, 70
Blue River,	" 30	Milford.....	Seward.....	Thursday on or before ○.....	Apr. 25, 70....	June 23, 70
Tekamah,	" 31	Tekamah.....	Burt.....	First and third Wednesday..	Aug. 19, 69....	June 23, 70
Platte Valley,	" 32	North Platte....	Lincoln.....	Second Tuesday.....	Jan. 15, 70....	June 23, 70
25 Ashlar,	" 33	Grand Island....	Hall.....	Second Thursday.....	Aug. 11, 70....	June 22, 71
Acacia,	" 34	Schuyler.....	Colfax.....	First Thursday.....	July 18, 70....	June 19, 72
Fairbury,	" 35	Fairbury.....	Jefferson.....	First and third Monday.....	June 30, 71....	June 19, 72

† Or Oct. 28, 69.

Lone Tree,	No. 36	Central City.....	Merrick.....	First and third Saturday....	Aug. 9, 71....	June 19, 72
Crete,	" 37	Crete.....	Saline.....	First Friday.....	Jan. 8, 72....	June 19, 72
30 Oliver,	" 38	Seward.....	Seward.....	Saturday on or before O.....	July 25, 71....	June 18, 73
Papillion.	" 39	Papillion.....	Sarpy.....	First and third Saturday....	Nov. 18, 72....	June 18, 73
Humboldt,	" 40	Humboldt.....	Richardson.....	Thursday on or before O.....	Dec. 16, 72....	June 18, 73
Northern Light	" 41	Stanton.....	Stanton.....	Wednesday on or before O.....	Jan. 20, 73....	June 18, 73
Juniata,	" 42	Juniata.....	Adams.....	Monday on or before O.....	Feb. 21, 73....	June 18, 73
35 Hebron,	" 43	Hebron.....	Thayer.....	First Thursday.....	Mar. 10, 73....	June 18, 73
Harvard,	" 44	Harvard.....	Clay.....	First and third Tuesday....	Mar. 25, 73....	June 18, 73
Palmyra,	" 45	Palmyra.....	Otoe.....	Wednesday on or before O.....	Jan. 9, 72....	June 26, 74
Rob Morris,	" 46	Kearney.....	Buffalo.....	First Wednesday.....	Feb. 21, 73....	June 26, 74
Fairmont,	" 48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	Tuesday on or before O.....	Dec. 4, 73....	June 26, 74
40 Evening Star	" 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Thursday..	Dec. 22, 73....	June 26, 74
Hastings,	" 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	First Tuesday.....	Jan. 3, 74....	June 26, 74
Fidelity,	" 51	David City.....	Butler.....	Saturday on or before O.....	Jan. 19, 74....	June 26, 74
Hiram,	" 52	Arling on.....	Washington.....	Saturday on or before O.....	Feb. 26, 74....	June 26, 74
Charity,	" 53	Red Cloud.....	Webster.....	Friday on or before O.....	Mar. 2, 74....	June 26, 74
45 Lancaster	" 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Friday.....	April 20, 74..	June 26, 74
Mosaic,	" 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	First Tuesday.....	Oct. 1, 74....	June 23, 75
York,	" 56	York.....	York.....	First Friday.....	Oct. 1, 74....	June 23, 75
Mount Moriah,	" 57	Syracuse.....	Otoe.....	Thursday on or before O.....	Nov. 7, 74....	June 23, 75
Lebanon,	" 58	Columbus.....	Platte.....	Second Wednesday.....	Dec. 7, 74....	June 23, 75
50 Wahoo,	" 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	Saturday on or before O*....	Jan. 20, 75....	June 23, 75
Melrose,	" 60	Orleans.....	Harlan.....	Saturday on or before O.....	Mar. 10, 75....	June 24, 75
Thistle,	" 61	Lexington.....	Dawson.....	Second Tuesday.....	May 8, 75....	June 21, 76
Keystone,	" 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton.....	Saturday on or before O.....	Jan. 1, 76....	June 21, 76
Riverton,	" 63	Riverton.....	Franklin.....	Saturday on or before O.....	Dec. 22, 75....	June 21, 76
55 Blue Valley,	" 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	Tuesday on or before O*....	Oct. 6, 76....	June 20, 77
Osceola,	" 65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	Saturday on or before O.....	Nov. 23, 76....	June 20, 77
Livingstone,	" 66	Firth.....	Lancaster.....	First and third Wednesday..	Feb. 16, 77....	June 20, 77
Edgar,	" 67	Edgar.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Monday..	Feb. 27, 77....	June 20, 77
Aurora,	" 68	Aurora.....	Hamilton.....	First and third Tuesday....	Feb. 10, 76....	June 19, 78
60 Sterling,	" 70	Sterling.....	Johnson.....	First and third Tuesday....	July 16, 77....	June 19, 78
Trowel,	" 71	Neligh.....	Antelope.....	First and third Wednesday..	Jan. 28, 78....	June 19, 78
Hooper,	" 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	Saturday on or before O.....	Mar. 19, 78....	June 25, 79

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LODGE.		TOWN.	COUNTY.	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.	CREATED.	CHARTERED.
	Friend, No. 73	Friend	Saline	Wednesday on or before O	May 4, 78	June 25, 79
	Alexandria, " 74	Alexandria	Thayer	Second and fourth Monday	Dec. 26, 78	June 25, 79
65	Frank Welch, " 75	Sidney	Cheyenne	First Tuesday	Dec. 26, 78	June 25, 79
	Joppa, " 76	Bloomington	Franklin	Friday on or before O	Mar. 29, 79	June 25, 79
	Nelson, " 77	Nelson	Nuckolls	Saturday on or before O	Mar. 15, 79	June 23, 80
	Albion, " 78	Albion	Boone	First and third Saturday	Aug. 1, 79	June 23, 80
	Geneva, " 79	Geneva	Fillmore	Friday on or before O*	Nov. 24, 79	June 23, 80
70	Composite, " 81	Rising City	Butler	Tuesday on or before O	Mar. 20, 80	June 22, 81
	Saint Paul, " 82	Saint Paul	Howard	Third Thursday	April 15, 80	June 22, 81
	Corinthian, " 83	Wakefield	Dixon	Saturday on or before O	April 22, 80	June 22, 81
	Fairfield, " 84	Fairfield	Clay	First and third Monday	Sept. 3, 80	June 22, 81
	Tyre, " 85	Blue Springs	Gage	First and third Tuesday	Sept. 16, 80	June 22, 81
75	Doniphan, " 86	Doniphan	Hall	Saturday on or before O	Jan. 7, 81	June 22, 81
	Ionic, " 87	Niobrara	Knox	Thursday on or before O	Jan. 24, 81	June 20, 82
	Star, " 88	Decatur	Burt	First Tuesday	Sept. 17, 81	June 20, 82
	Cedar River, " 89	Fullerton	Nance	First and third Monday	Jan. 19, 82	June 20, 82
	Elk Creek, " 90	Elk Creek	Johnson	Wednesday on or before O	Feb. 11, 82	June 20, 82
80	Oakland, " 91	Oakland	Burt	Second and fourth Wednesday	Feb. 7, 82	June 19, 83
	Hubbell, " 92	Hubbell	Thayer	Second and fourth Saturday	April 29, 82	June 19, 83
	Beaver City, " 93	Beaver City	Furnas	Saturday on or before O	May 3, 82	June 19, 83
	Bennett, " 94	Bennett	Lancaster	Tuesday on or before O	May 5, 82	June 19, 83
	Garfield, " 95	O'Neill	Holt	First and third Thursday	June 28, 82	June 19, 83
85	Utica, " 96	Utica	Seward	Wednesday on or before O	July 14, 82	June 19, 83
	Euclid, " 97	Weeping Water	Cass	First Monday	July 21, 82	June 19, 83
	Republican, " 98	Republican City	Harlan	Wednesday on or before O	July 27, 82	June 19, 83
	Shelton, " 99	Shelton	Buffalo	Friday on or before O	July 28, 82	June 19, 83
	Creighton, " 100	Creighton	Knox	Tuesday on or before O	Aug. 19, 82	June 19, 83
90	Ponca, " 101	Ponca	Dixon	Friday on or before O	Sept. 1, 82	June 19, 83
	Waterloo, " 102	Waterloo	Douglas	Tuesday on or before O	Sept. 7, 82	June 19, 83

*And two weeks thereafter.

	Ord,	No. 103	Ord	Valley	Wednesday on or before ○	Sept. 14, 82.	June 19, 83
	Wymore,	" 104	Wymore	Gage	Second and fourth Wednesday	Nov. 10, 82.	June 19, 83
	Stella,	" 105	Stella	Richardson	Wednesday on or before ○	Dec. 4, 82.	June 19, 83
95	Porter,	" 106	Loup City	Sherman	Tuesday on or before ○*	Dec. 9, 82.	June 19, 83
	Steele City,	" 107	Steele City	Jefferson	First and third Wednesday	Jan. 23, 83.	June 19, 83
	Table Rock,	" 108	Table Rock	Pawnee	Second and Fourth Tuesday	Jan. 24, 83.	June 19, 83
	Arapahoe,	" 109	Arapahoe	Furnas	Saturday on or before ○	Feb. 10, 83.	June 19, 83
	Pomegranate,	" 110	Ashland	Saunders	First Friday	Feb. 13, 83.	June 19, 83
100	DeWitt,	" 111	DeWitt	Saline	Monday on or before ○	Feb. 28, 83.	June 19, 83
	Springfield,	" 112	Springfield	Sarpy	Second and fourth Saturday	Mar. 30, 83.	June 19, 83
	Globe,	" 113	Madison	Madison	Tuesday on or before ○	Feb. 16, 82.	June 24, 84
	Wisner,	" 114	Wisner	Cuming	Second and fourth Wednesday	Feb. 12, 83.	June 24, 84
	Brainard,	" 115	Brainard	Butler	Tuesday on or before ○	July 11, 83.	June 24, 84
105	Harlan,	" 116	Alma	Harlan	Friday on or before ○*	July 12, 83.	June 24, 84
	Hardy,	" 117	Hardy	Nuckolls	Friday on or before ○	July 18, 83.	June 24, 84
	Doric,	" 118	Dorchester	Saline	Saturday on or before ○	Aug. 2, 83.	June 24, 84
	North Bend,	" 119	North Bend	Dodge	Second Tuesday	Sept. 5, 83.	June 24, 84
	Wayne,	" 120	Wayne	Wayne	Second and fourth Friday	Sept. 26, 83.	June 24, 84
110	Superior,	" 121	Superior	Nuckolls	Wednesday on or before ○	Nov. 22, 83.	June 24, 84
	Jasper,	" 122	Odell	Gage	Second and fourth Wednesday	Nov. 26, 83.	June 24, 84
	Indianola,	" 123	Indianola	Red Willow	Thursday on or before ○	Dec. 8, 83.	June 24, 84
	Auburn,	" 124	Auburn	Nemaha	Monday on or before ○	Dec. 25, 83.	June 24, 84
	Mount Nebo,	" 125	Genoa	Nance	Second and fourth Saturday	Jan. 1, 84.	June 24, 84
115	Stromsburg,	" 126	Stromsburg	Polk	First and third Saturday after ○	Jan. 16, 84.	June 24, 84
	Minden,	" 127	Minden	Kearney	Wednesday on or before ○	Jan. 22, 84.	June 24, 84
	Guide Rock,	" 128	Guide Rock	Webster	Wednesday on or before ○	Jan. 28, 84.	June 24, 84
	Blue Hill,	" 129	Blue Hill	Webster	Friday on or before ○	Feb. 18, 84.	June 24, 84
	Tuscan,	" 130	Surprise	Butler	Thursday on or before ○	Feb. 20, 84.	June 24, 85
120	Scribner,	" 132	Scribner	Dodge	First Wednesday	July 9, 84.	June 24, 85
	Elm Creek,	" 133	Elm Creek	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Aug. 8, 84.	June 24, 85
	Solar,	" 134	Clarks	Merrick	Tuesday on or before ○	Aug. 8, 84.	June 24, 85
	McCook,	" 135	McCook	Red Willow	First and third Tuesday	Oct. 6, 84.	June 24, 85
	Long Pine,	" 136	Long Pine	Brown	First and Third Saturday	Oct. 6, 84.	June 24, 85
125	Upright,	" 137	Burchard	Pawnee	Wednesday on or before ○	Nov. 14, 84.	June 24, 85
	Rawalt,	" 138	Oxford	Furnas	Saturday on or after ○	Nov. 15, 84.	June 24, 85

*And two weeks thereafter.

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LODGE.		TOWN.	COUNTY.	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.	CREATED.	CHARTERED.
Clay Center,	No. 139	Clay Centre..	Clay	Second and fourth Wednesday	Dec. 6, 84	June 24, 85
Western,	" 140	Western	Saline	Wednesday on or before O*	Dec. 6, 84	June 24, 85
Summit,	" 141	Johnson	Nemaha	Second and fourth Saturday..	Dec. 6, 84	June 24, 85
130 Anchor,	" 142	North Loup..	Valley	First Saturday	Dec. 18, 84	June 24, 85
Crescent,	" 143	Cedar Rapids,	Boone	Fourth Saturday	Jan. 24, 85	June 24, 85
Kenesaw,	" 144	Kenesaw	Adams	Friday on or before O	Jan. 28, 85	June 24, 85
Bancroft,	" 145	Bancroft	Cuming	Wednesday on or before O	Feb. 25, 85	June 24, 85
Jachin,	" 146	Holdrege	Phelps	Third Thursday	Mar. 31, 85	June 17, 86
135 Siloam	" 147	Stuart	Holt	Friday on or after O	Apr. 30, 85	June 17, 86
Emmet Crawford,	" 148	Broken Bow..	Custer	Saturday on or before O	July 13, 85	June 17, 86
Jewel,	" 149	Tobias	Saline	Second and fourth Tuesday..	Aug. 15, 85	June 17, 86
Cambridge,	" 150	Cambridge..	Furnas	Tuesday on or before O	Aug. 10, 85	June 17, 86
Square,	" 151	Valparaiso..	Saunders ..	Second and fourth Tuesday..	Sept. 7, 85	June 17, 86
140 Parallel,	" 152	Liberty	Gage	Thursday on or before O	Nov. 20, 85	June 17, 86
Evergreen,	" 153	Pierce	Pierce	Tuesday on or before O*	Nov. 27, 85	June 17, 86
Lily,	" 154	Davenport..	Thayer	Friday on or before O*	Nov. 28, 85	June 17, 86
Hartington,	" 155	Hartington..	Cedar	Wednesday on or before O	Jan. 26, 86	June 17, 86
Pythagoras,	" 156	Ewing	Holt	Saturday on or before O	Oct. 24, 86	June 16, 87
145 Valley,	" 157	Wilsonville..	Furnas	Saturday on or after O	Feb. 22, 86	June 16, 87
Samaritan,	" 158	Chadron	Dawes	First and third Thursday..	Mar. 17, 86	June 16, 87
Ogalalla,	" 159	Ogalalla	Keith	Tuesday on or before O	Aug. 14, 86	June 16, 87
Zeredatha,	" 160	Reynolds	Jefferson..	First and third Saturday..	Aug. 21, 86	June 16, 87
Mount Zion,	" 161	Shelby	Polk	Saturday on or after O	Aug. 25, 86	June 16, 87
150 Trestle Board,	" 162	Brock	Nemaha	Saturday on or before O	Oct. 9, 86	June 16, 87
Unity,	" 163	Greenwood..	Cass	Friday on or before O	Dec. 18, 86	June 16, 87
Atkinson,	" 164	Atkinson	Holt	First and third Wednesday..	Aug. 19, 86	June 21, 88
Barneston,	" 165	Barneston..	Gage	Tuesday on or before O	Aug. 20, 86	June 21, 88
Mystic Tie,	" 166	Burnett	Madison ..	Thursday on or before O	Feb. 18, 87	June 21, 88
155 Elwood,	" 167	Elwood	Gosper	Saturday on or before O	June 21, 87	June 21, 88

*And two weeks thereafter

	Curtis,	No. 168	Curtis.....	Frontier....	First and third Monday.....	June 21, 87...	June 21, 88
	Amity,	" 169	Rushville....	Sheridan....	Saturday on or before O.....	July 29, 86...	June 21, 83
	Mason City,	" 170	Mason City...	Custer.....	Tuesday on or before O.....	Aug. 1, 87....	June 21, 88
	Merna,	" 171	Merna.....	Custer.....	Saturday on or after O.....	Aug. 2, 87....	June 21, 88
160	Grafton,	" 172	Grafton.....	Fillmore....	Wednesday on or before O*..	Oct. 18, 87....	June 21, 88
	Robert Burns,	" 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock..	First and third Saturday....	Nov. 15, 87...	June 21, 88
	Culbertson,	" 174	Culbertson...	Hitchcock..	First and third Wednesday..	Nov. 16, 87...	June 21, 88
	Temple,	" 175	Filley.....	Gage.....	First and third Saturday....	Dec. 9, 87....	June 21, 88
	Gladstone,	" 176	Ansley.....	Custer.....	Saturday after O.....	Feb. 18, 88...	June 21, 88
165	Hay Springs,	" 177	Hay Springs..	Sheridan....	Monday on or before O.....	Feb. 20, 88...	June 21, 88
	Hesperia,	" 178	Shickley....	Fillmore....	Saturday on or before O*..	Jan. 11, 88...	June 20, 89
	Prudence,	" 179	Beav'r Cross'g	Seward.....	Tuesday on or before O.....	Aug. 24, 88...	June 20, 89
	Justice,	" 180	Benkelman..	Dundy.....	Friday on or before O.....	Oct. 8, 88....	June 20, 89
	Faith,	" 181	Crawford....	Dawes.....	Saturday on or before O.....	Dec. 13, 88...	June 20, 89
170	Incense,	" 182	Ohioa.....	Fillmore....	Friday on or before O.....	Dec. 21, 88...	June 20, 89
	Alliance,	" 183	Alliance....	Box Butte..	Thursday on or before O.....	Jan. 18, 89...	June 20, 89
	Bee Hive,	" 184	South Omaha,	Douglas....	First Thursday.....	Jan. 22, 89...	June 20, 89
	Boaz,	" 185	Danbury....	Red Willow,	Wednesday on or before O...	Jan. 24, 89...	June 20, 89
	Plumb,	" 186	Grant.....	Perkins....	Saturday on or before O.....	Jan. 31, 89...	June 20, 89
175	Israel.	" 187	Ulysses....	Butler.....	Tuesday on or before O.....	Feb. 2, 89....	June 20, 89
	Meridian,	" 188	Cozad.....	Dawson....	Third Saturday.....	Feb. 4, 89....	June 20, 89
	Granite,	" 189	Gibbon.....	Buffalo....	First Thursday.....	Feb. 18, 89...	June 20, 89
	Amethyst,	" 190	Gandy.....	Logan.....	Second and fourth Saturday.	Aug. 5, 89....	June 20, 90
	Crystal,	" 191	Scotia.....	Greeley....	Saturday on or before O.....	Aug. 7, 89....	June 20, 90
180	Minnekadusa,	" 192	Valentine...	Cherry.....	Saturday on or before O.....	Aug. 15, 89...	June 20, 90
	Signet,	" 193	Leigh.....	Colfax.....	Friday on or before O.....	Sept. 3, 89...	June 20, 90
	Highland,	" 194	Cortland....	Gage.....	First and third Monday....	Sept. 21, 89...	June 20, 90
	Arcana,	" 195	Gordon.....	Sheridan....	First and third Monday....	Oct. 17, 89...	June 20, 90
	Level,	" 196	Stockville..	Frontier....	Saturday on or before O.....	Nov. 1, 89....	June 20, 90
185	Morning Star,	" 197	Gresham....	York.....	Friday on or before O.....	Dec. 16, 89...	June 20, 90
	Purity,	" 198	Imperial....	Chase.....	Friday on or before O.....	Dec. 24, 89...	June 20, 90
	Gavel,	" 199	Carleton....	Thayer....	Tuesday on or before O.....	July 20, 89...	June 18, 91
	Blazing Star	" 200	Burwell....	Garfield....	Thursday on or after O.....	Aug. 5, 90....	June 18, 91
	Scotts Bluff,	" 201	Gering.....	Scotts Bluff,	First Saturday.....	Aug. 8, 90....	June 18, 91
190	Golden Sheaf	" 202	Randolph....	Cedar.....	Monday on or before O.....	Aug. 29, 90...	June 18, 91

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LODGE.		TOWN.	COUNTY.	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.	CREATED.	CHARTERED.
	Roman Eagle,	No. 203	Pender	Thurston ...	Tuesday on or before ○.....	Aug. 30, 90... June 18, 91
	Plainview,	" 204	Plainview ...	Pierce	Tuesday on or before ○*.....	Sept. 1, 90... June 18, 91
	Golden Fleece,	" 205	Chappel	Deuel	Thursday on or before ○.....	Sept. 2, 90... June 18, 91
	Napthali,	" 206	Diller	Jefferson...	Second and fourth Tuesday..	Dec. 31, 90... June 18, 91
195	Parian,	" 207	Callaway	Custer	Thursday on or before ○.....	Jan. 31, 91 ... June 18, 91
	Gauge,	" 208	Arcadia	Valley	Tuesday after ○*.....	Aug. 24, 91... June 16, 92
	Canopy,	" 209	Elmwood	Cass	Saturday on or before ○.....	Sept. 4, 91... June 16, 92
	East Lincoln,	" 210	Lincoln	Lancaster...	First Wednesday	Nov. 5, 91... June 16, 92
	Cement,	" 211	Wood River..	Hall	Thursday on or after ○.....	Nov. 27, 91... June 16, 92
200	Compass and Square,	" 212	Sumner	Dawson	Tuesday on or before ○.....	Dec. 12, 91... June 16, 92
	Square and Compass,	" 213	Miller	Buffalo	Friday on or before ○.....	Dec. 14, 91... June 16, 92
	Plumblin,	" 214	Adams	Gage	Monday on or before ○.....	Nov. 17, 91... June 15, 93
	Occidental,	" 215	Cedar Bluffs..	Saunders ...	Saturday on or before ○.....	July 16, 92... June 15, 93
	Palisade,	" 216	Palisade	Hitchcock..	Tuesday on or before ○.....	July 18, 92... June 15, 93
205	Wauneta,	" 217	Wauneta	Chase	First and third Thursday...	Dec. 7, 92... June 15, 93
	Bloomfield,	" 218	Bloomfield ..	Knox	Tuesday on or before ○.....	Jan. 18, 93... June 15, 93
	Relief,	" 219	Coleridge	Cedar	Second Friday	Jan. 19, 93... June 15, 93
	Magnolia,	" 220	Emerson	Dixon	Wednesday on or before ○.....	Jan. 21, 93... June 15, 93
	Wood Lake,	" 221	Wood Lake...	Cherry	Saturday on or before ○.....	Sept. 22, 92... June 21, 94
210	Landmark,	" 222	Herman	Washington	Tuesday on or before ○.....	Mar. 1, 93 ... June 21, 94
	Eminence,	" 223	Bromfield ..	Hamilton ...	Second and fourth Tuesday..	Sept. 26, 93... June 21, 94
	Silver Cord,	" 224	Ainsworth ..	Brown	Second Saturday	Oct. 17, 93... June 21, 94
	Cable,	" 225	Arnold	Custer	First and third Saturday	Nov. 17, 93... June 21, 94
	Grace,	" 226	Wilcox	Kearney ...	Monday on or before ○.....	Jan. 20, 93... June 13, 95
215	North Star,	" 227	Univer'y Place	Lancaster..	First Wednesday	July 28, 94... June 13, 95
	Bartley,	" 228	Bartley	Red Willow,	Wednesday on or before ○.....	Nov. 23, 94... June 13, 95
	Comet,	" 229	Ceresco	Saunders ...	Friday on or before ○*.....	Dec. 5, 94... June 13, 95
	Delta	" 230	Saint Edward.	Boone	First and third Saturday...	Dec. 11, 94... June 13, 95
	Mount Hermon	" 231	Cook	Johnson ...	Wednesday on or before ○.....	Dec. 19, 94... June 13, 95

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220	John S. Bowen,	No. 232	Kennard	Washington	Thursday on or before ○	Feb. 6, 95	June 13, 95
	Gilead,	" 233	Butte	Boyd	Second and fourth Monday . . .	Nov. 22, 94	June 10, 96
	Zion,	" 234	Hyannis	Grant	Wednesday on or before ○ . . .	July 19, 95	June 10, 96
	Fraternity,	" 235	Winside	Wayne	First Friday	Aug. 2, 95	June 10, 96
	Golden Rule,	" 236	Allen	Dixon	Thursday on or before ○	Aug. 3, 95	June 10, 96
225	Cubit,	" 237	Douglas	Otoe	Thursday on or before ○	Aug. 9, 95	June 10, 96
	Ithmar,	" 238	Crab Orchard	Johnson	First Monday	Aug. 29, 95	June 10, 96
	Friendship,	" 239	Chapman	Merrick	Second and fourth Friday . . .	Oct. 7, 95	June 10, 96
	Pilot,	" 240	Lyons	Burt	Friday on or before ○	Nov. 29, 95	June 10, 96
	George Armstrong,	" 241	Craig	Burt	First and third Tuesday	Aug. 1, 95	June 17, 97
	Mackey,	U. S. D.	Ravenna	Buffalo	Wednesday on or before ○ . . .	Mar. 31, 97

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WITH INSTALLED OFFICERS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 24, 5898.

LODGE.		MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.
	No. 1	William S. Felker . . .	James M. McDowell . .	William S. Heller . . .	Benjamin F. Thomas.
Nebraska,	" 2	Milton R. Thorp	Henry Bourlier	Detrich W. Schminke	Clark W. Hoge.
Western Star,	" 3	Lyman E. Ware	Joseph P. Deegan . . .	Charles A. Dunham . .	John Bamford.
Capitol,	" 4	Abraham E. Lawrence	Wilber Roy	Henry Plaster	S. Ott McNinch.
Nemaha Valley,	" 5	Robert E. Evans	Mell A. Schmied	Martin S. Mansfield . .	Henry J. Hapeman.
5 Omadi,	" 6	Henry J. Helps	Adam Kurtz	Michael Archer	Robert W. Sherwood.
Plattsmouth,	" 9	David D. Reavis	George Kachelries . . .	.....	Amos E. Gantt.
Falls City,	" 10	Edwin N. Grenell	J. Marion Trisler	Thomas A. Reed	Fred. H. Frahm.
Solomon,	" 11	John E. Simpson	Edwin R. Perfect	James W. Maynard . .	Eben K. Long.
Covert,	" 12	John M. Willman	William F. N. Houser	William Brower	William C. Willman.
10 Nebraska City,	" 13	Evan Kulp	Clement Davis	Horace M. Miller	George D. Kirk.
Orient,	" 14	John J. Neal	John W. Blankenship	J. Albert Hayes	Daniel C. Cole
Peru,	" 15	John C. Cleland	Major R. Stenson	Matthew A. Priestly . .	George A. Storey.
Fremont,	" 17	Samuel P. Davidson . . .	Wallace R. Barton . . .	Edward P. Bracken . .	Charles M. Wilson.
Tecumseh,	" 19	Thomas Cochrane	Frank M. Tyrell	Edgar J. Hearn	James W. Frow.
15 Lincoln,	" 21	Eugene S. Beaty	Will H. H. Davis	Francis S. Howell . . .	Frederick W. Arndt.
Washington,	" 23	John M. Bever	Eugene H. Hollister . .	W. Nelson Nye	George E. Beeker.
Pawnee,	" 25	Alfred M. Oleson	George T. Nicholson . .	John N. Neely	Samuel D. Cadwell.
Saint Johns,	" 26	Leonidas A. Scroggs . .	Francis A. Miller	Elmer M. Carrithers . .	Edwin S. Miller.
Beatrice,	" 27	Charles S. Demary	Zed E. Briggs	Charles F. Mach	Fred A. C. Leffert.
20 Jordan,	" 29	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hope,	" 30	Wm. K. Loughridge . . .	John A. Raymer	Ezra J. Newton	George W. Brandon.
Blue River,	" 31	Melville R. Hopewell . .	.....	Charles F. Smith	James R. Sutherland.
Tekamah,	" 32	Samuel H. Donehower . .	William Smallwood . . .	Benjamin C. Clinton . .	Frank E. Bullard.
Platte Valley,	" 33	Robert R. Watson	Joshua E. Wright	Wilmer B. Hoge	Oscar Wells.
25 Ashlar,	" 34	Walter W. Wells	William Munger	Ethel A. Robbins	Mathias F. Shonka.
Acacia,	" 35	Asa M. Berry	Lewis E. Shelley	Albert H. Lyons	Charles A. Gregory.
Fairbury,					

Lone Tree,	No. 36	Charles W. Lemaster	Samuel E. Briggs....	George Bocks.....	Bell E. Berryman.
Crete,	" 37	Wilson R. Buck.....	Moses E. Haight ...	Seward L. Mains....	William L. Lovell.
30 Oliver,	" 38	John McLain.....	Major A. V. Davis ...	Thomas H. Wake....	Herman H. Schultz.
Papillion,	" 39	Malcoim P. Brown..	Frederick E. Beal...	Fred D. Rhode.....	Isaac D. Clarke.
Humboldt,	" 40	William H. Bock....	Howard S. Norton....	Fred W. Quick.....	Edgar S. Norton.
Northern Light,	" 41	John A. Ehrhardt....	Robert Y. Appleby..	George A. Eberly ...	William Gerecke.
Juniata,	" 42	Enos J. Hanchett ...	William G. Saddler..	George Reynolds....	Will Brookley.
35 Hebron,	" 43	Fred L. Naylor.....	Bryson W. Hess.....	Elmo B. Roper.....	Clarence C. Fowler.
Harvard,	" 44	Churchill S. Bradley..	Ezra Brown.....	Henry M. Hurd.....	Griffith J. Thomas.
Palmyra,	" 45	Joshua Wilbur.....	John Noble.....	John C. Eisele.....	Charles A. Sweet.
Rob Morris,	" 46	William F. Crossley..	George E. Ford.....	Byron N. Loverin...	Robert E. French.
Fairmont,	" 48	Alva W. Loomis	Virgil A. Stuart....	Sherman F. Ashby...	.....
40 Evening Star,	" 49	John H. Tower.....	Edwin H. Burnham..	Albert W. Clark....	Louis P. Wentz.
Hastings,	" 50	John Reynard.....	John J. Buchanan....	Edward P. Nellis ...	William Madgett.
Fidelity,	" 51	William F. Downing..	Glenn A. Becker....	George L. Krahl....	Melvin E. Bauer.
Hiram,	" 52	Mark B. Turner.....	Joseph L. Cole.....	Henry Osterman....	William H. Baker.
Charity,	" 53	John C. Myers.....	Herbert E. Grice....	Edmund B. Smith....	Algernon Galusha.
45 Lancaster,	" 54	Francis A. Graham..	Addison S. Tibbets..	Anthony Branthwaito	John S. Bishop.
Mosaic,	" 55	James C. Stitt.....	William H. Rish....	George T. Sprecher..	John B. Maylard.
York,	" 56	Henry S. Harrison..	Ben F. Blodgett.....	Almon J. Ryan.....	George R. Reed.
Mount Moriah,	" 57	James W. Eaton	William O. Stanbro..	Henry A. Butt.....	Anson L. Caviness.
Lebanon,	" 58	Miller H. Watts	Camden J. Garlow...	Julius N. Kilian....	Julius Rasmussen.
50 Wahoo,	" 59	Fred R. Clark.....	James O'Donnell	Charles Perky	Philander R. Longfellow.
Melrose,	" 60	John A. Ellis	Benjamin R. Claypool	Alex H. Gansor....	George M. Wallace.
Thistle,	" 61	Theo. L. Warrington.	Benjamin F. Krier ...	Walter H. Andrews..	Benjamin E. Powell.
Keystone,	" 62	Henry McCoy.....	James O. Baker.....	Andrew P. Peterson..	John A. Cavett.
Riverton,	" 63	Louis Lauritson	Eugene Hunter.....	John D. Fulton....	Samuel Williams.
55 Blue Valley,	" 64	Thomas J. Taylor	Joseph J. Burke.....	Cenek Duras.....	Samuel C. Heliker.
Osceola,	" 65	Horace F. Henderson.	Richard R. Genge....	Oliver E. Mickey....	Lanson Shaw.
Livingston,	" 66	Edgar D. Champion..	Albert R. TonVelle..	Joseph A. Burcham..	Charles F. Collins.
Edgar,	" 67	Charles A. Voorhees..	Henry W. Bernhardt.	Joseph D. Baker....	George C. Graham.
Aurora,	" 68	I. Newton Jones....	Jacob F. Deitz.....	William T. Ronan....	Henry B. Hart.
60 Sterling,	" 70	Francis O. Dort.....	Howard W. Dollerhide	Loyal R. Zink.....	Thompson M. Patton.
Trowel,	" 71	Fred E. Giesecker....	Julius E. Wilder....	Martin M. Abrams...	Hugh L. McGinitie.
Hooper,	" 72	William M. Sanders..	Charles C. Cushman..	Samuel D. Hibler....	Bernard Monnich.
Friend,	" 73	Hamilton W. Hewitt..	Frederick C. Hinman.	Alexander McFarlane	Charles M. Sanders.

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LODGE.		MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.
Alexandria,	No. 74	David A. Sherwood..	Charles A. Bright..	William L. Whitney.	George H. Danforth.
65 Frank Welch,	" 75	Arthur D. Stowitts...	Charles C. Callahan..	Enos Laughlin	Leslie Neubauer.
Joppa,	" 76	Franklin N. Hager...	Thomas F. Ashby...	John S. Ray	James E. Kelly.
Nelson,	" 77	Franklin J. Patchin..	Henry E. Goodrich...	William M. Porter...	Edwin H. Dowland.
Albion,	" 78	Thompson F. Martin..	Henry P. Bull.....	Frank Roberts	William Weitzel.
Geneva,	" 79	John M. Ward	Charles A. Warner...	John Mills	Martin V. King.
70 Composite,	" 81	Nelson T. Holderness.	William A. Noddings,	Dennis W. Rising....	Andrew F. Bauer.
Saint Paul,	" 82	George Bartholomew.	Eli M. Frame.....	Will E. Lowder	Herbert A. East.
Corinthian,	" 83	Cyrus E. Hunter	Charles W. Long....	William Park.....	Herbert P. Shumway.
Fairfield,	" 84	James E. Broderick..	Stewart S. Renie....	Lemuel Munn.....	Eugene B. Sherman.
Tyre,	" 85	William W. Wright..	John M. Falwell....	James H. Casebeer..	John Ault.
75 Doniphan,	" 86	John Schwyn.....	Charles F. Raymer...	Joseph F. Butten....	George C. Humphrey.
Ionic,	" 87	Sylvanus Harden....	Whitfield H. Needham	Bertolette Y. High..	Robert H. Harris.
Star,	" 88	Edwin D. Beck	Henry G. Langley....	Charles E. Barlow...	John G. Ashley.
Cedar River,	" 89	Fayette M. LaGrange	Edward Johnson.....	Cyrus H. Gilmore....	Horace E. Wilson.
Elk Creek,	" 90	William A. Davis....	Arnold P. Libby....	William H. Phelen..	J. Frank Snethen.
80 Oakland,	" 91	Charles K. Cull.....	William W. Hopkins.	Charles J. Swanson..	Victor L. Fried.
Hubbell,	" 92	William J. Kissick...	Charles Luce.....	George Cottam	Harvey Ford.
Beaver City,	" 93	Levi H. Corbin.....	John T. McClure....	William J. Lutton....	John T. Sumny.
Bennett,	" 94	John Dickson	Henry Petterson....	Madison Willian....	Aaron J. Vail.
Garfield,	" 95	Job J. King	John McHugh.....	J. Philip Gilligan....	Harry P. Dowling.
85 Utica,	" 96	Thomas L. Davies....	Frederick G. Limback	Jacob Severin.....	Calvin E. Phinney.
Euclid,	" 97	Julian A. Pollard....	Henry M. Pollard....	John T. McKay	Hiram Peck.
Republican,	" 98	James Muir	Nelson J. Ludi	Jerome B. Forbes....	Horatio S. Wetherell.
Shelton,	" 99	Walter S. Allison....	Edwin H. Genge....	Henry H. Stedman...	Charles M. Wallace.
Creighton,	" 100	Nathaniel L. Raymond	Harry A. Cheney....	Charles Emick	Samuel J. G. Irwin.
90 Ponca,	" 101	Alfred E. Barnes....	Thomas J. Sheibley..	Robert H. Pomeroy..	Asa W. Rose.
Waterloo,	" 102	Frank Royce.....	Ora M. Deemer.....	John Cowing.....	Alfred E. Hubbard.
Ord,	" 103	Thomas L. Hall.....	James F. Colby.....	Winfield S. Waters..	Frank Mallory.
Wymore,	" 104	Charles P. Philbrick.	Harrison F. Vernon..	John G. Hilder.....	Cyrus O. Wertz.
Stella,	" 105	Lewis G. Ciphers....	Harvey M. Conover..	Wesley F. Kesler....	William R. Wyatt.

95 Porter,	No. 106	Joseph S. Pedler.....	J. Philip Jaeger.....	Charles A. Austin....	Charles W. Conhiser.
Steele City,	" 107	James S. Taylor.....	William S. Hall.....	Guy O. Taylor.....	Henry W. Challis.
Table Rock,	" 108	Samuel G. Wright...	Caleb R. Judkins....	Charles J. Wood....	James Tillotson.
Arapahoe,	" 109	William D. Pruitt....	Thomas Bloodworth..	Elijah Manning.....	Rolando J. Finch.
Pomegranate,	" 110	.....	.....	.....	.....
100 DeWitt,	" 111	Albert Thomas.....	Lewis W. Howell....	Charles H. Culdice...	John W. Hartman.
Springfield,	" 112	Jas. B. Nicholson, jr.	Joseph M. Elwell....	William Ward.....	James C. Miller.
Globe,	" 113	Willis McBride.....	Isaac B. Lonneker....	Willard G. Jones.....	Richard A. Malony.
Wisner,	" 114	Alfred J. West.....	Lincoln Riley.....	Leslie S. Strain.....	Lars C. Kringel.
Brainard,	" 115	John T. McKnight...	Byron Atkinson.....	John F. Russell.....	Arthur L. Land.
105 Harlan,	" 116	James Pepperl.....	John A. Gibson.....	Ashton C. Shallenberger.	Clinton M. Fletcher.
Hardy,	" 117	James H. Fair.....	Willis J. Raynor....	Burnet T. Yeates....	George W. Miller.
Doric,	" 118	J. Frank Longanecker	James W. Scherzer...	Albert B. Kenyon....	William Freidell.
North Bend,	" 119	Dunham M. Strong...	Benjamin D. Sherwood	James H. Johnson....	John B. Foot.
Wayne,	" 120	Anson A. Welch.....	J. Murray Cherry....	Fremont L. Neely....	Alvin T. Witter.
110 Superior,	" 121	James L. Harrington.	Jesse W. Hodges....	Ole M. Williams.....	Thomas Currah.
Jasper,	" 122	Ira N. Pickett.....	Thomas R. Callan....	John Bealor.....	Arthur B. Templeton.
Indianola,	" 123	Samuel W. Gossard..	Arthur C. Crabtree..	Benjamin G. Gossard.	Samuel R. Smith.
Auburn,	" 124	Edward M. Boyd....	William Watson, jr..	Eugene M. Tyler....	Thomas W. Eustice.
Mount Nebo,	" 125	Harry A. Rilcy.....	George M. Baer.....	Louis H. Peterson....	Peter L. McFayden.
115 Stromsburg,	" 126	John B. Steward....	Alexander Scott.....	Charles A. Morrill...	James D. Edwards.
Minden,	" 127	Hans P. Andersen...	Joseph W. Gilman...	James E. Jones.....	Andrew Jensen.
Guide Rock,	" 128	.....	.....	.....	.....
Blue Hill,	" 129	Henry W. Hall.....	Kenneth W. McKenzie	Henry Koehler.....	William J. Whitten.
Tuscan,	" 130	Simon C. Beede.....	Hervie H. Garwood..	Abraham Towner....	Stephen R. Neal.
120 Scribner,	" 132	Alexander Ross.....	Edward C. Burns....	James Beaver.....	George Foster.
Elm Creek,	" 133	Charles A. Willis....	August Pierson.....	Henry Jorden.....	Thomas G. Spencer.
Solar,	" 134	Myron H. Whaley....	J. Linton Ginn.....	Mads M. Kokjer.....	William R. Morse.
McCook,	" 135	Anton Probst.....	Clarence B. Gray....	Hugh W. Cole.....	George S. Bishop.
Long Pine,	" 136	John S. Davisson....	Philip H. Eighmy...	Kirk Robinson.....	Fred Rapp.
125 Upright,	" 137	William C. M. Shinn.	John A. Kinsey.....	Joseph J. Brown....	George W. Heywood.
Rawalt,	" 138	Leander M. Brady...	J. Harvey Sherwood..	Avon Arnsberger....	James L. Lashbrook.
Clay Centre,	" 139	George A. Shike....	Jacob H. Eller.....	William B. Smith....	Charles C. Blanchard.
Western,	" 140	Thomas J. Chidester.	George F. Sawyer....	Charles W. Edwards..	Eugene G. Clark.
Summit,	" 141	.....	.....	.....	.....
130 Anchor,	" 142	Hamilton N. Colby...	Elmore C. Hibbard...	Alza M. Stewart....	Eaton S. Sears.

ROLL OF EXISTING LODGES, WITH OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 24, 5898.—Continued.

LODGE.		MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.	
	Crescent,	No. 143	Lucius P. Judd.....	Reuben H. Shaffer....	William J. Outhwaite	William A. Gibson.
	Kenesaw,	" 144	William E. Latta ...	Michael Wenner.....	F. Emil Rydberg....	Eugene B. Moore.
	Bancroft,	" 145	Henry L. Randall....	William S. Collett ...	Charles H. Ward....	Robert N. Flock.
	Jachin,	" 146	Harry Stern.....	Charles S. Breech....	John S. Johnson.....	Elias W. Beghtol.
135	Siloam,	" 147	James Harvey.....	Levi J. C. Reichard..	John Munt.....	Robert E. Chittick.
	Emmet Crawford,	" 148	Joseph W. Salisbury.	James R. Dean.....	Gaylord H. Thorpe...	Edward Royse.
	Jewel,	" 149	Levi H. Mumau.....	Eugene A. Leet.....	Sidney G. Empey....	Richard G. Drysdale.
	Cambridge,	" 150	William P. Bennett..	Ephriam R. Bee.....	George A. Remington	William H. Faling.
	Square,	" 151	William T. Craven...	John H. Parker.....	William Fifer.....	James M. Jamison.
140	Parallel,	" 152	Hiram A. Harden....	Harley E. Bowhay....	Charles D. Mathews..	Edgar E. Harden.
	Evergreen,	" 153	Charles Gates.....	Levasseur Mason ...	Christian A. Reimers.	Horace Woodworth.
	Lily,	" 154	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Hartington,	" 155	Wilson S. Weston....	Stephen C. Lynde....	Zwingle M. Baird ...	Albert E. Ward.
	Pythagoras,	" 156	Lewis A. Combs.....	Jacob L. Roll.....	Garret H. Benson ...	Frederick B. Bignold.
145	Valley,	" 157	Amos W. Hunt.....	Henry O. Dixon.....	Homer Hoylman....	William W. McGraw.
	Samaritan,	" 158	John G. Dunn.....	Byron L. Scovel.....	Alvin C. Fowler....	George H. Willis.
	Ogalalla,	" 159	Cornelius S. Horton..	Ward B. Smith.....	Charles F. Searle....	Albert Muldoon.
	Zeredatha,	" 160	Alonzo N. Bothwell..	James K. Perry.....	Walter C. Parker....	Thomas J. Kirk.
	Mount Zion,	" 161	James Patterson....	Charles Krumbach....	Henry Burritt.....	Fred Berger.
510	Trestle Board,	" 162	James F. Biggs.....	Frank H. Quante....	James W. Bailey....	Almon C. DePue.
	Unity,	" 163	Josephus V. Carnes..	Emmer K. Reece....	Henry C. Cutler....	Robert A. Miller.
	Atkinson,	" 164	J. Elmer Allison....	Vernon W. McDonald.	John J. Stilson.....	Jesse E. Brook.
	Barneston,	" 165	Jesse C. Wyatt.....	Theodore C. Beal ...	Jacob F. Lutz.....	Alva R. Staller.
	Mystic Tie,	" 166	Benjamin H. Mills...	Anthony J. Dunlevy..	Thomas T. McDonald.	C. Edwin Burnham.
155	Elwood,	" 167	Burton L. Chambers..	Jerome G. Pace.....	Jay W. Tracy.....	Stephen B. Yeoman.
	Curtis,	" 168	Charles B. Compton..	John H. Luth.....	Frank P. Hill.....	Arthur M. Johnson.
	Amity,	" 169	William N. Ford.....	Irving W. Emmons...	Joseph Bell.....	Nyrum B. Barnes.
	Mason City,	" 170	Paul H. Marlay.....	Hiram C. Chase, jr..	Robert B. Walker....	Henry L. Crosley.
	Merna,	" 171	John J. Stanford....	Franklin Jacquot....	James S. Francis....	Ernest M. Coleman.
160	Grafton,	" 172	William A. Combs...	William B. Miller....	George B. Miles....	George Masterson.
	Robert Burns,	" 173	Joseph G. Burchell..	John W. Kyle.....	Harry L. Jones.....	John H. Tracy,

	Culbertson,	" 174	Wiley S. Cornutt....	John M. Williams....	Lewis H. Blackledge.	George G. Eisenhart.
	Temple,	" 175	Ausmer C. Tilton....	William D. Reed....	Andrew M. Tilton....	Samuel H. Martin.
	Gladstone,	" 176	James W. Fairfield...	Edwin H. Burrows...	Abraham H. Young...	Josiah A. Armour.
165	Hay Springs,	" 177	William B. McQueen.	Frank Tullos.....	Irwin S. Knight.....	William R. Bowman.
	Hesperia,	" 178	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Prudence,	" 179	John L. Evans.....	.....	Eric Ericson.....	John Edmiston.
	Justice,	" 180	Thomas Barr.....	Andrew B. Starkey...	Carry L. Will.....	W. Bertram Wolfe.
	Faith,	" 181	Paris G. Cooper.....	Augustus L. Moyer...	William H. Fanning..	Emmett F. Meyerhoff.
170	Incense,	" 182	Richard A. Harvey..	Anson E. Millegan...	Frank J. Sieber.....	Elmer W. McFarland.
	Alliance,	" 183	Frank M. Knight....	Leon H. Mosher.....	John C. Cornell.....	Robert Marler.
	Bee Hive,	" 184	Charles W. Miller....	Burton E. Wilcox....	Frank Y. McKinstry..	George W. Howe.
	Boaz,	" 185	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Plumb,	" 186	.....	.....	.....	.....
175	Israel,	" 187	Robert L. Downing..	Claude B. Coleman...	Simeon Roberts.....	Hiram A. Creekpau.
	Meridian,	" 188	Charles E. Allen....	Daniel M. Deininger.	Alfred H. Bain....	John T. Buckley.
	Granite,	" 189	Charles A. Putnam..	Charles M. Beck.....	Arthur M. George...	Ira A. Kirk.
	Amethyst,	" 190	Charles M. Fisher...	Heber A. Chapin....	Isaac N. Froman....	Allen C. Kirby.
	Crystal,	" 191	Henry S. Specher...	John G. Phillips....	Geo. W. Fitzsimmons.	James S. Mc Millen.
180	Minnekadusa,	" 192	William T. Kincaid..	Charles A. Greene...	James A. Fike.....	William W. Thompson
	Signet,	" 193	Frank N. Nichols...	Charles E. Beaty....	Frank D. Sharra....	Joseph F. McKinley
	Highland,	" 194	George D. Stratton..	Omar L. Cox.....	Martin A. Crosby....	Frank A. Burling.
	Arcana,	" 195	John A. Scamahorn..	Amos Burwell.....	Frank Bresee.....	John F. Bayliff.
	Level,	" 196	Ambrose S. Shelley..	James A. Williams...	Luke H. Cheney.....	Lyman H. Fitch.
185	Morning Star	" 197	Samuel A. Tobey....	Robert C. Imm.....	William J. Lanyon...	Hans M. Sterup.
	Purity,	" 198	Fred. A. Hoffmeister.	Harry McClelland..	Robert Malcolm....	Walter A. Burke.
	Gavel,	" 199	William J. Long.....	Clarence A. Capron..	John A. Bihler.....	James H. Bryant.
	Blazing Star,	" 200	Herbert L. Davis....	Robert W. Hanna....	Albert I. Cram.....	Wilber I. Cram.
	Scotts Bluff,	" 201	Henry M. Thornton..	Peter McFarlane....	Asa B. Wood.....	Miles J. Huffman.
190	Golden Sheaf,	" 202	Sidney O. Reese.....	James Thorndike....	Marvin S. Moats....	James E. Everitt.
	Roman Eagle,	" 203	John King.....	Robert Racely.....	Orlando D. Aldrich..	Merton N. Snyder.
	Plainview,	" 204	George H. Hecht....	Marcus R. Dutcher..	Sherman T. Skeen...	Ambrose M. Colson.
	Golden Fleece,	" 205	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Napthali,	" 206	Joseph Bixby.....	Jesse W. Touts.....	Isaac D. Steiner.....	William H. Diller.
195	Parian,	" 207	Mark E. Schneringer.	Henry H. Andrews...	Hiram E. Doolittle..	Frank L. Haycock.
	Gauge,	" 208	James W. Landers...	George H. Kinsey....	Jehiel Rowley.....	Daniel R. Lee.
	Canopy,	" 209	Charles W. Kraft....	Clyde T. Campbell...	John C. Current.....	David L. Cartmell.

ROLL OF EXISTING LODGES, WITH OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 24, 5898.—*Concluded.*

LODGE.		MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.
East Lincoln,	No. 210	Frank C. Richards...	George E. Bedell....	John Forberger.....	Charlie Rising.
Cement,	" 211	William B. Kern....	Samuel MacMurray..	Jacob W. Honnold...	Charles E. Towne.
200 Compass & Square,	" 212	James K. Smith.....	Elmer E. McNamar..	Lambert Johnson....	Joseph Ormond.
Square & Compass,	" 213	Henry C. Green.....	James W. Wylic....	Edward T. Carter....	Eric W. Northrop.
Plumblin,	" 214	James W. McKibben..	Nathaniel C. Shaw...	Horace B. Alexander..	John E. Killen.
Occidental,	" 215	Jesse Gidley.....	Joshua B. Brainard..	Andrew E. Stuart....	Ernest F. Peck.
Palisade,	" 216	Benjamin F. Yates...	Charles J. Wilcox....	Ira M. Potter.....	William R. Cummins.
205 Wauneta,	" 217	William S. Fisher...	Anton Deininger....	James G. Rogers....	Millard N. Forsyth.
Bloomfield,	" 218	Will A. Needham....	James B. Lucas.....	Louis M. Caya.....	John P. Towler.
Relief,	" 219	Joseph W. Linkhart..	Thaker T. Linkhart..	George D. Cord.....	Frank L. Hicks.
Magnolia,	" 220	Morris H. Evans....	Fred Blume.....	Frank Coye.....	John H. Ritchie.
Wood Lake,	" 221	Abel Bailey.....	Alfred E. Morris....	Andrew L. Johnson..	Charles O. Murphy.
210 Landmark,	" 222	Melville S. Wilcox...	John H. Chambers...	Herbert H. Herzog...	George M. Lydick.
Eminence,	" 223	Frank W. Mather....	John W. Farrand....	John W. Hobbs.....	Ellis S. Dunn.
Silver Cord,	" 224	Herbert W. Fournier.	Rollin S. Rising....	Walter H. Williams..	James G. Ackerman.
Cable,	" 225	John Finch.....	Richard E. Allen....	Howard E. Blowers...	Byrne E. Robinson.
Grace,	" 226	Robert J. McClelland.	John Brunk.....	Charles W. Morrow..	Isaac H. Price.
215 North Star	" 227	John J. Adams.....	William H. Gardner..	Lowell B. Stoner....	Dennis C. Berry.
Bartley,	" 228	Allison G. Keys.....	William F. Miller....	James M. Brown....	Andrew L. Cochran.
Comet,	" 229	Jerome Barnell.....	Hugh Leal.....	Russell D. Bush.....	Charles D. Curyea.
Delta,	" 230	John W. Shrode.....	Walter G. Gaines....	August G. Schleh...	Alfred Powell, sr.
Mount Hermon,	" 231	Enos M. Shaw.....	James R. Tober.....	Lewis P. Richards...	Charles R. Lehrak.
220 John S. Bowen	" 232	Charles M. Weed....	William H. Pruner...	James M. Parker....	August F. Schafer.
Gilead,	" 233	Robert Ford.....	D. Allen Harrington.	William H. Whittig..	George F. Kapp.
Zion,	" 234	Byron E. Crandell...	William M. Alden...	William H. Nickles..	Charles F. Weis.
Fraternity,	" 235	Allan B. Cherry, M.D.	Alfred Woodward...	John Elliott.....	Jerry P. Marvin.
Golden Rule,	" 236	Lyman G. Wright....	Charles A. Coffin....	John F. Pomeroy....	Samuel Saberson.
225 Cubit,	" 237	John T. Marshall...	William Whalen....	John A. Wood.....	Fernando E. Kruse.
Ithmar,	" 238	Isaac H. Rathbun...	Eugene B. Lallin...	John Beal.....	Ernest F. Werner.
Friendship,	" 239	Jesse Frimann.....	William H. H. Baird.	James J. Gallogly...	Maurice Tester.
Pilot,	" 240	George W. Little....	Frederick A. Durric.	Francis C. Goodell...	Charles A. Darling.
George Armstrong	" 241	John Driscoll.....	George A. Blackstone	Theophilus I. Minier.	Charles M. Orr.
Mackey,	U. D. S.	Edward Cronau.....	William H. Bartz....	William J. Eckerson..	.....

LAW OF FREEMASONRY IN NEBRASKA.

[Extract from record, page 738 of 1897.]

Bro. White, 6, submitted the following report, in which Grand Lodge concurred; the decisions, etc., referred to will be found in the appendix:

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, June 17, 1897.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A. F. & A. M.:

As directed by resolution found on page 577, proceedings of 1896, the committee on Codification of the Law present herewith all standing resolutions, approved decisions of Grand Master, and committee on Jurisprudence, that had not been compiled in the law. The committee has not heretofore deemed these matters of sufficient importance to place them under the different subheadings of the Law of Freemasonry, as they are more of an advisory nature than anything else.

Proceedings of 1885, page 130.—Decision of Grand Master:

Query No. 1.—After a ballot has been taken and the Master declares the result, a brother arises and openly states that he has cast a black ball, under the impression that it was altogether a different person. Can the Master, under these circumstances, re-pass the ballot? *Answer.* Yes. Because it would be a radical injury to the candidate to be excluded on these conditions.

No. 5.—*Query:* Can a man who has had his hip hurt so as to make one leg a trifle shorter than the other, be made a Mason? *Answer.* If the defect is so trifling as to be scarcely discernible, and not to interfere with his performing all the requirements of Masonry, I can see no reason why he can not.

Proceedings of 1885, page 131.—Decision of Grand Master:

No. 6.—*Query:* Should the test oath be repeated by the committee or the visitor? *Answer.* The Grand Custodian says that according to our work as now practiced the committee should lead; (and recommend its change, as it is radically wrong, and the brother leading would be the best proof of his genuineness.)

Proceedings of 1885, page 166.—Recommendation of committee on Charity:

That each subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction be required to furnish each Master Mason in good standing with a diploma, and that the same be verified each year.

Proceedings of 1885, page 187.—Committee on Jurisprudence—

—Report that the Webb Monitor has heretofore been adopted by this Grand Lodge, and can see no good reason for any change.

Proceedings of 1886, page 286.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence :

Report that we know of nothing to prohibit a lodge from installing its officers away from home, but within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Proceedings of 1886, page 287.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence :

Resolved. 1. That whenever citizens of the State of Nebraska who are desirous of petitioning for the degrees of Masonry shall reside nearer some constituted lodge in the state of Kansas, and shall wish to petition said Kansas lodge for the degrees, they be allowed so to do without first obtaining permission of the Grand Master of this jurisdiction: *Provided*, That this regulation shall take effect and be in force only upon and after receipt of official information from the Grand Lodge of Kansas that similar permission is given residents of Kansas to apply for the degrees in neighboring lodges located in Nebraska.

2. That the Grand Secretary be instructed to inform the M.·W.· Grand Master of Kansas of this action, and invite concert and reciprocity in this behalf.

3. That whenever the Grand Lodge of Kansas shall have enacted similar provisions, the M.·W.· Grand Master notify lodges in this jurisdiction along the border-line between the two states of the taking effect hereof.

Proceedings of 1886, page 293 :

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the names of Master Masons who are members of Nebraska lodges, should be published with our next year's proceedings, and each fifth year thereafter.

Proceedings of 1888, page 552.—Decision of Grand Master :

The petition of a candidate for initiation being refused consideration by the lodge, the applicant should not be reported as rejected.

Proceedings of 1888, page 552.—Decision of Grand Master :

Every meeting of a lodge, while under dispensation, is a regular meeting, if properly convened.

Proceedings of 1888, page 552 :

A public ball should not be held in a hall dedicated to Masonic purposes.

Proceedings of 1891, page 324.—Decision of Grand Master :

A lodge is in charge of the Master during the hours of labor; in

charge of the Junior Warden when at refreshment. Masons are either at labor or refreshment. "At ease" or "the right of the floor" are improper terms and should not be used.

Proceedings of 1891, page 325.—Decision of Grand Master :

7. *Query*: A brother is charged with un-Masonic conduct: would the lodge be justified in admitting a certified transcript of the case in the district court as evidence in a Masonic trial? *Answer*. The trial of any Mason accused, if the offense be a crime by the civil law and Masonic law, the record of his conviction in the courts of the state, or a certified copy thereof, shall be competent evidence and *prima facie* proof of guilt; but in order to establish the matter of proof beyond a doubt, if possible, I would have the same corroborated by other evidence.

Proceedings of 1893, page 63.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence.

Where a lodge by resolution allows its Secretary ten (\$10.00) dollars per annum for incidental expenses, he has no right to withhold it from the cash received without reporting the same to the Treasurer and getting regular vouchers thereon.

Proceedings of 1893, page 63.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

An applicant for initiation who has lost the third finger on his right hand can be initiated.

Proceedings of 1893, page 63.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

A brother who has remained a member of an extinct lodge over one year is in good standing, provided he is clear on the books.

Proceedings of 1893, page 64.—Resolution:

That all lodges sending up by-laws for approval shall submit same in duplicate, the Grand Secretary retaining one copy; a full copy of the section amended shall also be forwarded in duplicate.

Proceedings of 1893, page 65.—Report of committee on Grievances:

A charge of perjury is sufficient to place a brother on trial.

Proceedings of 1893, page 78.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

The outgoing Master should communicate to the new Master the name of each objector, and his objections shall hold good so long as the objector lives and remains a member of that lodge.

Proceedings of 1893, page 80.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

A brother having been installed by proxy as Junior Warden, afterward re-elected as Master, all of the acts of the lodge and of the brother while serving as Master are valid.

Proceedings of 1893, page 81.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

A profane may petition the nearest chartered lodge during the month of May, who is in the jurisdiction of the lodge under dispensation on April 30.

Proceedings of 1894, page 135.—Decision of Grand Master:

A brother Entered Apprentice who is so deaf that it is questionable whether he could receive the lectures and obligations and fully understand the nature and extent thereof, should not receive further degrees.

Proceedings of 1894, page 135.—Decision of Grand Master:

The six months before a rejected petitioner can again apply, means six months from the date of the ballot to the reception of the subsequent petition.

Proceedings of 1894, page 135.—Decision of Grand Master:

A Nebraska Freemason holding a demit over one year old cannot be named in a dispensation creating a new lodge, or be selected to become a charter member thereof.

Proceedings of 1894, page 135.—Decision of Grand Master:

A vote recommending a new lodge may be taken in same manner as if voting on other business before the lodge.

Proceedings of 1894, page 135.—Decision of Grand Master:

Upon request of a Kansas lodge to a lodge in this jurisdiction to confer degrees upon a brother, our lodge should do so without examination as to proficiency, unless such request is included in the request to confer the degrees.

Proceedings of 1894, page 135.—Decision of Grand Master:

The Senior Warden of a lodge cannot install its officers, unless he be a Past Master.

Proceedings of 1894, page 135.—Decision of Grand Master:

After a candidate has been elected and before any degrees have been conferred, charges cannot be preferred against him. The proper procedure is by objection to his receiving the degrees.

Proceedings of 1894, page 136.—Decision of Grand Master:

Members of a lodge in procession and clothed as Masons, may attend church services December 27th, Saint John's day, provided the services are purely Masonic.

Proceedings of 1894, page 136.—Decision of Grand Master:

Names of expelled Masons should not appear upon published rosters of any lodge under any heading.

Proceedings of 1894, page 136.—Decision of Grand Master:

A lodge may retain a demitting brother's dues when paid in advance.

Proceedings of 1894, page 177.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

A visiting brother may be admitted notwithstanding former objections, in the absence of any further objections.

Proceedings of 1895, page 354.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

Petition for a demit should not be referred to a committee.

Proceedings of 1896, page 511.—Decision of Grand Master:

The meeting of Saint John's Day is for the special purpose of installation, and no other business can be transacted unless such meeting is made a regular meeting by the by-laws of the lodge.

Proceedings of 1896, page 512.—Decision of Grand Master:

When a Warden is suspended for non-payment of dues, such suspension *ipso facto* vacates his office.

Proceedings of 1896, page 512.—Decision of Grand Master:

A refusal of a member of a lodge, without sufficient cause, after due notice, to watch with a sick brother, or furnish a substitute, is a Masonic offense.

Proceedings of 1896, page 512.—Decision of Grand Master:

Masonic clothing should be worn only when the lodge is at work, and should not be worn in an informal procession to attend church.

Proceedings of 1896, page 512.—Decision of Grand Master:

Notices of lodge meetings may be published in newspapers.

Proceedings of 1896, page 512.—Decisions of Grand Master:

When several lodges have concurrent jurisdiction, a waiver of jurisdiction over one who resided therein, but has never petitioned any of them, is to be effectual, must be granted by each of the several lodges.

Proceedings of 1896, page 513.—Decision of Grand Master:

Distance, for the purpose of settling questions of territorial jurisdiction, is to be measured in a straight line from the boundary of the city in which the other lodge is located.

Proceedings of 1896, page 513.—Decision of Grand Master:

Where a subordinate lodge finds a party guilty and imposes a penalty of suspension for one year, and upon appeal to the Grand Lodge this sen-

tence is set aside and the sentence of indefinite suspension is imposed by the Grand Lodge, the subordinate lodge may reinstate such brother by a two-thirds vote, and no action of the Grand Lodge is necessary for the purpose.

Proceedings of 1896, page 570.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

A lodge is not at refreshment during the time intervening between one meeting and the next.

Proceedings of 1896, page 570.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

A lodge is at refreshment only during the short interim of the same meeting, except during trials or funerals.

Proceedings of 1896, page 571.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

After the regular election of officers in subordinate lodges has been held and before the members so selected have been installed, the vote on any individual officer cannot be reconsidered.

Proceedings of 1896, page 571.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

An individual brother cannot file objections against an officer-elect being installed without preferring charges. Matters of this kind should always be referred to the Grand Master.

Proceedings of 1896, page 571.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

The record of a regular meeting should show how the committees on the petitions for initiation report, whether favorable or unfavorable.

Proceedings of 1896, page 572.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

A brother who has all other qualifications, is eligible to the position of Master, who has lost his forefinger and middle finger of right hand.

Proceedings of 1896, page 572.—Report of committee on Jurisprudence:

Where charges are preferred against or objections made to a Master-elect, before his installation, the matters should be referred to the Grand Master for investigation and decision.

Proceedings of 1896, page 577.—Resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on Codification of the Law furnish the Grand Secretary all standing resolutions, approved decisions of the Grand Master, and committee on Jurisprudence, with reference to proceedings wherein they were made, and that said resolutions and decisions shall be printed with the proceedings from year to year.